SIX NEW FANTASY ORIGINS BASTARDS AND APPRENTTCES



HE CORE WOIN RULES contain a number of character origins. This article expands on those found in core fantasy settings to include another half-dozen archetypal origins - Apprentice, Bastard, Chosen One, Feral, Nomad, and Villager.

Apprentice (2D6+6 years)

You learned valuable skills as a child, apprenticed to a smith or craftsman.

Prerequisites: none.

Attributes: AGI +1, INT +1, LOG +1, REP +1 **Skill Choices:** [*crafting*], [*artistic*], *animal handling*, *appraisal*

writing Russ Morrissey layout Eric Life-Putnam *Quick Learner.* You are able to pick up skills quickly. Skills (but not attributes) cost you one less XP to acquire or advance than they normally would.

BASTARD (2D6+6 YEARS)

You were brought up by a family, but you never really belonged and had to learn to fit in.

Prerequisites: none. **Attributes:** INT +1, WIL +1, CHA +2 **Skill Choices:** [social], insight, heraldry, law, history

Adaptable. You find it easy to fit in with others, adapting to their ways. When part of a group making a group attribute check, you gain a bonus +1d6 to the check.

CHOSEN ONE (3D6 YEARS)

There was always something special about you. You are prophesied, with a destiny greater than yourself.

Prerequisites: none. **Attributes:** INT +1, CHA +1, LUC +2 **Skill Choices:** [artistic], [developmental], [physical], history, religion

Here For A Reason. Once (and only once) when you would normally die, you instead wake up one day later with full HEALTH. The gods - or some other power - still have need of you.

FERAL (2D6+6 YEARS)

You grew up alone, in the wild, your only friends the animals who surrounded you.

Prerequisites: none. Attributes: STR +1, END +1, INT +1, WIL +1 Skill Choices: [outdoor], [physical]

King of the Wild. Choose a terrain such as jungle, desert, or arctic. You are able to

communicate with semi-sentient creatures (animals) from that terrain type, although this does not guarantee their friendship or grant them particular knowledge or intelligence.

Nomad (2d6+6 years)

Traveling is your way of life, never staying in one place for too long.

Prerequisites: none. **Attributes:** INT +1, END +2, WIL +1 **Skill Choices:** [developmental], astronomy, navigation, running, tracking, survival

Wanderer. When traveling, you (and your party) automatically gain +1 to your travel score at the start of each day.

VILLAGER (2D6+6 YEARS)

Just a small-time boy, living in a small-time world. But you always knew there was more out there!

Prerequisites: none. **Attributes:** AGI +1, INT +1, CHA +1, LUC +1 **Skill Choices:** [crafting], local knowledge, [hobby], carousing

Practical. You gain three [*crafting*] or [*hobby*] skills of your choice at one rank; this does not increase an existing skill higher than one rank.

