



INANIMIS' LEVEL 0 PEASANT RULES FOR EVERY RACE

How to start as a complete nobody and rise up
to a glorious adventurer from zero to hero.



LEVEL 0 – PEASANT RULES FOR EVERY RACE

In case you are the kind of hardcore role-player, I created this leveling up system that will allow you to start as a peasant and work your way, slowly but surely to becoming a murder hobo like most of us. In truth, it's a Level -2, but I think Level 0 sounds better. The idea is that you will start with low ability scores and almost no skills, *earning* your *Racial Traits* as a *Peasant*, your *Proficiencies* etc until you finally get to choose a *Class* at Level 1. If you like my work please check more of me by clicking **here** or on any *Inanimis* logo.

So let's call the levels like this. Peasant Level 1, Peasant Level 2, Peasant Level 3, Class Level 1, Class Level 2 all the way to Class Level 20. You can see how you can reach each level on the table below. Of course each race has different *Traits*. So let's begin with the *Ability Scores* and *Traits* for each race and how they will end up being a respectable (but not overpowered) Class Level 1.

PEASANT LEVELS

Experience Points	Level	Proficiency Bonus
0	1	0
25	2	1
100	3	1
200	Class Level 1	2

As explained above, after Peasant Level 3, you can get your Class Level 1 normally. You can reset the Exp Counter so that your players earn their level 1 from 0 exp.

OPTIONAL STARTING STATS RULE

Choose your stats from the following table: 14 12 12 10 8 6 or 12 12 10 10 10 8

OPTIONAL RULE FOR FEATS

During the *Peasant Levels* your players can choose a *Feat*. They do *not* get that feat for free. Instead, they have to earn it. For example if a player wants *Tavern Brawler* award the feat if they start a tavern brawl! Or if they want *Inspiring Leader* award it if they speak to a crowd and succeed on a *Persuasion* check to inspire people to go into battle. It's a nice way to get players to engage in role-playing and earn that feat. Like a personal mini-quest of some sorts.

OPTIONAL PEASANT'S LUCK RULE

Each *Peasant* gets a *Peasant's Luck* once per *Long Rest*. You get the ability to re-roll a failed roll (skill check, ability check, saving throw, attack roll). The *Peasant's Luck* is lost after *Peasant Level 3*.

STARTING HIT POINTS

Every race begins with 4 + *Constitution* modifier maximum hit points. At the end of every peasant level you get 1 extra hit point.

DWARVEN PEASANT LEVELS

Speed, *Darkvision*, *Languages* are the same from the start.

Peasant Level 1: Increase your *Constitution* score by 1. You gain the *Tool Proficiency* (PhB page 20).

Subrace Level 1: You do not get any Subrace Bonuses yet.

Peasant Level 2: Increase your *Constitution* score by 1. You gain the *Dwarven Combat Training* (PhB page 20) and *Stonecunning*.

Subrace Level 2: If you are a *Hill Dwarf* your *Wisdom* score increases by 1. If you are a *Mountain Dwarf* your *Strength* score increases by 2.

Peasant Level 3: You gain *Dwarven Resilience* (PhB page 20). Choose one *Skill* from the following. *Athletics*, *Animal Handling*, *Survival*. You are *Half-Proficient* with it (add half of your *Proficiency Bonus* when using that *Skill* (minimum 1)).

Subrace Level 3: If you are a *Hill Dwarf* you gain *Dwarven Toughness* (PhB page 20). If you are a *Mountain Dwarf* you gain *Dwarven Armour Training* (PhB page 20).

ELVEN PEASANT LEVELS

Speed, *Darkvision*, *Languages* and *Trance* are the same from the start.

Peasant Level 1: Increase your *Dexterity* score by 1.

Subrace Level 1: You do not get any Subrace Bonuses yet but if you are a *Dark Elf* you have *Superior Darkvision* and *Sunlight Sensitivity* (PhB page 24).

Peasant Level 2: Increase your *Dexterity* score by 1. You get the *Fey Ancestry* (PhB page 23).

Subrace Level 2: If you are a *High Elf* your *Intelligence* score increases by 1 and you get an extra language. If you are a *Wood Elf* your *Wisdom* score increases by 1 and you get *Fleet of Foot*. If you are a *Dark Elf* your *Charisma* score increases by 1 and you get *Drow Weapon Training*.

Peasant Level 3: You gain *Keen Senses* (PhB page 23).

Subrace Level 3: If you are a *High Elf* you gain *Elf Weapon Training* (PhB page 23) and *Cantrip* (PhB page 24). If you are a *Wood Elf*, you gain *Mask of the Wild* and *Elf Weapon Training* (PhB page 24). If you are a *Dark Elf*, you gain *Drow Magic* (PhB page 24).

HALFLING PEASANT LEVELS

Speed and *Languages* are the same from the start.

Peasant Level 1: Increase your *Dexterity* score by 1. You gain *Halfling Nimbleness* (PhB page 28).

Subrace Level 1: You do not get any Subrace Bonuses yet.

Peasant Level 2: Increase your *Dexterity* score by 1. You gain *Brave* (PhB page 28).

Subrace Level 2: If you are *Lightfoot* your *Charisma* score increases by 1. If you are *Stout* your *Constitution* score increases by 1.

Peasant Level 3: You get *Lucky* (PhB page 28).

Subrace Level 3: If you are *Lightfoot* you gain *Naturally Stealthy* (PhB page 28). If you are *Stout* you gain *Stout Resilience* (PhB page 28).

HUMAN PEASANT LEVELS

Speed and *Languages* are the same from the start. Variant human is *not* an option.

Peasant Level 1: Increase 2 mental (*Wisdom*, *Intelligence*, *Charisma*) *Ability Scores* of your choice by 1.

Peasant Level 2: Increase 2 physical (*Strength*, *Dexterity*, *Constitution*) *Ability Scores* of your choice by 1. Choose 1 *Skill* to be Proficient* at.

Peasant Level 3: Increase 1 mental and 1 physical *Ability Score* of your choice by 1.

DRAGONBORN PEASANT LEVELS

Speed and *Languages* are the same from the start.

Peasant Level 1: Your *Strength* score increases by 1 and your *Charisma* score increases by 1.

Peasant Level 2: Choose a *Draconic Ancestry* from the *Draconic Ancestry* table (PhB page 34). You are *Resistant* to the damage type associated with your draconic ancestry.

Peasant Level 3: You gain *Breath Weapon* (PhB page 34) and your *Strength* score increases by 1.

GNOME PEASANT LEVELS

Speed and *Languages* are the same from the start.

Peasant Level 1: Your *Intelligence* score increases by 1.

Subrace Level 1: If you are a *Forest Gnome* you get *Speak with Small Beasts* (PhB page 37). If you are a *Rock Gnome* you get *Artificer's Lore* (PhB page 37).

Peasant Level 2: Your *Intelligence* score increases by 1. You get *Gnome Cunning** (PhB page 37).

Subrace Level 2: If you are a *Forest Gnome* your *Dexterity* score increases by 1. If you are a *Rock Gnome* your *Constitution* score increases by 1.

Peasant Level 3: Choose one *Skill* from the following. *Arcana*, *History*, *Medicine*. You are *Half-Proficient* with it (add half of your *Proficiency Bonus* when using that *Skill* (minimum 1)).

Subrace Level 3: If you are a *Forest Gnome* you gain *Natural Illusionist* (PhB page 37). If you are a *Rock Gnome* you gain *Tinker* (PhB page 37).

HALF-ELVEN PEASANT LEVELS

Speed and *Languages* are the same from the start.

Peasant Level 1: Your *Charisma* score increases by 2.

Peasant Level 2: You gain *Darkvision* 60 ft. Two ability scores of your choice (other than *Charisma*) increase by 1.

Peasant Level 3: You gain *Fey Ancestry* and *Skill Versatility* (PhB page 39).

HALF-ORCISH PEASANT LEVELS

Speed, *Darkvision* and *Languages* are the same from the start.

Peasant Level 1: Your *Strength* score increases by 2.

Peasant Level 2: You gain *Menacing* and *Savage Attacks* (PhB page 41). Your *Constitution* score increases by 1.

Peasant Level 3: You gain *Relentless Endurance* (PhB page 41).

TIEFLING PEASANT LEVELS

Speed, *Darkvision* and *Languages* are the same from the start.

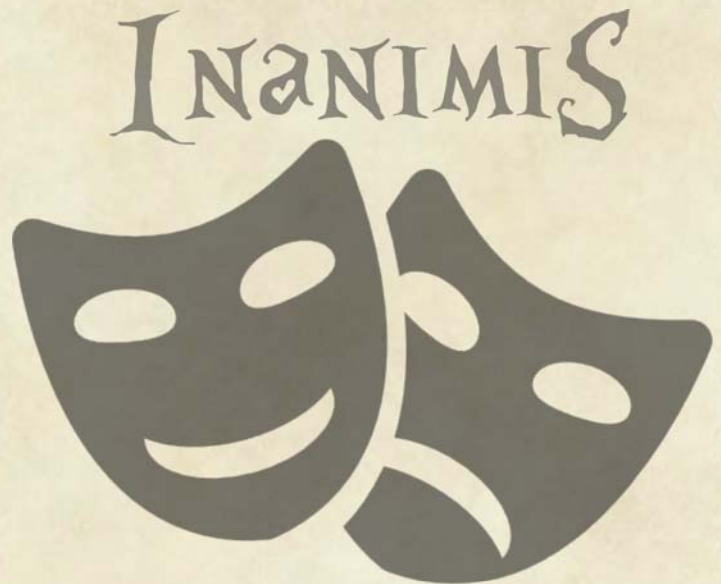
Peasant Level 1: Your *Charisma* score increases by 2.

Peasant Level 2: You gain *Hellish Resistance* (PhB page 43) and your *Intelligence* score increases by 1.

Peasant Level 3: You gain *Infernal Legacy* (PhB page 43).

QUEST EXAMPLES FOR A 0 LEVEL PARTY

- A pack of wolves raids the village every night.
- A black bear has been disturbing the nearby bee farms.
- Some blood hawks have been attacking the chicken farms at night.
- A crocodile found its way in the lake of the town, the fishermen are in danger.
- Some goblins have been messing with the innkeepers barrels.
- A gnoll has been blackmailing a poor family for food.
- A deep gnome hides in the mines and kills anyone that comes close to them.
- Giant bats have infested the nearby cave where a lot of children used to play.
- A giant centipede is ruining the nearby fields.
- Giant rats have infested the basement of the inn.
- A giant poisonous snake has been seen in the forest.
- A giant wolf spider has made a new home on an abandoned house in the middle of the village.
- A huge pack of hyenas has been killing the cattle.
- A panther is killing hunters.



FINAL WORD & LEGAL STUFF

Starting from such a low level and having such low stats to begin with may not be in everyone's taste. However it offers a new take in the hardships an adventurer must endure. Many of the *Quest Examples* I offered might even be considered *deadly* especially for new players. I really wanted to create new abilities for the peasants but I was worried that the abilities would make things *too* easy for level 0 characters. If you want to see a completely overhauled version of the original d&d races please check my *Revised D&D Races* by clicking on the image on the right.

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