



MONASTIC TRADITION

Three traditions of monastic pursuit are common in the monasteries scattered across the multiverse. Most monasteries practice one tradition exclusively, but a few honor the many traditions and instruct each monk according to his or her aptitude and interest. All traditions rely on the same basic techniques, diverging as the student grows more adept. Thus, a monk need choose a tradition only upon reaching 3rd level.

WAY OF THE PANTHER

Through ritual combat, you have joined the ranks of the secretive panther monastery. This order of monks defends their jungles and the downtrodden with the might and nobility of their namesake beast. Guided by their ancestors, these monks are blessed by the Panther Goddess with unearthly speed and unparalleled physical might. Despite this, the way to the monastery is forever hidden to outsiders; it seems the goddess is selective with her followers, or can only bestow her gifts on a select few.

Monks who follow this tradition tend to be deeply spiritual, owing to a strong reverence for their ancestors. They seek to ready their soul and balance their deeds for the day that they join their forebears in the endless paradise prepared for them by the Panther Goddess.

KEEN SENSES

When you choose this monastic tradition at 3rd level, you imbibe a peculiar heart-shaped herb that enhances your senses and blesses you with the eyes, ears, and nose of the panther. You gain darkvision out to a range of 60 feet. If you already have darkvision from your race, its range increases by 30 feet.

In addition, you gain proficiency with the Perception skill if you do not already have it. When you make a Perception check you add double your proficiency bonus to the roll.

PANTHER CLAWS

Also at 3rd level, you gain proficiency with claw gauntlets, which also count as monk weapons for you. Additionally, when you make a melee attack roll with a weapon that deals slashing damage, you score a critical hit on a roll of 19 or 20.

ELUSIVE POUNCE

Starting at 6th level, you can use your reaction when a creature moves within 5 feet of you to leap away, up to half your movement speed, without provoking opportunity attacks. You can choose to leap up to that distance into the air, but you fall if there is nothing to securely land on.

ANCESTRAL VISION

At 11th level, when you meditate to recover your ki over a short rest, you can send your mind to the afterlife and commune with your ancestors, who tell you cryptic hints of the possible futures to come. You can choose not to recover 3 or more ki points that you would otherwise recover. You gain an Ancestral Vision point for every 3 points you forgo this way. These points lasts until you next take a short or long rest. Whenever you make an ability check or saving throw, you can spend an Ancestral vision point to gain advantage on the roll.

PANTHER'S POUNCE

At 17th level, whenever you use your reaction to leap using your Elusive Pounce feature, you can leap your entire movement speed, instead of only half. In addition, you can make an unarmed strike with advantage against a creature within 5 feet of where you land. On a hit, this attack deals an additional 2d6 piercing damage.

NEW WEAPON

Monks and other unarmed characters might find use of the following weapon:

Weapon	Cost	Damage	Weight	Properties
<i>Martial Melee Weapon</i>				
Claw Gauntlet	5 gp	1d4 slashing	2 lb.	Light, fist

WEAPON DESCRIPTION

Claw Gauntlet. These weapons are gauntlets or wraps that cover the wearer's forearms. The main purpose of these gauntlets or wrappings is to hold in place fine metal claws that the wearer uses to slash at their enemies. These claws can be retracted, without being removed, so that their wearers can interact with objects and the environment freely.

WEAPON PROPERTIES

Many weapons have special properties related to their use, as shown in the Weapons table.

Fist. Attacks made with this weapon count as unarmed strikes.

