

# D100 Mildly Plausible Background Stories For Characters

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| 1 Mentor was killed in an explosion  | 51 Swindled a high ranking mage/thief          |
| 2 Father was beheaded  | 52 Grew up on an island far from civilization  |
| 3 Sister kidnapped by Demon  | 53 Bandit, refused to participate in a raid    |
| 4 Home town destroyed  | 54 Drowned a family member                     |
| 5 Lost all gold in bad bet   | 55 Warlord                                     |
| 6 Wanted for murder  | 56 Found a long forgotten sword in a stone     |
| 7 Twin sibling taken at birth  | 57 Court jester                                |
| 8 Empath, had to leave society   | 58 Grew up in a monastery in the outskirts     |
| 9 Left barbarian tribe wanted more   | 59 Family were witch hunters                   |
| 10 Father was a notorious thief  | 60 Re-roll twice and add both together         |
| 11 Shunned by the gods   | 61 Sworn to keep an important secret           |
| 12 Miner, caused accident  | 62 Reincarnated fortune teller                 |
| 13 Horrible hunter, nearly starved   | 63 Mother was killed by large beast            |
| 14 Parents killed by a thug  | 64 Escaped a prison                            |
| 15 The last of an order (religious, thieves)                                     | 65 Borrowed a large spell book didn't return   |
| 16 False prophet   | 66 Designed war machines                       |
| 17 Made pact with witch  | 67 Parents killed by pirates                   |
| 18 Grew up an orphan begging on streets  | 68 Prince/Princess of noble house              |
| 19 Teleported from a different world/time  | 69 Trained by a master in their class          |
| 20 Father was a renowned mercenary   | 70 Brewer of fine ales & wines                 |
| 21 Locked in a tower for years   | 71 Tasked with cleanup of disease              |
| 22 Apprentice to a trade   | 72 An assassin                                 |
| 23 Father sold out traitors to lord  | 73 Town hero destroyed an evil threat          |
| 24 Wizard's experimental subject   | 74 Survived dragon attack, with scars          |
| 25 Veteran of a war  | 75 Slave                                       |
| 26 Runaway   | 76 Skilled Artist                              |
| 27 Story collector & teller  | 77 Sailor who caused a mutiny                  |
| 28 Traveling merchant  | 78 Squire to evil knight                       |
| 29 Humble villager, didn't cause much trouble, and never went on any adventures. | 79 Previously a merman/woman, turned by wizard |
| 30 Re-roll twice and add both together   | 80 Plagued by ghosts                           |
| 31 Caught someone doing something bad  | 81 Amnesia, don't remember a thing             |
| 32 Remembers all past lives  | 82 Exiled because of previous mistakes         |
| 33 Set on a religious pilgrimage   | 83 Grew up in nature with only animals         |
| 34 Ransomed as a prisoner of war   | 84 Born with wings                             |

35 Famer	85 Ran an illegal gambling den/bawdy house
36 Born with facial scarring and a tail, shunned	86 Woke up in a different reality
37 Stole a large sum of gold	87 Fisherman/woman
38 Temple from hometown burned, did nothing	88 Hung for treason, brought back from the dead
39 Started a riot	89 Arsonist
40 Guard/Solider AWOL from post	90 Debts from addiction
41 Family were prospectors, lost map to mine	91 Kidnapped a high lord/lady, ransomed.
42 Barkeep	92 The bastard son/daughter of a lord
43 Smuggler	93 Deposed king
44 Immigrant from a foreign land	94 Dreams of the "end of days"
45 Concubine to the king/queen	95 Led rebellion against local government
46 Born from a union with a vampire	96 Arm's dealer
47 Family were cavemen, smartest of the bunch	97 Betrothed to a ugly noble
48 Lewd painter	98 Born blind, other sense heightened
49 Scribe for a local priest/wizard	99 Wandering minstrel
50 Alchemist's apprentice	0 Cartographer

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