

Scorpioness Najka

Lore

<i>Soul of Scorpioness Najka.</i> <i>Najka was born of the misdeeds of an ancient being, frail soul from the beginning, that soon succumbed to madness.</i> — Description of the Scorpioness Najka Soul	<i>The wife of Manscorpion Tark, a fragile soul created long ago by an ancient being in the throes of madness. Najka herself has succumbed to the very affliction which felled her master and has devolved into a ferocious beast, a threat to all living things.</i> — Dark Souls II Collector's Edition Guide Description
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Location

Shaded Woods:

At the end of the Shaded Ruins.

Bonfire Intensity	Health	Souls
1 (NG)	5,741	23,000
2 (NG+)	10,047	46,000
8 (NG+7)	18,828	92,000

Bonfire Ascetic respawn: Shaded Ruins bonfire.

Summons

- Manscorpion Tark
 - If you have spoken to him while wearing the Ring of Whispers to receive his quest, his sign is just outside of the boss fog.
- Bradley of the Old Guard
 - If all Forest Guardians past the Shaded Ruins bonfire have been killed, his sign is under the stone archway leading to the boss. *Dark Souls II: Scholar of the First Sin only.*

Drops

- Scorpioness Najka Soul
- Southern Ritual Band +2 (Bonfire Intensity 2+)

Moveset

Forward Thrust

Melee Staff Slash

Stinger Forward Stab

Stinger Sweep

Stinger Grab:

Causes toxin buildup.

Homing Soulmass

Soul Spear

Tunnel Underground:

Move to the concrete flooring to avoid damage.

Stinger Thrash

Happens from a certain distance only, very rare. She flails her tails wildly up and down, smashing the ground.

Strategies

When she stabs her two stingers into the ground you have an opportunity to chop them off. It is not recommended that you do so, as this will cause her to use her Homing Soulmass more often, and there is no reward for cutting off the stingers.

If her stingers curl to the sides, get away from the opposite side that she is curling because she is about to do a sweeping attack. If the stringers move up, she is about to plunge them at you.

When she burrows beneath the ground, stand on the chunk of concrete.. She will not be able to burrow up beneath you. Roll away when she reappears and take advantage of her recovery time.

It's possible to have Najka stand on an area slightly higher than the player. If she does so, try baiting her into using her staff combo. None of her attacks will be able to hit lower than her, meaning you can hug up close to her and use whatever attack you like while she misses.

General Strategy:

Once you work out her attack pattern, Najka is a fairly simple fight. Firstly, choose one of the tree trunks and kite Najka around it, attacking after she attacks. You should roll backwards to dodge all of her melee attacks. Eventually she will cast Homing Soulmass. Make sure her line of sight goes through the tree trunk, which will now tank most of the Soulmasses. Roll into the trunk on the second wave of soul masses, to ensure you don't get hit. If she tunnels underground, run around until she re-surfaces and lure her back to the tree trunk. Repeat this until she is dead.

Another strategy is to circle her as close as you can, as she is then less likely to use Homing Soulmass. Just remember not to get behind her, as she will swipe you with her stinger. Always start backing off whenever she starts attacking, especially when she takes a few steps towards you. If she does use Homing Soulmass, start strafing and roll if necessary. When she uses her other magic attack, run at her. It should go over your head.

Notes

- To get the item from the body hanging from the tree in her boss arena, you need to bait her to knock it down with a melee attack. Don't worry if you miss it, it's only a Flame Butterfly.
- Both of Najka's stingers may be cut off, but there is no reward.
- Manscorpion Tark rewards you with a Fragrant Branch of Yore after Najka is dead.

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