

# ENKOH

"There's magic in this world that goes beyond flashes, bangs, and jets of flame. An earthy magic of food, structure, and fellowship. It's the magic of a thousand mundane hands raising a city from velvet snow. A magic woven by walking into the cruellest, biting blizzard and welcoming it as your home.

These people understand that magic. The mightiest yokai and grandest kaiju might be able to survive here, for a time, but only the enkoh can thrive."

— Ryotio





Beneath snow-capped peaks, where white drifts bury the chaos of rocks and streams, the formidable enkoh make cities of ice and snow. Well-adapted to colder climes, these thick-furred simian folk blend an innate skill for survival with a piercing intelligence, making homes in inhospitable environments.

## COMMUNITY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP

Enkoh have a transformative effect on their environment, domesticating beasts, curtailing avalanches, and building sprawling towns. With singular intent, enkoh collaborate to form a unified community capable of raising a city from the icy wastes in a matter of months. Their realms can be found within vast glaciers and snowfields, boasting soul-soothing hot springs and serving steaming winter cider fermented inside the trunks of hibernating trees.

Few enkoh structures are ancient; the ephemeral nature of ice and slow creeping of glaciers means only those structures in the coldest, flattest expanses are over a few hundred years old. This transient nature leads enkoh to value their kith and kin—their troop—over any single location, and it has made them masters of ice-crafting. With saw and skin, enkoh cut and melt ice just enough so that it forms solid bonds upon re-freezing. This method produces edifices of fantastical shapes; indeed, enkoh architecture is widely regarded as some of the most beautiful in the Yokai Realms by the few foreign eyes to have seen it.

## TROOPS OF SOLITUDE

Masters of ice-craft, enkoh guard their crafting secrets fiercely and rarely trade anything more than the essentials with other races. Though it is rare for an enkoh to leave their troop, the lure of master crafters specialising in metal and stone, as well as tales of verdant, sprawling landscapes not cloaked in ice, can lead some into lives of adventure. Fewer still return to their troop, but those that do are warmly welcomed and can expect a peaceful old age in return for sharing the wisdom of their travels.

## ENKOH TRAITS

As an enkoh, you have the following traits:

**Ability Score Increase.** Your Intelligence score increases by 2.

**Age.** An enkoh reaches maturity at 15 years of age and can live up to 80 years.

**Anatomy.** You have two arms, two legs, and a tail.

**Creature Type.** You are a Humanoid.

**Thick Fur.** You have **resistance** to cold damage.

**Ice Craft.** You gain proficiency with one of the following artisan's tools: carpenter's tools, glassblower's tools, jeweller's tools, mason's tools, potter's tools, or smith's tools. You have **advantage** on ability checks you make to use these tools to shape ice.

**Languages.** You can speak, read, and write Common and one other language that you and your GM agree is appropriate for your character.

**Subrace.** There are two primary variations among the enkoh: hulking and springtail. On the whole, enkoh see little value in the anthropological labels placed upon them by other races, living together in equality and peace. Choose one of these subraces.

### HULKING

Every bit as rugged, resolute, and unflinching as the frigid mountains they call home, hulking enkoh are known for their fierce, calculating minds and explosive physical strength. Rarely do hulking enkoh act swiftly; they prefer to assess, analyse, and contemplate before choosing a path. However, when moved to action, the mountains move with them.

**Ability Score Increase.** Your Constitution score increases by 1.

**Size.** You are Medium. Hulking enkoh are broadly built and can vary substantially in height, from as short as 5 feet all the way up to above 7 feet tall.

**Speed.** Your walking speed is **30 feet**, and you have a climbing speed equal to your walking speed.

**Chest Beating.** As a bonus action, you can pound your fists to your chest, causing a surge of adrenaline and valour. Until the start of your next turn, you have **resistance** to bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing damage, and you have **advantage** on Intimidation checks. You can use this trait a number of times equal to your proficiency bonus, and you regain all expended uses when you finish a long rest.

**Natural Cooks.** With ingredients worth at least 1 sp, you can prepare a meal for a number of Medium or smaller creatures equal to 2 + your proficiency bonus over the course of a short or long rest. A creature who eats the meal at the end of the rest regains one spent Hit Die and gains temporary hit points equal to **1d6** + your proficiency bonus.

**Powerful Build.** You count as one size larger when determining your carrying capacity and the weight you can push, drag, or lift.

## SPRINGTAIL

Vibrant, dynamic, and swift, springtail enkoh are the more sociable of their race. Their bonds of fellowship extend to the environment around them; they are masters of taming beasts of land and sky for both work and companionship. Rarely sitting still, springtails walk, speak, and trust quickly.

**Ability Score Increase.** Your Dexterity score increases by 1.

**Size.** You are Small. Springtail enkoh are nimble, light, and short. The smallest adults can be as little as 2 feet tall, while the largest can reach as high as 4 feet.

**Speed.** Your walking speed is **35 feet**, and you have a climbing speed equal to your walking speed. In addition, climbing on a creature larger than you doesn't count as difficult terrain for you.

**Beast Wardens.** You have **advantage** on ability checks to tame or influence Beasts.

**Skillful.** You gain proficiency in your choice of two of the following skills: Acrobatics, Animal Handling, Nature, Performance, or Survival.

**Springing Leap.** Your tail adds an incredible spring to your leaps. You can add your Dexterity score to the maximum distance you can cover with a long jump, and you can add your Dexterity modifier to the maximum height you can reach with a high jump. In addition, you can jump your maximum distance with or without a running start. As usual, each foot you jump costs 1 foot of movement.

**Sturdy Tail.** Your tail can support your weight and balance. When you make an ability check or saving throw to avoid being forcibly moved, you can use your reaction to curl your tail around an object within **5 feet** of you that is attached to the ground or another sturdy surface. If you do so, you have **advantage** on that check or save.

