

Sword of the First Mate

History

This sword was used by first mate of the infamous French pirate Jean Lafitte. Lafitte had befriended several Native American tribes in the New World. It was this friendship that prompted his oath of protection for American soil against the Spanish. As a reward for his efforts, adepts of the tribe enchanted several of Lafitte's blades.

France's war with Spain motivated the queen to allow Lafitte's safe passage through French controlled waters. However, during one close call, the sword was lost at sea during a boarding attack of a Spanish vessel. The sword used its self-telekinesis ability to travel to the nearest landmass. Many years later, a beachcomber on the shores of Biloxi, Mississippi found it. A traveling merchant purchased the sword from this lucky man. Doctor John in turn bought the sword from him, as a valuable antique, neither person realizing what magic they had stumbled upon.

Forbidden Lore

The sword gives a +1 to all attacks, both to hit and damage. If used while on a ship, the sword can be used as "keen" blade. If used against a crew of a Spanish ship, the sword enables the user a +3 to his initiative roll. Only Jean Lafitte himself can unlock more power, for if used by him or one of his direct descendants, the sword is +3, always keen, always +3 to initiative, and glows with an ambient light on command (20' radius). It also gives any holder the ability to breathe water, and swim at the same rate it can move (30 ft., Swim skill +8 bonus). The cutlass is not intelligent per se, but if immersed in water, it telekinetically moves itself to the nearest landmass at the rate of 30.

Sword	Cost	Damage	Critical	Weight	Type
Cutlass	(\$50,315) 12 gp	(+1/+3) 1d6+1	(17-) 18-19-20 x2	4lb.	Slashing

Material written in (gold) is the magic item value.



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