

# The Ripening

## RACE & SUPER CITRUS



**Overview:** Super scientist Bobby Vellum has been terrorizing the countryside with his zeppelin mounted gamma cannon, polymorphing the denizens into hulking out lizard monsters under his control. But lo, a prophecy foretells of the ripening, when brave warriors would scale the world tree to pluck the super citrus to save us all.

**The Ripening Prophecy:** The PCs arrive and the world tree blooms and the Super Citrus ripens, beginning the prophecy. The chosen ones must train with the Juice Master, scale the tree, defeat Bobby Vellum and give the super citrus to the Juice Master who'll ritually prepare the fruit into a magic concentrate to be added to the gamma cannon to reverse the lizard hulking.

**Bobby Vellum III:** His hubris turned to evil when he was kicked out of his university. Now he'll show them all by turning the world to chaos with his lizard hulks and ruling as a techno-god. Bobby has the following gadgets:



**Rocket pack:** flight. 1 in 20 chance it'll explode on every use. **Rocket boots:** jump 100ft. **Gamma ring:** creates green illusions. **Emerald glasses:** these telescopic lenses can see up to a mile, highlights living matter and has a targeting system. **Gamma pistol:** polymorphs target into a lizard hulk. **Tinkerer glove:** hundreds of extra appendages extend from the glove to give you advantage on fine detail work when using your hand. **Chameleon frisbee:** a sharp edged thrown weapon that blends into its surroundings making it nearly impossible to see. A remote device ring calls it back to your hand. **Cybernetic hand:** fires a small grappling hook on a monomolecular wire and motorized pulley system. **Force field belt:** negates one instance of damage before needing a recharge. **Dehydrator pistol:** sucks the moisture out of anything.

**Fruit Ninjas:** These anthropomorphic fruits all have ninja eye masks of different colors representing their rank, and citrusy weapons like grapefruit maces, lemon blinding sprays and pineapple shurikens.

**Lizard Hulks (gamma vampires):** These gamma transformed brutes are hulking green lizard versions of their former selves and mind controlled by Bobby Vellum. They'll suck the moisture out of you with a bite (withering damage) and disgorge out the vital juices in a grotesque spray. They only eat dried fruit or dried people. Juicy citrus reverses the gamma lizard state.

**Puppet Army:** Automaton snakes, cyber geckos and robo lizards scurry on all surfaces of the zeppelin to assist Bobby Vellum by making repairs or attacking his enemies. Mounted cannons can fire them out of the zeppelin.

**Orenji Kinkan Village:** This lovely monastery village is filled with cherry blossoms, fruit trees, paper walled buildings and surrounded by a fruit orchard. A citrus drink waterfall cascades down from the World Tree, creating a river that winds through town. The fruit shogun is excited about visitors as his juice bar is going out of business. Everyone is talking about The Ripening. 101 steps lead to the temple above. Take buckets of citrus drink from here to the temple to prove your worth to the Juice Master.

**Stink Bridge:** The Juice Master's training was to help you conquer the many obstacles of this rickety rope-and-plank bridge: rope snaps, falling planks and skunk-pterodactyl attacks. Then Bobby Vellum arrives in his zeppelin to polymorph the town.

**Juice Master:** This long-eyebrowed fruit wizard is the grandmaster of the Juice Cult Temple. He's been working on experimental juice potions, dangerous fruit technology and rejuvenating juice cleanses. He's training an army of fruit ninjas, but stops every thing to train the PCs with chores and fruit swording to fulfill the prophecy. He'll give PCs a ninja eye mask when they're ready to traverse the bridge and ascend the tree.

**Super Citrus:** This mighty ping-pong ball sized kumquat radiates with orange gamma power. It can reverse all of the polymorphed lizard hulks after being properly prepared by the Juice Master and loaded into the zeppelin's gamma cannon.

**Juice Cult Temple:** The Juice Master's stainless steel mountain temple is surrounded by terraced farms with different fruits growing on each plateau. An army of fruit ninjas train in the dojo filled with cutters, strainers and pulp containers. Images of the prophecy decorate every inch of the inside.

**The World Tree:** The weeping fruit of the tree creates a holy moat around it's base forming the citrus drink waterfall. The tree is hollow with a spiral stairway around the interior leading to the top. Inside is a society of kind elves who want nothing more than to feed you delicious baked goods. They're also way into the prophecy. The zeppelin will gamma blast into the tree's windows turning the elves into gamma lizards. The elves have bone hang gliders that they use to pick the fruit that can help PCs get to the zeppelin. Through the clouds, at the apex of the tree, is a walkable canopy, where in the center, a divine sprout hosts the singular Super Citrus.

### Dragonskin Zeppelin:

This moon-powered airship has a scaly, flat top and tail like a manta ray. Its dragon mouth has a loudspeaker and mounted gamma cannon that fires a 10ft. diameter, scaly, green beam that turns folks into lizard hulks. A misty gamma cloud obscures the ship so it can sneak up on villages and caravans. The cabin underneath hosts a large mad science lab with cyber-trinkets, electrodes, tesla coils, flasks & beakers. In the cockpit, puppet army minions pilot the zeppelin with retro wave synth keyboards. Bobby will fly to the top of the zeppelin for the final showdown.