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**Griznak Gearspark Class: Fighter (Battlemaster).**

**Physical Traits:**

*Race*: Bugbear.

*Age*: 25

*Abilities and Skills*: Polearm Master, Prismari Student

**Magic Weapon:**

"Blade of the Watchful" grants advantage on initiative rolls (Nerfed Weapon of Watching HB)

**Core Characteristics:**

Resilient: Dealt with racial discrimination all his life. (Wrongfully expelled from college, racism)

Bravery: Exhibited bravery and leadership in his military service.

Protective: Committed to protecting others, symbolized by the "Blade of the Watchful."

**Backstory**

In the wild expanse of Eldrath's Reach, the nomadic tribe of raiders known as the Crimson Claw terrorized. A wide territory of villages through raw savagery. Griznak, a young bugbear born into the tribe, had his destiny abruptly altered when the Crimson Claw fell victim to a cunning military regiment led by General Thaddeus Brightblade. The tribe, expecting an easy raid, found themselves ambushed, outwitted, and defeated. In the chaos that ensued, Griznak, merely five years old, stowed away on a military supply cart amid the chaos.

When the regiment reached the nearest town Griznak stole away onto the streets which became his home and harsh reality for a time. He developed an innate resilience while learning to navigate the unforgiving urban landscape. His life again took an unexpected turn, this time for the better, after his discovery and adoption by a compassionate couple, Professor Gimble Gearspark and Dr. Wilhelmina Gearspark. Unable to bear children of their own, the Gearsparks welcomed Griznak into their hearts and home.

Griznak's newfound family provided stability and love, allowing him to overcome the hardships of his early years. His adoptive mother, Dr. Wilhelmina, quickly and permanently saw him as her little boy, nurturing him with care and warmth. The Gearspark family's home became a sanctuary where Griznak thrived, blending his innate instincts with the intellectual pursuits of his adoptive parents.

As Griznak matured, at the urging of his parents he decided to pursue knowledge at Strixhaven University. The prestigious institution, renowned for its ***magical studies***, proved to be both a boon and a challenge. Griznak faced racial discrimination from students and staff alike, enduring taunts and prejudice. Despite excelling in his studies, the environment grew increasingly hostile.

His academic journey met an unfortunate demise when false charges led to Griznak's expulsion. The discrimination he faced only fueled his determination to prove his worth beyond the walls of Strixhaven.

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Returning to his military roots, Griznak enlisted in the Ironbound Legion, a renowned regiment led by Captain Elyndor Ironheart. His disciplined approach and tactical brilliance caught the captain's attention, propelling Griznak through the ranks. As a ***Battlemaster***, Griznak's prowess on the battlefield became legendary, culminating in a victorious campaign against the goblinoid horde of the Ironfang Peaks.

In recognition of his leadership, Captain Ironheart presented Griznak with the "***Blade of the Watchful***,” it became a symbol of Griznak's commitment to protecting others.

Now, standing on the precipice of a new adventure, Griznak Gearspark gazes toward the unknown. The ***Blade of the Watchful*** at his side, he carries the lessons of resilience, family, and the pursuit of justice into the uncharted territories that await him. His story, a testament to triumph over adversity, continues to unfold in the vast tapestry of Eldrath's Reach.