

Shape Change

Shape change comes in a variety of forms, including [druid](#) shape change, lycanthrope shape change, and the *shape change* spell. They vary in nature, and are not the same as [polymorph](#) (e.g. *polymorph*, *polymorph self*, *monster polymorph*).

Dying when shape changed

See [Death](#).

Creatures struck only by magic weapons

Being shape changed into a monster bypasses the “This does not apply to characters of any sort” line on DMG 75. Shape changing into a monster of sufficient HD will allow striking monsters that can only be hit by weapons with the corresponding plusses. ¹⁾

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We believe that line is intended to indicate that characters do not get the power simply by having a level corresponding to the indicated HD thresholds. ((This ruling also allows druids (and other characters) to fight while shape-changed more often, which is cooler.

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