



The Northern Snow Stoat



The Snow Stoat is one of the few creatures hardy enough to survive in the demanding environ of the land of eternal snow. It is the only large mammal to live in the northern reaches of the Icefangs, around the great kingdom of Ichuran. Standing two atols tall, the critter can be recognized by its characteristic white and gray fur along with its beady eyes and sculpted snout. Along with its thick fur, many other adaptations help these creatures survive and thrive in

the land of snow, including its hardened, pointed claws that give a grip on the sleet similar to that of the best Ichui icepicks and its toughened teeth that gnash together to keep its breath warm through the coldest of winters.

The Stoat is a key part of the survival of Ichuran. It supports almost every aspect of Ichui life. It's meat is the most nutritious food the Icefangs can offer. It's claws are sown onto gloves and boots to help grip the ice better. Its teeth are a hundred times more effective than flint at starting up fires. Its fur provides warmth enough to steel through the coldest of nights. For all its benefits, the stoat is revered as the source of all life in the mountains, and every denizen of Ichuran owes it a great debt that can never be repaid. As such, before any stoat is slain, the one to slay it must go through all the expected rites and rituals to ward off the darkness that follows the death of such a pure creature. Not doing so is believed to cast a shadow of bad luck over the entire town where the stoat was slain, and thus, is a crime against Ichuran of the highest order, and as a result, punishable by death.

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