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THE DRAGON'S SENSES

A STUDY OF SIGHT, HEARING AND SMELL

Much has been written of the dragons **astonishing** eyesight. Our own vision is so limited by comparison, that it is hard to imagine a world as beheld by dragons. They can observe a scene many miles away in perfect focus and **possess** the facility to see the full range of colours. What human eyes **perceive** as the sun's glare appears as sharply defined to the dragon. Naturally, their night vision is also exceptional.

Dragon eyes come in every imaginable **hue** from forest-green and sky-blue, to copper, bronze and burnished gold. It is a well-documented fact that it is very likely impossible, and certainly rather foolhardy, to hold the gaze of a dragon. Its stare is so penetrating and hypnotic, that it has the effect of placing the viewer in a trance from which they are unlikely to recover.

UNEARTHLY PERCEPTION

Although not in the same league as their eyesight, a dragon's hearing and sense of smell are not to be underestimated. Dragons can discern sounds well outside the human range, and have been known to respond to courting calls over fifty miles away. Similarly, dragons can detect and decode scents carried on the wind over vast distances. Although barely understood, it is evident that dragons also possess a sixth sense. A case point would be their uncanny ability to seek out gold and precious stones hidden from view.