

## Appearance

The Obern are a race of humanoid automatons, which are built from metal and wood. Every Obern is unique—some are rusting, while others are polished and appear new. While many have intricate decorative work, some are so simplistic that they lack an actual face. Others still are either damaged or unfinished, and have their clockwork components exposed.

## Behavior

Many Obern are magically imbued with artificial intelligence, and can exhibit varying personalities like any other person. Others function primarily on mechanical methods, and utilize logic and calculation instead. Regardless, due to their construction, the Obern generally have a difficult time communicating their emotions through facial expressions.

## History

Isiphous, a Halfling tinker, had spent a great deal of time producing gadgets and devices to make life simpler, before focusing his craft on building magically-enhanced prosthetic limbs for people with physical disabilities and missing appendages. When the Gaesin army invaded his homeland during the Great War, he and his wife went into hiding, and she soon fell ill. In an attempt to save her life, the tinker built a full prosthetic body to house her life force. While he managed to transfer his wife's consciousness into the contraption, it was only temporary.

Driven by grief and a lust for vengeance, Isiphous perfected his methods and began to produce mechanical men to aid the rebellion. Once the Gaesin were driven out of the area, he recruited several others to help him establish a sizable workshop in which to produce a large quantity of Obern to bolster the fighting forces of the rebellion.

Following the Great War, those responsible for their construction shifted the Obern's intended use to means that were more practical. Now, those who were built for war—and those who function with some form of sentience—work to find their niche in common society.



## **Society**

There are no known societies purely—or mostly—comprised of Obern. Instead, Obern assimilate into the communities they find themselves in, and adopt their customs.

### *Traditional Occupations*

Given their strong and sturdy bodies, Obern often find work as soldiers, guards, and laborers.

## **Aging and Life Expectancy**

Too little is known about the Obern to describe their average period of functionality. However, it appears as though they never truly age.