

LEPRECHAUN

aka **LEITHBRAGAN, LUGHARCAN, LUPRACAN,**
LEIPREACHAN

Stop anyone on the street and ask them to describe a leprechaun and they will undoubtedly conjure the image of a youthful sprite flocked in green skipping and dancing among the shamrocks, giggling and singing as it taunts you, challenging you to discover the location of his hidden treasure. Thank Lucky Charms and their mascot, Lucky, for propagating this stereotype for nearly 60 years.

They are wrong.

Considered a 'solitary faerie', the leprechaun stands in a class by itself, removed from the tribe of elves, sprites, and nymphs, and granted a category all its own. 'Leipreachan' is the designation given to the elder of an ancient, magical race known for their ability to detect and recover the buried treasures of long-gone races, gold once secreted away in ages past. So wealthy are these curious creatures that they do not horde these riches at all but are occasionally keen to use them to tempt the greedy natures of humans they may come in contact with. Playful, the leprechaun maybe in fact position a treasure at the 'end of a rainbow' after concocting an amusing (to him) quest for the hapless humans to suss out.

Though aged in appearance, the magical leprechaun is both sly and spry and can perform feats of physical wonder and acrobatic tricks. Bearded, his eyes, though old, twinkle with the sparkle of youth. He is a dapper dresser, wearing fine garments and taking, obviously, some pride in his standing; fine cloth shirts, a gold-buttoned vest, gold buckles. He traditionally wears a cocked-hat and has been known dance about it, to tip it on its end, balancing by a finger with heels in the air, upon its point.

The leprechaun stands nearly three feet tall — a small person — and is adept at being unseen, disappearing into a crowd in an instant. He generally sports a large bushy beard (like some artists I know) and comports himself in a civil and unassuming manner.

NOTES

Our own Entua/BEDLAM interactions with Leprechaun Fergus Mac Kenn found in separate file — BC:Pns5 — currently classified for location.

Region of origin; The Emerald Isles/Ireland, now traveled worldwide.

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