If a visitor to Zenith were to be asked what the most terrifying beast on the shard is, the answer would likely be something such as Snow Lions or the wild, Iron Hamanu. Surely these beasts are commonly found in tapestries and upon the banners of the valley tribes—as they are symbols of ferocity, danger, and rage. Yet, if one were to ask a native of Zenith what thing they found most horrid in the darkened caves of those violet peaks, the wise would speak of the creatures called Yamari. It is well known that the monstrous hive tunnels that wind beneath the mountains are filled with the grotesque Yamari that hunger for the bones and blood of mortal things. All vileness is embraced by the Yamari, and no obscenity or violence is beyond them.

So what could be so foul an act that a Yamari could find itself in exile? What atrocity is so searing to the minds of demons that they would cast the culprit out into the world beyond the tunnels?

It is, perhaps, in the story of Maku-Haru that we find such an unbidden answer.

Maku-Haru lives far from the center of Zenith. It lives alone in the ruins of Lob-Shir—a funerary village that once crouched solemnly on the edge of the Aurora Precipice. Here is where Maku-Haru claims its hunting grounds, and no trespasser could ever hope to avoid the mad Yamari.

Yes, even by Yamari standards (if any such thing exists) Maku-Haru is insane. It has developed excesses and rituals that are extremely odd and seem to play to a boredom birthed out of isolation and lack of company that a hive-beast would suffer if left to its own devices. Riddles, elaborate traps, unexpected benevolence, the collection of life boons reaped from desperate travelers—these are its doings, and no ordeal is ever the same.

Maku-Haru, though mad and deadly, is also the only Yamari that any Skyborn could hope to parlay with. Maku-Haru has advanced knowledge of the Yamari from a perspective that is entirely unique to it. The meanings of ancient symbols, the incantations of rituals, and the true history of the Mothfolk are well known to Maku-Haru, who despises them for making it what it has become in their absence.

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**Maku-Haru, Yamari Exile**

**Surge:** *Spinal Extraction* (as Yamari pg. 272 of core book)

**Special:** Maku-Haru does not possess the Expert Hunters special ability possessed by its fellow Yamari. Instead, it possesses:

**Master of the Precipice.** Maku-Haru has dwelled upon the Aurora Precipice for reportedly 250 years. It is believed that it is the very bane that wiped out the people of Lob-Shir. As a result, there is not a single endeavor that takes place within this place for which Maku-Haru does not hold an advantage. While within the Aurora Precipice region, Maku-Haru may re-roll all results of “1” on its mental and physical dice. Conversely, if the creature is ever drawn beyond the boundaries of its domain, its physical and mental dice are treated as being one fewer (4d6 for physical and 4d12 for mental).