

Penthesilea, Mark of the Serpent

‘I am the hunter and you are my prey.’

Penthesilea is known as one of the greatest Amazon warriors and is a legend amongst her people. The Amazons were outraged by the oafish menfolk of the Norse settlement of Skeggi when they captured some Amazons in a raid planning to keep them as slaves. Penthesilea led a warband on a night raid against the timber halls of the Norse settlement. Her silent warriors slew the guards and they liberated their captured sisters. Before she could make good her escape, however, Penthesilea was set upon by the Norse Jarl Sigursen the Impaler, he who had led the raid to enslave her sisters. She slew this giant of a man in single combat and held his severed head high causing the rest of the Norse to flee. To further quench her thirst for revenge she kidnapped Sigursen's entire family to be used as slaves and sacrifices to the Serpent God. The battle of Skeggi was a milestone battle for the Amazons. None had accomplished what Penthesilea had. For it was her and her small band of Amazon warriors that had taken the fight straight to the supposedly invulnerable Norse stronghold and rescued their sisters slaying many men in the process. It was her brilliant guerrilla tactics and her ruthlessness that won the day. Since then, the men of the New World settlements live in fear and shudder at the mention of her name. Tales have it that no man has survived an encounter with her and many a mighty warrior's head hangs from her belt its mouth sewn shut as a sign of obedience.

Hire fee: Use the same hire table as Bertha Bestraufung on page 155 of the rulebook.

Maybe Hired: Penthesilea will only join Amazon Warbands.

Rating: 70 points.

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Weapons/Armour: Star Sword, Star Blade, Amulet of the Moon and wears Enchanted Skins (see Amazon equipment).

SKILLS

Mesmerising dance, Savage Fury, Elixir of life, Weapon Master, Concealment.

SPECIAL RULES

Amazon. She is an Amazon and therefore all of the Amazon special rules apply.

Mark of the Serpent. The High Serpentine Priestesses have blessed the warrior prime with the greatest gift any warrior can bear in the name and glory of their race. The mark of the serpent. This magical tattoo is only given to the worthiest of Amazons warriors.

Penthesilea gains +1 to her movement and Initiative (as marked by* on her profile).

Man-Hater: Having seen so many of her sisters captured or killed by raiders who are predominantly men she has developed a loathing for these uncouth, primitive creatures.

Penthesilea is subject to Hatred of all human males (I'm sure we can work out which figures are male here!) and has many of their heads hanging from her belt.