

# Storm Beetle

**Type:** Flying insect / swarm

**Size:** Individual: 5-10 cm; swarm: thousands

**Behavior:** Native to twilight belt storm fronts. Feed on electrical discharge during superstorms. Harmless individually, dangerous in swarms when they discharge stored energy.

## **Abilities:**

- Flight (sustained by storm winds)
- Electrical discharge (coordinated swarm attack)
- Storm prediction (appear hours before major weather)
- Chitinous armor (resistant to wind damage)

## **Vulnerabilities:**

- Grounded in windless conditions
- Cold (induces torpor)
- Electromagnetic interference (disrupts coordination)

**Encounter Notes:** Weatherworkers use them as early warning system. Some settlements harvest their electrical organs for batteries. Swarms occasionally discharge into metal structures, causing fires.

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