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Chapter 1

AutoZinefier

This zine was typed in a *plain text editor* using [markdown](#) and html. You can see some of the text I typed below. This is what I typed to create the beginning of the following chapter.

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**Weapon training:** A ranger is trained in the use of these weapons: club
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I then use a script on my computer to transform this into a webpage and PDF. The images are in a separate folder and, are linked in the text as well.

You can see all of the text by looking at the croak.md file at this link: <https://github.com/arielchuri/autozinefier/>. The html and pdf files are in there as well. Here is the html as a webpage: <https://arielchuri.github.io/autozinefier/croak.html>.

To do this at home, use the button that says, *code* to download a zip file of everything. You will need to install two command line programs. Python-markdown (<https://python-markdown.github.io/>) and Weasyprint (<https://weasyprint.org/>).

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Chapter 2

Ranger

You are gristled loner raised by bears, a storied hunter and tracker, a camouflaged predator shooting from the bush. Rangers are warriors of the forest. What they lack in hit points, they make up for in luck and skill.

Hit points: A ranger gains 1d8 hit points at each level.

Weapon training: A ranger is trained in the use of these weapons: club, dagger, long sword, spear, staff, and all ranged weapons. Rangers may wear any armor.

Attack modifier: The ranger has a deed die and *Mighty Deeds of Arms*, just as the warrior.

Ranged attacks bonus: The ranger gains a +1d bonus to ranged attack rolls, and ranged attack damage.

Critical hits: The ranger enjoys the same expanded crit range as warriors but only on ranged attacks.

Aiming: Taking a round to aim a ranged attack adds +2 to the roll. A target that is unaware of any danger and struck by an aiming ranger, receives a critical hit as long as the attack is successful.

Initiative: A ranger adds his class level to his initiative rolls.

Luck: Rangers are naturall lucky. A ranger regenerates luck at the rate of 1 point each day.

Ranger skills: Rangers roll a d24 on all hunting, nature, and survival checks. Rangers can track most quarry without a roll at all.

Ranger Table

Level	Deed	Crit	Threat*	Act	Ref	Fort	Will
1	+d3	1d12/III	23-24	d20	+0	+1	+1
2	+d4	1d14/III	22-24	d20	+0	+1	+1
3	+d5	1d16/IV	22-24	d20	+1	+2	+1
4	+d6	1d20/IV	22-24	d20	+1	+2	+2
5	+d7	1d24/V	21-24	d20+d14	+1	+3	+2
6	+d8	1d30/V	21-24	d20+d16	+2	+4	+2
7	+d10+1	1d30/V	21-24	d20+d20	+2	+4	+3
8	+d10+2	2d20/V	21-24	d20+d20	+2	+5	+3
9	+d10+3	2d20/V	20-24	d20+d20	+3	+5	+3
10	+d10+4	2d20/V	20-24	d20+d20+d14	+3	+6	+4

*Ranged attacks only.

Chapter 3

Barbarian

A Warrior with no mighty deed and a natural AC bonus that is modified by the Armor Check penalty. Berserker mode adds a random element and removes some player agency. The barbarian's, action dice, and fort save is slightly better than the warrior while the will save and attack bonus are decreased.

Hit points: 1d12 hit points per level

Weapon training: A barbarian is trained in the use of these weapons: battleaxe, club, crossbow, dagger, handaxe, javelin, longsword, mace, polearm, shortbow, short sword, sling, spear, staff, two-handed sword, and warhammer. Barbarians may wear any armor but the armor's check penalty offsets their natural, agility based, armor class bonus.

Notably absent from the weapons list is the longbow which would require additional training to master.

Armor class: The barbarian gains an armor class bonus based on their level. This bonus is reduced by any armor check penalty or any other agility modifier.

Attack: Berserker Die, same as Deed Die but no mighty deeds. Max roll on the berserker die and the barbarian goes berserk. The player may choose to roll any die lower on the dice chain (make the fight harder to make yourself angrier and more likely to go berserk). The player may burn a point of Intelligence to avoid entering Berserker Mode.

Berserker: When facing a threat and rolling the maximum value on the berserker die, the barbarian goes berserk until their are no reachable enemies or they burns 2 points of intelligence. A berserk barbarian adds their Fort save to their armor class. The barbarian gains an additional action die -1d on the dice chain from their highest action die. This action may be used during the current round.

Going berserk imposes the following additional modifiers to saving throws; +2 Fort, +2 Reflex, -2 Will.

It is not possible to enter berserk mode at will. In other words, the roll that goes berserk must be against a real threat.

After a going berserk the barbarian freaks out.

Freak Out (d6):

1. Attack closest anything once at -d1 attack and damage.
2. Destroy furniture sized object. As above if no object available.
3. Strip clothes and bathe in the blood of your enemies.
4. Run around screaming in people's faces.
5. Victory cry / dance
6. Flex

See Red: Burn personality to Increase attack, damage and crit rolls for 1 round. Your armor class is reduced by the same amount.

Barbarian Table

Lvl	Atk	Crit	Threat Range	Action Dice	AC Bonus	Ref	Fort	Will
1	+d3	1d12/III	19-20	1d20	+2	+1	+1	+0
2	+d3	1d14/III	19-20	1d20	+2	+1	+2	+0
3	+d4	1d16/IV	19-20	1d20	+3	+1	+2	+0
4	+d5	1d20/IV	18-20	1d20	+3	+2	+3	+1
5	+d6	1d24/V	18-20	1d20+1d16	+4	+2	+4	+1
6	+d7	1d30/V	18-20	1d20+1d16	+4	+2	+4	+1
7	+d8	1d30/V	18-20	1d20+1d20	+5	+3	+5	+2
8	+d10+1	2d20/V	18-20	1d20+1d20	+5	+3	+5	+2
9	+d10+2	2d20/V	17-20	1d20+1d20	+6	+3	+6	+2
10	+d10+3	2d20/V	17-20	1d20+1d20+1d16	+7	+4	+6	+3

Chapter 4

Paladin

Everything as Cleric except the following.

- Attack +1 at first level and as Warrior with Mighty Deeds -d1 thereafter
- **Higher Standards.** Disapproval Level begins at 3
- Weapon training as warrior
- Spells Known -1 per level
- Lucky Weapon as warrior

Mighty Deed: Smite

Affects only the unholy or evil. Weapon bathed in holy light.

Roll Effect

1	-1 Disapproval
3	+4 magic damage and roll turn unholy -4 focused on target.
4	+6 magic damage and roll turn unholy -2 focused on target.
5	+8 magic damage and unholy of 2 HD or less are killed instantly. Roll turn unholy focused on target.
6	+10 magic damage and unholy of 3 HD or less are killed instantly and explode in holy light that does 1d6 magic damage to surrounding unholy creatures.
7+	+12 magic damage and unholy of 4HD or less are killed instantly and explode in holy light that does 1d8 magic damage to surrounding unholy creatures. Roll turn unholy +4 focused on target

Chapter 5

Anti-Paladin

As above but must wear black and...

Lay On Hands, is replaced with *Death Touch* (*DCC Annual*, #1, Pg 18).

Turn Unholy effects the same creatures as a lawful Cleric, but makes them your slaves. Use the *Turn Unholy* table but, the turned fight for you for the amount of time listed. Additionally, the recently deceased rise as well though their stats are usually poor. PCs are not deceased until they a fail *roll the body* check. Combine with *Death Touch* for more fun.

Fickle Master: Anti-Paladin's use a d5 when rolling on the disapproval table.

Chapter 6

Dark Elf

Depending on who you ask, the Dark Elves are the corrupt, outcasts of the high elves or the true carriers of the Elven lineage. What they lack in martial prowess is made up for by their abilities as rogues and assassins.

Dark Elves can heal luck and use it to cast spells, but cannot spellburn except at great cost. Burning Stats other than luck causes permanent damage.

Attack as Thief

Action Dice as Thief

Crit die/table as Elf

Spells Known as Elf -2 and no automatic Patron Bond/Invoke Patron

Thief Skills as Thief -1 except *Read From Scroll* as Elf

Caster Level -1

Saving Throws as Thief

Luck Die 1:1 at first level and then as Thief -d1 thereafter.

Spellburn Spellburn damage is permanent.

Corruption -d1 (d8) when rolling for corruption or patron taint. Luck burned to change rolls or avoid corruption is permanent.

Heal Luck as Thief

Thieves'Cant No but does know a Dark Elf dialect of Elven that has a DC 15 Int check chance of being understood by an Elf. Standard Elven is the most likely third language known and DC 15 to understand if not.

Vulnerability Prolonged contact with iron causes 4hp damage per day and -1d on all rolls. Damage from iron weapons causes an additional 1d3 points of damage.

Chapter 7

Adventurer

Design Notes

Warrior/Thief. Just combined the two and nerfed them both.

HD 1d10

Attack +1 at first level (no deed) and as Warrior -1d thereafter.

Crit die/Table as Dwarf

Threat Range as Warrior

Saving Throws as Warrior

Thief Skill as Thief -1

Luck Die No Luck die. Ratio based on Reflex save (ie. 2:1 at 4th level).

Heal Luck as Thief.

Thieves'Cant No

Chapter 8

Halfling Pipeweed

No self respecting halfling is without their pipe and some good pipeweed. While smoking standard pipeweed has no mechanical effect, certain herbal additives maybe added to a hot pipe to enhance the halflings abilities. A halfling may forage for pipeweed by rolling on the following table. Typically just before their next adventure.

Standard pipeweed can only be foraged but may be bought in shops in areas where halflings reside for 10sp each. It should also be noted that it would be terribly rude for a halfling to refuse another halfling a puff of pipeweed and nearly as rude for the favor to not be asked.

A halfling must use a portion of standard pipeweed to keep their pipe lit all day. With their pipe lit the halfling may use an action to add a little herbal supplement to the pipe. Effects do not stack.

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Pipeweed Foraging Table

A half day spent foraging may uncover some valuable pipeweed. Roll 3d16 +/- Luckmod.

Roll	Name	#	Effect	Duration
≤26	Nothing found			
27-29	Pipeweed	1d6	Allows other weeds	All day
30	Gassy Webcap	1d6	Heal self 1hp (1/turn)	-
31	Cape Sundew	1d4	+1 Initiative	1 turn
32	Sneezewort	1d3	+1 luck	1 turn
33	Lentil Shanklit	1d3	+1 sneak	2 rounds
34	Whiskery Milkcap	1d3	+ 2 Agility	4 rounds
35	Turquoise Elfcup	1d3	+1d Saving throws	4 turns
36	Idledew	1d4	+2 Stamina	1 turn
37	Witches' Butter	1d6	Act +1	1 turn
38	Snaketongue Truffleclub	1d4	Detect falsehood	1 turn
39	Strangler Fig	1	Feather fall	3 rounds
40	Silver Torch Cactus	1	1d3 luck	1 day
41	Lithops	1	Act +1d, -2 Personality	1 turn
42	Hydnora	1d3	+3 Sneak	1 turn
43	Bladderwort	1	18 Intelligence, Act -1d	1 turn
44	Dragon Arum	1d3	+1d All rolls	1 turn
45+	Reroll 2x 1d10+34			

Chapter 9

Manifest of the Mundane

The Rain DONE

1. Never reaches the surface or extinguishes torches
2. Completely deafens anyone it touches for as long as they remain wet
3. Feels oily, but will not ignite
4. Glows phosphorescencely orange for 1d5 rounds
5. Causes spiders to develop from droplets and quickly skitter away
6. Feels preternaturally **1.** cold **2.** hot
7. Emanates from the face of a maiden in the clouds
8. Causes crime in its wake
9. Withers plants and foliage to a deep black, but has no effect on creatures
10. Smells coppery, but has no taste
11. Creates warts that fall off in 1d7 days
12. Contains a coarse brown fur
13. Has a name
14. Taste like a fine vintage port (still appears as a clear liquid without smell)

A Book

1. Has an author with the exact same name as the reader
2. Smells like a rotten corpse
3. Causes the reader to experience a headache
4. Smokes for 1d5 minutes
5. Will become misplaced if not carefully watched
6. Contains the seal of an ancient scion of law
7. Opens to reveal a strange feather clearly used to mark the page
8. Details the location of a **1.** unmapped oasis **2.** hidden kingdom **3.** pit with no bottom **4.** a mysterious stone
9. Has a heartbeat. If opened, the book will die.
10. Contains the most beautiful illustrations you've ever seen. You do not want to part with this tome.
11. Is written in ink that is only visible in complete darkness
12. Contains a palimpsest of demon summoning.
13. Agents of a great wizard hunt it.

14.

A Door

1. Wooden, with a simple lock
2. Banded iron, barred from one side (probably not this side)
3. Metal with a warded lock and a grated peephole
4. False, exploding
5. Lacks a doorknob, instead sports a barbed metal spike, opens only to those willing to make a blood sacrifice
6. One-third normal height, passing through shrinks all to 1/3 height; passing back through reverses the effect
7. Intricately carved with bas relief images that look disconcertingly lifelike
8. Not a door at all, just a bead curtain covering a doorway
9. Wood, rotten from some kind of fungus, take care not to get any on you
10. Magical, will only open to the magic word
11. Intelligent, must be reasoned with to open
12. A blackened metal slab with hinges ruined by intense heat. The door is festooned with chains and locks, covered in protective runes, and bound with strong magic.
13. A regular-sized door with a tiny door inset. When opened they lead to different locations

Chapter 10

Slurm Priest

Slurm Priest: Init +2; Atk bite +4 ranged 10' (1d6 + swallow), Vomit Puss Grubin +3 ranged 40' (area effect); AC 14; HD 4d8; hp 18; MV 25'; Act 1d20 + 1d16; SP disgust, swallow, vomit, defecate; SV Fort +5, Ref +0, Will +3; AL C.

Disgust: Any human in a 5' range must make a fort save each round or lose a round. Demihumans are immune.

Swallow: If bite successful; DC 15 Strength check or be half swallowed. The character will be upside down in the slurm's mouth with arms pinned at the waist and legs kicking. On the Slurm's next turn the character drops any large weapon and is completely swallowed (unless aided in some way). Swallowed characters lose 1d3 Stamina per round and take half damage from piercing and bludgeoning attacks on the Slurm. Chance of mutation. 10%/round, cumulative. Minor corruption table modified by luck. Swallowed characters who have access to a blade must make DC 15 Strength check to attack.

Anyone reduced to 6 or less Stamina becomes a Slurm Symbiote and is ejected from the rear (100% chance of mutation). The worms grow in the body. Over the next week, barring intervention, the victim falls very ill, begins to bloat, attempts to attack lawful clerics, and explodes releasing thousands of purple worms.

Vomit Can shoot a Puss Grubin. Shooting it up to 40'. +3 ranged, 1d4 Dam. The Puss Grubin explodes on a hit or lands ready to attack next turn on a miss.

Defecate Eject 3 Puss, Acid, or Napalm Grubins.

Exiting Upon losing a moral check or being reduced to too few HP; the Slurm will forcibly eject any characters in its stomach and bite its own tail and swallow itself until it has disappeared with a small pop. Upon death; the worm deflates with gas and fluid leaking out, leaving only a bit of skin, lips, teeth, and jewelry (1d14+14gp).

Chapter 11

Slime Grubins

Grubin: Init -1; Atk shiv -1 melee (1d4-1), burst (area effect 5'); AC 9; HD 1d6-1; hp 2; MV roll 35'; Act 1d20; SP burst, infravision; SV Fort +1, Ref -1, Will +3; AL C

Massively bloated into translucent balls in the stomach of the Slurm, these frightened looking grubins roll into battle in numbers. They use their full movement to roll right up to the enemy and burst upon taking any damage.

Puss: 1d3 to all within 10'.

Napalm: 5' covered in flaming gel and grubin bits. 1d5 damage/round. three DC 15 agility checks to remove. Anyone may attempt over multiple rounds.

Acid: Acid cloud 25' square. 1d4 damage/round, DC 15 Ref save or lose a round, Act -1d.

Chapter 12

Mechanaut

Mechanaut: Init +2; Atk Great Sword +3 melee (1d12+3), Bash +6 melee (1d6 + bash); AC 18; HD 4d12; HP 26; MV 35'; Act 2d20; SP Shock Armor, bash, omnivision, immune to critical hits; SV Fort +10, Ref +1, Will +6; AL N

A large, plate armor knight. A small creature in the head controls this mechanical armor. All joints can rotate 360°.

Usually attacks with a *bash* followed by a sword strike to the prone enemy. If the armor is killed, the head disconnects and flies away.

Shock Armor: contact causes shock damage (1d6). Drop your weapon on receiving 4-5 damage and 6 requires a DC 20 Fort save or fall prone. Water disables.

Bash: DC 15 or prone.

Chapter 13

Another Village

R	Name	Leader
1	Wortlethorpe	Goomie
2	Bursheer	Dar Dafa
3	Inkvar	Village Elders
4	Obelast	Footumch
5	Tigre	Zankule
6	Boorsville	Samuel Goodins
7	Shiple	Delphine

R	Of Note	Strife
1	Poorly led	No beer
2	Powerful matriarchs	Haunted
3	Seasonal holiday	Harrassed by grubins
4	Great shops	Warring Families
5	A town secret	A Cult
6	Everyone lies	Debt
7	The temple	A town bully

R	Atmosphere	NPC
1	Muddy hole	Checkson own most everything
2	Ramshackle	Vixa, drinks and talks
3	Smart carriage homes	Suuli, helpful and smart
4	Garden paths	Dida Groot, healer
5	Spread out	Plix, runaway
6	Upright homes	Shoyla, gambler
7	Warm and comfy	Pingo, wealthy gadabout

Chapter 14

Slime Crit Table

Slime Critical Hit Matrix

Slime HD	Crit die
1-3	d3
4-8	d5
9-14	d7
15-17	d14
18-19	d16
20+	d24

Crit Table S: Slimes

Roll	Result
1 or less	Slime causes mild rash. You're itchy for 1d3 days.
2	Slime gets in your mouth. Lose your sense of taste.
3	Allergic reaction to slime! You take 1d3 points of damage each day until healed.
4	Whatever object you hold in your right hand gets stuck there and is unremovable for 1d4 days
5	Your feet get stuck to the ground for 1d4 rounds
6	Slime hit splashes into face, slime hits eye. You are blinded by the attack for 1d6 rounds plus whatever extra effect the slime does.
7	Slime envelopes your legs. 1d6 damage, movement reduced by half until healed.
8	Direct hit to the mouth. Ooze fills your belly. Slime auto hits for 1d3 turns unless healed for any amount.
9	Full face of ooze. Eyes burn out in 2d3 rounds.
10	Sword hand engulfed. DC 15 Strength.
11	Slime envelopes you. Dissolve at 1d6 HP and suffocate at 1d6 Stamina per round. DC 15 Strength check to get halfway out.
12	Eyes turn to jelly. You see...
13	Muck Mitosis! Slime drains plasma for an additional 1d8 damage. Part of the slime breaks out and becomes a second slime (of random kind) with 1d8 HP. Second slime immediately attacks.
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Roll Result

	Sludge Seizure! Slime tendrils control you like a marionette. You get a DC 20 Strength check to break free each round. While controlled the slime uses you to attack with 1d20 + 4 (1d4) blows.
15	Mephitic Mud! The slime's residue leaves a terrible odour on you, you suffer -2d to all Personality checks with anything that can smell for 1 week
16	Sticky Situation! Slime secretions splash on your body making it sticky. You easily stick to everything and can effortlessly move along surfaces at all angles as if affected by a roll of 11 on the Spider Climb spell for 1 day
17	Mired Boots - Target of the attack receives -2 to reflex saves and +1d to Fumble Rolls until slime has been removed from boots.
18	Enslimed Extremities! Hands turn to jelly. Attack d14 until magically
19	Ooze Osmosis! Part of the slime integrates with your body. Lose 1d5 Stamina and 1d3 HP per round. If Stamina goes to zero before you die, become a jelly person. A skeleton in a transparent body with the slices powers. Takes over brain in 1d30 days.
20	Slimed! - Slime has deposited part of itself upon target's head. Roll a d4 - (1) Eyes - Target receives -2 to attack rolls, (2) Ears - Target is deafened, (3) Mouth - Target is unable to communicate, (4) Target suffers results of 1, 2, and 3. In effect until slime is removed
22	Slime reduces you to 1 hp and splits into three slimes.
23	Slime slides under your clothes. Three succesful attack and one more each round. Cannot be removed.
24	Crud Coup! Slime gushes through every pore in your body. You are the jelly person! Gain all ooze powers, 1d4 HP, and heal +1hp/day.

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