Creature of the Pond

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In the deepest, most treacherous lands in Terrarium there lies a pond. The pond’s acidic waters, which make it inhabitable to average species, bubble up and make a gurgling noise throughout the day and night. The pond has a singular inhabitant, a deadly creature known as the Pyxicephalus adpersus. This creature resembles the average frog but has bumpy ridges scattered along its back.

The Pyxicephalus adpersus is an enormous monster, olive green, and a light orange stomach. The thing’s massive body reaches beyond the pond’s edges, its fat rolling over the sides. When angered, the Pyxicephalus adpersus will heave its behemoth of a body out of the pond, growl with infernal rage, and destroy the nearby foliage with uncanny ease as it lets out its boiling anger. While on land, the Pyxicephalus adpersus will dig deep into the warm, soft soil and bury itself to create a nest for its long slumbers.

Ten tall, pale knights appear out of nothingness every few sun rotations and attempt to lift the beast. Usually, the Pyxicephalus adpersus uses its two sharp, dagger-like bone fangs on its bottom jaw to viciously attack the knights, which ordinarily makes them rethink their actions. If the knights are resilient, they may succeed in their attempts to lift the massive creature out of its domain. Once lifted, the creature is transported into a clear, chamber-like pit.

The pit was created many years ago, by citizens of the knight’s town. Once the Pyxicephalus adpersus is inside the pit, the knights quickly retreat to the high edges, safe from the creature’s terror. On the edge, the knights will rain offerings down on it to prevent attacks on the village. The offerings mainly consist of a variation of insect-like organisms.
When the Pyxicephalus adspersus has devoured its fill, it will get drowsy and enter a deep sleep. In this dormant state, the knights carefully return the creature to its lair, return to their town, and prepare the offerings for the next sacrifice.

However, this is not the truth. This is just what the Pyxicephalus adspersus thinks its life is like.

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In reality, the Pyxicephalus adspersus is an male amphibian known as the African Bullfrog. The African Bullfrog is a common pet, which explains the land known as Terrarium. The pond is not acidic, but has lots of algae, which turns it green. Also, the gurgling noise is the pond’s filter.

In reality the frog is large, but has only been recorded to reach weights of up to 2.2 pounds. The devastation of the plants is the frog having an occasional temper tantrum and destroying every decoration it’s owner has worked so hard to place. The ten pale knights are actually the African Bullfrog’s owner’s fingers trying to lift him out of the terrarium and into a clear, plastic container which serves as a feeding area.

The offerings magically raining down on the frog while in the plastic container is simply just the owner using long, metal feeding tongs to drop food to him from a safe distance. Lastly, the frog entering a deep sleep is just part of the frog’s daily routine. That routine is: Eat, sleep, rage, and repeat.

The End