

Half-Orcs

Race Description

The not so brute like cousins of the full blooded Orcs, the Half Orc are more humanoid in nature and have chosen to leave their closed society and start a new way of life amongst the rest of the kingdom

Quirks

Half Orcs tend to try and solve problems through force and lack patience. They also tend to have a chip on their shoulder as they are not as strong as their full blooded brethren and aren't easily accepted into human culture.

Origins and culture

Half-Orcs are the product of a human and Orc, and can come from any pairing between them. Though there are scattered Half-Orcs all across Elizadale, they are individuals without a home or a place to belong. These Half-Orcs tend to take on the culture of those who raised them. But these individuals will, at some point in their lives, likely hear about Hrath Lor, the great tribe of Half-Orcs that lives in the foothills of the mountains to the east. In Hrath Lor, a Half-Orc can find a true home, and its call draws many lonely souls seeking acceptance. In fact, the majority of Half-Orcs in Elizadale were born and raised there, with others of their kind as parents, siblings, and partners.

Hrath Lor means "our people" in Orcish, and the founding of this group goes back about a century. There are many variations of the story of how they came to be, but most agree on the basics. There was a group of Orcs who'd escaped slavery at the hands of Ogres and formed a village to live in peace. After some time, the Ogres found the village, and the Orcs knew that they could not defend themselves against what was coming. In desperation, they turned to a disgraced tribe of Barbarians who lived near

them. These Barbarians, desperate, struggling, and without the support of the other tribes, agreed to help in exchange for food and supplies. The Barbarians trained the Orcs and built up the town's defenses. Then, they waited for battle. The eventual assault was brutal, but the combined forces of the town held firm, and the day was won. After spending months together, and having fought side-by-side, the two peoples realized they had more in common with each other than others of their respective races.

Over the years, these two peoples lived as one, and soon the community was more Half-Orc than Orc or Barbarian. The tribe that emerged was a mixing of Orcish culture and Barbarian wanderer lifestyle. Today it is strong, healthy, and respected by its neighbors.