

Hargun Stonevein - Dwarven Giantslayer (Web Enhancement)

Each month, Character Closeup introduces a brand-new NPC related to the current *d12 Monthly* zine issue.

These are fully detailed and ready to use at the table.

These are original characters designed to drop straight into your campaign as potential allies, rivals, or adversaries for your adventuring party.

Some make an appearance in my own campaign world.

Hargun Stonevein - Dwarven Giantslayer

A Short History of Hargun Stonevein

Hargun Stonevein was born the third son of a respected but unremarkable mining family in the eastern hills, expected to spend his life cutting stone and shoring tunnels rather than carving a name for himself.

That changed when a band of hill giants descended from the high passes during a lean winter, smashing an outlying dwarf stead and killing Hargun's elder brother along with a dozen clanfolk.

Hargun survived only because he was buried beneath a collapsed storehouse, pulled free hours later by rescue crews who mistook his stillness for death.

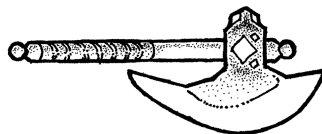


In the aftermath, Hargun swore the Giantslayer's Oath before the clan forge, binding himself to vengeance rather than inheritance.

He abandoned the mine, took up axe and shield, and joined a caravan guard heading into giant-haunted borderlands.

His first years were marked by brutal lessons: companions crushed by thrown stones, near-death beneath a giant's club, and long marches that ended in retreat rather than triumph.

Hargun's first giant kill came not in a glorious battle, but in a narrow ravine, where he hacked at a wounded giant's legs until it fell and could be finished at close quarters.



Level 3 – The Oath-Bearer

A young but driven dwarf who has sworn vengeance rather than earned it.

Dwarf Fighter 3

AC 4 [15] (chain mail, shield)

HP 17

Att 1 × two-handed axe (1d10)

THACO 19 [0]

S14 I10 W 9 D9 C15 Ch8

MV 60' (20')

SV D12 W13 P14 B15 S16

AL Lawful

Morale 9

Dwarf Abilities:

Detect Construction Tricks

Detect Room Traps

Infravision: 60-ft

Listening at Doors: 2-in-6

Resilience: +4

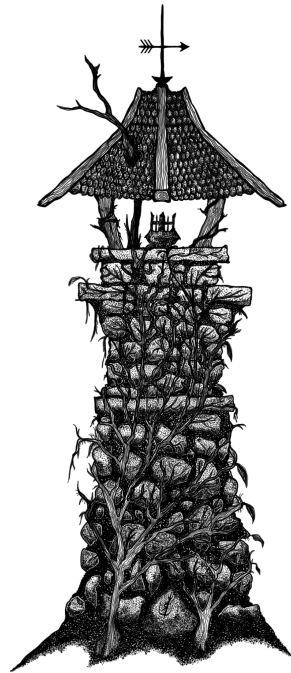
Special:

- *Giantslayer's Oath:* +1 to hit against giants and ogre-kind

Gear:

His Father's Great Axe: A +1 magic weapon

Motivation: To prove himself worthy of his clan's fallen dead, slain by hill giants in a border raid.



Appearance: Broad-shouldered, with a carefully braided beard and unscarred armour bearing fresh clan runes.

Personality: Grim, earnest, and rigidly honour-bound; takes insults seriously and trusts tradition over experience.

How the Road Has Changed Him:

At this stage, Hargun's hatred of giants is idealised and absolute - he imagines glory, not cost, and believes skill alone will carry him through.



Level 6 – The Giant-Killer

A seasoned slayer who has learned that giants die hard and dwarves die easily.

Dwarf Fighter 6

AC 3 [16] (plate mail)

HP 36

Att 1 × two-handed axe +1 (1d10+1)

THACO 17 [+2]

S14 I10 W 9 D9 C15 Ch8

MV 60' (20')

SV D10 W11 P12 B13 S14

AL Lawful

Morale 10

Special:

- *Giantslayer's Oath*: +2 to hit against giants and ogre-kind
- +2 bonus on saves vs. giant rock-throwing and crushing attacks

Gear:

His Father's Great Axe: A +1 / +3 vs. Giant weapon

Motivation: To actively hunt giants before they can threaten dwarfholds and human settlements alike.

Appearance: Beard hacked shorter from fire and blood, armour dented and reforged many times; one eye clouded from a giant's club.



Personality: Coldly practical and wary; respects competence over lineage and has little patience for boasts or hesitation.

How the Road Has Changed Him:

Hargun no longer seeks glory, only results. He studies giant tactics, terrain, and habits, and retreats without shame if it means surviving to strike again.

Using Harun

You can use Hargun as a friendly NPC - the party and Hargun having similar goals. Or he could be used as a foil to go against the party's objectives.

He is strictly lawful and will uphold his vow to slay giants wherever he finds them until death. This may seem extreme to some characters, and this may put him at odds with them.



Level 9 – The Living Rune

A legend among dwarves, and a name whispered in giant camps.

Dwarf Fighter 9

AC 2 [17] (plate mail +1)

HP 54

Att 2 × two-handed axe (1d10+1)

THACO 14 [+5]

S14 I10 W 9 D9 C15 Ch8

MV 60' (20')

SV D8 W9 P10 B11 S12

AL Lawful

Morale 11

Special:

- *Giantslayer's Oath*: +3 to hit and damage against giants and ogre-kind
- Giants must make a Morale check when first engaging
- Hargun never needs to roll Morale vs. Giants

Gear:

His Father's Great Axe: A +1 / +3 vs. Giant weapon

Motivation: To ensure giants never again rise unchecked by training others and destroying ancient giant strongholds.

Appearance: Thickly scarred, with a white-streaked beard bound in iron rings

etched with kill-runes; moves stiffly but purposefully.

Personality: Quiet, heavy with memory, and unyielding; speaks rarely, but every word carries weight and finality.

How the Road Has Changed Him:

Hargun has become more symbol than mortal dwarf. He knows he will not die peacefully, and accepts it, seeing himself as a weapon forged by fate and clan alike.

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