

Watch-Captain Sera Coldwater

The Captain; Cold Sera (not to her face)

Class: Rogue 9 **Race:** Human (Southron) **Background:** Criminal
Age: 39 **Gender:** Female **Height:** 5'6" **Weight:** 140 lbs

16 Armor Class	67 Hit Points	30 ft Speed	+4 Initiative	+4 Prof. Bonus	18 Passive Perc.
STR 12 +1	DEX 18 +4	CON 14 +2	INT 16 +3	WIS 16 +3	CHA 14 +2

Saving Throws

- +1 Strength
- +8 Dexterity
- +2 Constitution
- +7 Intelligence
- +3 Wisdom
- +2 Charisma

Skills

- +12 Acrobatics (DEX)
- +3 Animal Handling (WIS)
- +3 Arcana (INT)
- +1 Athletics (STR)
- +6 Deception (CHA)
- +3 History (INT)
- +3 Insight (WIS)
- +2 Intimidation (CHA)
- +11 Investigation (INT)
- +3 Medicine (WIS)
- +3 Nature (INT)
- +7 Perception (WIS)
- +2 Performance (CHA)
- +2 Persuasion (CHA)
- +3 Religion (INT)
- +8 Sleight of Hand (DEX)
- +8 Stealth (DEX)
- +3 Survival (WIS)

Features & Traits

Sneak Attack (5d6)

Extra 5d6 damage when attacking with advantage or with an adjacent ally.

Cunning Action

Bonus action to Dash, Disengage, or Hide.

Uncanny Dodge

Reaction to halve damage from one visible attack per round.

Evasion

On a successful DEX save for half damage, take no damage instead.

Reliable Talent

Any proficient skill or tool check result below 10 is treated as 10.

Assassinate

Advantage on attacks against creatures that haven't taken a turn. Auto-crit on surprised creatures.

Equipment

Item	Qty	Notes
Rapier	1	+1. Worn visibly.
Hand crossbow	1	Concealed.
Bolts	20	

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Studded Leather	1	+1. Watch-Captain formal colors.
Thieves' tools	1	Always present.
Ring of Mind Shielding	1	Attuned. She does not explain where she got it.

Personality

Personality Traits	Ideals
Assumes everyone is lying to her until demonstrated otherwise. Rarely demonstrated otherwise. Does not hold this against people.	Ravensburg runs because everyone in it has calculated that following the rules is more profitable than breaking them. My job is to keep that calculation accurate.
Bonds	Flaws
The Watch is mine because I built it into something that works. I intend it to remain something that works after I'm gone.	She has decided that certain problems are unsolvable and stopped working on them. She is right about most of them. Not all of them.

Languages & Proficiencies

Languages: Common, Thieves' Cant, Dwarvish

Tool Proficiencies: Thieves' tools, disguise kit, forgery kit

Distinguishing Features: Ravensburg Watch sigil tattooed on her right wrist. The older tattoo underneath it, partially covered, is not Watch sigil. She does not explain it.

Backstory

Sera Coldwater is the elected head of Ravensburg's Watch Council, which means she is the closest thing a city with no formal government and a blurry line between merchant and opportunist has to a chief executive. She has held the position for five years. Before that, she was Watch-Captain for seven years. Before that, she was something else, which the official record notes as 'merchant intermediary' and which several of her current Watch members know was not exactly that, and which she has neither confirmed nor denied.

Ravensburg's law is described in its location entry as 'resembling' consistent law. Coldwater takes this as an accurate assessment and governs accordingly. She does not try to make Ravensburg into something it is not. She tries to make the version of Ravensburg that exists work better than it would without her, which is a more demanding standard than it sounds because the version that exists includes several competing criminal organizations, at least three factions with outside patrons, a mercenary population that turns over completely every few years, and a physical layout that was designed by no one and expanded by everyone.

She is effective at this job. The Watch Council members who initially regarded her as a placeholder have, over five years, stopped saying this in rooms where it might get back to her. The ones who said it in rooms where it did get back to her had educational experiences that they generally do not discuss publicly.

She is aware that Ravensburg is the kind of city where a sufficiently motivated outside organization could establish significant influence without the Watch necessarily knowing about it in time. She is aware that 'sufficiently motivated outside organization' describes several current candidates. She prioritizes accordingly, which means she knows things about Ravensburg's actual power dynamics that the official Watch record does not contain and that she does not intend to put in it.