

Gnome

Racial Description

Tinkerers at heart and always creating. These humanoids have been known to make amazing gadgets with gears, cogs, and other moving parts. If you want to see what the future may look like, find a Gnome to talk to.

Quirks

Gnomes are a diminutive race of quirky inventors and tinkerers. They are very curious and some of the bravest adventurers are among their ranks.

Origins and culture

Gnomes believe that their entire lineage can be traced back to a mortal creator. The great inventor Paracelsus was a famous master of all forms of crafting. One day Paracelsus realized he had nothing left to make. Realizing he was lonely, he decided he would make himself some companions. He engineered the body, but made it smaller than a human, thinking this perfected the design. He crafted the body to last forever and never wear down. He used alchemy to create the organs and fluids that would sustain it. Finally, he used magic to bring it to life.

He and the machine were two of a kind. Since it was of his design, it shared a similar mind, and they worked together for years to perfect all they created. But like Paracelsus, the creation became lonely. And so, he created a companion of his own.

Paracelsus allowed himself to succumb to old age, but his creation and its companion could not die. After hundreds of years together they decided that if Paracelsus wanted to, he could have lived forever. The two decided

their maker's final lesson was that the greatest possible creation was mortal life. So they made themselves children of flesh and blood. They could not improve on Paracelsus design, and formed them in their own image.

Gnomes to this day tend to be very contemplative on the things they create and how to perfect them. They obsess, unable to move on to new tasks until satisfied with their work. They view the creation of life the same way. Gnomes raise their children with such care and precision that they rarely have more than a single child. They are rare to meet because of this, but it ensures that most of the gnomes you will ever meet are highly educated and excellent craftsmen.

Gnomes are extremely adaptable to any environment. They can live anywhere but try to stay in populated areas before they have children. If they can stay amongst their own people they will, but they will take any company that can communicate intelligently. They will go out of their way for an engaging conversation or to participate in an experiment.

The only experiment a gnome will not participate in is the pursuit of immortality. Even if they don't believe in the legend of Paracelsus, most Gnomes appreciate the beauty and perfection of a fleeting life.