

# THE GARDENER - BACKGROUND

You are close to the earth and all that grows under your watchful gaze. You understand the cycles and natural rhythms of the world as well as how to cope when these rhythms thwart your plan. You have developed the type of patience that only comes from seeing your crops swell and grow over a year and gleaned a reasonable amount of herblore. Perhaps you worked for a large estate, tending their flowerbeds and vegetable gardens in equal measure. Or maybe you are a market gardener, used to growing crops that will make you profit. Or perhaps you are simply someone who has come to appreciate all that grows under a caring hand.

**Skill Proficiencies:** Nature, Medicine

**Tools:** Gardeners Tools

**Equipment:** A trowl, A pouch of rare seeds, a mattock, common clothes, a book of herblore, a wide-brimmed hat, 10gp.

## SALT OF THE EARTH

Your weather beaten skin and dirt stained, callused hands mark you as someone who understands what it is to labour in the soil in all weathers. You can talk confidently with the common folk of the world about plants, the seasons and soil. Wherever things are cultivated and grown be it a farm, vineyard or herb garden your knowledge and appearance ensure that you are greeted without suspicion and offered basic aid if needed.

## SUGGESTED CHARACTERISTICS

### D8 Personality Type

- 1 I am fascinated by a particular plant and obsess over finding the perfect one.
- 2 I think everyone is as interested in herblore as me and will discuss the effects of particular plants with anyone.
- 3 I set great store by looking after ones tools, whatever your profession.
- 4 Growing things has taught me patience and to go slowly.
- 5 I appreciate people who get their hands dirty and do real work. Less so those ink stained work shy weaklings!
- 6 I prefer plants to people and will talk to them when I think no one is looking.
- 7 I only grow things that I can eat and enjoy tasting and trying new fruits, herbs and vegetables.
- 8 I play music to my plants to help them grow. Loudly and poorly.

### D6 Ideal

- 1 Growth. A person must be given room, space and light to grow just like plants. (Good)
- 2 Toil. There is nothing as satisfying as hard labour, rich soil and honest sweat. (Neutral)
- 3 Patience. Time reveals all, sometimes all we can do is wait for the rain. (Neutral)
- 4 Survival. Weak seedlings must be removed if the whole crop is to thrive. (Evil)
- 5 Wildness. A wild garden is a happy garden, and the same is true of me. (Chaotic)
- 6 Control. Everything has its place. Even a row of flowers. (Lawful)

### D6 Bond

- 1 Someone destroyed my garden and everything in it, I will get my revenge on them.
- 2 I seek a rare plant that can only be found in a particularly remote location.
- 3 I hope to spread wild seeds wherever I walk and bring more beauty to the world.
- 4 The owner of the estate where I worked banished me from ever setting foot in my garden again. Mine, not theirs whatever they may think.
- 5 All I have learned I owe to one person who took me in when I was broken and helped me heal and grow.
- 6 I have done awful things. Terrible things. But I will not anymore, gardening has brought me peace and I will keep it.

### D6 Flaw

- 1 I wash twice a year and that is plenty, dirt is good for you.
- 2 I have a penchant for particular natural hallucinogenics which may or may not be legal.
- 3 I look down on people who don't work with their hands. They are weak.
- 4 I lack confidence and frequently mutter insults under my breath, too cowardly to speak outloud.
- 5 I have a list of people I intend to poison one day. I threaten people with it hysterically when they upset me.
- 6 I dislike people touching my plants. Or my tools. Or anything I own.

