

# The Rat King


## Description

A most noble being. Detests humankind and sees them as nothing but lying vermin.

Long ago, an agreement was reached between humans and rats. Humanity was given dominion over the land above, and anything the light didn't touch was deemed the rats' domain. For a time, there was peace. However, as time went on humans lost sight of what really mattered, and their insatiable greed eventually led to bigger and grander explorations underground, causing many an innocent rat to die in the process. The King is determined to exact revenge on his foes in the overworld for betraying his trust and defiling the rats' sacred ground.

He is the head of the Rat King Covenant.

## Location

### Grave of Saints

After defeating the Royal Rat Vanguard.

### Doors of Pharros

After defeating the Royal Rat Authority.

Bonfire Intensity	HP	Souls
1	1,560	1,300
2	?	?
8	?	?

## Sells

Consumables	Total	Soul Cost	Notes
Corrosive Urn	∞	700	Throw to break the equipment of players.

Dung Pie	∞	600	Throw to poison foes.
Common Fruit	∞	1,600	Temporarily boosts Poison resistance.
Red Leech Troches	∞	1,600	Temporarily boosts Bleed resistance.
Triclops Snake Troches	∞	2,000	Temporarily boosts Petrify resistance

## Drops

- 1,300 souls (Bonfire Intensity 1)

## Dialogue

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- **When first met**

Leave this place, human.  
We have no time for thy kind.  
Humans bring nothing but filth.

- **When talking a second time without a Rat Tail in the inventory**

Thy welcome wearest thin.  
Leave this place.

- **When talking a second time with a Rat Tail in the inventory**

Is that a Rat Tail, human?  
Thou'st one of mine rat burrows conquered. This will not go unnoticed.  
Rejoice, for the right to serve me is now thine.  
Since thou'rt human still...  
Permit me ask. Wilt thou thy human soul surrender, and pledge thyself to me?  
Swearest thou by the sweet-tempered sludge that laps at our bosoms?

- **Answer "yes"**

Thou hast the eyes of one who perceiveth true beauty.  
Human, thou mayest serve.  
Take this ring. It was forged by a human who was once among us.  
The ring draws to thee those who would defile our burrow.  
Wear the ring whenever thou'rt near.  
And destroy those who would dare provoke our ire.

I will grant unto thee all thou should so desire.

I prithee serve with a true rat's honour.

- **Answer "no"**

Of course. Humans are all alike.

Get thee gone. We will tolerate thy stench no longer.

- **When talking a second time after disagreeing to join covenant**

Thou return'st?

I am not unkind. Shouldst thou forbear thy ways, audience shall be thine.

Swearst thou to serve me true?

- **Answer "yes"**

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- **Answer "no"**

Then we need consort no longer.

- **When talking to open interaction menu**

Speak thy mind, servant.

- **Using 'Talk' option**

My servant, tell me the way of things.

There has been much honour in thy service, despite the human blood coursing thy veins.

I am merciful, and trust in thee as I would any rat.

- **Using 'Talk' option**

The insolent fools line up to trample upon our burrows.

My servant, dispatch these invaders, and thy reward will be handsome indeed.

- **Using 'Talk' option**

Knowest thee of the Lockstones? Those odd contraptions fashioned by human hand long ago.

Thou art human, and thence able.

I know thy kind, base plotters and schemers all. Put these contraptions to thy employ 'gainst thy foe.

- **When talking after abandoning covenant**

Why comest thou here, human?

Thy treason will not go unpunished.

Be gone. I will gaze upon thee no longer.

*(Prompt appears asking if you want to rejoin the covenant)*

- **Answer "yes"**

My servant, do not disappoint me.

- **Answer "no"**

Traitors will not be forgiven. Get thee gone.

- **When leaving after buying something**

My servant, destroy my enemies.

- **When leaving without buying anything**

My servant, do not disappoint me.

- **When walking off without closing the menu**

Go then, my servant.

- **Reach Rank 1 in Rat King covenant**

I am aware of thine accomplishments, and they are not few.

Long ago, I struck an accord with a human chieftain.

'Twas agreed, Humans would rule the lands lapped by the sun's rays, and rats, all that was below.

But humans are liars all, schemers and cheats.

Thou art from a different cloth cut. Do not disappoint me.

- **Reach Rank 2 in Rat King covenant**

Thy deeds are known to me. Still, there is ever more work to be done.

Humans are creatures of greed. The time came they broke their word, and hunted us down.

I had their word the underworld was ours to rule, untouched as it is, by the rays of the sun.

The more humans coveted, the more blinded they became as to what truly mattered.

And that is why I pity the fools called humans.

My servant, human scent lingers upon thee yet.

Rid thyself of it, if thou canst.

- **Reach Rank 3 in Rat King covenant**

My servant, well met indeed.

'Twould seem some sunlight-poisoned creatures are worthy of great honour.

Thou'st permitted me to dream. One day, rats and humans may yet live and die together, in peace.

- **When attacked but not aggroed**

What is thy purpose?

(or)

Enough of thy baseness.

(or)

I've had quite enough.

- **When attacked and aggroed**

I will destroy thee, filthy human!

- **When killing the player**

Disgusting creature...

- **When re-encountered after aggroing**

Thou art a fool to show thy face here!

- **Unknown**

Adieu sweet burrow.

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