

Erdlu Claw



Alteration

Level: 1

Range: Touch

Components: V, S, M

Casting Time: 1

Duration: 5 rds./level

Area or Effect: 1 creature

Saving Throw: None

When this spell is cast on a humanoid being, its fingernails grow into talons, precisely like the claws of the erdlu bird. Once in this state, they do damage as Athuian hand razors (S/M: 1d6+1; L: 1d4+1). The claws do no damage to creatures that can be struck only by magical weapons. In general, this spell is memorized by a wizard as a weapon of last resort, if an enemy actually closes for melee. There are unconfirmed rumors that the spell is used in the process of enchanting real hand razors.

The spell was developed by elf mages (Preservers) who belonged to nomad tribes, and it has since been adopted by all Athasian magic-using races who are both humanoid and do not already have clawed hands.

The material component is a single erdlu claw.

Notes: Common in the DARK SUN setting; very rare elsewhere.