The Harquebus is an extraordinary weapon, the pinnacle of ranged artillery technology, developed to be a substitute for the semi-automatic crossbow, which was also a Dwemer exclusive. The Harquebus is a mechanical lightning based portable cannon, its internal mechanism is a complex structure built with a combination of ebony and Dwemer metal, the core of the weapon itself is an Aetherium crystal, used to canalize the energy from an Aether cell, a special type of ammunition constructed from filled soul gems that is used as the “fuel” of the gun. The weapon generates an arc of superheated plasma, once this ethereal lighting hits a target it will deal massive damage by thermal transference. Not only does the Harquebus deals much more damage than crossbows and bows, but also it requires almost no experience to be used, any person that can hold and aim the weapon properly is skilled enough to use it. The schematics of the weapon were completed just some time after the start of the Battle of Red Mountain and, due to the circumstances, the Dwemer never had the chance to properly construct the device. It is theorized that the crafting instructions are hidden somewhere in one of the city-states of the Dwemer, possibly in Blackreach or Nchardak.