

# HARGRAEVEN

CURIOUS HOW SUCH A CREATURE DEVELOPS. WHEN I FIRST encountered their kind I had thought them related to harpies; some sort of twisted pairing of harpy and human. I had thought wrong, of course. There is not a speck of harpy blood in them. It turns out the answer is far simpler, and far less entertaining than I had hoped. They were once birds, and now they are not. The natural forces of this world have changed them in to what they are today. A fairly new civilised species, comparatively. But spreading quickly. I wouldn't be surprised if their kind has already reached beyond their home continent.

—Idrex Rivaan, *A World Beyond*

The hargraeven's ancestors, known as raevera, were ancient migratory birds capable of long-distance flights at incredible speeds. As other aggressive creatures, such as wyrms, wyverns, and other birds of prey grew in numbers raevera were forced to fly lower and lower to the ground, until it eventually became safer to stay out of the skies altogether. Over the thousands of years that followed, raevera evolved to become the hargraeven; a lithe and agile race of intelligent humanoids.

Though the majority of the raevera's visual traits have faded over time, the hargraeven still retain a handful of avian features. A hargraeven's head, shoulders, and occasionally forearms and hips are covered in soft feathers of varying density. Their legs, most often transitioning from below the knee, end in bird-like clawed feet. Each of their fingers end in a similarly clawed fashion.

Although relatively new to the civilised world, the hargraeven have quickly found their place among the other races.

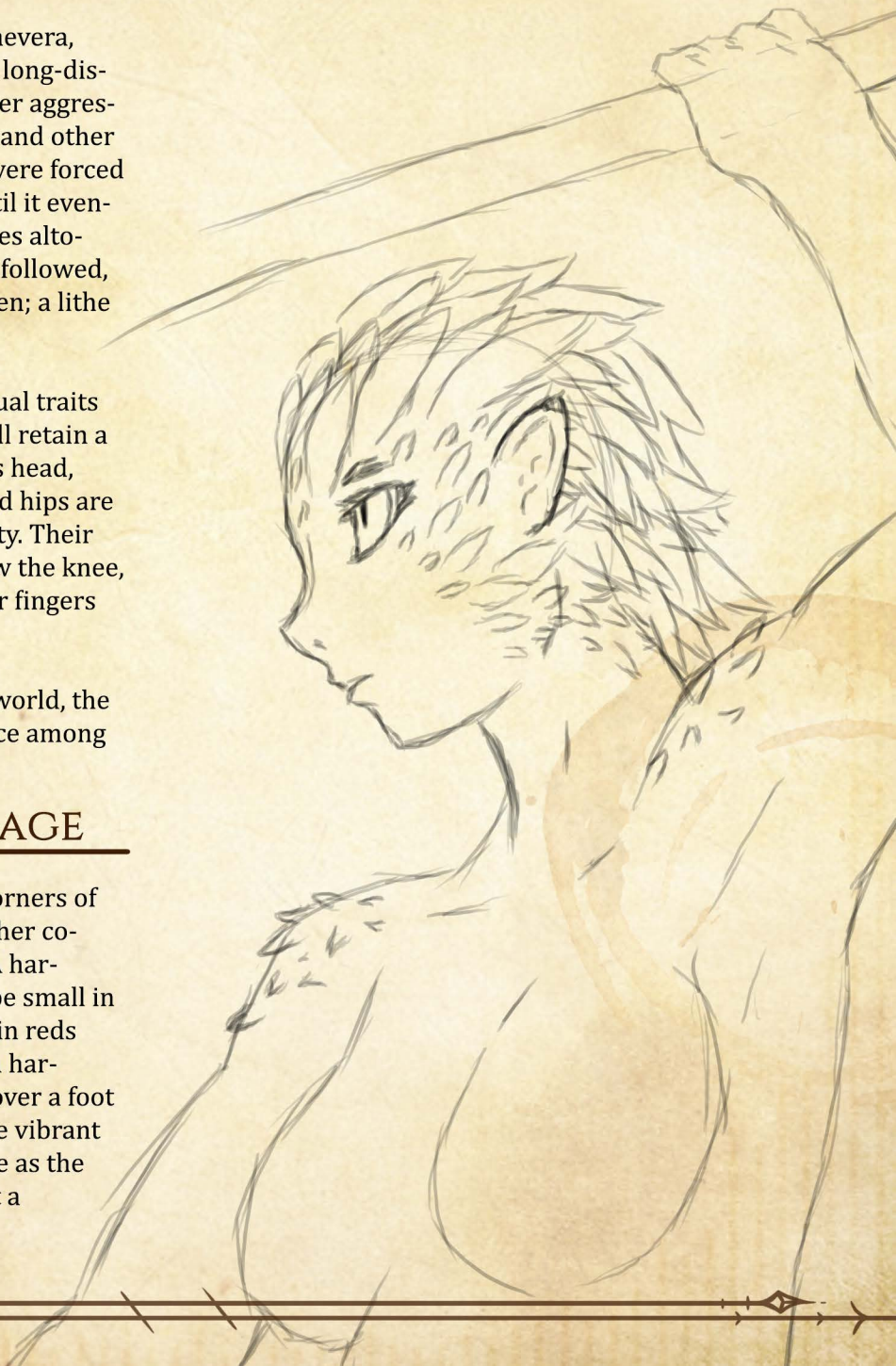
## A PLETHORA OF PLUMAGE

Hargraeven can be found in almost all corners of the world. Their size, skin tone, and feather colours often reflect their place of origin. A hargraeven with lineage in the desert may be small in stature, have brightly coloured feathers in reds and yellows, and bronze skin. Whereas a hargraeven from the arctic may stand well over a foot taller than their desert counterpart, have vibrant green and blue plumage, and skin as pale as the fields of snow they call home. This is not a

steadfast rule, however, and though it is uncommon to see these traits mixed and matched, it is not at all unheard of.

### MOMO'S DELIVERY SERVICE

Hargraeven are very commonly employed by courier services to deliver letters and parcels all across the land. Big cities and small towns alike; hargraeven are often spotted speeding through the streets or across the rooftops with a courier bag slung over their shoulder. There is a tradeoff to this expedited delivery, however. As the saying goes, "A speedy 'graeven catches naught but wall."





## HARGRAEVEN NAMES

A hargraeven typically has a given name and a chosen name. The given name, given to them by their caretakers when they hatch, is often influenced by the naming conventions of the region they were born in to. As an example; if a dragonborn were to be the caretaker of a hargraeven's egg, it would not be unusual for that hargraeven to be given a name in draconic, or a name that harkens back to that dragonborn's ancestry.

The chosen name is taken later in life, and mirrors a hargraeven's avian heritage and a pivotal moment in that hargraeven's life. Many hargraevens change their chosen name throughout their life.

**Given Names:** Amnaya, Amoss, Bragron, Cadriel, Elnaril, Goka, Inys, Kannabi, Keris, Maddes, Merith, Momo, Mylria, Nariko, Natea, Oftum, Rebia, Vulmer, Zolvin

**Chosen Names:** Airracer, Beastcall, Crestdiver, Feathersong, Fowlplay, Fringerunner, Plumedancer, Quillchart, Skyfall, Tailbolt, Talonrider, Wingbreak

## HARGRAEVEN TRAITS

A hargraeven character has the following racial traits.

**Ability Score Increase.** Your Dexterity score increases by 2, and your Wisdom score increases by 1.

**Age.** Hargraeven mature at the same rate as humans, and tend to live to about 130 years.

**Alignment.** The alignment of a hargraeven often depends on their upbringing. Regardless of whether they fall closer to the good or evil side of the spectrum, you'll almost always find them on the neutral or chaotic side of it.

**Size.** An adult hargraeven can grow to considerable size under the right circumstances. Hargraevens in the arctic are often seen in excess of 6 feet tall, sometimes 7. However, the warmer the climate, the smaller the hargraeven, hitting an average of 5 feet in the hottest environments. Similarly, their weight differs like their height, though whether tall or short the hargraeven still retain the hollow bones of their ancestors, and typically

weigh between 60 to 90 pounds. There is little difference in size between males and females. Your size is Medium.

**Speed.** The speed and endurance of your ancestors was unmatched, and you carry this trait with you. Your speed is 40.

**Incredible Speed.** Whenever you take the Dash action on your turn you may move up to three times your speed, instead of two times.

**Steadfast Agility.** Navigating the busiest of cities, the densest jungles, and thickest forests is what you were made for. The strength of your clawed feet make climbing, jumping, and even hanging upside down as natural an action as breathing. Your high jump and long jump distances are doubled. Whenever you make an ability check to climb or jump from inclined and vertical surfaces, you do so at advantage.

**Languages.** You can speak, read, and write Common and Auran.

### MEAT'S BACK ON THE MENU

Though they weren't strictly carnivores, raevera had a diet that consisted mainly of meat. Like many modern birds, raevera had several rows of sharp spines within their beaks that assisted in holding their live prey in place. Their descendants inherited this trait in the form of a row of serrated, pointed teeth on both their upper and lower jaws.

