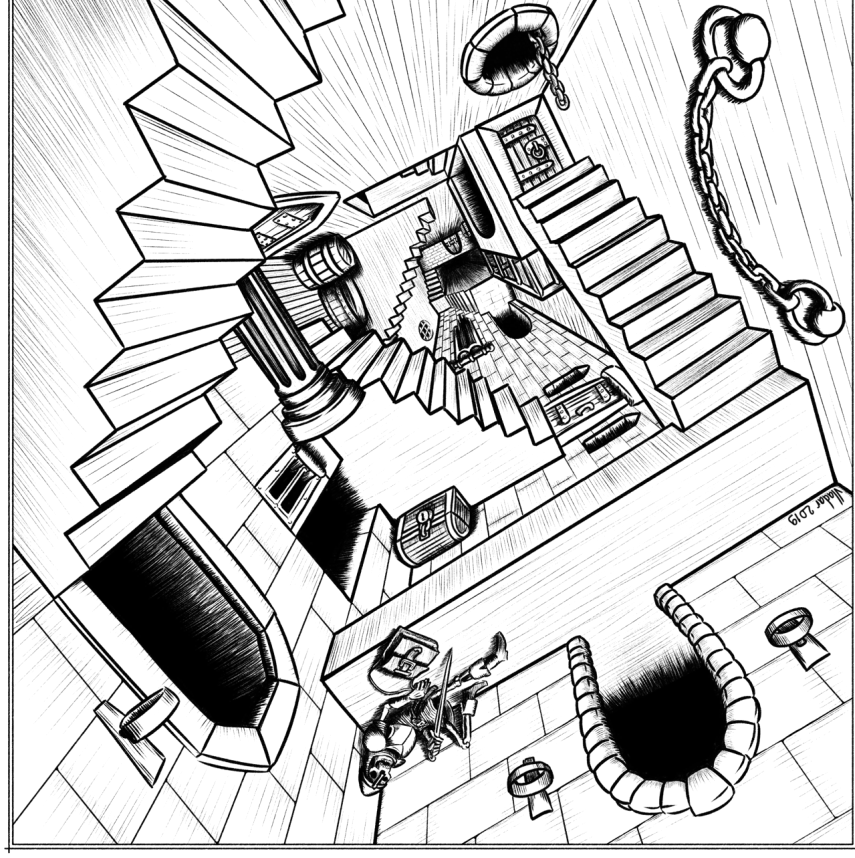


# Into the Dungeon: Revived

Rules For Fantastifc adventure games  
playable with paper and pencil and polyhedral dice



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1. CHARACTERS

ROLLING A CHARACTER

Roll a 3d6 for each Ability Score.

**STRENGTH** — fortitude and physical prowess.

**DEXTERITY** — sneaking, athletics, and reflexes.

**WILLPOWER** — calling on divine power, harnessing magic, and self-discipline.

In addition, roll 3d6 as your Extra Roll. You may then swap any two of your rolls. After this, the Extra Roll is your starting money in Shillings.

An Ability Score of 10 is the human average.

Roll d6 for your Hit Points, a measure of how safe they are from taking life-threatening Critical Damage. More HP means the character is safer.

Finally, choose one Feature, a Background, and buy some Equipment.

FEATURES

Choose one feature now, and each time you gain a new Experience Level.

✦ ASSASSIN ✦

Your Enhanced attacks against unaware or helpless opponents bypass HP.

✦ BERSERKER ✦

Roll twice for HP and take the better result.

After taking first Damage in combat, increase your melee weapon Damage dice by one and gain Advantage on Saves against Critical Damage till the combat ends.

✦ BRAWLER ✦

Roll twice for HP and take the better result.

While not wearing any armour, your Armour score is 1. Gain bonus d4 unarmed Damage die.

**Advancement:** The bonus die is increased by one.

✦ COMMANDER ✦

Once per combat, issue a command to one ally to Enhance their attack this round or to restore d6hp to them. The command does not count as your action.

✦ HEALER ✦

Gain 5s worth of healing supplies. While resting, spend 5s worth of healing supplies to restore d6 Ability Score Loss to an ally or yourself, or take a 4-in-6 chance to subdue some other ailment.

✦ MYSTIC ✦

*Can be taken multiple times.*

You can read Runic and cast Spells.

Gain Mystic's Focus and Tome containing instructions for two Cantrips and six 1<sup>st</sup> Circle Spells. Choose a Signature Spell (see Chapter 4: Magic).

**Advancement:** add a new Cantrip and three Spells (of a Circle equal or lower to your Mystic Level) to your Tome. Choose an additional Signature Spell.

✦ SKILLED ✦

*Can be taken multiple times.*

Gain Advantage on Saves related to a pair of certain fields of expertise: animal handling, athletics, burgling, cheating, drinking, negotiation, quickness, stealth, etc. While you are not under pressure, you do not need to make such Save at all.

✦ SWASHBUCKLER ✦

Roll twice for HP and take the better result.

While attacking, you can hit a second target, rolling your weapon Damage dice without any bonus dice.

✦ TACTICIAN ✦

Roll twice for HP and take the better result.

When performing an attack, you may add a Manoeuvre to it (push, trip, disarm, grapple for their next turn, etc.) The attack is carried out as usual, and the opponent must make a Save to avoid an additional effect described by you.

✦ WARRIOR ✦

*Can be taken multiple times.*

Roll twice for HP and take the better result.

Gain bonus d4 weapon Damage die.

**Advancement:** The bonus die is increased by one.

Random 30 Spells

d3.d10	Spell	d3.d10	Spell	d3.d10	Spell
1.1	1	2.1	11	3.1	21
1.2	2	2.2	12	3.2	22
1.3	3	2.3	13	3.3	23
1.4	4	2.4	14	3.4	24
1.5	5	2.5	15	3.5	25
1.6	6	2.6	16	3.6	26
1.7	7	2.7	17	3.7	27
1.8	8	2.8	18	3.8	28
1.9	9	2.9	19	3.9	29
1.10	10	2.10	20	3.10	30

Random 36 Spells

d6.d6	Spell	d6.d6	Spell	d6.d6	Spell
1.1	1	3.1	13	5.1	25
1.2	2	3.2	14	5.2	26
1.3	3	3.3	15	5.3	27
1.4	4	3.4	16	5.4	28
1.5	5	3.5	17	5.5	29
1.6	6	3.6	18	5.6	30
2.1	7	4.1	19	6.1	31
2.2	8	4.2	20	6.2	32
2.3	9	4.3	21	6.3	33
2.4	10	4.4	22	6.4	34
2.5	11	4.5	23	6.5	35
2.6	12	4.6	24	6.6	36

Random 48 Spells

d6.d8	Spell	d6.d8	Spell	d6.d8	Spell
1.1	1	3.1	17	5.1	33
1.2	2	3.2	18	5.2	34
1.3	3	3.3	19	5.3	35
1.4	4	3.4	20	5.4	36
1.5	5	3.5	21	5.5	37
1.6	6	3.6	22	5.6	38
1.7	7	3.7	23	5.7	39
1.8	8	3.8	24	5.8	40
2.1	9	4.1	25	6.1	41
2.2	10	4.2	26	6.2	42
2.3	11	4.3	27	6.3	43
2.4	12	4.4	28	6.4	44
2.5	13	4.5	29	6.5	45
2.6	14	4.6	30	6.6	46
2.7	15	4.7	31	6.7	47
2.8	16	4.8	32	6.8	48

**Distances/Areas:**  
**Short or Close/Small** — a couple of steps.  
**Medium** — about 30 ft.  
**Far/Large or Your Vicinity** — about 60 ft.



5TH CIRCLE

21. **Possession:** WIL Save or the target has the soul pushed out and the caster possesses their body. Their soul returns when the caster leaves the body, but if the body is slain, the soul departs and the caster's soul returns to their body.
22. **Prying Eyes:** d6 floating eyes scout for you.
23. **Secret Chest:** Hides an expensive chest on the Ethereal Plane; you retrieve it at will.
24. **Symbol of Sleep:** Reading this small rune puts the reader who failed a WIL Save into magical sleep that lasts as long as the Spell. Persistent.
25. **Telekinesis:** Moves an object, attacks a creature, or hurts an object or creature.
26. **Telepathic Bond:** A link lets allies communicate.
27. **Teleport:** Instantly transports you to a known location up to 100 miles away.
28. **Transmute Earth:** Transforms mud to rock or rock to mud.
29. **Wall of Force:** A large invisible wall is immune to damage. Lasts for d6 minutes.
30. **Wall of Stone:** Creates a large stone wall (16hp, Armour 8) that can be shaped.
1. **Baleful Polymorph:** STR Save or transforms a creature into a harmless animal permanently.
2. **Banish:** WIL Save or a creature returns to its native plane. If a creature is native to the current plane, it disappears for a minute and then returns safely.
3. **Blight:** Drains life from d12 targets for d12 Damage each. When targeting Plants, roll d12 Damage twice and pick the biggest result.
4. **Break Enchantment:** Frees a single target from enchantments, alterations, curses, and petrification.
5. **Cloudkill:** You can slowly move this small cloud on the ground, causing d6 STR loss to all living creatures within it.
6. **Cone of Cold:** d12 Cold Damage to everyone within a large cone.
7. **Contact Other Plane:** Lets you ask a question of an extraplanar entity.
8. **Control Water:** Raises, lowers, or part water.
9. **Dominate Person:** WIL Save or a humanoid is controlled telepathically.
10. **False Vision:** Fools scrying with an illusion.
11. **Feeblemind:** WIL Save or drop to WIL 0.
12. **Incinerate:** Set one target on fire. Deals d12 Fire Damage immediately and at the end of each next turn until a DEX Save is passed or any other way to put out the flames is found.
13. **Interposing Hand:** A hand blocks 5d6hp of Damage from one opponent.
14. **Mage's Faithful Hound:** A phantom dog can guard or attack. WIL 15, 3d6hp, d8 Bite.
15. **Mage's Private Sanctum:** Prevents anyone from viewing or scrying an area.
16. **Major Creation:** Create an item of stone and metal. Persistent.
17. **Passwall:** Creates a passage through a wooden or stone wall.
18. **Petrify:** STR Save or the target is permanently transformed into a statue.
19. **Planar Binding:** Traps extraplanar creatures that fail a WIL Save until they perform a task.
20. **Planar Gate:** Open a gate to another reality that works in both directions.

BACKGROUND

Choose your character's previous career and think of a reason why they abandoned it to become an adventurer.

➤ **CRIMINAL** ➤

Gain your criminal tool of choice (blackjack (sap), crowbar, grappling hook, lockpicks, marked cards or loaded dice, etc.), a dagger, and a contact in the criminal world.

➤ **MINSTREL** ➤

Gain a musical instrument. Thanks to your vast repertoire, you know a lot of legends and tales and have a 4-in-6 chance to recall something relevant from them.

➤ **NOBLE** ➤

Double your starting money. Your name still carries some weight.

➤ **SAILOR** ➤

Gain a pet: a talking parrot (STR 6, WIL 6, 2hp, d4 Claws), a small monkey (STR 7, WIL 7, 3hp, d4 Bite), etc. You are knowledgeable in seafaring.

➤ **SCHOLAR** ➤

Gain a writing set, a journal with your notes, and a book about the subject of your specialization.

You have a 4-in-6 chance to know a fact within your area of study and everything related to your specialization (e.g. History (Archaeology)).

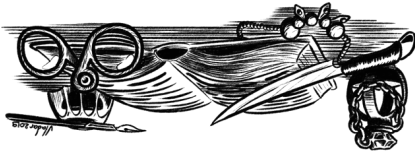
➤ **SOLDIER** ➤

Gain one martial weapon and a military rank.

CREATING YOUR OWN BACKGROUNDS

You can design your own Background and have it approved by your Referee.

Usually the Background should provide items from character's past life (with a rough value of 10–12 Shillings) and some role-playing benefit.



CREATING YOUR OWN FEATURES

You can design your own Feature and have it approved by your Referee.

Combat-related features usually roll twice for HP taking the better result.

The usual Feature benefit could be:

- + bonus Damage die for some condition (for Advancement start with d4 and increase by one)
- + additional effect for character's attacks
- + Advantage on some specific set of Saves
- + special trick.

Try to balance new Features with the existing ones.

ANCESTRY FEATURES (OPTIONAL)

If the Referee allows non-human characters (and only during the new character creation), you can choose one of these features instead.

➤ **DWARF** ➤

You are immune to poison and can see in the dark as if it were dim light. You are experienced and comfortable in an underground setting.

➤ **ELF** ➤

You have advantage on Saves against mind-altering magic (hypnosis, sleep, stun, etc.). You are experienced and comfortable in a wilderness setting.

➤ **HALFLING** ➤

Thanks to your small size you could squeeze through small passages and fit in tight spaces. You can also reroll 1 on any Save and use the new result.

## EQUIPMENT

Ten **Pennies** (p) make a **Shilling** (s), and one hundred Shillings make a **Guilder** (g).

All characters carry **standard equipment**, including simple clothes, a backpack, basic camping equipment, torches, and a few days' rations.

**Unarmed attacks** deal d4 Damage.

If two dice are listed, the first one is for **one-handed** weapons, the second one — **two-handed**.

**Firearms** make a lot of noise and ignore Armour. Reloading firearms in combat requires a full turn while standing still.

You could try to **sell** an item at half its price.

## MELEE WEAPONS:

**Simple Melee Weapon** (1s): d6 Damage.

Two-handed only. Tools or weapons not built for frequent use in battle. Pitchfork, Quarterstaff, Sledgehammer, Splitting Maul, etc.

**Martial Melee Weapon** (10s): d6/d8 Damage. Basic, purpose-made weapons. Axe, Dagger, Halberd, Mace, Spear, Sword, etc.

**Superior Melee Weapon** (1g): d8/d10 Damage. Elaborate or masterwork weapons.

## RANGED WEAPONS:

**Simple Ranged Weapon** (1s): d4 Damage. Tools or weapons not built for frequent use in battle. Darts, Hunting Bow, Sling, Throwing Daggers, etc.

**Martial Ranged Weapon** (10s): d6 Damage. Basic, purpose-made weapons. Crossbow, Longbow, Simple Musket or Pistol, etc.

**Superior Ranged Weapon** (1g): d8 Damage. Elaborate or heavy bows, crossbows, and guns.

## ARMOUR:

**Light Armour** (10s): Armour 1.

**Full Armour** (1g): Armour 2. Makes running, swimming, hiding, etc. very difficult, imposing Disadvantage on appropriate Saves.

**Shield** (5s): +1 Armour, requires one hand to use, has no effect when used with Full Armour.

## OTHER ITEMS:

**Fire Oil** (10s per flask): Sets an area alight. Everyone inside takes d6 damage now and d6 at the end of their next turn unless extinguished.

**Black Powder** (20s per pot): Ignited with fuse or direct flame. Everyone in the area takes d10 Blast Damage.

**Adventuring Gear** (5p each): 10-ft Rope, Caltrops (slows pursuers), Chalk, Dice, Flint and Steel, Food Ration, Lamp Oil, Parchment, Spike, Tent, 6 Torches.

**Tools** (1s each): Animal Trap, Collapsible Pole, Crowbar, Drill, Fishing Pole, Grappling Hook, Hatchet, Lockpicks, Pickaxe, Shovel, Writing Set.

**Fancy Items** (10s each): Board Game, Book, Elaborate Clothes, Lantern, Mirror, Sand Timer, Spyglass.

## MISCELLANEOUS:

**Boats**: Rowboat (50s) to Galley (200g).

**Carts**: Cart (30s) to Wagon (1g).

**Taverns**: Meal, Drink, and Bed in an Awful Place (1p), Okay Place (1s), or Fancy Place (20s).

**Healing Service** (10s): Restore one Ability Score Loss or other ailment overnight.

**Property**: Cottage (1g), Workshop (10g), Manor (100g).

**Horses**: Mule (20s) (STR 14, WIL 5, 3hp) to Horse (1g) (STR 16, DEX 12, WIL 5, 3hp).

**Dogs**: Mutt (5s) (STR 8, WIL 6, 2hp, d4 Bite) to Hound (50s) (5hp, d6 Bite).

**Birds**: Parrot (5s) (STR 6, WIL 6, 2hp, d4 Claws) to Hawk (50s) (STR 8, WIL 8, 5hp, d6 Claws).

## HIRELINGS:

(cost per day; d6hp, Ability Scores 10 unless noted)

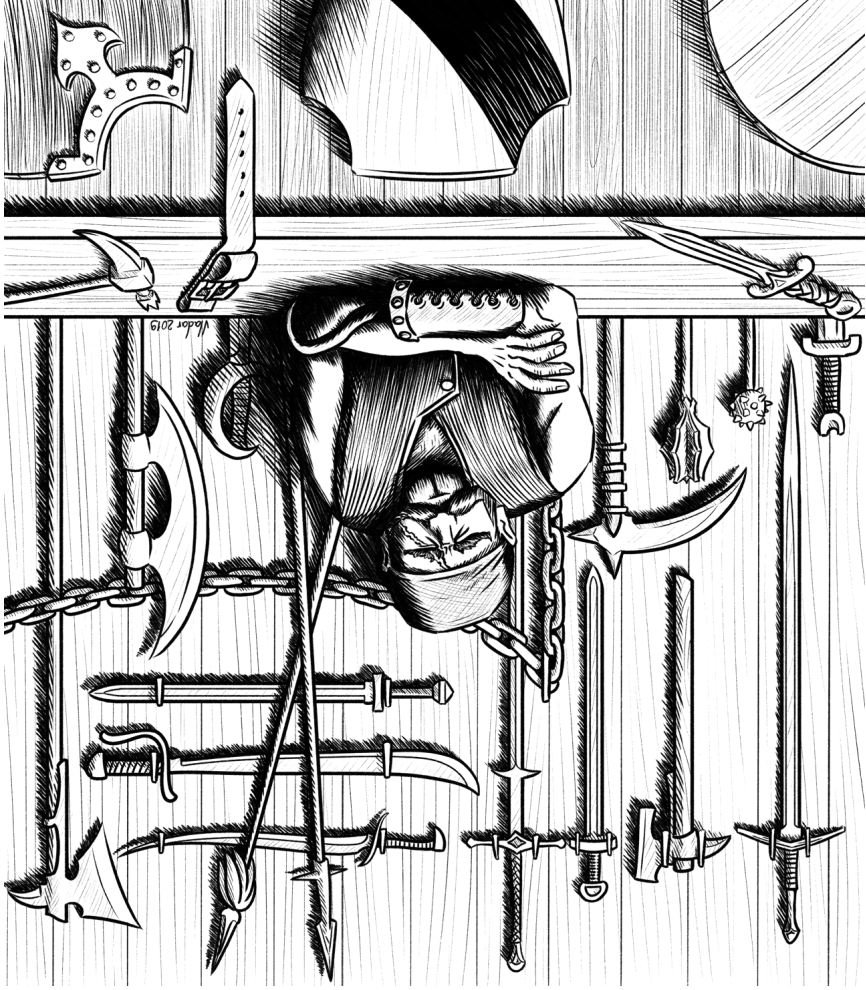
- + Torch Bearer (1s): WIL 8.
- + Guide (2s): STR 8, staff (d6, 2h), lantern, rope.
- + Armsman (5s): STR 12, Armour 2 (light armour and shield), spear (d6).
- + Specialist (10s): dagger (d6), bow (d6), area of expertise.
- + Champion (50s): STR 14, 6+d6hp, Armour 2 (full), halberd (d8+d6, 2h), Proven Warrior.

4<sup>TH</sup> CIRCLE

1. **Animate Dead**: Creates up to d4 undead skeletons and zombies from corpses.
2. **Arcane Eye**: Creates an invisible floating eye you can see through and control.
3. **Bestow Curse**: The target gains Disadvantage on all Saves until Healed.
4. **Chain Lightning**: Strikes d10 targets for d10 Electricity Damage each ignoring Armour.
5. **Charm Creature**: WIL Save or a creature treats you as an ally.
6. **Confusion**: WIL Save or creatures behave oddly. In combat, roll a d4 on their turn, 1: attack their allies, 2–3: do nothing, 4: attack their enemies.
7. **Contagion**: Infects a creature with a horrible disease, reducing one Ability Score by d6 immediately and each subsequent day until Healed.
8. **Create Water**: A spring starts spilling water from the ground or wall.
9. **Crushing Despair**: Everyone in a large area makes a WIL Save or their attacks are Impaired.
10. **Detect Scrying**: Alerts you of the magical eavesdropping.
11. **Dimension Door**: Teleports you within a medium distance.
12. **Dimensional Anchor**: Bars extradimensional movement.
13. **Fear**: Creatures within a large cone must pass a WIL Save or flee.
14. **Fire Shield**: Creatures attacking you in melee take d6 Fire Damage; you are protected from heat and cold.
15. **Fire Trap**: An opened object deals d12 Fire Damage. Persistent.
16. **Globe of Invulnerability**: Stops Spells up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circle inside a small sphere.
17. **Illusory Terrain**: Change the visual appearance of one type of terrain, a wall, floor, ceiling, etc.
18. **Locate Creature**: Indicates the direction to a familiar creature.
19. **Minor Creation**: Creates one small cloth or a wooden object. Persistent.
20. **Nightmare**: WIL Save each night or the target wakes with half its HP and will not recover them until they have a full rest without Nightmares. Persistent.
21. **Phantasmal Killer**: A fearsome, invincible illusion that only the target can see. Attacks for d10 Damage before disappearing. On Critical Damage the target must succeed on a WIL Save or die from terror.
22. **Polymorph**: Gives one willing creature a new permanent form.
23. **Rainbow Pattern**: Lights fascinate creatures. In combat, they are Stunned until passing a WIL Save at the end of their turn.
24. **Remove Curse**: Frees a creature from any magical Disadvantages or Impairments.
25. **Resilient Sphere**: A force globe protects but traps one creature. Pass a DEX Save to avoid it.
26. **Scrying**: Spies on the target from a distance.
27. **Secure Shelter**: Creates a sturdy cottage.
28. **Sending**: Instantly delivers a short message anywhere. A recipient can send back a short answer.
29. **Solid Fog**: Blocks vision and slows movement in a large area.
30. **Stone Shape**: Sculpts a small cube of stone into any shape.
31. **Stoneskin**: A creature gains Armour 3 but running and swimming are impossible.
32. **Symbol of Pain**: Reading this small rune causes pain. The reader loses d4 STR immediately and must pass a WIL Save or be Stunned and scream until passing a WIL Save at the end of their next turn. Persistent.
33. **Summon Being**: Calls any chosen extraplanar being to our plane. It holds no loyalty to you.
34. **True Invisibility**: A creature can attack and stay invisible.
35. **Wall of Fire**: Passing through this large wall causes d10 Fire Damage.
36. **Wall of Ice**: Creates a large ice wall (12hp, Armour 3) or hemisphere. Can trap creatures inside, unless they pass a DEX Save.

3RD CIRCLE

1. **Arcane Sight:** Magical auras in a medium sphere become visible to you, even through walls and other obstacles, revealing the most general information of their nature.
2. **Black Tentacles:** Tentacles grapple those who fail a STR or DEX Save within a medium area for their next turn.
3. **Blink:** Each turn you have a 50% chance to vanish and reappear on your next turn, avoiding the next attack against you.
4. **Clairaudience/Clairvoyance:** Hear or see at a distance.
5. **Daylight:** A large area of bright light.
6. **Deep Slumber:** Puts d6 creatures that fail their WIL Save to sleep until the Spell is broken or creatures take Damage.
7. **Displacement:** Gain Advantage on Critical Damage Saves.
8. **Dream:** Sends a message to anyone sleeping.
9. **Explosive Runes:** Deal d10 Blast Damage when read, disappearing afterwards. Persistent.
10. **Fireball:** Deal d10 Fire Damage within a medium sphere.
11. **Flame Arrows:** Ally's missiles deal bonus d6 Fire Damage.
12. **Fly:** A creature flies.
13. **Gaseous Form:** A willing creature becomes insubstantial and can fly slowly.
14. **Halt Undead:** Immobilizes all undead in your vicinity who failed their WIL Save.
15. **Haste/Slow:** One creature moves at double or half speed and gains +1 or -1 Armour respect-fully.
16. **Hold Person:** Stuns one humanoid until pass-ingly a STR Save at the end of their turn.
17. **Illusory Script:** Changes one page to hide its real content that only an intended reader can decipher. Persistent.
18. **Invisibility Sphere:** Makes everyone within a small sphere invisible until they attack.
19. **Keen Edge:** The next attack with this melee weapon ignores HP and goes directly for the STR score.
20. **Lightning Bolt:** d8 Electricity Damage to all in a line ignoring Armour.
21. **Magic Circle:** Prevents a certain type of un-natural beings (extraplanar, undead, etc.) from entering or leaving unless they pass a WIL Save.
22. **Major Illusion:** Conjure an image with sound, smell, and thermal effects. This also could be used to disguise appearance of one creature.
23. **Nondetection:** Hides the target from divina-tion, scrying. Persistent.
24. **Rage:** Creature's attacks are Enhanced, but so are attacks against them.
25. **Septia Snake Sigh:** Creates a small text symbol that Stuns reader until a WIL Save at the end of their turn. Persistent.
26. **Shout:** Everyone within a medium cone is deafened for one round and takes d8 Damage.
27. **Shrink Item:** An object shrinks to one-sixteenth its size and weight.
28. **Sleet Storm:** Flames are doused, ranged at-lacks are Impaired in a large area. A DEX Save to avoid slipping.
29. **Stinking Cloud:** Nauseating Vapours, pass a STR Save or vomit and gain Disadvantage on the next Save.
30. **Suggestion:** WIL Save or the target is compelled to follow the stated course of action.
31. **Summon Gate:** Calls out to any extraplanar being that wishes to enter our plane. You have no choice which being answers, and it holds no loyalty to you.
32. **Tiny Hut:** Creates a shelter for ten creatures.
33. **Tongues:** Speak any language.
34. **Vampiric Touch:** On a failed STR Save, the tar-get loses d6 STR, and you restore all lost HP.
35. **Water Breathing:** Creatures can breathe under-water.
36. **Wind Wall:** Deflects arrows, smaller creatures, and gases.



2. PLAYING THE GAME

RULES

Saves

Roll d20 equal or under the appropriate Ability Score to succeed. 1 is always a success and 20 is always a failure.

Advantage and Disadvantage

Whenever someone has increased or decreased odds of succeeding on a Save, the Referee may give them Advantage or Disadvantage. Roll twice and take the better or worse of the two rolls respectively. Advantage and Disadvantage cancel each other out.

Taking your Turn

In a combat situation, the Referee decides which side acts first. When this is unclear, player characters must pass DEX Saves to be able to act before their opponents. After such initial turn, all player characters act together as usual.

On their turn, characters can generally move (or change items they are holding instead) and carry out one action. All characters declare their intentions and after that the dice are rolled.

Attacking

Roll your weapon's Damage die, or for both weapons if wielding two, along with any bonus Damage dice you have. The highest single roll is identified, and the attack causes this much damage.

Ranged weapons cannot be used while engaged in melee combat.

Ganging Up

When multiple attackers target an individual, they roll together and keep the highest result, plus 1 point of Damage for each additional attacker, up to +5. Once the attack has been resolved, the target cannot be attacked again until their next turn.

Ganging Up: Easy Mode (optional)

For a more "cinematic" combat feel, you may forgo bonus damage from additional attackers.

Impaired and Enhanced Attacks

Attacks that are Impaired, such as firing through cover or a resistant target, roll d4 Damage regardless of weapon, no bonus Damage dice allowed.

Attacks that are Enhanced by a risky stunt or a vulnerable target gain bonus d12 Damage die.

Manoeuvres

Instead of making a normal attack, you may spend your turn trying to carry out another manoeuvre, such as knocking an opponent down, snatching an item or fleeing. In these cases, the side most at risk makes a Save to avoid consequences.

Armour

Armour subtracts its score from result of any Damage rolls against the wearer.

Total Armour score for a creature cannot exceed 3.

Mounted Combat

Mounted troops in melee gain +1 Armour and bonus weapon Damage die against unmounted opponents.

Damage

When taking damage, you lose that many Hit Points. If you have any HP left, then the attack was mostly avoided or only a minor wound was inflicted.

When you run out of HP, any remaining Damage is removed from your STR score. Now you must pass a STR Save to avoid Critical Damage.

Blast Damage

Blast attacks affect all targets in the appropriate area, rolling once for each target. If unsure how many targets are affected, roll Damage die.

Critical Damage

Characters that take Critical Damage are unable to take further action until they are tended to by an ally and have a Rest. If they are left untended to for an hour, they die.

Ability Score Loss

The character dies at STR 0. At DEX 0 or WIL 0 the character is paralysed or catatonic respectively, cannot act until Healing and must be carried to safety.

2<sup>ND</sup> CIRCLE

1. **Acid Arrow:** d6 Acid Damage now and a d6 STR loss next round unless washed.
2. **Alter Self:** Take on a form of a similar creature.
3. **Arcane Lock:** Magically locks a portal or chest. Persistent.
4. **Bear's Endurance:** A creature gains Armour 2.
5. **Blindness:** STR Save or Blinded until Rest.
6. **Blur:** Your details cannot be seen. Attacks against you are Impaired.
7. **Bull's Strength:** Unarmed melee attacks cause d8 Damage, Advantage on STR Saves.
8. **Cat's Grace:** Grants Advantage on DEX Saves.
9. **Command Undead:** An undead creature must pass a WIL Save or obeys your command.
10. **Continual Flame:** Makes a permanent, heatless torch. Can be cast on objects. Persistent.
11. **Darkness:** Creates a medium area of supernatural shadow.
12. **Darkvision:** See in natural darkness in your vicinity.
13. **Deafness:** All within a medium area are deafened.
14. **Detect Thoughts:** WIL Save or else allows "listening" to surface thoughts of the target.
15. **False Life:** Regain any lost STR, but it vanishes again after a minute or if you cast another spell.
16. **Flaming Sphere:** Creates a rolling ball of fire, d8 Fire Damage on a failed DEX Save. Each turn you can choose the direction of its movement. After dealing its Damage, it stops for this turn.
17. **Fog Cloud:** Fog obscures vision over a large area. Ranged attacks through it are Impaired.
18. **Gentle Repose:** Preserves one corpse for a day.
19. **Ghoul Touch:** STR Save or Stunned until passing a STR Save at the end of their turn, exuding stench that makes those nearby sickened.
20. **Glitterdust:** DEX Save or Enhance attacks at targeted creature. Reveals invisible things.
21. **Gust of Wind:** Blows away or knocks down stuff in a medium cone. A STR Save to resist.
22. **Heat Metal:** Heat one metal object red-hot. Each turn it causes d6 Fire Damage on touch.
23. **Heroism:** Reroll any one die. Persistent.
24. **Invisibility:** A creature is invisible until it attacks.

25. **Knock:** Opens a locked or magically sealed door.
26. **Levitate:** The target moves up and down at your will, floating down safely afterwards. A WIL Save to levitate targets heavier than you.
27. **Locate Object:** Directs toward the object.
28. **Magic Mouth:** Speaks once when triggered. Persistent.
29. **Minor Illusion:** Conjure an image with sound.
30. **Mirror Image:** Creates d4 decoy duplicates of you. The duplicate disappears when hit.
31. **Misdirection:** Misleads divinations on one target. Persistent.
32. **Owl's Wisdom:** Perceive the world with heightened senses for the next hour.
33. **Phantom Trap:** Makes an item seem trapped. Persistent.
34. **Protection from Arrows:** A creature is immune to mundane ranged attacks.
35. **Pyrotechnics:** Turns fire into blinding light or choking smoke.
36. **Resist Element:** A creature is immune to a specific type of elemental Damage.
37. **Rope Trick:** A rope leads to extradimensional space accommodating up to eight creatures.
38. **Scorching Ray:** Deals d8 Fire Damage.
39. **See Invisibility:** Reveals invisible creatures or objects in your vicinity.
40. **Shatter:** Sonic vibration causes d6 Blast Damage to objects or crystalline creatures, ignoring Armour.
41. **Silence:** No sounds could be produced in a medium area, including Spell casting.
42. **Spectral Hand:** Creates a disembodied glowing hand to deliver one of your touch Spells as an action on one of your next turns.
43. **Spider Climb:** Walk on walls and ceilings.
44. **Summon Beast:** Calls an intelligent extraplanar beast. It holds no loyalty to you.
45. **Swarm:** Summons a swarm of bats, rats, or spiders. Harmless, but distracting.
46. **Touch of Idiocy:** STR Save or lose d4 WIL.
47. **Web:** Fills a medium area with sticky spiderwebs. STR Save or cannot move on this turn.
48. **Whispering Wind:** Sends a short message within a mile.

- 1<sup>ST</sup> CIRCLE
1. **Alarm:** Intruders set off an alarm audible only to you. Persistent.

2. **Animate Rope:** Makes a rope move at your command.

3. **Burning Hands:** d6 Fire Damage in a small cone.

4. **Cause Fear:** Will Save or the target flees.

5. **Charm Person:** Will Save or one humanoid becomes your friend until their next Rest.

6. **Chill Touch:** STR Save or the target suffers d4 STR Loss.

7. **Colour Spray:** STR Save or the target is Blinded on the next turn.

8. **Comprehend Languages:** You understand all spoken and written languages.

9. **Detect Secret Doors:** Reveals hidden doors in your vicinity.

10. **Detect Dead:** Reveals corpses and undead beings in your vicinity.

11. **Disguise Self:** Changes your appearance.

12. **Endure Elements:** Everyone adjacent to you can exist comfortably in hot or cold environments.

13. **Enlarge/Reduce:** A humanoid creature doubles or halves in size gaining Advantage/Disadvantage on STR Saves and increasing/decreasing their weapon Damage dice respectively (d4–d12 range). The target could choose to avoid effects with a STR Save.

14. **Erase:** Mundane or magical writing vanishes.

15. **Expeditious Retreat:** Run twice as fast.

16. **Feather Fall:** Objects or creatures fall slowly.

17. **Floating Disk:** Creates 3-ft-diameter horizontal disk that holds 100 lb.

18. **Grease:** Makes a small area or one object slippery. DEX Save to avoid slipping.

19. **Hideous Laughter:** Will Save or the target laughs and impairs their attacks until passing the Save at the end of their turn.

20. **Hold Portal:** Holds a door shut.

21. **Hypnotism:** Fascinate d6 creatures that fail a Will Save. In combat, their attacks on the next turn are Impaired.

- AFTER THE ADVENTURE
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**Morale**  
The leader of a group must pass a Will Save to avoid their group being routed when they lose half of their total numbers. Lone combatants must pass this Save when they are reduced to 0hp. This applies to opponents and allies but not player characters. Mindless or fearless opponents are exempt as well.

**Retreat**  
Fleeing to safety under pursuit requires a DEX Save and somewhere to run to.

**Rest**  
A few minutes of rest and a swig of water recovers all of character's lost Hit Points. Resting may waste time or attract danger.

**Healing**  
Ability Score Loss and other serious ailments require the aid of an Expert service or magic to recover.

**Assumed Ability Scores**  
Any Ability Score not listed is treated as 10.

**Reaction**  
When a reaction to a character is uncertain, pass a Will Save to avoid a negative reaction.

**CONDITIONS:**  
**Blinded** creatures may require a DEX Save to carry out actions that rely on sight, their attacks are Impaired, and DEX Saves from external threats are rolled at Disadvantage.  
**Hidden** creature's attacks are Enhanced, but any attack or other similar action unveils the attacker.  
**Invisible** creature's attacks are Enhanced, attacks targeted at invisible creatures are Impaired.  
**Stunned** creatures do not act on their turn, have Disadvantage on DEX Saves, and attacks targeted at them are Enhanced.  
**Unconscious** creatures are reduced to 0hp.
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**threat, or seek out mysterious treasures.**

**Generally, the goal of an Adventure is to find out about a mysterious environment, destroy a powerful**

**EXPERIENCE LEVELS**  
After completing the requirements for the next Experience Level, you may take a break from adventure to reflect upon your experience. Describe what the character has been doing during this time, whether humble or grand. After that, you move to the next Experience Level. You cannot advance more than one Experience Level in a single session of play. When advancing to a new Experience Level, you choose a new Feature, gain d6hp and roll d20 for each Ability Score. If the roll is higher than the Ability Score, it increases by one to a maximum of 20.

**1. Novice**  
You are ready for your first Adventure.

**2. Proven**  
You have survived at least one Adventure to a dangerous place, returning to civilisation.

**3. Expert**  
You have survived at least three Adventures since reaching Proven Level.

**4. Veteran**  
You have survived at least five Adventures since reaching Expert Level. You have an Apprentice that has reached Expert Level.

**5. Master**  
You have established or seized control of a Domain of at least one hundred people. You are granted a noble title or create your own.

**Slower Experience Progression (optional)**  
If the adventure progression of 1–3–5 feels too quick for your group, use the progression of 3–5–7 instead.

3. RULING A DOMAIN

Any community of 100 or more people is a Domain. One or more characters may have rulership of a Domain, with the potential to establish a part of the world as their own.

SIZE SCORES AND POPULATION

Size Score, or SIZ, is a measure of the populace of your Domain and may reach a maximum of 20.

SIZ	Populace	SIZ	Populace
1	100	11	30,000
2	300	12	50,000
3	600	13	75,000
4	1,000	14	100,000
5	3,000	15	150,000
6	5,000	16	200,000
7	7,500	17	300,000
8	10,000	18	500,000
9	15,000	19	750,000
10	20,000	20	1,000,000

Each month, you must choose a focus for your Domain from the following.

**Taxation:** You gather extra money this month, gaining 1s for each of your populace.

**Growth:** Roll d20. If this is higher than your SIZ, then your SIZ is increased by 1.

**Prosperity:** You do not need to roll to see if there is Unrest in your Domain this month.

Civil Unrest

At the end of the month, roll d20. If this is equal or lower than your SIZ, there is Unrest in your Domain. 10% of your population revolts and must be quashed or else they seize control of your Domain.

ARMIES AND WAR

**Training Soldiers:** 20% of populace are fit for calling into service as poorly skilled conscripts (3hp). A further 1% of your population are professional soldiers (STR 12, 5hp, Novice Warrior). All soldiers must be equipped as required.

**Large Battles:** When handling large numbers of combatants, they should be massed together as a unit. Units have the same Hit Points as a single combatant, but add 1 damage for how many times to one they outnumber their opponents. E.g., a unit of 200 cavemen fighting 50 spearmen outnumber them 5-to-1, gaining 5 bonus damage.

When units take Critical Damage, their numbers are halved and they must pass a WIL Save or break and disband. At STR 0 they are wiped out.

Individual attacks against units are Impaired, unless they cause Blast damage.

Unit attacks against individuals are Enhanced and cause Blast damage.

**Sieges:** Wooden walls have 6hp, Armour 6, and stone walls have 8hp, Armour 8. Reducing a wall to 0hp allows passage over it. Walls and other defensive structures usually ignore damage from anything but siege engines and such.

**Siege Engines:** Cannons and the like cause d12 Blast Damage.

See Structures and Sieges in Appendix A for more details and additional information.

EXAMPLE DOMAINS

Red Hill — Home of the Man-Beasts

Ruler: Black Yur Og, Veteran Shaman.  
SIZ 5 (Population 3,000).  
Stone walls (8hp, Armour 8), 4 Rock Throwers. 30 Tribal Champions (2-handed axe), 300 Wild Men (axe, shield), 300 Wild Men (bow).

Unktar — The Clay City of Flies

Ruler: Primarch Elm Vroach, Master Priest.  
SIZ 14 (Population 100,000).  
Clay walls (7hp, Armour 7), 10 Burning Oil Pourers, 10 Cannons. 5,000 Spearmen (spear, shield), 6,000 Bowmen (bow), 2,000 Halberdiers (halberd, light armour), 2,000 Light Cavalry (horse, spear, bow), 2,000 Nomad Bowmen (light armour, longbow), 800 Greathall Guard (horse, full armour, greatsword).

4. MAGIC

Spells

Written in Runic and found in Tomes and Scrolls. Spells require a few minutes of uninterrupted calm and attention to cast, as well as requiring a set of detailed gestures and incantations. Consequently, Spells are generally impossible to cast in combat.

Mystics can cast any spell of a Circle equal or lower to their Mystic Level.

Ongoing effects last until you cast another Spell.

**Persistent Spells** have their effects last as long as you wish or until you cast the same spell again.

**Cantrips** These minor tricks are not true spells, do not interrupt ongoing effects of the previous spell, and require you to use your Focus to cast them.

Focus

Every Mystic carries a Focus, typically an orb, wand, or staff that allows to instantly cast a Prepared Spell or any Cantrip you know as an action, while performing the proper gestures and incantations.

It can also be used to dispel the ongoing effect of another Mystic's Spell unless they pass a WIL Save.

A Focus does not work when wearing armour.

Prepared Spells

During the Rest you can use your Tome to prepare a number of spells equal to your Experience Level to cast using your Focus as an action.

The Spell cast this way deals Damage equal to its Spell Circle × 2 to the caster ignoring Armour. At 0hp, this Damage targets WIL instead of STR: pass a WIL Save or fall unconscious for a few minutes.

Signature Spells

Each time you take Mystic Feature, choose a new Signature spell to cast without preparation and at half its cost (1hp per Spell Circle).

Scrolls of new spells found by Mystics are usually attached to the Tome for the convenience of usage. See Manufacture of Magic Equipment in Appendix A for the additional information on creation of Focuses and Scrolls.

The Referee may provide Mystics with a list of Spells for their Tome or use the examples below. This is far from all the Spells that exist in the world, the vast majority of which are unknown to any single person.

CANTRIPS

- Acid Splash:** An orb deals d4 Acid Damage and lightly corrodes wood.
- Arcane Mark:** Inscribes a personal rune (visible or invisible). Persistent.
- Daze:** A humanoid must pass a WIL Save or be Stunned on the next turn.
- Detect Magic:** Detects Spells and magic items in your vicinity (blocked by walls, doors, etc.).
- Detect Poison:** Detects poison in one creature or small object.
- Disrupt Undead:** Deals d4 Damage to one undead, ignoring Armour and resistances.
- Flare:** Sends up a flare that can be seen for some distance. If shot at target, cause d4 Fire Damage.
- Ghost Sound:** Fignment sounds.
- Guided Strike:** The target gains bonus weapon Damage die on their next attack.
- Light:** A small object that you are holding sheds light as a torch.
- Mage Hand:** 5-pound telekinesis.
- Mending:** Makes minor repairs on an object.
- Message:** Whispered one-way conversation with someone in your vicinity.
- Open/Close:** Opens or closes unlocked objects.
- Prestidigitiation:** Performs minor tricks.
- Provocation:** A creature must pass a WIL Save or be provoked to attack you.
- Ray of Frost:** A ray deals d4 Cold Damage.
- Resistance:** A creature ignores normally annoying affects such as sweltering heat, itchy skin diseases, or a sandstorm. Persistent.
- Spark:** Touch for d4 Electricity Damage ignoring Armour.
- Ventriloquism:** Throws voice.