Orcs and the Green



- Orcs are elemental beings of **The Green**, the primal force of life, growth, instinct, and vitality.
- Every orc is born with an innate connection to The Green, regardless of which deity they ultimately choose to worship.
- Orcs are free to worship any god. Likewise, non-orcs may worship the Orc Gods and be welcomed by them in the afterlife.
- Orc religion emphasizes **living fully** rather than seeking a greater purpose. Purpose is found through action, courage, kinship, and embracing life.
- Orcs do not generally struggle with existential questions or “finding themselves.” They already know who they are.
- Death is not feared. A life lived in accordance with The Green is considered a successful life, regardless of how long it lasts.
- Orcs will defend their homes and people without hesitation, willingly fighting to the death if necessary.
- Celebrations, feasts, drinking, hunting, wrestling, storytelling, and friendly competition are all considered expressions of The Green.
- Strength is respected, but so are craftsmanship, hospitality, courage, and raising a strong community.
- Orcs see little distinction between work and worship; living well is itself an act of devotion.
- An orc’s worth is measured more by how they lived than by what they possessed.

Summoning Orcs

- Summoned orcs are real individuals temporarily called through their connection to The Green.
- A successful summoning brings willing warriors ready for battle.
- A weak or imperfect summoning may simply pull in whoever is nearby.
- Low-quality summons may arrive carrying mugs, food, hunting gear, or tools because they were interrupted during everyday life.
- If no immediate danger exists, summoned orcs will often begin socializing—drinking, cooking, wrestling, telling stories, or making camp.

- If combat begins, they readily join the fight without complaint, viewing it as simply another part of living.

Cultural Themes

- Live boldly.
- Face hardship willingly.
- Protect your people.
- Celebrate victories.
- Share food and drink.
- Leave behind stories worth telling.
- Honor The Green by living, not merely surviving.

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