



DEMONS OF RAGE

Demons represent the dark, chaotic impulses of humanity made manifest. Different demons represent different aspects of this darkness, but none are so brutal as the demons of rage. These demons are born from the innate aggression of mortals, and thrive in times of war. They are the living embodiments of rage, bloodlust, and warmongering. In some worlds, these fiends operate independently, rampaging across existence in their endless desire for battle and bloodshed. On others, they serve as soldiers to one or more mighty demon lords or demonic gods who preside over the domains of rage, blood, and conquest.

Call to War. While most demons are known for brutality and murder, demons of rage embody these aspects in their purest form. War and aggression are their succor, and these fiends incite mortals into bloody conflict wherever they roam. While demons of rage are more than eager enough to wage war directly, their presence alone drives mortals to greater levels of aggression and brutality. Under the influence of these demons, armies lose all restraint, once peaceful villages are consumed in bloody riots, and people across the land rally for war.

Brutal and Direct. Demons of rage eschew indirect tactics such as guile, deception, or sorcery. They view these methods as a sign of weakness and despise all who employ them. Demons of rage engage their enemies head-on, relying on overwhelming aggression and superior strength at arms to crush their foes. While these fiends are not stupid and possess masterful skills in combat, they rarely allow the niceties of complex battlefield tactics to interfere with their need for brutal slaughter.

Hated of Magic. While many demons utilize innate arcane abilities to achieve their depraved ends, demons of rage condemn the use of magic. To them, spellcraft is a cowardly and despicable substitute for martial prowess, and these demons only utilize magic in the form of enchanted arms and armor. The disdain for magic these demons hold is reflected in how easily they can shrug off any sorcery that would attempt to subdue them. Demons of rage have an innate resistance to magical effects, and they often forge armaments that help them negate any spells that would deny them glorious, unimpeded combat.



Bloodletters. These demonic warriors sport massive horns, blood-red hides, and a skull-like visage whose eyes burn with endless rage. Bloodletters wield mighty hellblades with brutal skill and often serve as demonic footsoldiers. They attack with unrestrained brutality, feeding off the aggression and violence of combat. Bloodletters fighting together will drive each other to greater heights of hatred, cutting through enemies in a maddened frenzy.

Bloodletters often make up the bulk of demonic armies in service to demon lords of war and hatred. In some worlds, they slaughter in the name of a specific master, while in others, they serve as demonic footsoldiers utilized by multiple demon lords.

Bloodletters are often encountered in small roving warbands but can sometimes form the backbone of world-ending demonic armies. While they are deadly and unrelenting warriors, their single-minded need for slaughter usually prohibits them from performing complex long-term strategies. For bloodletters, combat is an end unto itself.

BLOODLETTER

Medium fiend (demon), chaotic evil

Armor Class 14 (natural armor)

Hit Points 60 (8d8 + 24)

Speed 40ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
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18 (+4)	14 (+2)	16 (+3)	10 (0)	14 (+2)	12 (+1)
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Saving Throws Wis +4 Str +6

Skills Athletics +6, Intimidation +5, Perception +4

Damage Resistances cold, fire, lightning

Damage Immunities poison

Condition Immunities poisoned

Senses darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 14

Languages Abyssal, telepathy 60 ft.

Challenge 3 (700 XP) **Proficiency Bonus** +2

Brute. A melee weapon deals one extra die of its damage when the bloodletter hits with it (included in the attack).

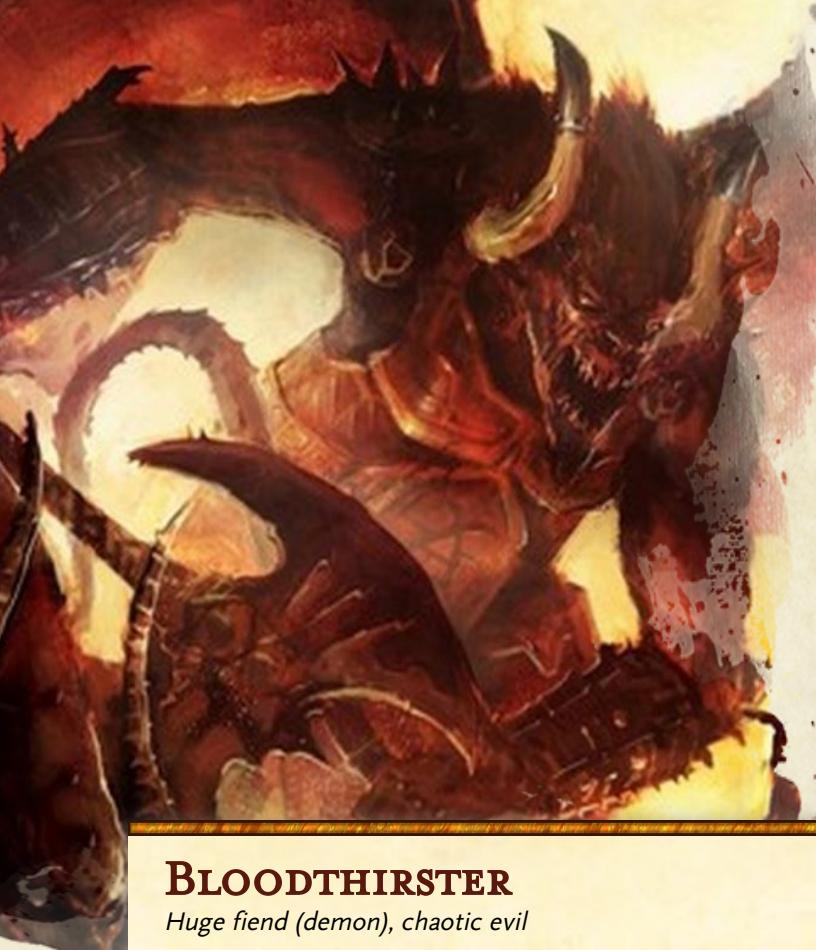
Magic Resistance. The bloodletter has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects

Murderous Tide. The bloodletter gets +1 bonus to its attack and damage rolls with melee weapons for each other bloodletter within 10 feet of it, up to a maximum bonus of +3.

Actions

Multiattack The bloodletter makes two attacks.

Hellblade. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5ft., one target. *Hit:* 17 (2d12 + 4)



BLOODTHIRSTER

Huge fiend (demon), chaotic evil

Armor Class 18 (plate)

Hit Points 310 (27d12 + 135)

Speed 40ft., fly 50 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
24 (+7)	18 (+4)	20 (+5)	16 (+3)	18 (+4)	18 (+4)

Saving Throws Dex +10, Con +11, Int +9, Wis +10,

Skills Acrobatics +10, Athletics +19, Intimidation +16, Perception +10

Damage Resistances cold, lightning; bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing from nonmagical attacks

Damage Immunities fire, poison

Condition Immunities charmed, frightened, poisoned

Senses blindsight 10 ft., darkvision 300 ft., truesight 120 ft., passive Perception 20

Languages Abyssal, telepathy 300 ft.

Challenge 17 (18,000 XP) **Proficiency Bonus** +6

Magic Resistance. The bloodthirster has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

Spell Breaker At the start of each of the bloodthirster's turns, it can end one spell of 6th level or lower of its choice affecting it or a creature within 10 feet of it that it can see. It can do this even while incapacitated.

The Land Rebels. The bloodthirster ignores difficult terrain. Additionally, any ground the bloodthirster moves through becomes difficult terrain and is set ablaze with fire for the next minute. Any non-demon creature that enters the area for the first time on a turn or ends its turn there, takes the 10(3d6) fire damage.

Bloodthirsters. These greater demons are the mightiest embodiments of war and hatred in existence. They tower over the battlefield, snarling hound-like faces striking terror in the enemy as their mighty wings carry them into melee range. When bloodthirsters move across land, they devastate the earth itself with their presence, each step rending the ground and leaving a burning trail of hellfire. Once in striking distance, they cut a swath through their foes with massive demonic blades, slaughtering entire regiments of enemies in a few bloody moments.

Bloodthirsters act as fiendish warlords, often leading demonic armies in search of glory and slaughter. They may serve more powerful demonic entities or act independently, but in either case, they often command lesser demons of rage. While the chaotic nature of demons usually prevents them from organizing in sophisticated ways, bloodthirsters possess a brutal authority and instinct for battle tactics, allowing them to direct their murderous hordes to execute sophisticated tactics beyond their typical capabilities. Once battle is joined, the presence of the bloodthirster alone is enough to drive all combatants into a frenzy. Once orderly soldiers quickly succumb to chaotic bloodlust, and all restraint is swept away in the whirlwind of war.

Weapons of Fury. Any weapon the bloodthirster is wielding becomes magical for long as it wields it, and bloodthirster can't be disarmed of the weapon.

Bonus Actions

Aggressive. The bloodthirster moves up to its speed toward a hostile creature it can see.

Cleave. When the bloodthirster reduces a creature to 0 hit points with its Greataxe of Fury on its turn, it can make another attack with this weapon.

Actions

Multiattack. The bloodthirster makes three attacks.

Greataxe of Fury. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +13 to hit, reach 10ft., one target. *Hit:* 26 (3d12 + 7) slashing damage. If the target is concentrating on a spell, it has disadvantage on the saving throw it makes to maintain concentration resulting from this attack.

War Whip. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +13 to hit, reach 60 ft., one target. *Hit:* 20 (3d8 + 7) slashing damage. The target must make a DC 21 Strength saving throw or be pulled 30 feet towards the bloodthirster.

Whirlwind of Rage. The bloodthirster makes a Greataxe of Fury attack against any number of creatures within 10 feet of it, with a separate attack roll for each target. The area within 10 feet of the bloodthirster is then affected by its The Land Rebels feature.

Reactions

Vengeful Charge. When the bloodthirster is hit by an attack or a creature cast a spell that forces it to make a saving throw to resist its effects, the bloodthirster can move up to half its speed towards the creature without provoking opportunity attacks. The bloodthirster can then make a melee weapon attack against that creature with advantage if it is within 10 feet of it.

FLESH HOUND

Medium fiend (demon), chaotic evil

Armor Class 16 (natural armor)

Hit Points 90 (12d8 + 36)

Speed 60ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
18 (+4)	18 (+4)	16 (+3)	8 (-1)	16 (+3)	8 (-1)

Saving Throws Wis +6, Cha +2

Skills Perception +6

Damage Resistances cold, fire, lightning

Damage Immunities poison

Condition Immunities poisoned

Senses darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 16

Languages Understands Abyssal but can't speak it.

Challenge 5 (1,800 XP) **Proficiency Bonus** +3

Collar of Scorn. The hound has advantage on saving throws against spells, spell attacks against it are made with disadvantage, and it has resistance to damage caused by spells.

Keen Hearing and Smell. The hound has advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on hearing or smell.

Pack Tactics. The hound has advantage on attack rolls against a creature if at least one of the hound's allies is within 5 feet of the creature and the ally isn't incapacitated.

Actions

Multiattack The hound makes two attacks: one with its bite and one with its claws.

Bite. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 13 (2d8 + 4) piercing damage. If the target is a creature, it must succeed on a DC 14 Strength saving throw or be knocked prone.

Claws. *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 9 (2d4 + 4) slashing damage.

Burning Roar (Recharge 5–6). The hound lets out a roar that burns the air in a 15-foot cone in front of it. Each creature in that area must make a DC 14 Constitution saving throw, taking 14 (4d6) fire damage plus 14 (4d6) thunder damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.



Flesh Hounds. These fiends are literal dogs of war. They have the appearance of blood-red canines with demonic features whose fanged maws glow with infernal heat. They charge across the field of battle in bloodthirsty hunting packs, constantly searching for their next victims. The demonic howl of a flesh hound boils the air, cooking entire regiments of foes in an instant. Wounded survivors are then set upon with claws and teeth capable of crushing through armor, and any who attempt to flee are quickly hunted down and ripped to bloody shreds.

Flesh hounds are often used as beasts of war and hunting dogs by demonic masters. Unfortunate souls who have earned the ire of such a demon may find themselves pursued by these tireless hunters. For once a flesh hound gets the scent of its prey, it does not rest until its quarry's mangled body is delivered to its master.

To ensure no magic interferes with the flesh hound's hunt, each fiend is fitted with a runic collar that wards off spellcraft. Flesh hounds have a special hatred for magic users and are trained to prioritize the slaughter of such individuals. In battle, demonic commanders often use flesh hounds as anti-magic minions, utilizing their mobility and magic resistance to quickly run down and shred enemy mages before they can interfere with combat.

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DEMONS OF RAGE IN YOUR ADVENTURES

The demons in this document are based on the daemons of Khorne from the Warhammer franchise. However, they can be adapted to fit any setting which features bloodthirster, warmongering demons. In more traditional Dungeons and Dragons settings, they could serve as demonic warriors spawned to fight in the Blood War or as minions in service to one of the more warmongering demon lords such as Baphomet. The following tables provide you with examples of ways to incorporate these demons into your adventures.

BLOODLETTER ADVENTURES

d6

Plot Hook

- 1 A group of renegade soldiers has given into their bloodlust and, under demonic influence, transformed into a marauding band of **bloodletters**.
- 2 A town controlled by devils is under attack by **bloodletters** seeking to secure a victory in the Blood War.
- 3 A brutal warlord has made a demonic pact to secure a force of **bloodletters** to bolster his army.
- 4 Towns are coming under attack by a small force of **bloodletters** which some believe to be heralds of a larger demonic invasion.
- 5 In a wicked gladiatorial arena, **bloodletters** are summoned to provide an unholy opponent for contestants.
- 6 **Bloodletters** roam an ancient, misty battlefield, slaying any who cross their path as they seek to rekindle the flames of war.

BLOODTHIRSTER ADVENTURES

d4

Plot Hook

- 1 Villages have descended into a warmongering frenzy, with riots and civil wars breaking out across the land, all heralding the arrival of a **bloodthirster**.

On another plane of existence, brutal gladiatorial games are held in which contestants must fend off one demonic horror after another, with the final challenge being a face-off against a **bloodthirster**.

- 3 A once proud nation has been reduced to a smoldering warzone, the futureless inhabitants fighting for fighting's sake, as a **bloodthirster** rampages from one battle to the next.

Barbarian tribes and roving demons, including **bloodletters** and **flesh hounds**, have begun amassing under the leadership of a **bloodthirster**, who may soon command a neigh unstoppable conquering hoard.

FLESH HOUND ADVENTURES

d6

Plot Hook

- 1 One or more party members have earned the ire of a demonic hunt master who has unleashed a pack of **flesh hounds** to pursue the party.
- 2 A half-mad wizard begs the party for safety from a pack unrelenting of **flesh hounds**.
- 3 A demon-worshipping noble keeps pack of **flesh hounds** to guard his manor grounds.
- 4 A wizard crime lord has lost control of the **flesh hounds** he summoned to dispatch a spell casting rival.
- 5 A demonic researcher wants the party to capture a **flesh hound** to study its anti-magic properties.
- 6 A cruel warlord releases prisoners of war only to have them hunted down by bloodthirsty **flesh hounds**.



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