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I'M MAVRA THE
INELUCTABLE.

AND I'M HENDRICK THE ... UM ... IRREPROACHABLE.

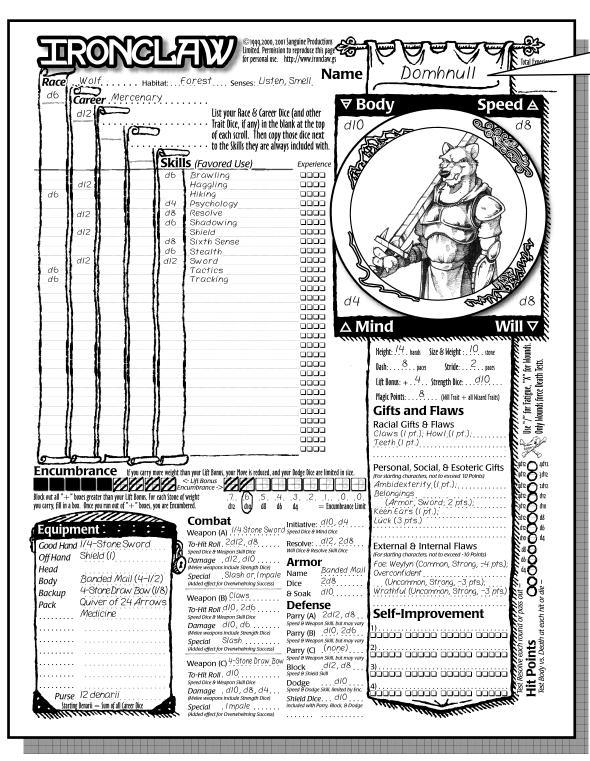


WE'RE HERE TO
INTRODUCE YOU
TO IRONCLAW:
ANTHROPOMORPHIC FANTASY
ROLE-PLAY!

AND WHAT BETTER
WAY BUT TO
SHOW YOU HOW
TO MAKE YOUR
VERY OWN
IRONCLAW
CHARACTER?

AND BEFORE YOU START ANY JOB, YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR TOOLS READY. FOR THIS, YOU'LL NEED:

- A BLANK
 CHARACTER
 SHEET
- SOME
 POLYHEDRAL
 DICE (d4, d6, two
 d8s, d10, and at
 least one d12)
- A PENCIL



Step 1:

Choose a name for your character.

Female Names: Abelinda Belamire Celestvna Damasile Eldorienne Franzoez Grileauin Hombelina Irounia **Javiere** Khalidah Lecheme Magloirienne Nerilda Odelie Pierrine Oerene Renata Stessy Theognosia Unxia Vigilia Xavierre Yfame Zozimene

Male Names:

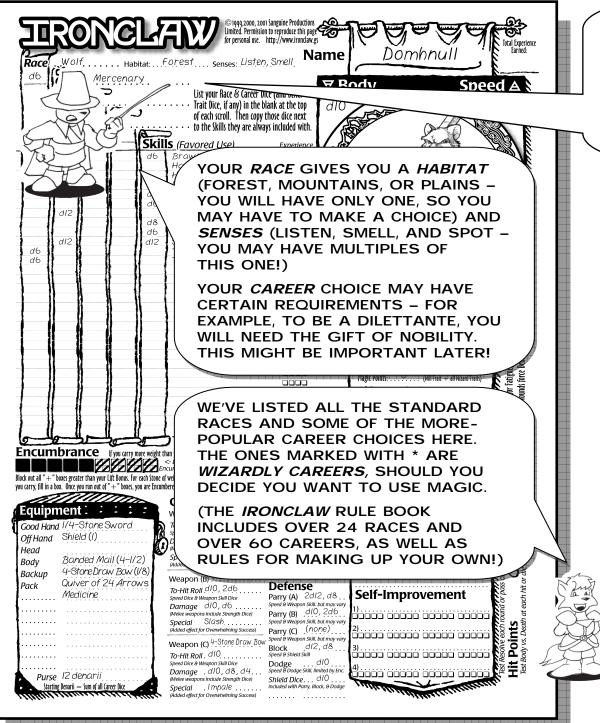
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Zemarchus

A GOOD NAME WILL HELP YOU **GET A FEEL FOR** YOUR CHARACTER. WE'VE INCLUDED A LIST TO HELP GET YOU STARTED.

TRY TO PICK A **DIFFERENT NAME** THAN YOUR **FELLOW PLAYERS!**

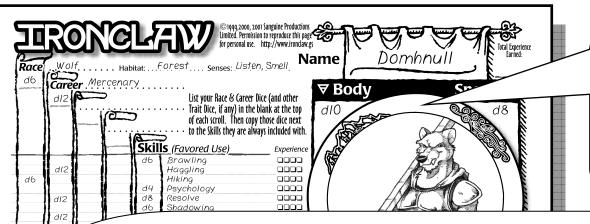




Step 2:

Choose a Race and Career. Write the Racial Habitat and Senses in these blanks.

Race	Page	Career	Pag
Apes (3 points)	p. 25	Bawd	p. 50
Armadillos (5 points)	p. 26	Bodyguard	p. 60
Badgers (2 points)	p. 27	Bounty Hunter	p. 60
Bats (special;	p. 28	Burglar	p. 51
2 points plus Size)		Cavalier	p. 54
Bears (7 points)	p. 29	Charlatan	p. 51
Boars (1 point)	p. 30	Cleric*	p. 64
Cats (3 points)	p. 31	Dilettante	p. 54
Coyotes (3 points)	p. 32	Dragoon	p. 60
Elk / Deer (zero or 1 point)	p. 33	Elementalist *	p. 64
Ermines (2 points)	p. 39	Green & Purple Mage *	p. 64
Ferrets (2 points)	p. 39	Homeopath	p. 55
Foxes (3 points)	p. 34	Hunter	p. 60
Goats (1 or 2 points)	p. 35	Mercenary	p. 61
Horses (4 points)	p. 36	Outrider	p. 61
Mice (3 points)	p. 37	Paladin	p. 50
Minks (2 points)	p. 39	Pit Fighter	p. 61
Monkeys (2 points)	p. 38	Ranger	p. 62
Otters (1 point)	p. 40	Robber	p. 52
Porcupines (4 points)	p. 41	Scout	p. 62
Rabbits (2 points)	p. 42	Thaumaturge *	p. 64
Raccoons (3 points)	p. 43	Witch Hunter	p. 63
Rams (1 or 2 points)	p. 35		
Rats (3 points)	p. 37		
Rhinoceros (8 points)	p. 44		
Sheep (1 or 2 points)	p. 35		
Shrews (5 points)	p. 45		
Skunks (5 points)	p. 46		
Squirrels (1 point)	p. 47		
Weasels (2 points)	p. 39		
Wild Dogs (3 points)	p. 32		
Wolverines (2 points)	p. 27		
Wolves (3 points)	p. 48		



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Step 3:

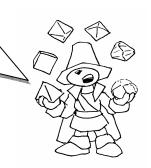
Assign your six Traits of d12, d10, d8, d8, d6, and d4 to your Body, Speed, Mind, Will, Race, and Career.

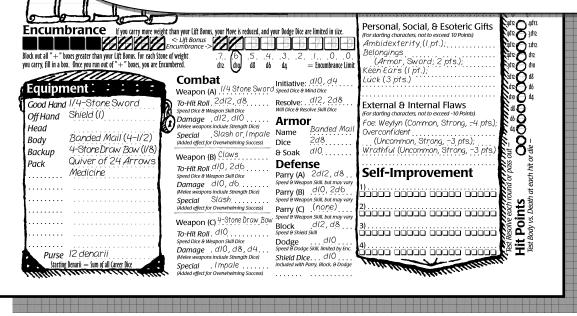
THE QUESTION PEOPLE ASK ME MOST OFTEN IS, "HENDRICK, HAVE YOU SEEN MY PURSE?" THE QUESTION PEOPLE ASK ME THE SECOND-MOST OFTEN IS, "HENDRICK, HOW SHOULD I ASSIGN MY TRAITS?"

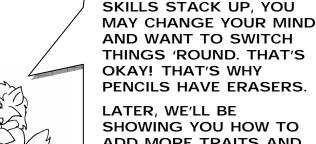
WELL, YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH PUTTING THE d12 IN YOUR CAREER. THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL PROBABLY BE USING THE MOST.

IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON GETTING IN A LOT OF FIGHTS, YOU SHOULD HAVE A HIGH BODY OR SPEED. IF YOU'RE A WIZARD OR OTHER CRAFTY TYPE. MIND AND WILL ARE BOTH IMPORTANT.

A HIGH RACE TRAIT IS GOOD IF IT APPLIES TO A LOT OF SKILLS YOU LIKE TO USE. (FOR EXAMPLE, BEING A WEASEL HELPS WITH DODGE AND STEALTH, TWO SKILLS | USE A LOT!) IT'S NOT AS USEFUL TO ACADEMICS.

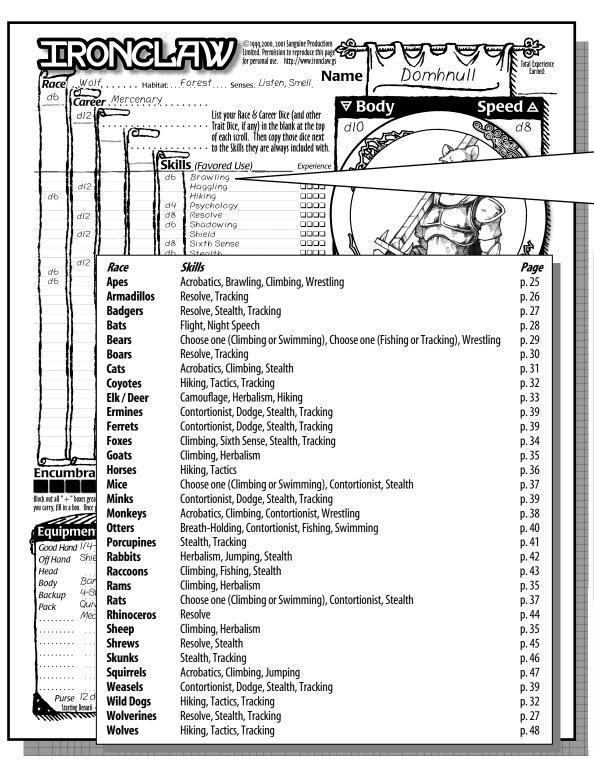






SHOWING YOU HOW TO ADD MORE TRAITS AND HOW TO IMPROVE THE ONES YOU HAVE!

AFTER YOU SEE HOW



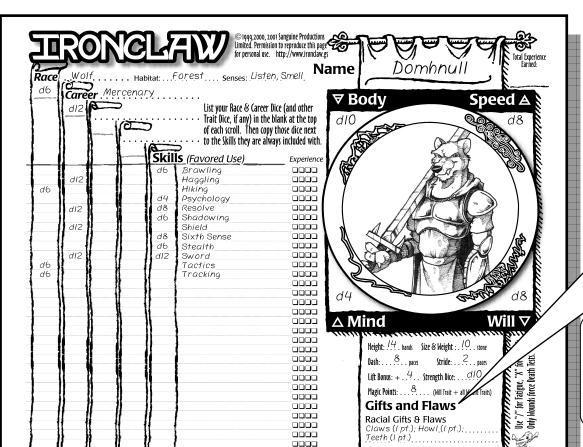
Step 4:

Write in the names of Skills included with your Race and Career. Copy the Race & Career Trait Dice next to the Skills they are included with.

Career	Applies to	Page
Bawd	Bribery, Carousing, Fast-Talk, Streetwise	p. 50
Bodyguard	Observation, Psychology, Shield, Sixth Sense	p. 60
Bounty Hunter	(Weapon of choice), Shadowing, Streetwise, Tracking	p. 60
Burglar	Climbing, Streetwise, Stealth, Traps	p. 51
Cavalier	Lore: Heraldry, Riding, Shield, Sword	p. 54
Charlatan	Fast-Talk, Forgery, Psychology, Streetwise	p. 51
Cleric	Literacy, Meditation, Theology	p. 64
Dilettante	Etiquette, Fencing, Lore: Heraldry, Literacy	p. 54
Dragoon	Gun, Gunsmith, Resolve, Sword	p. 60
Elementalist	Literacy, Lore: Elementalist Magic, Meditation	p. 64
Green & Purple Mage	Literacy, Lore: Green and Purple Magic, Meditation	p. 64
Homeopath	First Aid, Herbalism, Medicine, Survival	p. 55
Hunter	Bow, Stealth, Survival, Tracking	p. 60
Mercenary	(weapon of choice), Haggling, Resolve, Shield	p. 61
Outrider	Lore: Heraldry, Navigation, Observation, Riding	p. 61
Paladin	(weapon of choice), Literacy, Resolve, Theology	p. 50
Pit Fighter	Brawling, Carousing, First Aid, Resolve	p. 61
Ranger	Bow, Hiking, Navigation, Tracking	p. 62
Robber	(Weapon of choice), Intimidation, Streetwise, Stealth	p. 52
Scout	Cartography, Hiking, Navigation, Observation	p. 62
Thaumaturge	Literacy, Lore: Magic, Meditation	p. 64
Witch Hunter	Lore: Magic, Observation, Resolve, Sixth Sense	p. 63



ONCE AGAIN, FOR YOUR REFERENCE, HERE ARE THE RACES AND THE MORE COMMON CAREERS AND THE SKILLS THEY INCLUDE.



Step 5:

You start with 20 Points. Write in your Racial Gifts and Flaws, and deduct their cost from your Points.

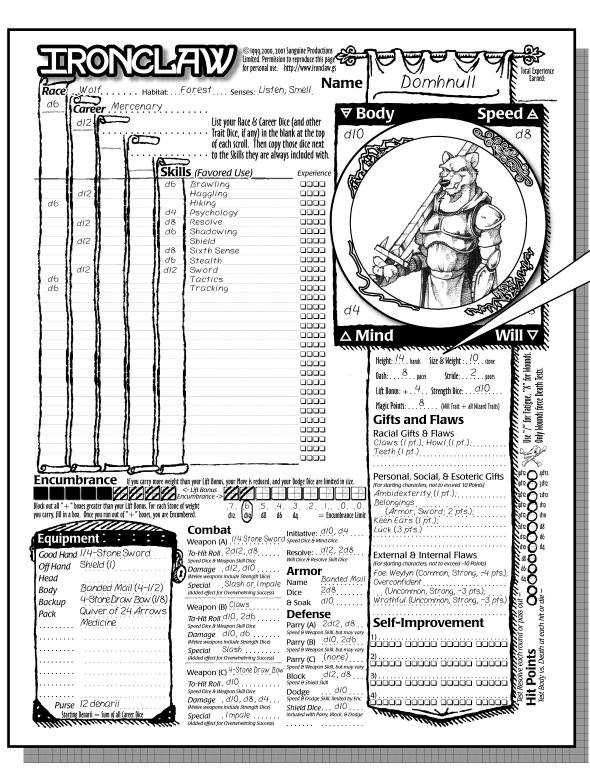
HERE'S THE SUMMARY OF RACIAL GIFTS AND FLAWS.

(IF YOU'RE PLAYING A BAT CHARACTER, YOU'LL NEED TO REFER TO PAGE 11 IN THE BOOK ABOUT "SIZE.")



ApesPrehensile Feet (1 point); Strength +1 (2 points)Nonep. 2ArmadillosClaws (1 point); Armor of d6 (7 points)Poor Sight (-3 points)p. 2BadgersClaws (1 point); Teeth (1 point)Nonep. 2BatsEcholocation (3 points); Flight (number of points equal to Size); Prehensile Feet (1 point)Frail (-2 points)p. 2BearsClaws (1 point); Strength +2 (5 points); Teeth (1 point)Nonep. 2				
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Coyotes Claws (1 point); Howl (1 point); Teeth (1 point) None p. 3	Coyotes	Claws (1 point); Howl (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 32
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Ermines Claws (1 point); Teeth (1 point) None p. 3	Ermines	Claws (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 39
Ferrets Claws (1 point); Teeth (1 point) None p. 3	Ferrets	Claws (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 39
Foxes Claws (1 point); Keen Ears (1 point); Teeth (1 point) None p. 3	Foxes	Claws (1 point); Keen Ears (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 34
Goats Horns (if male) (1 point); Sure-Footed (1 point) None p. 3	Goats	Horns (if male) (1 point); Sure-Footed (1 point)	None	p. 35
Horses Extra Move +3 (3 points); Hooves (1 point) None p. 3	Horses	Extra Move +3 (3 points); Hooves (1 point)	None	p. 36
Mice Claws (1 point); Keen Ears (1 point); Teeth (1 point) None p. 3	Mice	Claws (1 point); Keen Ears (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 37
Minks Claws (1 point); Teeth (1 point) None p. 3	Minks	Claws (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 39

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Race	Gifts	Flaws	Page
Monkeys	Prehensile Feet (1 point); Prehensile Tail (1 point)	None	p. 38
Otters	Claws (1 point)	None	p. 40
Porcupines	Barbed Spines (2 points); Claws (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 41
Rabbits	Claws (1 point); Keen Ears (1 point)	None	p. 42
Raccoons	Claws (1 point); Night Vision (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 43
Rams	Horns (if male) (1 point); Sure-Footed (1 point)	None	p. 35
Rats	Claws (1 point); Keen Ears (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 37
Rhinoceros	Horn (1 point); Robustness +2 (5 points); Strength +2 (5 points)	Poor Sight (-3 points)	p. 44
Sheep	Horns (if male) (1 point); Sure-Footed (1 point)	None	p. 35
Shrews	Claws (1 point); Poison (1 points); Robustness +1 (2 points);	None	p. 45
	Teeth (1 point)		
Skunks	Claws (1 point); Spray (3 points); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 46
Squirrels	Claws (1 point)	None	p. 47
Weasels	Claws (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 39
Wild Dogs	Claws (1 point); Howl (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 32
Wolverines	Claws (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 27
Wolves	Claws (1 point); Howl (1 point); Teeth (1 point)	None	p. 48



Step 6:

Write in your character's abilities. You can find this information on pages 11-12.



PSST! LOOKING FOR SOME SHORT CUTS? HERE'S A FEW CUES:

HEIGHT: BODY DIE + 4
WT & SIZE: BODY DIE
DASH: SPEED DIE
STRIDE: 1/4 OF DASH

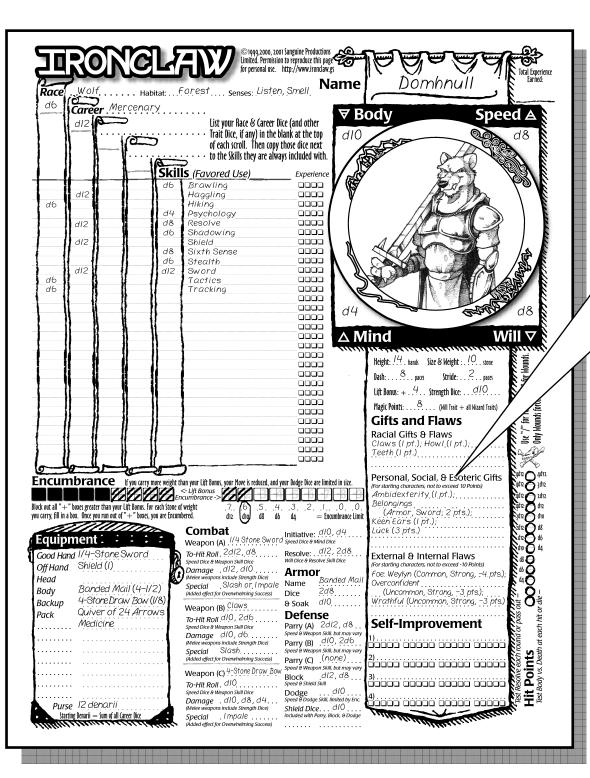
LIFT BONUS: BODY LEVEL STRENGTH: BODY DICE

GOT THAT? IF NOT, OPEN YOUR BOOK TO PAGES 11 AND 12 – IT EXPLAINS THIS ALL IN DETAIL.

YOUR MAGIC POINTS
IS THE SUM OF THE
SIZE OF YOUR WILL
DIE AND YOUR
WIZARDLY CAREER
DICE.

IF YOU'RE NOT A
WIZARD, THEN YOU
CAN SKIP THIS STEP.





Step 7:

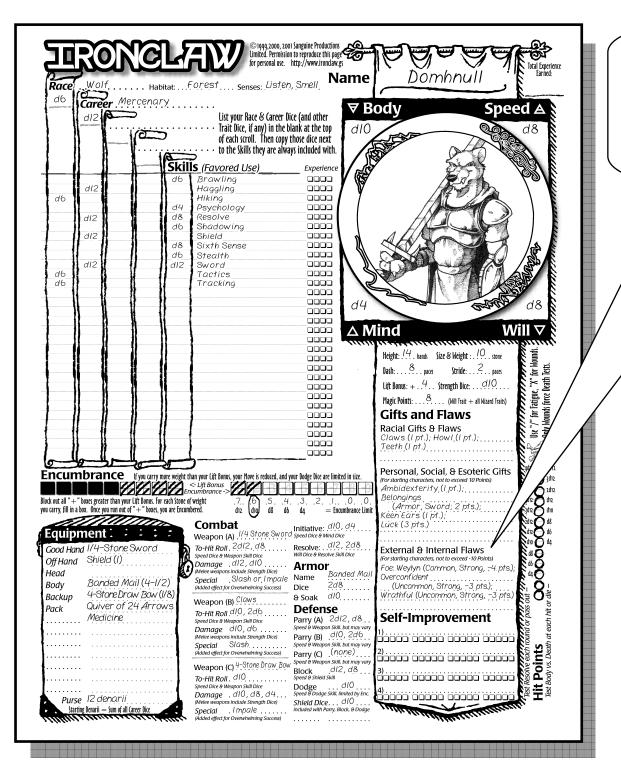
You may spend up to 10 Points on Personal, Social, and Esoteric Gifts. Spend your Points.

THE *IRONCLAW* BOOK LISTS OVER FIFTY GIFTS IN THESE CATEGORIES. HERE'S A FEW OF OUR FAVORITES.

- BELONGINGS (SO YOU CAN HAVE A SWORD OR A GUN) – PAGE 88
- EXTRA TRAIT (SO YOU CAN HAVE A SECOND CAREER OR A SPECIAL ABILITY) – PAGE 79
- INCREASED TRAIT (SO YOU CAN START WITH BIGGER DICE) – PAGE 80

FOR AN EXAMPLE OF EXTRA TRAITS IN ACTION, CHECK OUT THE CHARACTER SHEET OF *MANSUR* IN THE *IRONCLAW* BOOK, PAGE 19.

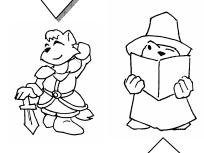




Step 8:

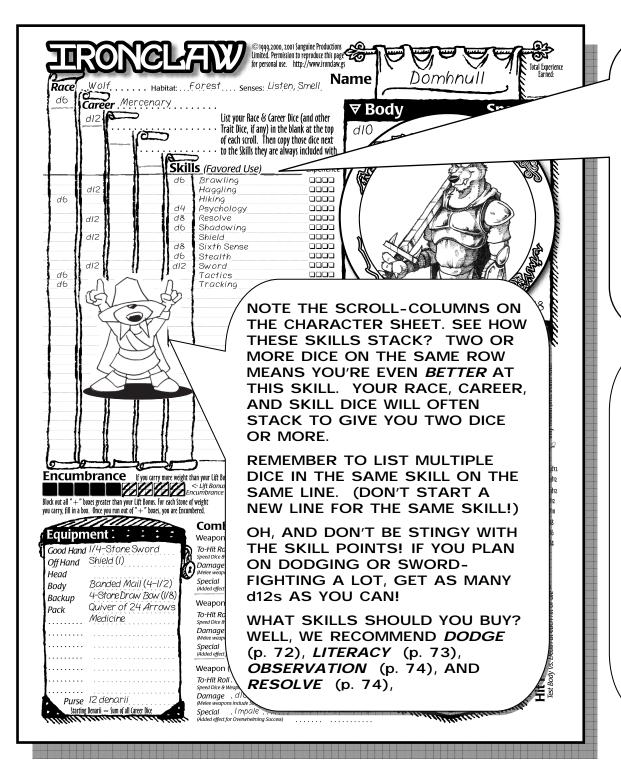
You may take up to —10 Points in External and Internal Flaws. Adjust your Points.

CHARACTER FLAWS ARE
OPTIONAL. PRACTICALLYFLAWLESS PEOPLE LIKE
MYSELF WILL SKIP THIS STEP.



YES, CURIOUS, GARRU-LOUS, GREEDY, HEROIC, AND "FLAWLESS" PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF...

(SEE PAGES 92-104 FOR A LISTING OF FLAWS.)



Step 9:

Spend your remaining Points on Skills. (1=d4; 2=d6; 3=d8; 4=d10; 5=d12). Skills you spend Points on can have Favored Uses — see p. 9.

Skills do not "stack" on Traits; rather, you will gain multiple dice in each Skill.

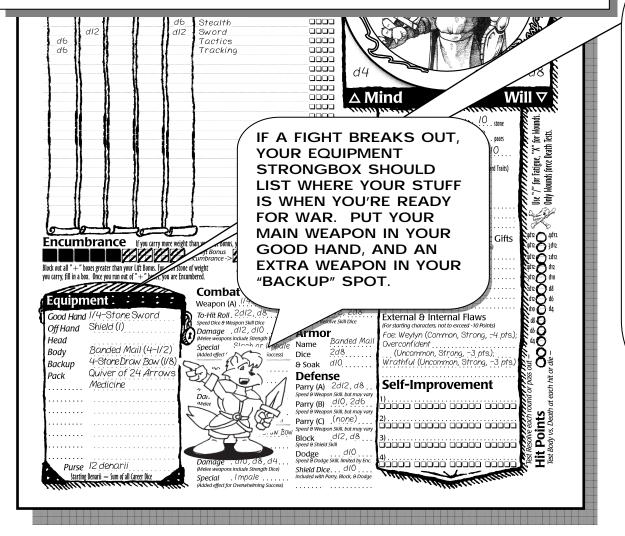
IF YOU'RE A WIZARD, SPELL-CASTING IS ALSO A SKILL. YOU DON'T NEED IT TO CAST SPELLS - YOU CAN RELY ON YOUR MIND AND WIZARD TRAITS - BUT YOU'LL BE AN EVEN BETTER WIZARD IF YOU'VE GOT IT!

EACH SPELL HAS A
DIFFERENT SKILL,
AND YOUR GOAL IS
TO BECOME ADEPT
WITH YOUR SPELLS.
SEE THE MAGIC
CHAPTER IN THE
IRONCLAW BOOK FOR
HOW THIS WORKS.





		Weight of Armor for a Person of Size															
Туре	Armor Dice	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Padded	d4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/4	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4
Light Leather	d6	1/4	1/4	1/2	1/2	3/4	3/4	1	1	1	11/4	11/4	11/4	11/4	1½	1½	1½
Heavy Leather	d8	1/4	1/2	3/4	1	1	11/4	11/4	1½	1½	1¾	2	2	2	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4
Reinforced Leather	d8, d4	1/2	3/4	1	11/4	1½	1¾	1¾	2	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 ½	2 1/2	2 3/4	3	3	3 1/4
Ring Mail	d10	1/2	1	11/4	1½	1¾	2	2 1/4	2 1/2	2 3/4	3	3	3 1/4	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 ¾	4
Chain Mail	d12	3/4	11/4	1½	2	2 1/4	21/2	2 3/4	3	3 1/4	3 ½	3 ¾	4	4	4 1/4	4 1/2	4 3/4



Step 10:

Choose your Equipment, including arms and armor. See p. 105-115 and p. 313-316.

UNSURE OF WHAT EQUIPMENT TO GET? GOOD THING YOUR PAL HENDRICK IS HERE TO ADVISE YOU...

ARMOR: YOU NEED AT LEAST PADDED, IF YOU'RE EXPECTING ANY KIND OF VIOLENCE (AND IT'S A DANGEROUS WORLD!) REINFORCED LEATHER IS VERY POPULAR, AS IT'S BOTH LIGHT AND PROTECTIVE. WE'VE REPRODUCED PART OF THE ARMOR TABLE FROM PAGE 316. (NOTE THAT ARMOR WEIGHT DEPENDS ON YOUR CHARACTER'S SIZE!)

WEAPONS: YOUR LIFT BONUS DETERMINES HOW EASILY YOU USE WEAPONS. YOU'LL WANT A LIGHT WEAPON IN ONE HAND, OR A MEDIUM WEAPON IN TWO HANDS. ANYTHING ELSE IS "AWKWARD" AND USES SPECIAL RULES.

OTHER STUFF: YOU'RE ASSUMED TO HAVE THE TOOLS OF YOUR CAREER. WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK YOUR GAME HOST IF YOU CAN HAVE SOMETHING.



Step 11:

Your To-Hit Rolls are usually your Speed & Weapon Skill Dice. Damage and Specials vary with the weapon.

Your Initiative is your Speed & Mind Dice.

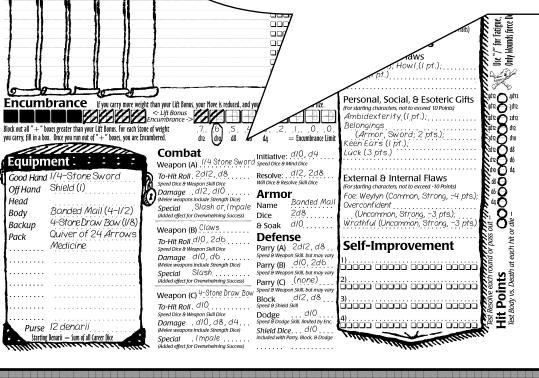
Your Resolve is your Will Dice and Resolve Skill Dice (if any).

Your Parries are usually the same as your To-Hit Rolls.

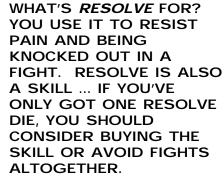
Your Block is your Speed Dice & Shield Skill Dice (if any).

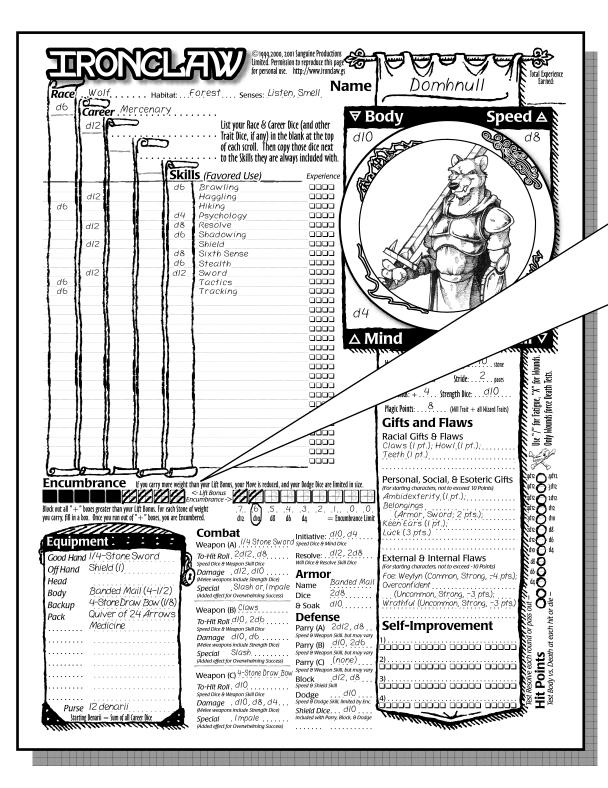
Your Dodge is your Speed Dice and Dodge Skill Dice (if any).

If you have a cloak or shield, you will get Cover Dice with all Defenses.



GOT ALL THAT? WHEW. IT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT, BUT YOU'LL ONLY HAVE TO DO ALL THIS STUFF ONCE.





Step 12:

Block out all boxes larger than your Lift Bonus. For each Stone carried, mark out a box on the Encumbrance track. (Note the lines that let you block out quarter-Stones.) If you have to use a negative-number box, you suffer Encumbrance (p. 13).

ULP! QUARTER-STONES? LET'S SEE... LIFT BONUS OF +3 MINUS 2½ FOR ARMOR... I'M RUNNING OUT OF TOES...



WELL, THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST MATH YOU'LL HAVE TO DO, SO BEAR WITH US.

IN SHORT: WEIGHT CARRIED MINUS LIFT BONUS EQUALS ENCUMBRANCE.

