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# HALFLING

The comforts of home are the goals of most halflings' lives: a place to settle in peace and quiet, far from marauding monsters and clashing armies; a blazing fire and a generous meal; and fine drink and fine conversation. Though some halflings live out their days in remote agricultural communities, others form nomadic bands that travel constantly, lured by the open road and the wide horizon to discover the wonders of new lands and peoples. But even these wanderers love peace, food, hearth, and home, though home might be a wagon jostling along an old dirt road.

The diminutive halflings survive in a world full of larger creatures by avoiding notice or, barring that, avoiding offense. Standing about 3 feet tall, they appear relatively harmless and so have managed to survive for centuries in the shadow of empires and on the edges of wars and political strife. They're concerned with basic needs and simple pleasures and have little use for ostentation.

Halflings are an affable and cheerful people. They cherish the bonds of family and friendship, as well as the comforts of hearth and home, harboring few dreams of glory. Even adventurers among them usually venture into the world for reasons of community, friendship, wanderlust, or curiosity.

A halfling has a given name, a family name, and possibly a nickname. Family names are often nicknames that stuck so tenaciously they have been passed down through the generations.

**Male Names:** Alton, Ander, Cade, Corrin, Eldon, Errich, Finnan, Garret, Lindal, Lyle, Merric, Milo, Osborn, Perrin, Reed, Roscoe, Wellby

**Female Names:** Andry, Bree, Callie, Cora, Euphemia, Jillian, Kithri, Lavinia, Lidda, Merla, Nedda, Paela, Portia, Seraphina, Shaena, Trym, Vani, Verna

**Family Names:** Brushgather, Goodbarrel, Greenbottle, High-hill, Hilltopple, Leagallow, Tealeaf, Thorngage, Tosscobble, Underbough

## Rogue

Rogues rely on skill, stealth, and their foes' vulnerabilities to get the upper hand in any situation. They have a knack for finding the solution to just about any problem.

## BACKGROUND

The town of Phandalin is built on the ruins of an older settlement, vacant for five centuries until some hardy settlers set about rebuilding it some years back. Drawn by stories of gold and platinum in the nearby foothills, you came to Phandalin as well, not to earn a living, but to prey on those who struck it rich. You joined a gang calling itself the Redbrands and made some decent coin as a burglar, enforcer, or fence.

But you must have made an enemy among your fellow Redbrands. Someone set you up. On that person's word, the head of the Redbrands—a wizard called Glasstaff—tried to have you killed. You escaped, barely alive and thanking Tymora, the goddess of good fortune, for your luck. You fled Phandalin, almost penniless and with only the tools of your trade to your name.

**Personal Goal: Get Your Revenge.** Someone in the Redbrands nearly got you killed, and you sure would like to know who it was. And then you'd like to take your revenge—on that person, on Glasstaff, maybe on all the Redbrands. And you just got a tip that might help you: someone named Halia Thornton also has it out for the Redbrands. She lives in Phandalin, which means showing your face to the Redbrands who still want you dead.

*Alignment: Neutral.* You tend to do whatever seems best at the time. Sure, you've done some things you're not proud of, and you're not personally committed to making the world a better place. But you have no interest in causing suffering or making things worse than they already are.

## GAINING LEVELS

As you adventure and overcome challenges, you gain experience points (XP), as explained in the rulebook.

With each level you gain, you gain one additional Hit Die and add 1d8 + 1 to your hit point maximum.

#### 2nd Level: 300 XP

*Cunning Action.* Your quick thinking and agility allow you to move and act quickly, so you can take a bonus action on each of your turns in combat. This action can be used only to take the Dash, Disengage, or Hide action.

### 3rd Level: 900 XP

**Second-Story Work.** You gain the ability to climb faster than normal, so climbing no longer costs you extra movement. In addition, when you make a running jump, the distance you can cover increases by a number of feet equal to your Dexterity modifier.

**Fast Hands.** You can use the bonus action granted by your Cunning Action to make a Dexterity (Sleight of Hand) check, take the Use an Object action, or use your thieves' tools to try to disarm a trap or open a lock.

**Sneak Attack.** You deal 2d6 damage with your Sneak Attack feature, instead of 1d6.

#### 4th Level: 2,700 XP

*Ability Score Improvement.* Your Dexterity increases to 18, which has the following effects:

- Your Dexterity modifier becomes +4.
- Your attack bonus and your damage for Dexterity-based attacks, such as your shortsword and shortbow, increase by 1.
- Your modifier to Dexterity saving throws increases by 1.
- Your modifier to Dexterity-based skills increases by 1.
- While you wear light or no armor, your Armor Class increases by 1.
- Your initiative increases by 1.

#### 5th Level: 6,500 XP

**Proficiency Bonus.** Your proficiency bonus increases to +3, which has the following effects:

- Your attack bonus increases by 1 for weapons you're proficient with.
- Your modifier for saving throws and skills you're proficient in (indicated by a ●) increases by 1. Your Expertise feature means your bonus for Stealth and the use of thieves' tools instead each increase by 2.

**Sneak Attack.** You deal 3d6 damage with your Sneak Attack feature, instead of 2d6.

**Uncanny Dodge.** When an attacker you can see hits you with an attack roll, you can use your reaction to halve the attack's damage against you.

#### Improving Your Armor

As you acquire treasure, you can buy better armor to improve your Armor Class. The rulebook contains equipment, including armor.