

# STOUTREALM: ECHOES OF DESOLATION AND HOPE

**J**N THE SHADOWED AND TORMENTED REALM OF Stoutrealm, the memories of a radiant past are entwined with a present shrouded in darkness—a fusion of dark fantasy's enigma, OSR's unyielding grit, and immersive storytelling's allure. As the shadows grow longer, secrets and destinies intertwine, and the echoes of both despair and resilience resonate.

## CHARACTER CREATION: FORGED IN SHADOWS, AFLAME WITH HOPE

Amidst the darkness, distribute **10 points** into **Strength (Str)**, **Dexterity (Dex)**, and **Intelligence (Int)**. Carve your hero's path through the shrouded tapestry of fate, an ember of hope igniting within. For beneath the veil of darkness, tales of redemption are whispered, waiting for those who dare to light the way.

## THE UNPREDICTABLE DICE: WHISPERS OF DESPAIR AND REDEMPTION

Grasp the ominous twenty-sided die (1d20), a harbinger of fate's complexities:

- Roll 1-8: Traverse the treacherous paths of trials and tribulations, finding courage amidst despair, for the shadows conceal hidden strengths.
- Roll 9-17: Enter the realm of the enigmatic Game Master, where choices weave secrets and choices like threads of redemption. Through these choices, destinies shift, mirroring the eternal struggle between light and darkness.
- Roll 18-20: Ascend as a triumphant champion, your light piercing through the darkness with unyielding resolve, a symbol of hope amidst the abyss.

## ATTRIBUTES: THE DANCE OF SHADOWS AND LIGHT

Gaze into the abyss to reveal your attributes:

- **HP (Hit Points):** A wellspring of resilience against encroaching darkness, a testament to your unquenchable spirit. This fortitude is what sets apart those who dare to challenge the shadows.
- **AC (Armor Class):** The shield against the cruel embrace of shadows, fueled by the strength of hope. A symbol that even in the darkest moments, a glimmer of protection remains.

- **Str (Strength):** The ember of defiance, a beacon of strength and determination in the face of adversity. Your might is the catalyst for change, the spark that ignites hope in others.
- **Dex (Dexterity):** The nimble dance that guides you through the labyrinth of despair, leading to newfound horizons. Your agility carves a path toward the light, even when surrounded by darkness.
- **Int (Intelligence):** The reservoir of knowledge that bridges the gap between despair and enlightenment. Your wisdom is a bridge between realms, offering a chance to transcend the abyss.

## GUARDIANS OF HOPE AMIDST SHADOWS

In the darkest corners reside the Quadlings, pint-sized embodiments of resilience and hope, bearing unique traits that defy despair. Wings that flutter with aspirations, horns gleaming with determination, and enigmatic veils shrouding them—a canvas painted with hope's enduring courage. For these guardians of light carry the promise of a brighter future, even in Stoutrealm's bleakest moments.

## ARCANE WHISPERS AND RELICS OF REDEMPTION

Enchanted treasures and scrolls of hope await, bound to your Intelligence. Uncover the mysteries entwined within:

- **Name:** A name whispered with hope's resonance, veiling its true potential. These relics bear names that echo tales of transformation and renewal.
- **Type:** Weapon, armor, elixir, or artifact—forged with a glimmer of redemption. Each type serves as a vessel of change, embodying the balance between despair and hope.
- **Effects:** Abilities that kindle hope's fire, sparking transformation and renewal. These effects weave a narrative of change, a reflection of the world's capacity for redemption.
- **Attribute Bonus:** Infusion of strength into chosen attributes, a bond with the light. This infusion represents the fusion of resilience and hope, a connection to something greater.
- **Rarity:** From humble beginnings to beacons of rebirth, each carrying a tale of redemption. The rarity of these relics mirrors the rarity of those who champion hope amidst desolation.

## **RELIC OF HOPE TEMPLATE**

Craft relics imbued with hope using this template:

**Item Name:** [Infuse a name with echoes of hope]  
**Type:** [Categorize its essence—weapon, armor, potion, or artifact] **Effects:** [Describe how it ignites the spirit and transforms the journey] **Attribute Bonus:** [Empower attributes, forging a connection to hope] **Rarity:** [From humble to radiant—a story of resilience] **Description:** [Capture its inspiring visage and the echoes of its journey]

## **BATTLES AMIDST SHADOWS AND DAWN**

Engage in battles amidst the shadows:

- **Str (Melee):** Unleash courage with every swing, the blade of hope cutting through despair. Your strikes bear the weight of determination, turning the tide against the encroaching darkness.
- **Dex (Ranged):** Launch projectiles of resilience, each shot a beacon of light. Your ranged attacks are a testament to your ability to reach distant horizons, even when the path is obscured.
- **Int (Magic):** Channel spells of renewal, an alliance with the luminous arcane. Your mastery of magic becomes a conduit for change, wielding forces that transform the world around you.

## **SCROLLS OF HOPEFUL LORE**

Unlock empowering might from one-use scrolls, and doorways to realms teeming with hope and transformation. Each scroll carries whispers of ancient rituals that have guided others from darkness to light.

## **CREATURES OF DESOLATION AND BEINGS OF REBIRTH**

Monstrosities crawl from the abyss, incarnations of attributes and curses. As the Game Master, heed these echoes of redemption:

- **Diverse Encounters:** A parade of foes, each echoing stories of struggle and triumph. These encounters reflect the varied struggles faced by those who dare to challenge the darkness.
- **Unique Abilities:** Bestow creatures with traits that speak of redemption, leaving an indelible mark. Each ability is a reflection of the creatures' journey, a testament to their capacity for change.
- **Narrative Depth:** Unveil their journeys from despair to hope, woven into the tapestry of your world. The narratives behind these creatures mirror the narratives of your heroes, offering glimpses of a shared path toward redemption.

## **CREATURE OF REBIRTH TEMPLATE**

Summon beings of renewal with this template:

**Creature Name:** [Speak its name with whispers of rebirth] **Type:** [Classify—aberration, undead, or manifestation of transformation] **Attributes:** Str, Dex, Int [Infuse attributes with echoes of resilience] **Abilities:** [Detail feats of renewal and rebirth] **Special Traits:** [Evoke hope, the embodiment of transformation] **Weaknesses:** [Expose vulnerabilities—cracks in their newfound strength]

## **CHRONICLES OF SHADOWS AND HOPE**

As the Game Master, weave tales of struggle and triumph, riddles laced with redemption, and the unyielding journey towards salvation. Within these chronicles, heroes rise from despair, and the realm itself yearns for restoration.

## **THE SAGA OF RESILIENT LIGHT**

Each step, each choice, each battle etches the saga of your valiant hero—a tapestry woven by hands that have touched both darkness and light. Triumph amidst the ruins, plunge into the abyss and inscribe your defiance upon the ever-shifting canvas of Stoutrealm. For even in the heart of despair, a spark of hope persists, a testament to the unbreakable spirit that resides within.

## **APPENDIX: THE CODEX OF LEGENDS**

Within the tomes of the Codex, additional lore awaits—lost empires, forgotten deities, and the haunting melodies of the Bards of Desolation. Seek its pages to unearth the secrets that bind Stoutrealm's fate.

## **LEGENDS REKINDLED**

As adventurers traverse Stoutrealm's enigmatic landscapes, they shall etch new chapters into its history—a symphony of echoes, shaping destinies and carrying the legacy of desolation and hope through the ages.

# QUADLING TRAITS

## 1. Wings of the Skyborn

- Description: Feathered wings allow limited flight, granting advantage on Athletics checks for jumping.

## 2. Horns of Vigilance

- Description: Horns grant a +2 bonus to Perception checks related to hearing and detecting distant sounds.

## 3. Enigmatic Aura

- Description: Emits an aura that makes it difficult for creatures to read your emotions or intentions.

## 4. Glowing Markings

- Description: Intricate markings on the skin emit a dim light, providing illumination in darkness.

## 5. Resilient Hide

- Description: Thick skin provides resistance to slashing damage.

## 6. Charm of Diplomacy

- Description: Possesses an innate charm that grants advantage on Charisma (Persuasion) checks.

## 7. Infernal Bloodline

- Description: Descended from fire elemental beings, resistance to fire damage.

## 8. Shrouded Veil

- Description: Can cast the Minor Illusion cantrip at will, creating visual illusions.

## 9. Frost-Touched

- Description: Touch carries a chill, allowing you to cast Ray of Frost as a cantrip.

## 10. Acrobatic Grace

- Description: Enhanced agility grants advantage on Dexterity (Acrobatics) checks.

## 11. Radiant Soul

- Description: Glows with inner radiance, causing light-sensitive creatures to be at disadvantage when attacking.

## 12. Nimble Reflexes

- Description: Quick reactions grant advantage on Dexterity saving throws.

## 13. Stonebonded

- Description: Skin is infused with the earth's essence, granting resistance to bludgeoning damage.

## 14. Vorpal Sight

- Description: Gains darkvision up to 120 feet.

## 15. Moonshadow Cloak

- Description: Can cast Darkness once per long rest, creating a 15-foot radius sphere of darkness.

## 16. Feytouched Aura

- Description: Emits a subtle aura that makes creatures more susceptible to being charmed.

## 17. Aquamancer Bloodline

- Description: Descended from water elemental beings, resistance to cold damage.

## 18. Mystic Connection

- Description: Can cast the Message cantrip at will, allowing telepathic communication.

## 19. Thunderous Roar

- Description: Can use a booming roar once per short rest, dealing sonic damage and potentially deafening foes.

## 20. Eyes of the Hunter

- Description: Eyes are adapted for tracking, granting advantage on Wisdom (Survival) checks.

## 21. Shifting Form

- Description: Can cast Disguise Self at will, allowing you to change your appearance.

## 22. Ironclad Skin

- Description: Skin has a metallic sheen, granting resistance to piercing damage.

## 23. Bardic Whispers

- Description: Possesses an enchanting voice, allowing you to cast Vicious Mockery as a cantrip.

## 24. Blessed Healing

- Description: Natural connection to divine energies grants the ability to cast Cure Wounds once per long rest.

## 25. Serpentine Agility

- Description: Flexible body grants advantage on Dexterity (Sleight of Hand) checks.

## 26. Shifting Shadows

- Description: Can cast Pass Without Trace once per long rest, making you and nearby creatures harder to track.

## 27. Eagle-Eyed

- Description: Sharp vision grants advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks related to spotting distant objects.

## 28. Infernal Mark

- Description: Carries a mark that makes it easier to form contracts and deals with infernal entities.

## 29. Frost Nova

- Description: Once per short rest, can release a burst of cold energy, damaging and potentially slowing foes.

## 30. Moonlit Attunement

- Description: Can cast Faerie Fire once per long rest, revealing hidden creatures in an area.

## 31. Aquamancer Resilience

- Description: Descended from water elemental beings, can breathe underwater and gain resistance to cold damage.

## 32. Sylvan Connection

- Description: Can cast Speak with Animals at will, allowing communication with beasts.

## 33. Raging Fury

- Description: When you take damage, you gain temporary hit points equal to your Constitution modifier.

## 34. Fearless Heart

- Description: Immune to the frightened condition.

## 35. Celestial Bond

- Description: Possesses a faint celestial glow, making you a beacon against darkness.

## 36. Gift of Shadows

- Description: Can cast Invisibility once per long rest, disappearing from sight.

## 37. Ethereal Resonance

- Description: Can cast Detect Thoughts once per short rest, gaining insight into the minds of others.

## 38. Sorcerous Bloodline

- Description: Innate connection to magic grants the ability to cast Prestidigitation once per short rest.

## 39. Venomous Strike

- Description: Once per short rest, can imbue a weapon strike with poison, dealing ongoing damage.

## 40. Nature's Blessing

- Description: Nature's touch grants advantage on Wisdom saving throws against spells.

## 41. Undying Will

- Description: Can cast Spare the Dying as a cantrip, stabilizing creatures at 0 hit points.

## 42. Arcane Attunement

- Description: Possesses an innate sense for magical energies, granting advantage on Arcana checks.

## 43. Divine Guidance

- Description: Can cast Guidance once per short rest, receiving a divine boost to skill checks.

## 44. Battle Frenzy

- Description: Once per short rest, can enter a battle frenzy, gaining temporary hit points and advantage on attack rolls.

## 45. Mystic Insight

- Description: Can cast Identify once per long rest, revealing the properties of magical items.

## 46. Feyborne

- Description: Immunity to being charmed and resistance to psychic damage.

## 47. Celestial Grace

- Description: Can cast Feather Fall once per short rest, descending gracefully from heights.

## 48. Blade Dancer

- Description: Can perform a dazzling dance, granting advantage on the next attack roll.

## 49. Artisan's Touch

- Description: Possesses innate craftsmanship, granting proficiency with one set of artisan's tools.

## 50. Fiery Spirit

- Description: Resistant to fire damage and can cast Produce Flame as a cantrip.

# CREATURES OF STOUTREALM

## 1. Despaircrawler

- Type: Undead
- Attributes: Str 10, Dex 14, Int 6
- Abilities: Siphon Hope - Drains the morale of its victims, weakening their resolve.
- Special Traits: Ephemeral Form - Can phase through solid objects, reflecting its transient nature.
- Weaknesses: Shards of Light - Vulnerable to radiant attacks that symbolize hope.

## 2. Luminous Emberfiend

- Type: Elemental
- Attributes: Str 12, Dex 10, Int 8
- Abilities: Ember Burst - Releases bursts of radiant energy when struck, damaging attackers.
- Special Traits: Radiant Aura - Sheds a dim light that dispels shadows in its vicinity.
- Weaknesses: Shadow Bind - Imprisoned in darkness, its powers are diminished.

## 3. Harbinger of Renewal

- Type: Aberration
- Attributes: Str 8, Dex 16, Int 12
- Abilities: Renewing Touch - Heals allies with a touch, symbolizing its restorative nature.
- Special Traits: Evasive Dance - Can seamlessly shift through shadow, evading attacks.
- Weaknesses: Shattered Core - Vulnerable to attacks that chip away at its sturdy exterior.

## 4. Ebonshade Serpent

- Type: Beast
- Attributes: Str 14, Dex 12, Int 4
- Abilities: Abyssal Coils - Constricts foes with dark energy-infused coils.
- Special Traits: Veiled Stalker - Its scales absorb light, allowing it to blend into shadows.
- Weaknesses: Luminal Break - Striking it with radiant energy severs its shadowy ties.

## 5. Echoing Remnant

- Type: Undead
- Attributes: Str 6, Dex 12, Int 10
- Abilities: Haunting Wail - Releases a chilling cry that weakens the resolve of those who hear it.
- Special Traits: Phantasmal Form - Its body flickers in and out of existence.
- Weaknesses: Hope's Resonance - Exposed to radiant energy, its ethereal form dissipates.

## 6. Resolute Guardian

- Type: Construct
- Attributes: Str 18, Dex 8, Int 6
- Abilities: Shield Wall - Raises an impenetrable shield that protects allies.
- Special Traits: Heart of Valor - Its presence bolsters allies' courage, increasing their attributes.
- Weaknesses: Crumbling Form - Vulnerable to attacks that chip away at its sturdy exterior.

## 7. Dread Harbinger

- Type: Undead
- Attributes: Str 16, Dex 14, Int 12
- Abilities: Cursed Omen - Inflicts a curse upon its target, weakening their abilities.
- Special Traits: Cloaked Presence - Casts a shadow that spreads a sense of impending doom.
- Weaknesses: Glimmer of Hope - The touch of hope dispels its curse and shatters its aura.

## 8. Verdant Wisp

- Type: Fey
- Attributes: Str 6, Dex 18, Int 14
- Abilities: Enchanted Bloom - Releases pollen that heals and rejuvenates allies.
- Special Traits: Whimsical Flight - Darts through the air, leaving behind trails of vibrant light.
- Weaknesses: Tainted Shadow - Attacked by darkness, its radiant aura dims.

## 9. Tormented Specter

- Type: Undead
- Attributes: Str 8, Dex 14, Int 10
- Abilities: Haunting Gaze - Imposes fear upon those who meet its spectral eyes.
- Special Traits: Ephemeral Existence - Fades in and out of the material plane.
- Weaknesses: Beacon of Hope - Radiant energy disrupts its ethereal form, rendering it vulnerable.

## 10. Crimson Weaver

- Type: Aberration
- Attributes: Str 6, Dex 16, Int 12
- Abilities: Ensnaring Threads - Weaves strands of shadow that immobilize foes.
- Special Traits: Threads of Fate - Can sense the threads that bind destinies, granting insight.
- Weaknesses: Threads of Light - Radiant energy severs its shadowy threads, weakening its control.

## 11. Gloomshroud Horror

- Type: Undead
- Attributes: Str 12, Dex 10, Int 8
- Abilities: Terrifying Presence - Radiates an aura of fear that paralyzes opponents.
- Special Traits: Shifting Form - Morphs into shadows, making it elusive and unpredictable.
- Weaknesses: Luminous Resonance - Bathed in radiant light, its terrifying aura dissipates.

## 12. Abyssal Tidewalker

- Type: Elemental
- Attributes: Str 14, Dex 8, Int 6
- Abilities: Vortex Surge - Creates a whirlpool of darkness that engulfs foes.
- Special Traits: Ephemeral Currents - Can traverse between realms, allowing it to ambush from shadows.
- Weaknesses: Celestial Disruption - Struck by radiant energy, its dark vortex weakens.

## 13. Sorrowful Banshee

- Type: Undead
- Attributes: Str 8, Dex 12, Int 16
- Abilities: Wailing Lament - Emits a haunting cry that inflicts despair on those who hear it.
- Special Traits: Eerie Resonance - Its cries can resonate with the deepest emotions of others.
- Weaknesses: Hopeful Echo - The sound of hope counters its wail, silencing its eerie voice.

## 14. Radiant Sentinel

- Type: Construct
- Attributes: Str 16, Dex 8, Int 10
- Abilities: Beacon Ward - Creates a radiant shield that repels darkness-based attacks.
- Special Traits: Incorruptible Core - Resistant to curses and negative influences.
- Weaknesses: Shadow Overload - Struck by overwhelming darkness, its radiant shield falters.

## 15. Umbrial Howler

- Type: Beast
- Attributes: Str 14, Dex 12, Int 6
- Abilities: Abyssal Roar - Unleashes a sonic blast that disrupts and weakens foes.
- Special Traits: Shadow Prowler - Moves silently through darkness, stalking its prey.
- Weaknesses: Luminal Clarity - Bathed in radiant energy, its dark roar subsides.

## 16. Voidborn Serpent

- Type: Aberration
- Attributes: Str 14, Dex 10, Int 12
- Abilities: Abyssal Grasp - Conjures tendrils of darkness that immobilize and weaken foes.
- Special Traits: Abyssal Sight - Can glimpse into the depths of the void, revealing hidden truths.
- Weaknesses: Radiant Cleanse - Struck by radiant energy, its tendrils lose their grip.

## 17. Dawnsworn Acolyte

- Type: Celestial
- Attributes: Str 10, Dex 12, Int 14
- Abilities: Radiant Embrace - Touches allies with celestial energy that boosts their attributes.
- Special Traits: Aurora's Blessing - Radiates an aura that dispels darkness and illusions.
- Weaknesses: Eclipsed Radiance - Covered in darkness, its celestial embrace wanes.

## 18. Enigmatic Lurker

- Type: Undead
- Attributes: Str 8, Dex 14, Int 12
- Abilities: Shadow Strike - Strikes from the darkness, bypassing defenses and weakening foes.
- Special Traits: Shrouded Movement - Steps through shadows, vanishing from sight.
- Weaknesses: Luminous Reveal - Exposed to radiant energy, its shadowy strikes falter.

## 19. Soulbound Guardian

- Type: Construct
- Attributes: Str 16, Dex 10, Int 8
- Abilities: Ethereal Ward - Conjures a protective barrier that repels magical attacks.
- Special Traits: Soulstone Core - Infused with a shard of hope, granting resilience.
- Weaknesses: Radiant Discharge - Struck by radiant energy, its protective barrier wavers.

## 20. Ephemeral Traveler

- Type: Aberration
- Attributes: Str 8, Dex 14, Int 12
- Abilities: Riftstep - Steps through rifts between realms, allowing quick movement.
- Special Traits: Reality Shifter - Can briefly manipulate the fabric of reality.
- Weaknesses: Luminal Shift - Exposed to radiant energy, its rift manipulation falters.