

100 NON-COMBAT RANDOM ENCOUNTERS: COASTAL

1-28

- 1 A collection of colorful starfish rest in a tidepool.
- 2 A vile stench fills the air from a dead whale that has washed up.
- 3 A pirate flag has been erected next to an upside-down rowboat.
- 4 A river of fresh water runs down and mingles with the sea.
- 5 An ancient stone pier stretches into the water.
- 6 From across the waves, the party hears a sea shanty in the distance, being belted out by a crew of sailors on a barely visible vessel.
- 7 Sunlight dapples the waves, making them appear like they are made of liquid gold.
- 8 An old woman sits on a rock, weaving a net.
- 9 A half-demolished sand castle sits abandoned on the beach.
- 10 Seagulls take an interest in the party, especially those with shiny things on their persons.
- 11 An elf woman in tattered silks has washed up on the beach - is she still alive?
- 12 A group of gnomes are checking lobster traps.
- 13 A beautiful shell is still occupied by a poisonous crustacean.
- 14 Ropes of long, stringy seaweed choke the beach.
- 15 Someone has carved two goblin names inside a crude heart into a chalky cliff.
- 16 The path winds up a cliff - below, the party can see dolphins swimming.
- 17 The sunset that day is a strange, greenish color.
- 18 The sea smells inexplicably of wine - that is, until someone spots a broken barrel.
- 19 The water grows unusually clear, and tiny fish can be seen flitting under its surface.
- 20 A flying fish skips over the waves.
- 21 A halfling with a fishing rod has his back to the sea, his bobber resting on the sand.
- 22 A group of very drunk adventurers have lit a bonfire.
- 23 A woman in gaiters is wrestling something in the shallows.
- 24 A hurricane is brewing.
- 25 Strange echoes come from a cave in a seaside cliff.
- 26 The beach ahead is covered in pieces of shimmering beach glass.
- 27 A group of young women are dancing around an open fire.
- 28 In a secluded marshland stands a house on stilts.

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- 29 Two youths on horseback race each other down the sand.
- 30 The beach is littered with wreckage from some capsized ship.
- 31 A group of burly men are digging a hole in the sand.
- 32 A man and his son are walking along the beach at low tide, throwing back stranded fish.
- 33 A woman with large, dark eyes is sitting on a rock - she glances at the party, then dives straight into the sea.
- 34 The screech of an albatross breaks through the quiet air.
- 35 A knight wearing full plate covered by a blue tunic stands facing the sea, unarmed and unmoving.
- 36 A half-orc wistfully picks at a lute, staring out to sea.
- 37 A woman is collecting seaweed into a woven basket.
- 38 The rocks are covered with edible barnacles.
- 39 The sand is strangely itchy here - it's coarse, it's irritating, and it gets everywhere.
- 40 Curious mermaids swim alongside the party for a bit.
- 41 Through shallow, sunkissed water, the grin of a half-buried skeleton is visible.
- 42 A ruined castle keeps watch over a quiet bay.
- 43 The clouds sit low on the horizon - or is that an island?
- 44 A waterfall pours down a cliff into the sea.
- 45 A character trips over a lump of black glass - the remains of a lightning strike.
- 46 A horde of tiny turtles make their way to the water.
- 47 A man and his daughter stand over a pot placed in the sand, boiling salt water down into salt.
- 48 One of the characters finds an oyster with a pearl in it.
- 49 A fisherman's boat is pulling in their catch.
- 50 The seaspray causes little rainbows to form in the light.
- 51 A group of hunters are skinning a walrus.
- 52 As the party walks down the beach, they see a funeral pyre being set out to sea.
- 53 Someone has built a cairn at the water's edge, and a torn and stained veil flutters from its tip.
- 54 The waves have washed up an old boot.
- 55 A parrot lands on a character's shoulder, swearing outrageously.

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- 56 A tower on an outcropping flashes magical light regularly, warning ships away from the rocks below.
- 57 The sun goes dark - an eclipse has begun.
- 58 A still bay ahead is choked with algae.
- 59 The characters step over a dead seagull - then another, and another.
- 60 Brightly colored fish flit around the rocks of a clear, still bay.
- 61 The sound of alluring singing comes from some rocks, far out to sea.
- 62 Someone has arranged shells on the beach to spell out "H-E-L-P".
- 63 The tide is receding rapidly - more rapidly than a normal low tide.
- 64 A slender man in an outrageous hat is seated on a rock overlooking the waves, verbally composing horrendous poetry.
- 65 A woman is swimming laps in the water.
- 66 A friendly water elemental decides to play tag with the characters' ankles.
- 67 Rain pours down, soaking the characters and turning the sea into a roiling grey morass.
- 68 The characters hear a faint meow from a washed-up and filthy net - a kitten, tangled in its strands.
- 69 A cluster of large eggs are visible, their tops peeking up through the sand.
- 70 Two young girls are playing on the beach, but they don't seem to be making any sound.
- 71 A bottle bobs in the water, carrying a rolled-up piece of parchment inside.
- 72 An aged boat has been pulled up onto shore and closer investigation reveals an ancient skeleton sitting on its deck.
- 73 A wave of crabs start scuttling down the beach - running from something?
- 74 A small cave on a seaside cliff is absolutely filled with tiny sleeping bats.
- 75 A small whirlpool spins about a hundred yards out to sea.
- 76 A massive, putrid tentacle has washed up on the beach.
- 77 Out on a still bay, a rowboat is slowly turning in circles - sounds of arguing drift over the waves.
- 78 Palm trees dot the beach, their coconuts threatening to hit a character in the head.
- 79 In the dusk, a ghostly ship is spotted bobbing on the waves, its masts lit up with an unearthly fire.
- 80 When the characters awaken from a long rest, they see an island that wasn't there yesterday.
- 81 A man in a sea-grey cloak is preaching to a cult of impassioned followers on a rocky promontory.
- 82 A noble camp has been set up on the sand, and several well-dressed ladies recline under parasols while watching gentlemen spar with wooden swords.

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- 83 Flying fish flit over the surface of the water, occasionally being scooped up by hungry birds.
- 84 A character notices a large and unusually colored sand beetle.
- 85 No streams run down to the sea for several days' travel, and there's no rain.
- 86 A mermaid sits on a rock, braiding bones into her hair.
- 87 Amongst wild, pounding surf, one part of the sea is nearly perfectly calm.
- 88 What appears to be the remains of an ancient elvish bridge reaches out into the water, before ending in a jagged pile of rubble.
- 89 Far out to sea, a whale breaches in a spray of droplets.
- 90 A seagull is rummaging through driftwood with more intent than is normal for a bird.
- 91 A dog is playing delightedly in the waves, but its owner is nowhere to be seen.
- 92 A group of gnomes are stewing crawfish on the beach.
- 93 At dawn, the party is awakened by delighted screams - students from a nearby wizard school are diving, naked, into the cold ocean.
- 94 When the party looks up into the night sky, the constellations appear slightly different.
- 95 The beach is speckled with sea glass.
- 96 A character finds a pristine sand dollar washed up on the damp sand.
- 97 The sand at a certain part of the beach keeps being picked up into a small whirlwind.
- 98 Something glitters in the shallows - a gold piece, half buried in the sand.
- 99 Whenever the characters look behind them in the sand, there's an extra pair of footprints following.
- 100 Out in the waves, some metallic gnomish creation breaches for a second before diving back down.

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