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XANATHAR

Large aberration, lawful evil

Armor Class 18 (natural armor)

Hit Points 180 (19d10 +76)

Speed 0 ft., fly 20 ft. (hover)

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
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| 10 (+0) | 14 (+2) | 18 (+4) | 17 (+3) | 15 (+2) | 17 (+3) |
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Saving throws Int +8, Wis +7, Cha +8

Skills Perception +12

Damage resistances Force (*ring of resistance*)

Condition Immunities prone

Senses Darkvision 120 ft., Passive Perception 22

Languages Deep Speech, Undercommon

Challenge 13 (10,000 XP)

Antimagic Cone. The beholder's central eye creates an area of antimagic, as in the antimagic field spell, in a 150-foot-cone. At the start of each of its turns, the beholder decides which way the cone faces and whether the cone is active. The area works against the beholder's own eye rays.

Ring of Mind Shielding. Xanathar is immune to magic that allows other creatures to read its thoughts, determine whether it is lying, know your alignment or know your creature type.

Actions

Bite. Melee Weapon Attack: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 14 (4d6) piercing damage.

Ring of Invisibility. Xanathar can turn invisible as an action. It remains invisible until the ring is removed or until it attacks, casts a spell, or uses a bonus action to become visible again. **Eye Rays.** The beholder shoots three of the following magical eye rays at random (reroll duplicates), choosing one to three targets it can see within 120 feet of it:

1. **Charm Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 16 Wisdom saving throw or be charmed by the beholder for 1 hour, or until the beholder harms the creature.

2. **Paralyzing Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 16 Constitution saving throw or be paralyzed for 1 minute. The target can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns, ending the effect on itself on a success.

3. **Fear Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 16 Wisdom saving throw or be frightened for 1 minute. The target can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns, ending the effect on itself on a success.

4. **Slowing Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 16 Dexterity saving throw. On a failed save, the target's speed is halved for 1 minute. In addition, the creature can't take reactions, and it can take either an action or a bonus action on its turn, not both. The creature can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns, ending the effect on itself on a success.

5. **Enervation Ray.** The targeted creature must make a DC 16 Constitution saving throw, taking 36 (8d8) necrotic damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

6. **Telekinetic Ray.** If the target is a creature, it must succeed on a DC 16 Strength saving throw or the beholder moves it up to 30 feet in any direction. It is restrained by the ray's telekinetic grip until the start of the beholder's next turn or until the beholder is incapacitated. If the target is an object weighing 300 pounds or less that isn't being worn or carried, it is moved up to 30 feet in any direction. The beholder can also exert fine control on objects with this ray, such as manipulating a simple tool or opening a door or a container.

7. **Sleep Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 16 Wisdom saving throw or fall asleep and remain unconscious for 1 minute. The target awakens if it takes damage or another creature takes an action to wake it. This ray has no effect on constructs and undead.

8. **Petrification Ray.** The targeted creature must make a DC 16 Dexterity saving throw. On a failed save, the creature begins to turn to stone and is restrained. It must repeat the saving throw at the end of its next turn. On a success, the effect ends. On a failure, the creature is petrified until freed by the greater restoration spell or other magic.

9. **Disintegration Ray.** If the target is a creature, it must succeed on a DC 16 Dexterity saving throw or take 45 (10d8) force damage. If this damage reduces the creature to 0 hit points, its body becomes a pile of fine gray dust. If the target is a Large or smaller nonmagical object or creation of magical force, it is disintegrated without a saving throw. If the target is a Huge or larger object or creation of magical force, this ray disintegrates a 10-foot cube of it.

10. **Death Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 16 Dexterity saving throw or take 55 (10d10) necrotic damage. The target dies if the ray reduces it to 0 hit points.

Legendary Actions

The beholder can take 3 legendary actions, using the Eye Ray option below. It can take only one legendary action at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. The beholder regains spent legendary actions at the start of its turn.

Eye Ray. The beholder uses one random eye ray.

Lair Actions

On initiative count 20 (losing initiative ties), the beholder can take one lair action to cause one of the following effects:

1. A 50-foot square area of ground within 120 feet of the beholder becomes slimy; that area is difficult terrain until initiative count 20 on the next round.

2. Walls within 120 feet of the beholder sprout grasping appendages until initiative count 20 on the round after next. Each creature of the beholder's choice that starts its turn within 10 feet of such a wall must succeed on a DC 15 Dexterity saving throw or be grappled. Escaping requires a successful DC 15 Strength (Athletics) or Dexterity (Acrobatics) check.

3. An eye opens on a solid surface within 60 feet of the beholder. One random eye ray of the beholder shoots from that eye at a target of the beholder's choice that it can see. The eye then closes and disappears. The beholder can't repeat an effect until they have all been used, and it can't use the same effect two rounds in a row.

NOSKA UR'GRAY (THUG)

Medium humanoid (dwarf), neutral evil

Armor Class 11 (leather armor)
Hit Points 32 (5d8 + 10)
Speed 25 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 15 (+2) | 11 (+0) | 14 (+2) | 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 11 (+0) |

Skills Intimidation +2
Damage resistances Poison
Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 10
Languages Common and Dwarvish
Challenge 1/2 (100 XP)

Dwarven Resilience. The thug has advantage on saving throws against being poisoned.

Pack Tactics. The thug has advantage on an attack roll against a creature if at least one of the thug's allies is within 5 ft. of the creature and the ally isn't incapacitated.

Actions

Multiattack. The thug makes two melee attacks.

Mace. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) bludgeoning damage.

Heavy Crossbow. *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +2 to hit, range 100/400 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d10) piercing damage.

THUG

Medium humanoid (any race), any non-good

Armor Class 11 (leather armor)
Hit Points 32 (5d8 + 10)
Speed 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 15 (+2) | 11 (+0) | 14 (+2) | 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 11 (+0) |

Skills Intimidation +2
Senses passive Perception 10
Languages Any one language (usually common)
Challenge 1/2 (100 XP)

Pack Tactics. The thug has advantage on an attack roll against a creature if at least one of the thug's allies is within 5 ft. of the creature and the ally isn't incapacitated.

Actions

Multiattack. The thug makes two melee attacks.

Mace. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) bludgeoning damage.

Heavy Crossbow. *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +2 to hit, range 100/400 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d10) piercing damage.

BEHOLDER ZOMBIE

*Size, Alignment***Armor Class** 15 (natural armor)**Hit Points** 93 (11d10 + 33)**Speed** 20 ft. (hover), walk 0 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| 10 (+0) | 8 (-1) | 16 (+3) | 3 (-4) | 8 (-1) | 5 (-3) |

Saving Throws Wis +2**Damage Immunities** Poison**Condition Immunities** Poisoned**Senses** Darkvision 60 ft., Passive Perception 9**Languages** Deep Speech, Undercommon (understands but can't speak)**Challenge Rating** 5 (1,800 XP)

Undead Fortitude. If damage reduces the zombie to 0 hit points, it must make a Constitution saving throw with a DC of 5 + the damage taken, unless the damage is radiant or from a critical hit. On a success, the zombie drops to 1 hit point instead.

Actions

Bite. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +3 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 14 (4d6) piercing damage.

Eye Ray. The zombie uses a random magical eye ray, choosing a target that it can see within 60 feet of it.

1. **Paralyzing Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 14 Constitution saving throw or be paralyzed for 1 minute. The target can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns, ending the effect on itself on a success.

2. **Fear Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 14 Wisdom saving throw or be frightened for 1 minute. The target can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns, ending the effect on itself on a success.

3. **Enervation Ray.** The targeted creature must make a DC 14 Constitution saving throw, taking 36 (8d8) necrotic damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

4. **Disintegration Ray.** If the target is a creature, it must succeed on a DC 14 Dexterity saving throw or take 45 (10d8) force damage. If this damage reduces the creature to 0 hit points, its body becomes a pile of fine gray dust.

If the target is a Large or smaller nonmagical object or creation of magical force, it is disintegrated without a saving throw. If the target is a Huge or larger nonmagical object or creation of magical force, this ray disintegrates a 10-foot cube of it.

GAS SPORE

*Large plant, unaligned***Armor Class** 5**Hit Points** 1 (1d10-4)**Speed** fly 10 ft. (hover)

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 5 (-3) | 1 (-5) | 3 (-4) | 1 (-5) | 1 (-5) | 1 (-5) |

Damage Immunities Poison**Condition Immunities** Blinded, Deafened, Frightened, Paralyzed, Poisoned, Prone**Senses** Blindsight 30 ft. (blind beyond this radius), Passive Perception 5**Languages** —**Challenge** 1/2 (100 XP)

Death Burst. The gas spore explodes when it drops to 0 hit points. Each creature within 20 feet of it must succeed on a DC 15 Constitution saving throw or take 10 (3d6) poison damage and become infected with a disease on a failed save. Creatures immune to the poisoned condition are immune to this disease.

Spores invade an infected creature's system, killing the creature in a number of hours equal to 1d12 + the creature's Constitution score, unless the disease is removed. In half that time, the creature becomes poisoned for the rest of the duration. After the creature dies, it sprouts 2d4 Tiny gas spores that grow to full size in 7 days.

Eerie Resemblance. The gas spore resembles a beholder. A creature that can see the gas spore can discern its true nature with a successful DC 15 Intelligence (Nature) check.

Actions

Touch. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +0 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 1 poison damage, and the creature must succeed on a DC 10 Constitution saving throw or become infected with the disease described in the Death Burst trait.

ANIMATED ARMOR

Medium construct, unaligned

Armor Class 18 (natural armor)

Hit Points 33 (6d8 + 6)

Speed 25 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
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|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| 14 (+2) | 11 (+0) | 13 (+1) | 1 (–5) | 3 (–4) | 1 (–5) |
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Damage Immunities poison, psychic

Condition Immunities blinded, charmed, deafened, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified, poisoned

Senses blindsight 60 ft. (blind beyond this radius), passive Perception 6

Languages —

Challenge 1 (200 XP)

Antimagic Susceptibility. The armor is incapacitated while in the area of an antimagic field. If targeted by dispel magic, the armor must succeed on a Constitution saving throw against the caster's spell save DC or fall unconscious for 1 minute.

False Appearance. While the armor remains motionless, it is indistinguishable from a normal suit of armor.

Actions

Multiattack. The armor makes two melee attacks.

Slam. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) bludgeoning damage.

AHMAERGO

Medium humanoid (dwarf), lawful evil

Armor Class 18 (plate)
Hit Points 143 (22d8 + 44)
Speed 25 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 20 (+5) | 15 (+2) | 14 (+2) | 15 (+2) | 14 (+2) | 12 (+1) |

Saving throws Str +9, Con +6
Skills Athletics +9, Intimidation +5, Perception +6
Damage resistances Poison
Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 16
Languages Common, Dwarvish, Undercommon
Challenge 9 (5,000 XP)

Dwarven Resilience. Ahmaergo has advantage on saving throws against being poisoned.

Indomitable (2/Day). Ahmaergo can reroll a saving throw that he fails. He must use the new roll.

Second Wind (Recharges after a Short or Long Rest). As a bonus action, Ahmaergo can regain 20 hp.

Actions

Multiattack. Ahmaergo makes three attacks with his greataxe.

Greataxe. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +9 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 11 (1d12 + 5) slashing damage, plus 7 (2d6) slashing damage if Ahmaergo has more than half his hit points remaining.

Heavy Crossbow. *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, range 100/400 ft., one target. *Hit:* 7 (1d10 + 2) piercing damage.

BANDIT

Medium humanoid (any race), any non-lawful

Armor Class 12
Hit Points 11 (2d8 + 2)
Speed 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 11 (+0) | 12 (+1) | 12 (+1) | 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) |

Senses passive Perception 10
Languages Any one language (usually common)
Challenge 1/8 (25 XP)

Actions

Scimitar. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +3 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 4 (1d6 + 1) slashing damage.

Light Crossbow. *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +3 to hit, range 80/320 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d8+1) piercing damage.

BUGBEAR

Medium humanoid (goblinoid), chaotic evil

Armor Class 16
Hit Points 27 (5d8 + 5)
Speed 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 15 (+2) | 14 (+2) | 13 (+1) | 8 (-1) | 11 (+0) | 9 (-1) |

Skills Stealth +6, Survival +2
Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 10
Languages Common, Goblin
Challenge 1 (200 XP)

Brute. A melee weapon deals one extra die of its damage when the bugbear hits with it (included in the attack).

Surprise Attack. If the bugbear surprises a creature and hits it with an attack during the first round of combat, the target takes an extra 7 (2d6) damage from the attack.

Actions

Morningstar. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 11 (2d8 + 2) piercing damage.

Javelin. *Melee or Ranged Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft. or range 30/120 ft., one target. *Hit:* 9 (2d6 + 2) piercing damage in melee or 5 (1d6 + 2) piercing damage at range.

GOBLIN

Small humanoid (goblinoid), neutral evil

Armor Class 15
Hit Points 7 (2d6 + 0)
Speed 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
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| 8 (-1) | 14 (+2) | 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 8 (-1) | 8 (-1) |

Skills Stealth +6
Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 9
Languages Common, Goblin
Challenge 1/4 (50 XP)

Nimble Escape. The goblin can take the Disengage or Hide action as a bonus action on each of its turns.

Actions

Scimitar. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) slashing damage.

Shortbow. *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, range 80/320 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) piercing damage.

MINOTAUR

Large monstrosity, chaotic evil

Armor Class 14 (natural armor)

Hit Points 76 (9d10 + 27)

Speed 40 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 18 (+4) | 11 (+0) | 16 (+3) | 6 (–2) | 16 (+3) | 9 (–1) |

Skills Perception +7

Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 17

Languages Abyssal

Challenge 3 (700 XP)

Charge. If the minotaur moves at least 10 ft. straight toward a target and then hits it with a gore attack on the same turn, the target takes an extra 9 (2d8) piercing damage. If the target is a creature, it must succeed on a DC 14 Strength saving throw or be pushed up to 10 ft. away and knocked prone.

Labyrinthine Recall. The minotaur can perfectly recall any path it has traveled.

Reckless. At the start of its turn, the minotaur can gain advantage on all melee weapon attack rolls it makes during that turn, but attack rolls against it have advantage until the start of its next turn.

Actions

Greataxe. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 17 (2d12 + 4) slashing damage.

Gore. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 13 (2d8 + 4) piercing damage.

OROG

Medium humanoid (orc), chaotic evil

Armor Class 18 (plate)

Hit Points 42 (5d8 + 20)

Speed 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
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| 18 (+4) | 12 (+1) | 18 (+4) | 12 (+1) | 11 (+0) | 12 (+1) |

Skills Intimidation +5, Survival +2

Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 10

Languages Common, Orc

Challenge 2 (450 XP)

Aggressive. As a bonus action, the orog can move up to its speed toward a hostile creature that it can see.

Actions

Multiattack. The orog makes two greataxe attacks.

Greataxe. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 10 (1d12 + 4) slashing damage.

Javelin. *Melee or Ranged Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft. or range 30/120 ft. *Hit:* 7 (1d6 + 4) piercing damage.

HALF-OGRE

Large giant, any chaotic alignment

Armor Class 12 (hide armor)

Hit Points 30 (4d10 + 8)

Speed 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| 17 (+3) | 10 (+0) | 14 (+2) | 7 (–2) | 9 (–1) | 10 (+0) |

Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 17

Languages Common, Giant

Challenge 1 (200 XP)

Actions

Battleaxe. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 12 (2d8 + 3) slashing damage, or 14 (2d10 + 3) slashing damage if used with two hands.

Gore. *Melee or Ranged Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, reach 5 ft. or range 30/120 ft. *Hit:* 10 (2d6 + 3) piercing damage.

BARD

Medium humanoid (human), any alignment

Armor Class 15 (chain shirt)

Hit Points 44 (8d8 + 8)

Speed 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
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| 11 (+0) | 14 (+2) | 12 (+1) | 10 (+2) | 13 (+1) | 14 (+2) |
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Saving throws Dex +4, Wis +3

Skills Acrobatics +4, Perception +5, Performance +6

Senses passive Perception 15

Languages Any two languages

Challenge 3 (700 XP)

Spellcasting. The bard is a 4th-level spellcaster. Its spellcasting ability is Charisma (spell save DC 12, +4 to hit with spell attacks). It has the following bard spells prepared:

Cantrips (at will): *friends*, *mage hand*, *vicious mockery*

1st level (4 slots): *charm person*, *healing word*, *heroism*, *sleep*, *thunderwave*

2nd level (3 slots): *invisibility*, *shatter*

Song of Rest. The bard can perform a song while taking a short rest. Any ally who hears the song regains an extra 1d6 hit points if it spends any Hit Dice to regain hit points at the end of that rest. The bard can confer this benefit on itself as well.

Taunt (2/day). The bard can use a bonus action on its turn to target one creature within 30 feet of it. If the target can hear the bard, the target must succeed on a DC 12 Charisma saving throw or have disadvantage on ability checks, attack rolls, and saving throws until the start of the bard's next turn.

Actions

Shortsword. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) piercing damage.

Shortbow. *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, range 80/320 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) piercing damage.

SWASHBUCKLER

Medium humanoid (human), any non-lawful

Armor Class 17 (leather armor)

Hit Points 66 (12d8 + 12)

Speed 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
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| 12 (+1) | 18 (+4) | 12 (+1) | 14 (+2) | 11 (+0) | 15 (+2) |
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Skills Acrobatics +8, Athletics +5, Persuasion +6

Senses passive Perception 10

Languages Any one language

Challenge 3 (700 XP)

Lightfooted. The swashbuckler can take the Dash or Disengage action as a bonus action on each of its turns.

Suave Defense. While the swashbuckler is wearing light or no armor and wielding no shield, its AC includes its Charisma modifier.

Actions

Multiattack. The swashbuckler makes three attacks: one with a dagger and two with its rapier.

Dagger. *Melee or Ranged Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft. or range 20/60 ft., one target. *Hit:* 6 (1d4 + 4) piercing damage.

Rapier. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 8 (1d8 + 4) piercing damage.

NOBLE

Medium humanoid (human), any alignment

Armor Class 15 (breastplate)

Hit Points 9 (2d8)

Speed 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
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| 11 (+0) | 12 (+1) | 11 (+0) | 12 (+1) | 14 (+2) | 16 (+3) |
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Skills Deception +5, Insight +4, Persuasion +5

Senses passive Perception 12

Languages Any two languages

Challenge 1/8 (25 XP)

Actions

Rapier. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +3 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d8 + 1) piercing damage.

Reactions

Parry. The noble adds 2 to its AC against one melee attack that would hit it. To do so, the noble must see the attacker and be wielding a melee weapon.

DROW

*Medium humanoid (elf), neutral evil***Armor Class** 15 (chain shirt)**Hit Points** 13 (3d8)**Speed** 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 10 (+0) | 14 (+2) | 10 (+0) | 11 (+0) | 11 (+0) | 12 (+1) |

Skills Perception +2, Stealth +4**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 12**Languages** Elvish, Undercommon**Challenge** 1/4 (50 XP)**Fey Ancestry.** The drow has advantage on saving throws against being charmed, and magic can't put the drow to sleep.**Innate Spellcasting.** The drow's spellcasting ability is Charisma (spell save DC 11). It can innately cast the following spells, requiring no material components: At will: dancing lights 1/day each: darkness, faerie fire**Sunlight Sensitivity.** While in sunlight, the drow has disadvantage on attack rolls, as well as on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on sight.

Actions

Shortsword. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft.. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) piercing damage.**Hand Crossbow.** *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, range 30/120 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) piercing damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 13 Constitution saving throw or be poisoned for 1 hour. If the saving throw fails by 5 or more, the target is also unconscious while poisoned in this way. The target wakes up if it takes damage or if another creature takes an action to shake it awake.

SAMARA STRONGBONES

*Small humanoid (halfling), chaotic evil***Armor Class** 12**Hit Points** 27 (6d8)**Speed** 25 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 10 (+0) | 15 (+2) | 10 (+0) | 12 (+1) | 14 (+2) | 16 (+3) |

Skills Deception +5, Insight +4, Investigation +5, Perception +6, Persuasion +5, Stealth +4**Senses** passive Perception 16**Languages** Any two languages**Challenge** 1 (200 XP)**Halfling Nimbleness.** Samara can move through the space of a Medium or larger creature.**Brave.** Samara has advantage on saving throws against being frightened.**Cunning Action.** On each of its turns, the spy can use a bonus action to take the Dash, Disengage, or Hide action.**Sneak Attack (1/Turn).** The spy deals an extra 7 (2d6) damage when it hits a target with a weapon attack and has advantage on the attack roll, or when the target is within 5 ft. of an ally of the spy that isn't incapacitated and the spy doesn't have disadvantage on the attack roll.

Actions

Multiattack. Samara makes two melee attacks.**Shortsword.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) piercing damage.**Hand Crossbow.** *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, range 30/120 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) piercing damage.

ETTIN

*Large giant, chaotic evil***Armor Class** 12 (natural armor)**Hit Points** 85 (10d10 + 30)**Speed** 40 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 21 (+5) | 8 (–1) | 17 (+3) | 6 (–2) | 10 (+0) | 8 (–1) |

Skills Perception +4**Senses** darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 14**Languages** Giant, Orc**Challenge** 4 (1100 XP)**Two Heads.** The ettin has advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks and on saving throws against being blinded, charmed, deafened, frightened, stunned, and knocked unconscious.**Wakeful.** When one of the ettin's heads is asleep, its other head is awake.

Actions

Multiattack. The ettin makes two attacks: one with its battleaxe and one with its morningstar.**Battleaxe.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 14 (2d8 + 5) slashing damage.**Morningstar.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 14 (2d8 + 5) piercing damage.

DEEP GNOME

*Small humanoid (gnome), neutral good***Armor Class** 15 (chain shirt)**Hit Points** 16 (3d6 + 6)**Speed** 20 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| 15 (+2) | 14 (+2) | 14 (+2) | 12 (+1) | 10 (+0) | 9 (-1) |

Skills Investigation +3, Perception +2, Stealth +4**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 12**Languages** Gnomish, Terran, Undercommon**Challenge** 1/2 (100 XP)**Stone Camouflage.** The gnome has advantage on Dexterity (Stealth) checks made to hide in rocky terrain.**Gnome Cunning.** The gnome has advantage on Intelligence, Wisdom, and Charisma saving throws against magic.**Innate Spellcasting.** The gnome's innate spellcasting ability is Intelligence (spell save DC 11). It can innately cast the following spells, requiring no material components:At will: *nondetection* (self only)1/day each: *blindness/deafness*, *blur*, *disguise self*

Actions

War Pick. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 6 (1d8 + 2) piercing damage.**Poisoned Dart.** *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, range 30/120 ft. *Hit:* 4 (1d4 + 2) piercing damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 12 Constitution saving throw or be poisoned for 1 minute. The target can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns, ending the effect on itself on a success.

RUST MONSTER

*Medium monstrosity, unaligned***Armor Class** 14**Hit Points** 27 (5d8 + 5)**Speed** 40 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 13 (+1) | 12 (+1) | 13 (+1) | 2 (-4) | 13 (+1) | 6 (-2) |

Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 11**Languages** —**Challenge** 1/2 (100 XP)**Iron Scent.** The rust monster can pinpoint, by scent, the location of ferrous metal within 30 feet of it.**Rust Metal.** Any nonmagical weapon made of metal that hits the rust monster corrodes. After dealing damage, the weapon takes a permanent and cumulative -1 penalty to damage rolls. If its penalty drops to -5, the weapon is destroyed. Non magical ammunition made of metal that hits the rust monster is destroyed after dealing damage.

Actions

Bite. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +3 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d8 + 1) piercing damage.**Antennae.** The rust monster corrodes a nonmagical ferrous metal object it can see within 5 feet of it. If the object isn't being worn or carried, the touch destroys a 1-foot cube of it. If the object is being worn or carried by a creature, the creature can make a DC 11 Dexterity saving throw to avoid the rust monster's touch.

If the object touched is either metal armor or a metal shield being worn or carried, it takes a permanent and cumulative -1 penalty to the AC it offers. Armor reduced to an AC of 10 or a shield that drops to a +0 bonus is destroyed. If the object touched is a held metal weapon, it rusts as described in the Rust Metal trait.

MINOTAUR SKELETON

*Large undead, lawful evil***Armor Class** 12**Hit Points** 67 (9d10 + 18)**Speed** 40 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| 18 (+4) | 11 (+0) | 15 (+2) | 6 (-2) | 8 (-1) | 5 (-3) |

Damage Vulnerabilities bludgeoning**Damage Immunities** poison**Condition Immunities** exhaustion, poisoned**Senses** darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 9**Languages** Understands abyssal but can't speak
Challenge 2 (450 XP)**Charge.** If the skeleton moves at least 10 feet straight toward a target and then hits it with a gore attack on the same turn, the target takes an extra 9 (2d8) piercing damage. If the target is a creature, it must succeed on a DC 14 Strength saving throw or be pushed up to 10 feet away and knocked prone.

Actions

Greataxe. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 17 (2d12 + 4) slashing damage.**Gore.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 13 (2d8 + 4) piercing damage.

THORVIN TWINBEARD

Medium humanoid (dwarf), lawful neutral

Armor Class 10
Hit Points 4 (1d8 + 0)
Speed 25 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 16 (+3) | 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) |

Damage resistances Poison
Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 10
Languages Common, dwarven
Challenge 0 (10 XP)

Dwarven Resilience. Thorvin has advantage on saving throws against being poisoned.

Actions

Club. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +2 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 2 (1d4) bludgeoning damage.

APPRENTICE WIZARD

Medium humanoid (dwarf), neutral

Armor Class 10
Hit Points 9 (2d8 + 0)
Speed 25 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 14 (+2) | 10 (+0) | 11 (+0) |

Skills Arcana +4, History +4
Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 10
Languages Common, Dwarvish
Challenge 1/4 (50 XP)

Dwarven Resilience. The apprentice wizard has advantage on saving throws against being poisoned.

Spellcasting. The apprentice wizard is a 1st-level spellcaster. Grum'shar's spellcasting ability is Intelligence (spell save DC 12, +4 to hit with spell attacks). Grum'shar has the following wizard spells prepared:

Cantrip (at will): *fire bolt*, *mending*, *prestidigitation*
 1st level (2 slots): *burning hands*, *disguise self*, *shield*

Actions

Dagger. *Melee or Ranged Weapon Attack:* +2 to hit, reach 5 ft. or range 20/60 ft. *Hit:* 2 (1d4) piercing damage.

GAZER

Tiny aberration, neutral evil

Armor Class 13
Hit Points 13 (3d4 + 6)
Speed 0 ft., fly 30 ft. (hover)

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 3 (-4) | 17 (+3) | 14 (+2) | 3 (-4) | 10 (+0) | 7 (-2) |

Saving throws Wis +2
Skills Perception +4, Stealth +5
Condition Immunities Prone
Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 14
Languages —
Challenge 1/2 (100 XP)

Aggressive. As a bonus action, the gazer can move up to its speed toward a hostile creature that it can see.

Mimicry. The gazer can mimic simple sounds of speech it has heard, in any language. A creature that hears the sounds can tell they are imitations with a successful DC 10 Wisdom (Insight) check.

Actions

Bite. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 1 piercing damage.

Eye Rays. The gazer shoots two of the following magical eye rays at random (reroll duplicates), choosing one or two targets it can see within 60 feet of it:

1. **Dazing Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 12 Wisdom saving throw or be charmed until the start of the gazer's next turn. While the target is charmed in this way, its speed is halved, and it has disadvantage on attack rolls.
2. **Fear Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 12 Wisdom saving throw or be frightened until the start of the gazer's next turn.
3. **Frost Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 12 Dexterity saving throw or take 10 (3d6) cold damage.
4. **Telekinetic Ray.** If the target is a creature that is Medium or smaller, it must succeed on a DC 12 Strength saving throw or be moved up to 30 feet directly away from the gazer. If the target is an object weighing 10 pounds or less that isn't being worn or carried, the gazer moves it up to 30 feet in any direction. The gazer can also exert fine control on objects with this ray, such as manipulating a simple tool or opening a container.

NAR'L XIBRINDAS

*Medium humanoid (elf), neutral evil***Armor Class** 12 (15 with *mage armor*)**Hit Points** 45 (10d8)**Speed** 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 9 (-1) | 14 (+2) | 10 (+0) | 17 (+3) | 13 (+1) | 12 (+1) |

Skills Arcana +6, Deception +5, Perception +4, Stealth +5**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 14**Languages** Elvish, Undercommon**Challenge** 7 (2,900 xp)**Fey Ancestry.** The drow has advantage on saving throws against being charmed, and magic can't put the drow to sleep.**Innate Spellcasting.** The drow's spellcasting ability is Charisma (spell save DC 11). It can innately cast the following spells, requiring no material components:At will: *dancing lights*1/day each: *darkness*, *faerie fire*, *levitate* (self only)**Spellcasting.** The drow is a 10th-level spellcaster. Its spellcasting ability is Intelligence (spell save DC 14, +6 to hit with spell attacks). The drow has the following wizard spells prepared:Cantrips (at will): *mage hand*, *minor illusion*, *poison spray*, *ray of frost*1st level (4 slots): *mage armor*, *magic missile*, *shield*, *witch bolt*2nd level (3 slots): *alter self*, *misty step*, *web*3rd level (3 slots): *fly*, *lightning bolt*4th level (3 slots): *Evard's black tentacles*, *greater invisibility*5th level (2 slots): *cloudkill***Sunlight Sensitivity.** While in sunlight, the drow has disadvantage on attack rolls, as well as on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on sight.

Actions

Staff. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +2 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 2 (1d6 – 1) bludgeoning damage, or 3 (1d8 – 1) bludgeoning damage if used with two hands, plus 3 (1d6) poison damage.**Summon Demon (1/Day).** The drow magically summons a quasit, or attempts to summon a shadow demon with a 50 percent chance of success. The summoned demon appears in an unoccupied space within 60 feet of its summoner, acts as an ally of its summoner, and can't summon other demons. It remains for 10 minutes, until it or its summoner dies, or until its summoner dismisses it as an action.

GRELL

*Medium aberration, neutral evil***Armor Class** 12**Hit Points** 55 (10d8 + 10)**Speed** 10 ft., fly 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| 15 (+2) | 14 (+2) | 13 (+1) | 12 (+1) | 11 (+0) | 9 (-1) |

Skills Perception +4, Stealth +6**Damage resistances** lightning**Condition Immunities** blinded, prone**Senses** Blindsight 60 ft. (blind beyond this radius), passive Perception 14**Languages** Grell**Challenge** 3 (700 XP)

Actions

Multiattack. The grell makes two attacks: one with its tentacles and one with its beak.**Tentacles.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 10 ft., one creature. *Hit:* 7 (1d10 + 2) piercing damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 11 Constitution saving throw or be poisoned for 1 minute. The poisoned target is paralyzed, and it can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns, ending the effect on a success.

The target is also grappled (escape DC 15). If the target is Medium or smaller, it is also restrained until this grapple ends. While grappling the target, the grell has advantage on attack rolls against it and can't use this attack against other targets. When the grell moves, any Medium or smaller target it is grappling moves with it.

Beak. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 7 (2d4 + 2) piercing damage

DUERGAR

Medium humanoid (dwarf), lawful evil

Armor Class 16
Hit Points 26 (4d8 + 8)
Speed 25 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| 14 (+2) | 11 (+0) | 14 (+2) | 11 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 9 (-1) |

Damage Resistances poison
Senses darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 10
Languages Dwarvish, Undercommon
Challenge 1 (200 XP)

Duergar Resilience. The duergar has advantage on saving throws against poison, spells, and illusions, as well as to resist being charmed or paralyzed.

Sunlight Sensitivity. While in sunlight, the duergar has disadvantage on attack rolls, as well as on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on sight.

Actions

Enlarge (Recharges after a Short or Long Rest). For 1 minute, the duergar magically increases in size, along with anything it is wearing or carrying. While enlarged, the duergar is Large, doubles its damage dice on Strength-based weapon attacks (included in the attacks), and makes Strength checks and Strength saving throws with advantage. If the duergar lacks the room to become Large, it attains the maximum size possible in the space available.

War Pick. Melee Weapon Attack: +4 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 6 (1d8 + 2) piercing damage, or 11 (2d8 + 2) piercing damage while enlarged.

Javelin. Melee or Ranged Weapon Attack: +4 to hit, reach 5 ft. or range 30/120 ft., one target. Hit: 5 (1d6 + 2) piercing damage, or 9 (2d6 + 2) piercing damage while enlarged.

Invisibility (Recharges after a Short or Long Rest). The duergar magically turns invisible until it attacks, casts a spell, or uses its Enlarge, or until its concentration is broken, up to 1 hour (as if concentrating on a spell). Any equipment the duergar wears or carries is invisible with it.

OTT STEELTOES

Medium humanoid (dwarf), chaotic evil

Armor Class 12 (leather armor)
Hit Points 9 (2d8)
Speed 25 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| 11 (+0) | 12 (+1) | 10 (+0) | 6 (-2) | 11 (+0) | 10 (+0) |

Skills Deception +2, Religion +0
Damage Resistances poison
Senses passive Perception 10
Languages Common and Dwarvish
Challenge 1/8 (25 XP)

Dark Devotion. The cultist has advantage on saving throws against being charmed or frightened.

Dwarven Resilience. Ott Steeltoes has advantage on saving throws against being poisoned.

Actions

Scimitar. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +3 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 4 (1d6 + 1) slashing damage.

KUO-TOA

*Medium humanoid (kuo-toa), neutral evil***Armor Class** 13 (natural armor, shield)**Hit Points** 18 (4d8)**Speed** 30 ft., swim 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| 13 (+1) | 10 (+0) | 11 (+0) | 11 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 8 (–1) |

Skills Perception +4**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 14**Languages** Undercommon**Challenge** 1/4 (50 XP)**Amphibious.** The kuo-toa can breathe air and water.**Otherworldly Perception.** The kuo-toa can sense the presence of any creature within 30 feet of it that is invisible or on the Ethereal Plane. It can pinpoint such a creature that is moving.**Slippery.** The kuo-toa has advantage on ability checks and saving throws made to escape a grapple.**Sunlight Sensitivity.** While in sunlight, the kuo-toa has disadvantage on attack rolls, as well as on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on sight.

Actions

Bite. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +3 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 3 (1d4 + 1) piercing damage.**Spear.** *Melee or Ranged Weapon Attack:* +3 to hit, reach 5 ft. or range 20/60 ft. *Hit:* 4 (1d6 + 1) piercing damage, or 5 (1d8 + 1) piercing damage if used with two hands to make a melee attack.**Net.** *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +3 to hit, range 5/15 ft., one Large or smaller creature. *Hit:* The target is restrained. A creature can use its action to make a DC 10 Strength check to free itself or another creature in a net, ending the effect on a success. Dealing 5 slashing damage to the net (AC 10) frees the target without harming it and destroys the net.

Reaction

Sticky Shield. When a creature misses the kuo-toa with a melee weapon attack, the kuo-toa uses its sticky shield to catch the weapon. The attacker must succeed on a DC 11 Strength saving throw, or the weapon becomes stuck to the kuo-toa's shield. If the weapon's wielder can't or won't let go of the weapon, the wielder is grappled while the weapon is stuck. While stuck, the weapon can't be used. A creature can pull the weapon free by taking an action to make a DC 11 Strength check and succeeding.

KUO-TOA WHIP

*Medium humanoid (kuo-toa), neutral evil***Armor Class** 11 (natural armor)**Hit Points** 65 (10d8 + 20)**Speed** 30 ft., swim 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 14 (+2) | 10 (+0) | 14 (+2) | 12 (+1) | 14 (+2) | 11 (+0) |

Skills Perception +6, Religion +4**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 16**Languages** Undercommon**Challenge** 1 (200 XP)**Amphibious.** The kuo-toa can breathe air and water.**Otherworldly Perception.** The kuo-toa can sense the presence of any creature within 30 feet of it that is invisible or on the Ethereal Plane. It can pinpoint such a creature that is moving.**Slippery.** The kuo-toa has advantage on ability checks and saving throws made to escape a grapple.**Sunlight Sensitivity.** While in sunlight, the kuo-toa has disadvantage on attack rolls, as well as on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on sight.**Spellcasting.** The kuo-toa is a 2nd-level spellcaster. Its spellcasting ability is Wisdom (spell save DC 12, +4 to hit with spell attacks). The kuo-toa has the following cleric spells prepared:Cantrips (at will): *sacred flame*, *thaumaturgy*1st level (3 slots): *bane*, *shield of faith*

Actions

Multiattack. The kuo-toa makes two attacks: one with its bite and one with its pincer staff.**Bite.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 4 (1d4 + 2) piercing damage.**Pincer Staff.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 10 ft. *Hit:* 5 (1d6 + 2) piercing damage. If the target is a Medium or smaller creature, it is grappled (escape DC 14). Until this grapple ends, the kuo-toa can't use its pincer staff on another target.

MIND FLAYER

Medium aberration, lawful evil

Armor Class 15 (breastplate)

Hit Points 71 (13d8 + 13)

Speed 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 11 (+0) | 12 (+1) | 12 (+1) | 19 (+4) | 17 (+3) | 17 (+3) |

Saving Throws Int +7, Wis +6, Cha +6

Skills Arcana +7, Deception +6, Insight +6, Perception +6, Persuasion +6, Stealth +4

Senses darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 16

Languages Deep Speech, Telepathy 60 ft., Undercommon

Challenge 7 (2,900 XP)

Magic Resistance. The mind flayer has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

Innate Spellcasting (Psionics). The mind flayer's innate spellcasting ability is Intelligence (spell save DC 15). It can innately cast the following spells, requiring no components:

At will: *detect thoughts*, *levitate*

1/day each: *dominate monster*, *plane shift* (self only)

Actions

Tentacles. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 15 (2d10 + 4) psychic damage. If the target is Medium or smaller, it is grappled (escape DC 15) and must succeed on a DC 15 Intelligence saving throw or be stunned until this grapple ends.

Extract Brain. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 5 ft., one incapacitated humanoid grappled by the mind flayer. *Hit:* The target takes 55 (10d10) piercing damage. If this damage reduces the target to 0 hit points, the mind flayer kills the target by extracting and devouring its brain.

Mind Blast (Recharge 5–6). The mind flayer magically emits psychic energy in a 60-foot cone. Each creature in that area must succeed on a DC 15 Intelligence saving throw or take 22 (4d8 + 4) psychic damage and be stunned for 1 minute. A creature can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns, ending the effect on itself on a success.

INTELLECT DEVOURER

Tiny aberration, lawful evil

Armor Class 12

Hit Points 21 (6d4 + 6)

Speed 40 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 6 (–2) | 14 (+2) | 13 (+1) | 12 (+1) | 11 (+0) | 10 (+0) |

Skills Perception +2, Stealth +4

Damage Resistances bludgeoning, piercing and slashing from nonmagical weapons

Condition Immunities blinded

Senses blindsight 60 ft., passive Perception 12

Languages Understands deep speech but can't speak, Telepathy 60 ft.

Challenge 2 (450 XP)

Detect Sentience. The intellect devourer can sense the presence and location of any creature within 300 feet of it that has an Intelligence of 3 or higher, regardless of interposing barriers, unless the creature is protected by a *mind blank* spell.

Actions

Multiattack. The intellect devourer makes one attack with its claws and uses Devour Intellect.

Claws. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft. *Hit:* 7 (2d4 + 2) slashing damage.

Devour Intellect. The intellect devourer targets one creature it can see within 10 feet that has a brain. The target must succeed on a DC 12 Intelligence saving throw or take 11 (2d10) psychic damage. Also on a failure, roll 3d6: If the total equals or exceeds the target's Intelligence score, that score is reduced to 0. The target is stunned until it regains at least one point of Intelligence.

Body Thief. The intellect devourer initiates an Intelligence contest with an incapacitated humanoid within 5 feet of it that isn't protected by protection from evil and good. If it wins the contest, the intellect devourer magically consumes the target's brain, teleports into the target's skull, and takes control of the target's body. While inside a creature, the intellect devourer has total cover against attacks and other effects originating outside its host. The intellect devourer retains its Intelligence, Wisdom, and Charisma scores, as well as its understanding of Deep Speech, its telepathy, and its traits. It otherwise adopts the target's statistics. It knows everything the creature knew, including spells and languages.

If the host body dies, the intellect devourer must leave it. A protection from evil and good spell cast on the body drives the intellect devourer out. The intellect devourer is also forced out if the target regains its devoured brain by means of a wish. By spending 5 feet of its movement, the intellect devourer can voluntarily leave the body, teleporting to the nearest unoccupied space within 5 feet of it. The body then dies, unless its brain is restored within 1 round.

KOBOLD

Small humanoid (kobold), lawful evil

Armor Class 12

Hit Points 5 (2d6 – 2)

Speed 30 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 7 (–2) | 15 (+2) | 9 (–1) | 8 (–1) | 7 (–2) | 8 (–1) |

Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 8

Languages Common, Draconic

Challenge 1/8 (25 XP)

Sunlight Sensitivity. While in sunlight, the kobold has disadvantage on attack rolls, as well as on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on sight.

Pack Tactics. The kobold has advantage on an attack roll against a creature if at least one of the kobold's allies is within 5 ft. of the creature and the ally isn't incapacitated.

Actions

Dagger. Melee Weapon Attack: +4 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 4 (1d4 + 2) piercing damage.

Sling. Ranged Weapon Attack: +4 to hit, range 30/120 ft., one target. Hit: 4 (1d4 + 2) bludgeoning damage.

BEPIS HONEYMAKER

Medium humanoid (halfling), lawful good

Armor Class 10

Hit Points 3 (1d6)

Speed 25 ft.

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) | 16 (+3) | 10 (+0) | 10 (+0) |

Senses passive Perception 10

Languages Common, Halfling

Challenge 0 (10 XP)

Halfling Nimbleness. Bepis can move through the space of a Medium or larger creature.

Brave. Bepis has advantage on saving throws against being frightened.

Actions

Club. Melee Weapon Attack: +2 to hit, reach 5 ft. Hit: 2 (1d4) bludgeoning damage.

GAZER

Tiny aberration, neutral evil

Armor Class 13

Hit Points 13 (3d4 + 6)

Speed 0 ft., fly 30 ft. (hover)

| STR | DEX | CON | INT | WIS | CHA |
|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 3 (–4) | 17 (+3) | 14 (+2) | 3 (–4) | 10 (+0) | 7 (–2) |

Saving throws Wis +2

Skills Perception +4, Stealth +5

Condition Immunities Prone

Senses darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 14

Languages —

Challenge 1/2 (100 XP)

Aggressive. As a bonus action, the gazer can move up to its speed toward a hostile creature that it can see.

Mimicry. The gazer can mimic simple sounds of speech it has heard, in any language. A creature that hears the sounds can tell they are imitations with a successful DC 10 Wisdom (Insight) check.

Actions

Bite. Melee Weapon Attack: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 1 piercing damage.

Eye Rays. The gazer shoots two of the following magical eye rays at random (reroll duplicates), choosing one or two targets it can see within 60 feet of it:

1. **Dazing Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 12 Wisdom saving throw or be charmed until the start of the gazer's next turn. While the target is charmed in this way, its speed is halved, and it has disadvantage on attack rolls.
2. **Fear Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 12 Wisdom saving throw or be frightened until the start of the gazer's next turn.
3. **Frost Ray.** The targeted creature must succeed on a DC 12 Dexterity saving throw or take 10 (3d6) cold damage.
4. **Telekinetic Ray.** If the target is a creature that is Medium or smaller, it must succeed on a DC 12 Strength saving throw or be moved up to 30 feet directly away from the gazer. If the target is an object weighing 10 pounds or less that isn't being worn or carried, the gazer moves it up to 30 feet in any direction. The gazer can also exert fine control on objects with this ray, such as manipulating a simple tool or opening a container.