

Requinas' Book of Precious Antiques

Introduction

Requinas is a legendary collector of art who lived in the city of Vivine about 200 years ago. Of noble birth, he used his modest wealth to travel the world and acquire (or at least catalogue) the most important items of that and (as he claims) other worlds.

Currently, many copies of the "Book of Precious Antiques" are in circulation. However, the original is said to have magical powers related to the location of treasure and identification of items both mundane and magical.

Mundane Treasure

This section describes categories of items that are worthwhile to know about for the connoisseur of antique treasure but which are not unique.

- **Abyssal Silver:** This material is softer than real silver and has the strange property that it distorts the mirror image of those that look at it in a subtle but fiendish way. This silver is said to come from the Abyss itself but actually comes from the bottom of the ocean at the site of an ancient meteor crash. Abyssal silver was used for all sorts of items and if well worked commands a somewhat higher price. *Price Modifier: x1.5*
- **Lendir Rex Coins:** These coins bear the image of King Lendir, an elven king from the early ages of the world. The coins are made of gold but are very beautiful to look at with motives changing according to the time of the day. Many coins, when brought together, will tell a story in

pictures. *Market Price: 10 to 100 gp based on condition*

- **Dancing Doll:** This gnomish invention is somewhat new and was quite popular 200 years ago at the time of Requinas. A dancing doll is a mechanical marvel that can be wound up and uses a clockwork to perform elaborate dances. Some more advanced models are magical and provide their own music. *Market Price: mundane 500 to 2,000 gp, magical 2,000 to 4,000 gp*
- **Dominar's Baton:** These steel batons come from the earlier ages of the city of Vivine. While their material is quite mundane, younger batons are beautifully etched, depicting symbols of Dieunne, house crests and similar motives. Many were lost during the rise of the Dark Fey and nobles pay good money for one that is connected to their family history. *Market Price: 3,500 to 5,000 gp*
- **Dwarven Clan Ring:** These rings are usually made of gold even though special ones will have more exotic metals. A semiprecious stone is inlaid into the ring and a tiny carving shows the clan crest of its owners. These rings rarely leave dwarven hands and collectors as well as dwarves will pay handsomely to get their hands on them. *Market Price: 2,000 gp*
- **Winter Wolf Fur:** This white fur not only looks great on coats but also keeps the wearer warm under almost any circumstances. *Market Price: 250 gp for the fur, 1,400 gp for a coat*

Gems/Pearls

- **The Unicorn Diamond:** This relatively huge diamond has been cut by a master of the field, the dwarf

Igolin Surehands. When held against the light of the sun, the diamond shows an internal impurity that look like a charging unicorn. The imperfection is so slight that it is often overlooked. The diamond belonged to the king of Vivine but was lost to a mystery thief 250 years ago. *Market Price: 7,000 gp*

- **The Abyssal Ruby:** This beautiful ruby looks quite normal and only through special means can it be identified as the Abyssal Ruby. The stone which was given to the Red Cardinal by a divine messenger was liberated from the treasure horde of an Abyssal Lord. When put into wine, it will turn the liquid into vinegar. The ruby was supposed to be a symbol of the triumph of good over evil but has so far brought only misfortune to each owner. It is assumed to be in the palace of the current Cardinal but this is unconfirmed. *Market Price: 9000 gp*
- **The 12 Teeth of AmoraX:** These 12 white sweet water pearls look a bit like teeth and have a very intriguing rainbow colour when held into the light of the moon. The pearls have been offered to the Grand Temple of AmoraX for a statue 300 years ago but were stolen before it could be completed. *Market Price: 1500 gp each*
- **Sea Stones:** These stones look unimpressive but when put into water, they become transparent and begin to sparkle in all colours of the rainbow. Only a well-trained eye can recognise them for what they are without putting them into water. *Market Price: 30 to 300 gp*

Paintings/Tapestries

- **The Tapestry of the Vision of the Hermit Kobote:** This worn tapestry made of dyed gnoll hair was made

by the halfling tribes of the continental core that terrorised the early human settlements. It depicts the rather confused vision of Kobote, a halfling holy man who foresaw the fall of the halfling race to demonic creatures. The tapestry was part of a mobile shrine dedicated to the false god Vau-Oth. *Market Price: 5,000 gp*

Trinkets

- **The Purple Powder Box:** This tiny box was made to hold a dose of the herbal powder from the new world King Gustave IV. so much enjoyed. The box is made of the purple bone of some otherworldly creature and has golden inlays depicting the triumph of the King over his corrupted AmoraX-worshipping brother. The box looks crude by modern standards but is the first example of the use of gold inlays in Vivine. It was given to Requinax by king Marque-Arula I. for his services. *Market Price: 2,500 gp*
- **The Bronze Belt of Bragos:** This belt (or rather the buckle that remains) is made of bronze and looks pretty plain, save for a eagle edged into it, almost worn away by the ages past. The belt was given to one of the early warrior-chiefs by a mysterious traveller before the foundation of the modern city of Vivine. Some assume it is elven work but others claim it comes from a different plane of existence. *Market Price: 10,000 gp*
- **The Screaming Statue:** This statuette is about 10 inches tall and is made of pure gold. It is definitely of dwarven origin but its age has been debated often. The statue shows a screaming demon and is hollow. It was probably used as a decanter for beer. The statue was

given to the King Marque-Arule I. by an elven merchant who hoped to gain protection for the followers of Amorax after the "Night of the Impalement". *Market Price: 16,000 gp*

Magic Items

These magic items are mostly curiosities rather than weapons or other items normally owned by adventurers. Therefore their price is not necessarily found on the same scale as those items.

- **Goathead of Amorax:** This curious helmet made of the skull of a goat looks unimposing but when worn turns the head of the wearer into that of a goat. Crafted by the insane priest Luxor the Demented, it was *the* talk of the town 340 years ago but ultimately led to the assassination of Luxor by a member of the Ordo Canis. *Market Price: 3,500 gp*
- **Requinas' Book of Precious Antiques:** This magical book not only contains the text of its lesser copies but also has strong divinatory magic. Rumours say it has the ability to locate all items listed within as well as other precious items. However, only those with the ability to appraise the worth of gems will be able to use it, for the 'compass' on the cover consists of 8 diamonds, with the most precious one pointing to the divined direction. *Market Price: 15,000 gp*
- **King Claude's Crown:** This gold and mithril crown was crafted for King Claude, also known as "the Whiner". Claude was very sensible to touch, therefore his crown was made in such a way as to hover several inches above his head and look like a halo. It was stolen by an air elemental who had been forced into the king's service before the incident. *Market Price: 26,000 gp*
- **King Claude's Sword:** King Claude the Whiner was known for his squeamish nature and was greatly distressed by the sight of blood. However, he still felt it his regal duty to learn the art of fencing. To avoid bloodshed, the king ordered his court wizard to make a sword that would harm others but not shed any blood. The result was a *+1 longsword* which hurt just like a normal sword but left the skin intact. The sword is made of mithril and gold and has a blunt edge. Pink jade inlays showing scenes of court life adorn the blade. *Market Price: 3,250 gp*
- **The Scepter of Good Mood:** This scepter was a gift to the first Red Cardinal, Eduarde the Cruel. Ever scornful, Eduarde ordered the burning of the pleasure quarter, the crusade against the followers of Amorax, and the crucifixion of Jean the Jester, before being given the scepter. Crafted by the finest mage of the time and paid for by a consortium of innkeepers, the rod does little more than lift the mood of those who carry it. Initially sceptical, Eduarde accepted the gift and became a lot less foul. Unfortunately, the innkeepers were still burned for heresy when the Cardinal found out about the true reason for the gift. *Market Price: 4,500 gp*