**Thalric Ironbeard**

Thalric is the elected leader of the gnomes, a position he earned through decades of service to his people. A stout figure with a silver beard braided into intricate patterns, Thalric is both a skilled miner and a shrewd diplomat. He harbors an intense hatred for Gorath, whom he sees as an obstacle to gnomish prosperity. Thalric has been rallying support among neighboring factions to pressure or overthrow the Goblin King but struggles with internal dissent from more pacifist gnomes. Despite his gruff exterior, Thalric cares deeply about his people and views their collective success as his primary motivation.