

QUICK NPC FEATURES

MANUAL MARKS

The character:

- Folds his arms heavily across his chest
- Smooths her robe, picking away lint
- Pets his familiar as he speaks
- Rubs her fingertips together
- Keeps one hand on his quarterstaff, gesturing with it often
- Runs her fingers through her hair
- Uses his throwing knives to clean his nails
- Pounds her fist on the table to emphasize her point
- Picks his nose (best used for goblin and ogres)
- Pulls on her bottom lip when thinking
- Always points at the person he is talking to
- Drums his fingers on the table when thinking
- Twists her hair with her fingers when nervous
- Cracks his knuckles when speaking
- Bounces her leg when seated

Auditory Marks

The character speaks in/with:

- Harsh whispers
- Syrupy cooing
- Clipped fragments
- A suggestive purr
- Tight-lipped growls
- Deep commands
- Mocking sarcasm
- Forceful imperatives
- Serene, soothing tones
- A stutter
- A slight lisp

The character's speech is peppered with:

- Distracted ramblings
- Self-aggrandizing boasts
- Insincere flattery
- References to obscure historical events
- Battlefield terms ("The guild outflanked us," or "This tomb's about as quiet as a sleeping army")
- Forced, self-conscious laughter
- Wheezing coughs
- Criticism of those around him
- Constant references to her goddess
- Exotic oaths ("Curse me for a thrice-blinded chimera!")
- Loud guffaws

VISUAL MARKS

The character:

- Has a distinctive scar or tattoo
- Has bits of food clinging to his face
- Wears a helmet fashioned to resemble an animal or demon
- Wears oversized robes and a wide-brimmed hat
- Has hands that are always stained with ink, alchemical powders, and so forth
- Always wears shirts that feature a plunging neckline
- Has a limp or stooping shoulders
- Has kohled eyes and painted lips
- Always carries a book or bundle of scrolls

- Has numerous gold teeth
- Sweats profusely
- Has a pipe shaped like a beholder
- Wears hair in elaborate braids
- Walks with a gnarled, wooden cane
- Has a thick gray beard
- Wears a necklace made of the teeth of a particular monster
- Has extremely long fingernails that curve under at the ends
- Wears a thick fur cape
- Has a gaping eye socket or wears an eye patch
- Is unusually tall and towers over others
- Carries a jug of wine at all times
- Has a wooden leg or is missing some finger digits.