

Krujen

Physical Description:

Krujen are quite a bit smaller than human-sized, especially with their hunched-over posture. They have a humanoid body and a head that is vaguely dog-like, with a long snout. It is impossible to tell a male Krujen from a female one without dissecting it, especially since there is no segregation along gender roles in Krujen society.

Society and Culture:

Krujen live in highly organized tribal bands, with a strict hierarchy of leadership. A tribe is primarily a fighting unit, with all members of the tribe active soldiers (except the very young, very old, and infirm.) Krujen survive through a combination of raiding and extorting tribute from their more productive neighbors. Very seldom do Krujen tribes fight one another, and then only when there is a dispute over territorial boundaries.

They are scavengers and pack-rats by nature, and so a given Krujen tribe will sport an eclectic array of weapons and armor. As a rule, the leaders claim the better fighting gear, while the grunts have to make do with hand-me-downs or makeshift equipment.

Combat:

Despite their small size, Krujen are a fierce warrior race. They will not back down from battle except as part of a tactical retreat. They tend to attack in groups of three, and will use their numbers to surround and harass an enemy. When defending their home territory, Krujen will often rely on a number of jury-rigged traps and ambush spots to wear down the enemy. Krujen tend to lack imagination in battle, relying instead on superior numbers and sheer tenacity.

When fighting as part of a group, a Kruj will aggressively try for a flank attack while the target is paying attention to the other Krujen. When alone, a Kruj will tend to fight more defensively.