FIGHTER (LEVEL 4)

Noble at heart, and fiercely loyal to his friends, Valeros nevertheless hides such sentiments under a jaded and crass demeanor, frequently observing that there's nothing better than ending a day with an evening of hard drinking and a night of soft company.

VALEROS

Male human fighter 4

NG Medium humanoid (human)

Init +3; Senses Perception +0

DEFENSE

AC 20, touch 13, flat-footed 17 (+7 armor, +3 Dex)

hp 44 (4d10+16)

Fort +7, Ref +5, Will +3; +1 vs. fear

Defensive Abilities bravery +1*

OFFENSE

Speed 30 ft.

Melee +1 longsword +7 (1d8+6/19-20), mwk short sword +6 (1d6+3/19-20) or

+1 longsword +9 (1d8+6/19-20) or

mwk short sword +8 (1d6+3/19-20)

Ranged shortbow +7 (1d6/×3)

STATISTICS

Str 16, Dex 16, Con 14, Int 12, Wis 10, Cha 11

Base Atk +4; CMB +7; CMD 20

Feats Combat Reflexes, Double Slice*, Toughness*, Two-Weapon Fighting, Weapon Focus (longsword)*, Weapon Specialization (longsword)*

Skills Climb +8, Knowledge (dungeoneering) +8, Ride +8, Swim +8; Armor Check Penalty -2

Traits dirty fighter, indomitable faith*

Languages Common, Varisian

SQ armor training 1*

Combat Gear potions of cure moderate wounds (2), potion of enlarge person, potion of protection from evil, acid, alchemist's fire (2), antitoxin, holy water; Other Gear +1 breastplate, +1 longsword, heavy mace, masterwork short sword, shortbow with 20 arrows, cloak of resistance +1, backpack, bedroll, crowbar, everburning torch, grappling hook, hemp rope (50 ft.), tankard, trail rations (2), waterskin, 38 qp

* The effects of this ability have already been calculated into Valeros's statistics.

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Combat Reflexes Valeros may make up to four attacks of opportunity in a round, and may make attacks of opportunity when flat-footed.

Dirty Fighter When Valeros hits while flanking, he deals 1 additional point of damage. This damage is added to his base damage and is multiplied on a critical hit.

Two-Weapon Fighting Valeros fights with a weapon wielded in each hand and can attack with both during the same round when he makes a full attack. The first melee attack line listed for him includes all the attacks and appropriate bonuses.

Armor Check Valeros's armor weighs him down when he attempts physical tasks. He takes a –2 penalty on skill checks with Dexterity- and Strength-based skills. This penalty is already included for the skills listed in his stat block.

Valeros was born on a quiet farm, and grew up dreaming of adventure and exploration. Though this longing only increased as he grew older, so did the responsibilities of agricultural life. Finally, just a month before a marriage of convenience to a local farmer's daughter could lock him into place, Valeros came to the realization that the door to a life of adventure was closing for good. Seized by a desperate need for a larger life than tending to cattle and corn, Valeros quietly packed up his few possessions and left in the middle of the night.

In the years since, Valeros has come a long way from the wideeyed young man who sought only the joy of exploration (and maybe a pretty girl or three). Life on the road is much harder than the bards' tales suggest, and the adult Valeros has the scars to prove it. Discovering himself to be a deft hand with a sword, Valeros quickly fell in with the mercenary crowd, learning the dirtier, grittier facts of warfare. After acting as hired muscle for dozens of different employers, Valeros finally realized that it was time to go into business for himself as an adventurer.

While admittedly not the best at following orders, Valeros is an extremely talented two-blade fighter, easily earning his keep in any group through the tenacity and absolute fearlessness—some might say thoughtlessness—with which he flings himself into combat. Despite his reputation as a bruiser and scofflaw, Valeros has picked up a fair bit of education during his travels, and can even read (something his "respectable" parents never learned to do). Valeros takes an easy-come, easy-go approach to life, wealth, and relationships.

Though a fan of fine weapons and creature comforts, Valeros is never without a tankard on his belt (after all, you never know when someone might offer you a drink). This vessel also symbolizes Valeros's devotion to Cayden Cailean, the god of bravery, ale, freedom, and wine—all things Valeros loves with great passion.



"For the scar I'll forgive you; for the spilt drink I'll have your heart."

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