

Whether through an institution or individual study, those known as wizards acquire and hone immense magical power over years of learning using a variety of tools, including books, stones, potions, and herbs. Some wizards dedicate their lives to mastering a particular school of magic, while others learn from a wide variety of disciplines. Many wizards become wise and powerful figures in their communities, advising rulers, providing medicines and healing, and even leading war councils. While these mages all work toward the common goal of collecting magical knowledge, wizards often have the most conflict within their own ranks, as the acquisition, keeping, and sharing of powerful secrets is a topic of intense debate that has resulted in innumerable deaths.

### **DOMAINS**

Codex and Splendor

### STARTING EVASION

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### STARTING HIT POINTS

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### **CLASS ITEMS**

A book you're trying to translate or a tiny, harmless elemental pet

### WIZARD'S HOPE FEATURE

**Not This Time:** Spend 3 Hope to force an adversary within Far range to reroll an attack or damage roll.

### **CLASS FEATURES**

### Prestidigitation

You can perform harmless, subtle magical effects at will. For example, you can change an object's color, create a smell, light a candle, cause a tiny object to float, illuminate a room, or repair a small object.

### **Strange Patterns**

Choose a number between 1 and 12. When you roll that number on a Duality Die, gain a Hope or clear a Stress. You can change this number when you take a long rest.

### **WIZARD SUBCLASSES**

Choose either the School of Knowledge or School of War subclass.

### SCHOOL OF KNOWLEDGE

Play the School of Knowledge if you want a keen understanding of the world around you.

### **SPELLCAST TRAIT**

Knowledge

### FOUNDATION FEATURES

**Prepared:** Take an additional domain card of your level or lower from a domain you have access to.

**Adept:** When you Utilize an Experience, you can **mark a Stress** instead of spending a Hope. If you do, double your Experience modifier for that roll.

### **■ SPECIALIZATION FEATURES**

**Accomplished:** Take an additional domain card of your level or lower from a domain you have access to.

**Perfect Recall:** Once per rest, when you recall a domain card in your vault, you can reduce its Recall Cost by 1.

### **MASTERY FEATURES**

**Brilliant:** Take an additional domain card of your level or lower from a domain you have access to.

**Honed Expertise:** When you use an Experience, roll a **d6**. On a result of 5 or higher, you can use it without spending Hope.



## SCHOOL OF WAR

Play the School of War if you want to utilize trained magic for violence.

### SPELLCAST TRAIT

Knowledge

### FOUNDATION FEATURES

Battlemage: You've focused your studies on becoming an unconquerable force on the battlefield. Gain an additional Hit

Face Your Fear: When you succeed with Fear on an attack roll, you deal an extra 1d10 magic damage.

### SPECIALIZATION FEATURES

Conjure Shield: You can maintain a protective barrier of magic. While you have at least 2 Hope, you add your Proficiency to your Evasion.

Fueled by Fear: The extra magic damage from your "Face Your Fear" feature increases to 2d10.

### MASTERY FEATURES

Thrive in Chaos: When you succeed on an attack, you can mark a Stress after rolling damage to force the target to mark an additional Hit Point.

Have No Fear: The extra magic damage from your "Face Your Fear" feature increases to 3d10.

# BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

Answer any of the following background questions. You can also create your own questions.

- · What responsibilities did your community once count on you for? How did you let them down?
- You've spent your life searching for a book or object of great significance. What is it, and why is it so important to you?
- · You have a powerful rival. Who are they, and why are you so determined to defeat them?

### CONNECTIONS

Ask your fellow players one of the following questions for their character to answer, or create your own questions.

- What favor have I asked of you that you're not sure you can fulfill?
- · What weird hobby or strange fascination do we
- · What secret about yourself have you entrusted only to me?



# **ANCESTRY**

Ancestries represent your character's lineage, which affects their physical appearance. The following section describes each ancestry in Daggerheart and the physical characteristics shared by members of that ancestry. That said, you can decide that your character possesses characteristics that aren't "standard" or "average" for that ancestry. We encourage you to look to the art for inspiration and explore the diversity within individual ancestries as you craft your character's appearance.

We hope this section provides a window into the various physicalities of the creatures that populate Daggerheart. As you play and meet members of each ancestry, you'll have the opportunity to learn about the nuances and unique qualities among them. You'll also notice that within the world of Daggerheart, the term "people" is used to refer to all ancestries, as individuals from all lineages possess unique characteristics and cultures, as well as personhood.

Some ancestries are described using the term "humanoid." This does not refer to that specific ancestry having any relation to "humans," the distinct ancestry within Daggerheart. Specifically, it refers to the set of physical characteristics readers will recognize from their own anatomy, such as bipedal movement, upright posture,

facial layout, and more. These traits vary by ancestry and individual, though "humanoid" should still provide a useful frame of reference.

Each ancestry has two **ancestry features**. While some features (such as the ability to fly) are directly tied to an ancestry's anatomy, you ultimately get to determine your character's physical form. If you decide that your faerie character never had wings or lost theirs, you can work with the GM to replace the "Wings" feature that grants faeries flight. It's likewise up to you to decide how important your character's appearance is to their story.

If you'd like to make a character who combines more than one ancestry, see the "Mixed Ancestry" section on page 71.



### CLANK

Clanks are sentient mechanical beings built from a variety of materials, including metal, wood, and stone. They can resemble humanoids, animals, or even inanimate objects. Like organic beings, their bodies come in a wide array of sizes. Because of their bespoke construction, many clanks have highly specialized physical configurations. Examples include clawed hands for grasping, wheels for movement, or built-in weaponry.

Many clanks embrace body modifications for style as well as function, and members of other ancestries often turn to clank artisans to construct customized mobility aids and physical adornments. Other ancestries can create clanks, even using their own physical characteristics as inspiration, but it's also common for clanks to build one another. A clank's lifespan extends as long as they're able to acquire or craft new parts, making their physical form effectively immortal. That said, their minds are subject to the effects of time, and deteriorate as the magic that powers them loses potency.

### ANCESTRY FEATURES

**Purposeful Design:** Decide who made you and for what purpose. At character creation, choose one of your Experiences that best aligns with this purpose and gain a permanent +1 bonus to it.

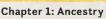
**Efficient:** When you take a short rest, you can choose a long rest move instead of a short rest move.





A VARIETY OF ATTACHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE, RANGING FROM TOOLS AND APPENDAGES FOR UTILITY, TO WEAPONS AND PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR COMBAT AND ADVENTURES.

APPENDAGES OR
ATTACHMENTS THAT
HAVE BEEN LOST OR
COMPLETELY BROKEN
CANNOT BE REPAÎRED
OR REMADE THROUGH A
CLANK'S SELF-REPAÎR.



### DRAKONA

Drakona resemble wingless dragons in humanoid form and possess a powerful elemental breath. All drakona have thick scales that provide excellent natural armor against both attacks and the forces of nature. They are large in size, ranging from 5 feet to 7 feet on average, with long sharp teeth. New teeth grow throughout a Drakona's approximately 350-year lifespan, so they are never in danger of permanently losing an incisor. Unlike their dragon ancestors, drakona don't have wings and can't fly without magical aid. Members of this ancestry pass down the element of their breath through generations, though in rare cases, a drakona's elemental power will differ from the rest of their family's.

### **ANCESTRY FEATURES**

**Scales:** Your scales act as natural protection. When you would take Severe damage, you can **mark a Stress** to mark 1 fewer Hit Points.

**Elemental Breath:** Choose an element for your breath (such as electricity, fire, or ice). You can use this breath against a target or group of targets within Very Close range, treating it as an Instinct weapon that deals **d8** magic damage using your Proficiency.





### DWARF

Dwarves are most easily recognized as short humanoids with square frames, dense musculature, and thick hair. Their average height ranges from 4 to 5 ½ feet, and they are often broad in proportion to their stature. Their skin and nails contain a high amount of keratin, making them naturally resilient. This allows dwarves to embed gemstones into their bodies and decorate themselves with tattoos or piercings. Their hair grows thickly—usually on their heads, but some dwarves have thick hair across their bodies as well. Dwarves of all genders can grow facial hair, which they often style in elaborate arrangements. Typically, dwarves live up to 250 years of age, maintaining their muscle mass well into later life.

### ANCESTRY FEATURES

Thick Skin: When you take Minor damage, you can mark 2 Stress instead of marking a Hit Point.

**Increased Fortitude:** Spend 3 Hope to halve incoming physical damage.

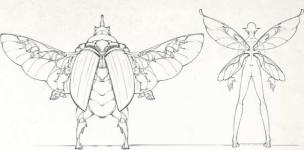
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### FAERIE

Faeries are winged humanoid creatures with insectile features. These characteristics cover a broad spectrum from humanoid to insectoid—some possess additional arms, compound eyes, lantern organs, chitinous exoskeletons, or stingers. Because of their close ties to the natural world, they also frequently possess attributes that allow them to blend in with various plants. The average height of a faerie ranges from about 2 feet to 5 feet, but some faeries grow up to 7 feet tall. All faeries possess membranous wings and they each go through a process of metamorphosis. The process and changes differ from faerie to faerie, but during this transformation each individual manifests the unique appearance they will carry throughout the rest of their approximately 50-year lifespan.

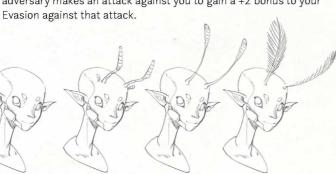


FAERTE APPEARANCES RANGE FROM INSECT-LIKE TO HUMANOID, WITH A WIDE VARTETY IN BETWEEN DIFFERENT FAMILIES. NO MATTER THEIR FORM, ALL FAERTES HAVE WINGS.

### ANCESTRY FEATURE

**Luckbender:** Once per session, after you or a willing ally within Close range makes an action roll, you can **spend 3 Hope** to reroll the Duality Dice.

**Wings:** You can fly. While flying, you can **mark a Stress** after an adversary makes an attack against you to gain a +2 bonus to your Evasion against that attack.



FAERIES CAN HAVE A VARIETY OF ANTENNAE, OFTEN MATCHING THE INSECT THEY MOST RESEMBLE.

HUMAN AND FAERIE FOR SCALE



ONE, TWO, AND THREE SETS OF WINGS ARE MOST COMMON AMONG FAERIES. THEIR PATTERNS ARE INHERITED FROM THEIR PARENTS.





### **FIRBOLG**

Firbolgs are bovine humanoids typically recognized by their broad noses and long, drooping ears. Some have faces that are a blend of humanoid and bison, ox, cow, or other bovine creatures. Others, often referred to as minotaurs, have heads that entirely resemble cattle. They are tall and muscular creatures, with heights ranging from around 5 feet to 7 feet, and possess remarkable strength no matter their age. Some firbolgs are known to use this strength to charge their adversaries, an action that is particuarly effective for those who have one of the many varieties of horn styles commonly found in this ancestry. Though their unique characteristics can vary, all firbolgs are covered in fur, which can be muted and earth-toned in color, or come in a variety of pastels, such as soft pinks and blues. On average, firbolgs live for about 150 years.

### **ANCESTRY FEATURES**

**Charge:** When you succeed on an Agility Roll to move from Far or Very Far range into Melee range with one or more targets, you can **mark a Stress** to deal **1d12** physical damage to all targets within Melee range.

**Unshakable:** When you would mark a Stress, roll a **d6**. On a result of 6, don't mark it.

SOME FIRBOLG HAVE HUMANOID FACES, WHILE





### GALAPA

Galapa resemble anthropomorphic turtles with large, domed shells into which they can retract. On average, they range from 4 feet to 6 feet in height, and their head and body shapes can resemble any type of turtle. Galapa come in a variety of earth tones—most often shades of green and brown— and possess unique patterns on their shells. Members of this ancestry can draw their head, arms, and legs into their shell for protection to use it as a natural shield when defensive measures are needed. Some supplement their shell's strength or appearance by attaching armor or carving unique designs, but the process is exceedingly painful. Most galapa move slowly no matter their age, and they can live approximately 150 years.

# GALAPAS SOMETIMES CARVE DESIGNS INTO THEIR SHELLS, THOUGH THE PROCESS IS PAINFUL

SHELLS THAT ARE DAMAGED CAN BE TEMPORARILY MENDED OR SUPPORTED LIKE ANY BROKEN BONE; OTHERWISE IT TAKES UP TO 2 YEARS FOR A DAMAGED SHELL TO FULLY RECOVER.

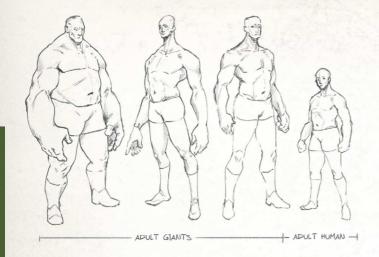
ELDER GALAPA

### **ANCESTRY FEATURES**

**Shell:** Gain a bonus to your damage thresholds equal to your Proficiency.

**Retract:** Mark a Stress to retract into your shell. While in your shell, you have resistance to physical damage, you have disadvantage on action rolls, and you can't move.





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### GIANT

Giants are towering humanoids with broad shoulders, long arms, and one to three eyes. Adult giants range from 6  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  feet tall and are naturally muscular, regardless of body type. They are easily recognized by their wide frames and elongated arms and necks. Though they can have up to three eyes, all giants are born with none and remain sightless for their first year of life. Until a giant reaches the age of 10 and their features fully develop, the formation of their eyes may fluctuate. Those with a single eye are commonly known as cyclops. The average giant lifespan is about 75 years.

### **ANCESTRY FEATURES**

**Endurance:** Gain an additional Hit Point slot at character creation.

**Reach:** Treat any weapon, ability, spell, or other feature that has a Melee range as though it has a Very Close range instead.



### **GOBLIN**

ADULT GOBLIN Goblins are small humanoids easily recognizable by their large eyes and massive membranous ears. With keen hearing and sharp eyesight, they perceive details both at great distances and in darkness, allowing them to move through less-optimal environments with ease. Their skin and eye colors are incredibly varied, with no one hue, either vibrant or subdued, more dominant than another. A typical goblin stands between 3 feet and 4 feet tall, and each of their ears is about the size of their head. Goblins are known to use ear positions to very specific effect when communicating nonverbally. A goblin's lifespan is roughly 100 years, and many maintain their keen hearing and sight well into advanced age.

### **ANCESTRY FEATURES**

Surefooted: You ignore disadvantage on Agility Rolls.

ELDER GOBLIN

GOBLINS CAN HAVE A VARIETY OF SKIN TONES.

**Danger Sense:** Once per rest, **mark a Stress** to force an adversary to reroll an attack against you or an ally within Very Close range.



### HALFLING

Halflings are small humanoids with large hairy feet and prominent rounded ears. On average, halflings are 3 to 4 feet in height, and their ears, nose, and feet are larger in proportion to the rest of their body. Members of this ancestry live for around 150 years, and a halfling's appearance is likely to remain youthful even as they progress from adulthood into old age. Halflings are naturally attuned to the magnetic fields of the Mortal Realm, granting them a strong internal compass. They also possess acute senses of hearing and smell, and can often detect those who are familiar to them by the sound of their movements.



HUMAN

HALFLING

THE AVERAGE HALFLING

IS ROUGHLY HALF THE HEIGHT OF THE

AVERAGE HUMAN.



### **INFERNIS**

Infernis are humanoids who possess sharp canine teeth, pointed ears, and horns. They are the descendants of demons from the Circles Below. On average, infernis range in height from 5 feet to 7 feet and are known to have long fingers and pointed nails. Some have long, thin, and smooth tails that end in points, forks, or arrowheads. It's common for infernis to have two or four horns—though some have crowns of many horns, or only one. These horns can also grow asymmetrically, forming unique, often curving, shapes that infernis enhance with carving and ornamentation. Their skin, hair, and horns come in an assortment of colors that can include soft pastels, stark tones, or vibrant hues, such as rosy scarlet, deep purple, and pitch black.

Infernis possess a "dread visage" that manifests both involuntarily, such as when they experience fear or other strong emotions, or purposefully, such as when they wish to intimidate an adversary. This visage can briefly modify their appearance in a variety of ways, including lengthening their teeth and nails, changing the colors of their eyes, twisting their horns, or enhancing their height. On average, infernis live up to 350 years, with some attributing this lifespan to their demonic lineage.

### ANCESTRY FEATURES

**Fearless:** When you roll with Fear, you can **mark 2 Stress** to change it into a roll with Hope instead.





### ORC

Orcs are humanoids most easily recognized by their square features and boar-like tusks that protrude from their lower jaw. Tusks come in various sizes, and though they extend from the mouth, they aren't used for consuming food. Instead, many orcs choose to decorate their tusks with significant ornamentation. Orcs typically live for 125 years, and unless altered, their tusks continue to grow throughout the course of their lives. Their ears are pointed, and their hair and skin typically have green, blue, pink, or gray tones. Orcs tend toward a muscular build, and their average height ranges from 5 feet to 6 ½ feet.

### ANCESTRY FEATURES

**Sturdy:** When you have 1 Hit Point remaining, attacks against you have disadvantage.

**Tusks:** When you succeed on an attack against a target within Melee range, you can **spend a Hope** to gore the target with your tusks, dealing an extra **1d6** damage.

ORC'S CAN HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF NATURAL HAIR GROWTH, FROM NO HAIR TO THICK HAIR COVERING MOST OF THEIR BODY.





### RIBBET

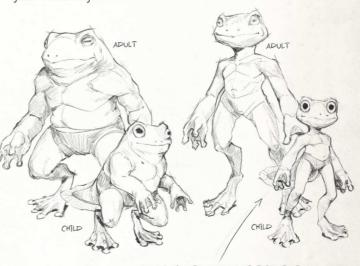
Ribbets resemble anthropomorphic frogs with protruding eyes and webbed hands and feet. They have smooth (though sometimes warty) moist skin and eyes positioned on either side of their head. Some ribbets have hind legs more than twice the length of their torso, while others have short limbs. No matter their size (which ranges from about 3 feet to 4 ½ feet), ribbets primarily move by hopping. All ribbets have webbed appendages, allowing them to swim with ease. Some ribbets possess a natural green-and-brown camouflage, while others are vibrantly colored with bold patterns. No matter their appearance, all ribbets are born from eggs laid in the water, hatch into tadpoles, and after about 6 to 7 years, grow into amphibians that can move around on land. Ribbets live for approximately 100 years.

# A RIBBET'S SKIN CAN VARY WIDELY—RANGING FROM NEUTRAL TONES, SUCH AS BROWNS, GRAYS, OR GREENS, TO VIVID HUES LIKE YELLOW, RED, AND BLUE. THEIR SKIN MIGHT BE BUMPY AND DRY OR SMOOTH AND SHINY, AND SOMETIMES AFPEARS DECORATED WITH STRIPES, SPOTS, OR GRADIENTS.

### **ANCESTRY FEATURES**

Amphibious: You can breathe and move naturally underwater.

**Long Tongue:** You can use your long tongue to grab onto things within Close range. **Mark a Stress** to use your tongue as a Finesse Close weapon that deals **d12** physical damage using your Proficiency.



YOUNG RIBBETS HAVE SHORT TAILS THAT SHRINK AS THEY MATURE, AS WELL AS PROPORTIONATELY LARGE EYES, HANDES, AND FEET.



