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From what I can tell of the creature and weapon stats, it appears that this scenario was intended for Gamma World 1st Edition.

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paths of the lil

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James Ward is the co-inventor of Gamma World, and who better person to design a mini-scenario.



The Lil had to survive, it was as simple as that. These creatures had evolved as diminutive beings constantly on the run from larger life forms. From earliest times, these beings had been forced to hide in brambles and tall vegetation of one type or another. As generation after generation progressed and mutated, their hiding places were developed and nurtured into what the Lil wanted.

THE LIL

Hit Dice: 6

Armour Class: 8 (6 when fighting human-sized creatures and 4 when fighting creatures over 2.5 metres tall)

Movement: 3/10

Mental Strength (species average): 14

Intelligence (species average): 17

Dexterity (species average): 18

Charisma (species average): 17

Constitution (species average): 8

Physical Strength (species average): 5

Physical Mutations (as a species):

1. Dual Brain
2. Light Generation
3. Physical Reflection (radiation)
4. Shorter (20 centimetres tall)
5. Wings
6. One variable mutation per being to the good

Mental Mutations (as a species):

1. Empathy
2. Force Field Generation
3. Illusion Generation
4. Mass Mind
5. Telepathy
6. Total Healing
7. Total Resistance to Life Leach

The Lil are beautiful symmetrical human creatures with wings of incredible toughness. They are always found in areas of high vegetation and have only one harmful mutation. They glow brightly in the dark. Whenever the area light intensity falls below a certain candle power, these beings light up illuminating a 90 centimetre area. Because of this mutation, these beings are always active in the dark period of any day. They often use and develop technology, but are forced to have several members of their race work any given item from the past because of their small size and low strength factor.

The Bramble Paths Of The Lil

This vegetation is always the same from Lil group to Lil group because they take seeds with them from old paths as they are forced to migrate. The brambles are always trimmed to be 6 metres tall and the Lil mould paths out of them that are totally covered by a roof of these brambles that reveals nothing from the air. The paths are always 10 metres wide with the bramble vegetation barriers, for the most part, 36 metres wide. The thin parts of all the barriers are areas where the Lil can quickly pass from one section to another because of the unusual nature of these spots. The Lil Brambles have huge thorns that are razor sharp and will rip all things except metal and hard plastic. Every thin area is exactly like the other patches in appearance, but the thorns are dulled so that they do not cut.

While the brambles have no intelligence, they do have the following traits: when touched by anything but a Lil, these plants raise up and cluster against the pressure so that as the movement into them increases so does the grabbing action of the vines. Every melee turn of forceful contact does 1-10 points of damage to the toucher; amongst the brambles of the roof cover (hidden from view from below and above) are berries in clusters of 10 every 25 metres that restore 1 hitpoint of damage per berry; every vine in the path wall grows 2-12 metres a day.

The Lil Path depicted is the oldest of all brambles and the Lil living here are the most advanced of all the groups. Every night, they travel about the patch pruning the growth away from the areas where they do not wish vines and forcing new growth where they do. All chopped vines are mulched up and placed around the plant bases.

SECTION A: 5 Lil: HP: 35, 33, 32, 28, 25; AC: 8*; M: 3.10, all abilities and mutations are as the species plus all of these guards have electrical generation (3-18 points of damage with a touch). One member in each group has a stun whip (weapon class 6) that has been cut down so that it seems to be a long pole in the hands of the Lil holder.

These groups, in every case, are there to frighten or otherwise chase away beings, creatures, or things that try to enter the area. They attack by casting illusions of hundreds of their number flying all over and touching or diving at the intruders. Those that do not believe the illusions are identified and taken care of by the stun whip. When stunned, all items of technology are carried into the thin part of any path and the throat of the stunned creature is torn out the teeth of the Lil. If these attacks all fail, the Lil will attack with electrical charges until one group or the other is dead (hoping to do as much damage as possible so that the next set of guards can have an easier time taking care of the strangers).

SECTION B: 1 Blaash: HP 60; AC: 8; M: 6/15; MS: 6 this giant moth emits 18 Intensity radiation with a range of 5 metres. The Lil have hatched this creature here and it cannot move from the small interconnecting path it is on for fear of damaging its wing membranes. It has been conditioned to attack nothing accompanying a Lil.

SECTION C: 1 Horl Choo: HP: 72; AC: 5; M: None; this one fires 1-6 spear fronds every melee turn for 3-18 points of damage each (18 die creature for attack) and each frond has intensity 9 poison tips. The creature has been altered so its senses can detect nothing smaller than a metre. The plant is capable of firing down the long path it is near and up the short path it views.

SECTION D: This is a storage area for the Lil and the section facing the path is designed to move away when pulled. Inside are the following: 56 one kilogram sacks of instant plant defoliant, 32 one kilogram sacks of intensified plant fertilizer, 12 vibrodaggers (weapon class 4) doing 10 points of damage per strike, 3 small damage packs doing 6-36 points of damage per explosion, 21 solar energy cells, 64 two metre by 3 metre sheets of duralloy.

SECTION E: 8 Lil: HP: 28, 27, 27, 23, 21, 21 19, 11; AC: 8*; M: 3/10; all abilities and mutations are as the species. This group uses 2 Laser Rifles (weapon class 13) doing 6-36 points of damage per strike. It takes 4 Lil to use one weapon and they guard the long path they are near. They will each take 2 shots at whatever comes around the corner at either end and then they will scuttle into the brambles in tunnels they have made until whatever creatures they shot at are either back at the corner of the path they guarded or half way along the other path where they will shoot the rest of their energy beams and hide again (to put fresh power cells in the rifles that they have stored under the brambles and begin the process all over again).

SECTION F: 1 Kai Lin: HP: 60; AC: 6; M: 10; this plant will attack with radiated eyes (intensity 12) and if that doesn't kill the being it is attacking (or at least damage it) the creature will use electrical generation for 3-18 points per touch. This creature hides in the ceiling cover and moves with its prey. It only comes down to attack with electricity or feed. The Lil allow it only one seed (destroying all others). They have conditioned it to attack any beings traveling down the middle of the path, but to leave alone beings that walk down the sides.

SECTION G: This is another storage area and it opens towards the village of the Lil. It has the following: 3 wilderness ecology bots programmed to prune plants for the Lil; a wicker chest with 400 healing berries; and a wicker chest with 30 of each type of energy cell.

SECTION I: This is the village of the Lil. There are 39 males (not counting the guards), 43 females, and 14 young. These beings all live in wicker huts all over the area. Every hut has the following: a bramble supplied water fountain, a set of poisoned arrows, 3 bows (weapon class 9) doing one point per strike plus the 18 Intensity poison damage, a wicker chest of dried fruits, and a wicker chest of clothing (made of spun spider silk).

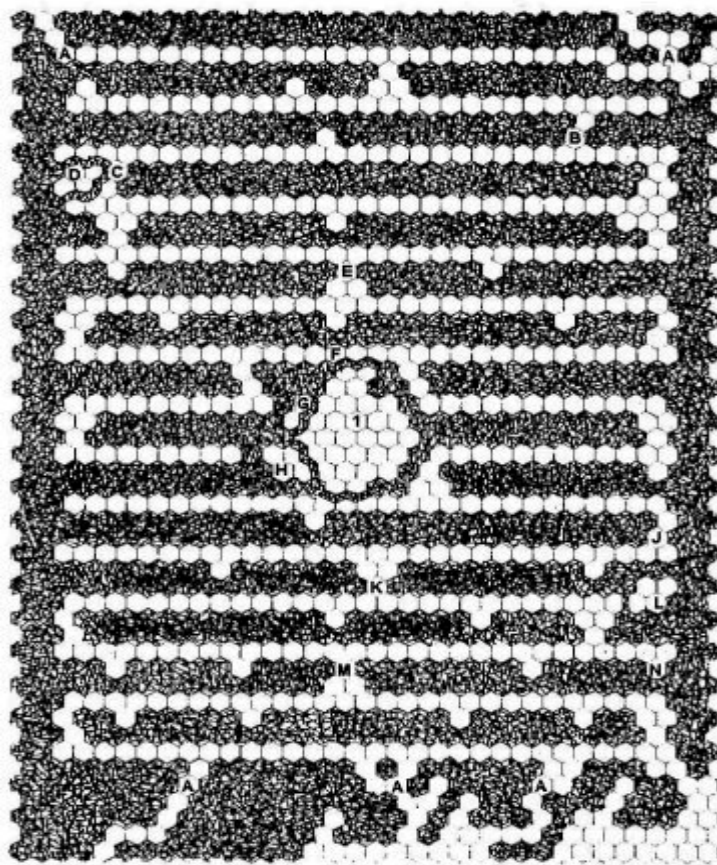
If the area is entered, the males all create illusions of hundreds of flying Lil while the females and young walk to safety. Thin areas are easily moved by two Lil.

SECTION J: 1 Perth Plant: HP: 10; AC: 4; M: None; it emits random intensity radiation (3-18) for a 15 metre range at all that are taller than 1 metre who come near the plant.

SECTION K: 6 Lil: HP: 33, 32, 30, 29, 20, 15; AC: 8*; M: 3/10; all abilities and mutations are as the species. These are using 3 Mark V Blasters with 2 creatures to a pistol (weapon class 14) and each shot does 7-42 points of damage. These Lil will fire 2 shots per melee turn until all weapons are expended and then they will run to small tunnels in the sharp bramble cover to the sides and reload energy cells. They will shoot again after 7 melee turns.

SECTION L: Another storage area with the following: 9 saws, 13 hand axes, 23 solar energy cells, 5 laser torches, 3 torc grenades (doing disintegrate damage in a 15 metre range), and 5 fifteen centimetre tall mirrors.

SECTION H: This is another larger storage area with the following: a defense/attack borg (programmed to protect the village in case of surprise); 5 medi-kits, 6 laser pistols (weapon class 13) doing 5-30 points per shot; 3 four litre pots of 18 intensity poison; 2 one litre pots of universal antidote; 3 modified stun whips (weapon class 6); and 99 bows with 20 arrows each (geared to the size of the Lil).



SECTION M: a Zeeth path is planted here. (HP: 100 total, Growing in a 10 metre area, it teleports 2-20 seeds for 2-12 points of damage per seed when successfully teleported (20% chance of this happening per seed); it has sensing range up to 19 metres and will not attack anything less than 1 metre tall.

SECTION N: There is a pond filling these 3 hexes and a Keeshin dens here. (HP: 49; AC: 7; M: telekinetic flight; all abilities are at 18, its mental mutations include: telekinesis, telekinetic arm, force field generation, life leech, de-evolution, mental blast, cryokinesis, and reflection). It will demand a piece of technology from any strangers that come near and attack if not given something. It will gladly talk about the whole patch if given a powered device. The Lil let it live there because it tells stories to their young. It has the following in an underwater cave down in the middle of the pond: 2 laser rifles, 3 stun whips, 1 mark VII blaster rifle, 4 photon grenades, and 32 metal swords. It always attacks with its life leeching power for as long as possible.

Notes For The World Master

1. All items that are taken off of players are placed in the H storage area by the Lil.
2. People that want to "force" their way through the metres thick brambles should be told instantly of the problems involved (damage, resistance, increasing amount of vines, lack of view as brambles cut off vision, etc.).
3. Don't let people in power armour or cars tell you they should be able to force their way through (these vines are tough!!!).
4. Burning is made extremely difficult by the high moisture content in all vines, and roots.
5. Little points of light are visible at night from through the outside of the brambles, prompting stories around mutie and barbarian campfires about vast treasure from ancient times behind the plant walls and also awesome instant death.
6. While the paths are all covered, the leaves of the ceiling area reflect enough light so that all the areas underneath are well lit during the daylight and strong moonlight hours.
7. When the Lil retreat into the briars, their wings mould themselves to their bodies and they always enter the patch from the ground. They are intimately familiar with their patch and they know every thin area for escape purposes.