

# Hodage

A Hoax to Reality

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<These things are just like described way back in the 1800's. For a hoax, this Eugene Shepard got it right on. Scary dreck.> Censorship Sucks

## Description



The hodag is a fearsome critter resembling a large bull-horned carnivore with a row of thick, curved spines down its back, prehistoric in suggestion. The hodag was said to be born from the ashes of cremated oxen, as the incarnation of the accumulation of abuse the animals had suffered at the hands of their masters. <Bloodmagic anyone?> Sceptic

In 1893, newspapers reported the discovery of a Hodag in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. It had "the head of a frog, the grinning face of a giant elephant, thick short legs set off by huge claws, the back of a dinosaur, and a long tail with spears at the end" <Sounds like scary dreck chummer> Cat <Cat? I thought you died.> Dawg <Nope, just did a dime for hitting Ares> Cat



## History

In 1893, newspapers reported the discovery of a hodag in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. The reports were instigated by well-known Wisconsin land surveyor, timber cruiser and prankster Eugene Shepard, who rounded up a group of local people to capture the animal. The group reported that they needed to use dynamite to kill the beast. <Bringing the Autocannon. That might kill one.> Hunter of Flesh

A photograph of the remains of the charred beast was released to the media. It was "the fiercest, strangest, most frightening monster ever to set razor sharp claws on the earth. A few years later there was a claim that the Hodag became extinct after its main food source, all white bulldogs, became scarce in the area." <White Bulldogs? I bet it was just a dog hater...> BS Detector



In 1897, Shepard reported to the media that he captured another Hodag, only this time, he was able to take it alive.

According to Shepard, he brought together a group of gigantic bear wrestlers and trekked into the woods to capture the creature. Upon discovering the creature's cave home, the men attached a rag soaked in chloroform to a long pole, stuck it into the cave, and knocked the creature out. **<I'm calling DRECK to this!> BS Detector**

The men retrieved the creature, Shepard got it into a cage, and it was promptly displayed in multiple county fairs (as well as in a specially built shanty at Shepard's house) which attracted thousands of people. Eventually the onlookers included scientists from the Smithsonian Institution from Washington D.C. who announced that they were coming to examine and study the creature. Soon, the Hodag would no longer be a unique creature local only to Wisconsin.

It was the visit from the Smithsonian scientists that ended the tour of the Hodag. Shepard announced that the creature was, and had always been, a Hoax. **<See told you. Is this whole creature a hoax?> BS Detector**

**<Nope. One ate a chummer of mine, that's why I posted it.> Censorship Sucks**

### **Post Awakening (2011)**

Even with the Hodag being declared a Hoax in 1900, the legend continued through today. In 2020 the first sighting of the Hodag was thought to be someone trying to bring back the hoax. Even with video proof, no one in the scientific or magical communities believed the stories of the Hodag's return.



It wasn't until 2025 when a scientific contingent out of NeoNet discovered this creature and people started believing that they existed and have returned. The NeoNet people had video and other recordings of the spotting of the creature. **<Other recordings? What's that?> CorpH8r**  
**<Not sure, we could always hire a decker, but not worth it to me.> Mr.J**

There have also been reports of missing dogs, cats, and even larger creatures in the area. These creatures have even been blamed for a slew of missing orcs and dwarves in the Wisconsin area over the last five years. **<As I said, one ate a chummer of mine. She was a small orc, good looking too. I miss her.> Censorship Sucks**

### **Current Territory**

The current territory of the Hodag seems to be mostly in the surrounding areas of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Some of these creatures have been reportedly spotted across the territory that was once the Wisconsin state in north central UCAS.

**Why the interest?**

Little is known about the real Hodag. Scientists want to know more about this awakened creature and how to catalog it. Hunters are trying to get it for the sale of its horns, spikes, and teeth as all three are great materials for some fetishes and foci.

**Possible similar species**

None that are known at this time

## Hodag

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**Initiative:** 1D6+7

**Limits:** Physical 4 Mental 4 Social 5

**Powers:** Immunity (Physical), Shadow Cloak, Enhanced Sense

**Skills:** Tracking 5, perception 6, Bite 6, tail 5

**Gamemasters Note:**

The Hodag is a semi-smart creature that is always hungry when awake. All medium and even some large creatures look to be food for this creature. This creature has a weakness against lightning (and all forms of electricity) which makes even the stun baton do lethal damage.

The Immunity power gives the critter the equivalent of an Armor Rating equal to twice its Essence when resisting damage from whatever it is immune to. In addition, if the Power of the damage does not exceed twice the creature's Essence, it automatically has no effect. This power works against both magical and non-magical effects. Ignore this power for lightning damage. This one causes 2x's the damage to the creature.