Dwarves

Strength of the Predecessors

The Dwarves were designed and built to embody the strength and hardiness of the Predecessors; this manifests both physically, in the power of their muscles and bones, and mentally, in their stubbornness and intense loyalty to their clans. Though a dwarf will most always put their brawn to use for their clan before themselves, exceptions exist as frequently in them as in other races, and clanless dwarves, though rare, are not unheard of. These dwarves are often met with distrust, as to be shunned from a dwarven clan requires a great offense – to the degree that many dwarves would rather die if given the choice.

Hard as Stone

Their inherited strength also manifests in their appearance; Dwarves are as strong and tough as stone, and look quite the part. Their skin is harder than other races’ from birth, with the colors of it as varied as the earth they make their homes in. As they age, their gets harder and ashier, greying in both color and flexibility, until eventually, when a Dwarf dies of old age, their body has become totally petrified. Many dwarven nobles, heroes, and other important figures specially position their bodies when they die so that the statues their bodies become may be forever displayed in their mortuaries, tombs, ancestral halls, and the like.