

Cursebearer

Gritty fantasy roleplaying game of heroic
deeds and devouring curses

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Cursebearer

Cursebearer is a gritty character focused adventure game. In Cursebearer a group of troubled companions delve into danger to find secrets, wealth and artefacts to break their curse. They will be worn down by the pursuit and in those moments they make their most heroic decisions.

Cursebearer is about adventurers who by necessity or nature have grown skills and strength to face foes other mortals flee from. They will fight to balance curses that attempt to devour them in pursuit of their ambitions and true freedom.

Cursebearer is about knowing your enemy. Great adversaries have secrets behind their power and with knowledge their own strength can be turned against them.

Cursebearer is about furious fights where battlefield changes constantly and clash with an enemy is always dangerous and unpredictable.

Playing Cursebearer

Party of adventurers delve into deep wilds and forgotten dungeons full of hidden knowledge, glittering gold and danger. To face these dangers they call on their prowess, skill and resilience, pushing odds to their favour. This is needed as battles are unpredictable and every clash may leave the character in a dire state.

When they are spent our adventurers draw strength from bonds and curses that guide their path invoking new powers. When it is time to rest and reflect these guides will grant them new insight on how to face danger.

Player Roles

Everyone at the table is a player, but with different roles. One player takes the role of the Bearer and other players take the role of the Adventurer. Together you create a story of adventure and gritty heroism.

The Adventurer

Adventurer is in charge of their character and shaping the adventure.

As an Adventurer you explore the game from that characters perspective solving mysteries and fighting monsters.

You interact with the world by asking questions from the Bearer and choosing actions for your character to take.

You build the world from that characters perspective by making decisions that change the world; Befriend non-player characters, aid and undermine factions and defeat legendary beasts. Before the game starts you build the world by giving your character a history with people, places and events.

The Bearer

Bearer is in charge of arbitrating rules and setting the stage for the adventure.

As a Bearer you design dungeons, cities and traps. You create non-player characters, plots and dangers for the Adventurers to investigate and instigate.

Whenever Adventurers take action you change the world in response. These changes vary from minute changes of enemy behavior to great changes that affect entire scope of the adventure.

You referee the rules. Whenever there is a conversation over how a rule should be resolved you make a final ruling with other player's input and consideration for the situation.

Every table plays the game in their own way. Important thing is to stay consistent with rulings and reinforce the type of game the table wants to play.

Rules



Dice, Numbers & Notes on rules

When dice are rolled, they decide the outcome and all around the table have to live with it.

Cursebearer uses a suite of dice from four-sided to twenty-sided (D20). Twenty-sided die is reserved for Tests, the rest are used for effects like damage and healing.

Dice rolls are abbreviated to formula "number of dice D sides on a die", 1D20 means roll one twenty-sided die and 3D6 means roll three six-sided (D6) dice.

Effects may call to increase effect die by a die type. When this happens roll next larger effect die. For example six-sided die becomes eight-sided (D8).

Effect die never increases past twelve-sided (D12). When there is no larger dice available increase effect by +1.

Effect die increase:

None -> D4 -> D6 -> D8 -> D10 -> D12 -> D12+1 -> D12+2 etc.

Rounding Numbers

Always round up.

Conflicts Between Rules

When two rules are in conflict the more specific rule takes effect. A Gift overrides a general rule for example.

No rules?

Not all situations have a rule ready. Discuss how the situation is best handled. Bearer makes the final ruling based on the Adventurer input and the situation in the game world.

Challenges

Challenges are storied moments in the adventure. For there to be a Challenge there has to be an obstacle or threat and significant stakes.

When faced with a Challenge Adventurers describe their approach. Bearer then considers whether approach fits one of three categories.

Fitting: The Adventurers approach to the Challenge is fitting, they overcome the Challenge.

Searching from the right place. A convincing argument. Spending enough time or resources.

Impossible: Challenge cannot be overcome this way. A different approach, tools or help is required.

Persuading an enemy to work against their interests. Climbing a wall of glass without tools. Jumping over a canyon. Recalling details about civilization lost to time.

Uncertain: Challenges are uncertain when approach to challenge is risky or character is under great pressure. Uncertain challenges require a Test.

Fighting. Resisting poisons. Navigating without landmarks. Avoiding hidden threats. Persuading an enemy to help you accomplish something they also want.

Stakes

Stakes are goals and Setbacks that vary from Challenge to Challenge. Success in Challenge means the Adventurers reach their goal and failure makes their lives more difficult with a Setback.

In a battle defeating an enemy is a clear goal and Setbacks are suffered blows. Attempting to avoid a pit trap risks falling into spikes at the bottom. During a journey reaching a destination is the goal and Setbacks are loss of direction and dwindling supplies. In a meeting with a villainous spy goal can be gaining their secret knowledge and Setback is rousing their suspicion.

Success at a cost is always a possible Setback. This deal can take any form but all parties have to agree to it.

Everyone at the table is welcome to suggest Setbacks. Most important thing is that something changes.

Arduous Challenges

When a Challenge is especially taxing it is an Arduous Challenge.

Arduous Challenges consists of several Steps resolved one at a time. Each Step is an individual Challenge. Involved Adventurers describe their approach to the current Step.

Like a regular Challenge approach can be Fitting, Impossible or Uncertain.

Each success advances the Arduous Challenge into Adventurers' favour, each failure causes a Setback.

If Adventurers gain as many or more successes as they suffer Setbacks they win the Challenge. If more Setbacks are suffered they end up in a new situation and the chance to solve the Challenge in this manner has passed.

When there are more Adventurers than Challenges two or more Adventurers can work together on a Challenge one making the Test and the other helping.

Intense negotiations, journeys, scaling a cliff, ritual magic, chases and montaging an infiltration can be resolved as Arduous Challenges.

Arduous Stakes

Arduous Stakes are resolved in two stages. There is the Setback from current Step and Setback from failing the entire Challenge. Setback from current can be Burden, triggering a trap or increasing Trouble. Setback from the entire Challenge means Adventurers do not reach their goal and end up in a new situation.

Example of an Arduous Challenge

An example of an Arduous Challenge is montaging an infiltration of a chamber in a small keep. Bearer sets following Challenges, outer wall, open yard and unknown passages.

First Challenge the Adventurers face is the outer wall. They could scale it as an Uncertain Challenge, but they have gained information about a tunnel to the well. They take the tunnel making the approach Fitting.

Second Challenge is an open yard. They decide to wait until dark to attempt sneaking through making the approach Uncertain.

Third Challenge is finding the chamber. Without information this is an Uncertain Challenge.

If the Adventurers fail two of the Challenges they are caught.

Obstacles & Threats

Obstacles

Obstacles bar the path forward. They are often static and may force character to choose a different approach. Locked door, jagged ravine and strong currents are obstacles. Situationally a bridge knight or jailkeeper can take the role of an obstacle.

Obstacle can become a Threat if the approach goes wrong.

Threats

Threats cause harm and hindrances.

Adversaries are active. They investigate suspicious events, attack those who are in their way and lay traps for unsuspecting enemies. Direct confrontation with an Adversary is a Conflict, see Conflict chapter for more details.

Hazards are static. They remain in place until removed or act in easily predictable manner. Traps, poisons, cliffside with loose stones, storms and burning buildings are Hazards. Passive Adversaries can be resolved as Hazards.

Lasting Threats

Lasting Threats are part of the environment or lingering Hazards such as blood clotting poison and sleep inducing mist.

Lasting Threat is resisted when the character comes into contact with the Threat and at the end of their Turn if they remain threatened.

Success in resisting Lasting Threat protects from the Threat for now but does not end it. Poison can be resisted for one round but in a moment poison affects the character again if it still has some Duration.

Some Lasting Threats are actively held, for example being snatched into jaws of a dragon or being affected by Focus Magic. These Threats provoke Tests at the start of the Turn until the hold is broken.

Lasting Threat Duration

When a Lasting Threat has a static Duration it is measured with a number of Tests. A poison with a Duration of three provokes three Tests from the Victim and affects them on failed Tests.

Tests



To make a Test roll 1D20 and add appropriate bonuses to the roll. If the result is equal or greater than the Difficulty Rating the Test succeeds.

There are three types of Tests.

Prowess Test: Prowess tests jumping, fighting, tracking and action in general. Adventurer describes the action and Bearer chooses Prowess to add as a bonus to the Test.

Defense Test: Defense tests reflexes, resilience willpower and endurance. When the character is directly threatened Bearer chooses Defense to add as a bonus to the Test.

Burden Test: Burden Tests are made to test characters ability to resist significant setbacks, Curses, panic or starvation. Bearer chooses the Defense to add as a bonus to the Test.

Difficulty of Burden Tests is increased by characters current Burden.

Bonuses

When character makes a Test they can gain bonuses from the following.

Prowess or Defense, Skill, Exhaust, Help and one tool or supply.

Great and Doomed Effort

Great Effort: When roll on the die comes up as 20 Test succeeds and the character gains an additional benefit.

Doomed Effort : When roll on the die comes up as 1. Test fails and the character suffers an additional setback.

Difficulty

Difficulty of Obstacles and Hazards is a static number that has to be met or exceeded for a Test to succeed. 10 is the base Difficulty.

Opposed Tests

To resolve actions between active adversaries both parties make a Test. Difficulty is the opponents Test. Higher result wins.

- Great Effort beats normal result
- Doomed Effort always loses
- In case of a tie Test again

When dealing with a static effect created by an adversary, a hiding place, trap or poison, Difficulty is their passive Prowess.

Degree & Difficulty ratings

Degree

Degree represents quality of success and severity of failure when making a Test.

Meeting the Difficulty is a normal success. Roll your damage die, overcome an obstacle or gain an answer. Reaching a higher Test result increases the Degree.

- Every 10 points of difference between Difficulty and the result increases Degree by one
- Great and Doomed Effort increase Degree by one
- In Opposed Tests count only the winners Degree

Higher Degree grants greater effect. Common effects include:

- Add +1 die to damage. +1D4 if there is no damage die
- Gain an additional piece of information, heal an additional Wound etc.
- Remove or gain one Burden

When Test fails, Degree is reversed and severity of the setback increases. Traps and adversaries deal additional damage or character gains a Disadvantage to a following Test.

Difficulty Ratings

10 Uncertain. Base difficulty

15 Difficult

20 Famed. At the limit of most mortals

25 Heroic. Beyond the ability of most mortals

30+ Legendary. Demands great ability and effort

Advantage, Disadvantage & Teamwork

Advantage & Disadvantage

Advantage and Disadvantage are benefits and complications that dramatically alter a beings chances of success.

Advantage: Roll an additional die for each Advantage and choose the highest result.

Example sources for Advantage:

- Dedicating Significant Time
- Successful preparation
- Situational advantage such as a surprise

Disadvantage: Roll an additional die for each Disadvantage and choose the lowest result.

Example sources for Disadvantage:

- Rushing a task
- Imposed hindrance, being grappled for example
- Situational disadvantage such as poor visibility

Each Advantage and Disadvantage has to come from a different source.

Advantages and Disadvantages negate each other. Having three Advantages and two Disadvantages results in having just one Advantage.

Teamwork

Adventurers can help each other face challenges by working together.

Help: Each character that is able to help in a meaningful way adds +1 bonus to a Test.

Set-up: Create an Advantage for another character by setting them up for success. This is often its own Challenge.

Burden & Exhaust

Burden

Burden is accumulated strain from mortal and mystical sources. Backbreaking weight, lack of food, creeping dread and pushing your limits increase Burden.

- When a character faces a source of Burden their Burden increases by strength of the source, usually 1 + Degree of failure
- Burden has a threshold of 5 + half the characters Level. When Burden rises past the threshold make a Burden Test. On failure character suffers a Wound
- Burden can be removed by taking a Rest or a Downtime

Exhaust

Character can Exhaust, themselves increasing Burden by one and taking one of the following Benefits.

- Gain +2 bonus on a Test
- Use Exhaust option of an ability. Abilities requiring Exhaustion are marked with a [Exhaust]
- Lead a group action

Character can Exhaust multiple times for a single event but has to choose a different option each time, unless stated otherwise.

Burden Sources

Burden comes from the following sources:

- **Exhaust:** Character pushing their limits increases Burden
- **Straining Setback:** Failing a Test against straining Hazard or obstacle increases Burden and may provoke a Burden Test
- **Straining Attack:** Failing a Test to resist straining attack increases Burden and may provoke a Burden Test
- **Possessions:** Carrying too many or too heavy possessions increases Burden

Persistent Burden

Burden cannot be reduced below Persistent Burden value without first removing the cause.

Persistent Burden is gained from:

- Possessions. Get rid of the troublesome items to remove the Burden
- Ritual magic. End the Ritual to remove the Burden
- Afflictions. Cure the Affliction to remove the Burden

Burden Test & Afflictions

Burden Test

Burden Test is provoked by a threat of suffering a Curse, an Affliction or a significant hindrance.

- Burden Test is made with Reflex, Vigor or Will Defense
- Burden Test has Difficulty 10 + characters current Burden
- When Burden Test fails character suffers a Curse, an Affliction or other Setback
- Greater Degree of success on a Burden Test reduces characters Burden by one

Situations that provoke a Burden Test:

- **Deadly Blow:** Suffering damage over the last Wound provokes a Burden Test. Vigor Test for physical damage, Will Test for mental damage
- **Deprivation:** Lack of sleep, pushing on past physical limits, starvation and unforgiving environments provoke Burden Test for Vigor
- **Initiative:** Starting a Conflict provokes a Burden Test for Reflex
- **Sickness:** Mortal diseases and magical blights provoke Burden Test for Vigor

- **Stirring Curse:** Stirring Curse provokes a Burden Test. See Guides and Curses for more details
- **Faltering Will:** Facing panic or a bout of madness provokes a Burden Test for Will

Afflictions

Affliction is a persistent negative effect, commonly diseases, symptoms of faltering mind and breaking body.

- Affliction affects the character until successfully removed
- Character can suffer the same Affliction multiple times, the effects will stack
- Healing Test during Downtime is the most common way to get rid of an Affliction

Trouble Check

While adventuring in dangerous places Bearer makes Trouble Checks for unexpected Setbacks. Trouble Check is made:

- Every Round of Conflict to check if an adversary is able to recover dangerous abilities
- When Significant or Long Time passes. See Time for more details
- When the Trouble Rating increases

Trouble Check is made with a six-sided-die (D6). When the roll is equal or under Trouble rating Trouble occurs. On a roll of six something good may happen.

Trouble is a complication or a potential danger. It changes the situation introducing something new to take into account. Trouble does not automatically reveal sneaking characters or ruin current plans. Setback will remain until Adventurers take action to deal with it.

Examples of a Trouble Setback:

- Servant wandering into room
- Reinforcements arriving
- Being trailed by bounty hunters or beasts
- Being denied services on a rumor
- Supports of a crumbling bridge finally giving up
- Dangerous storm rising

Trouble Rating

Trouble is rated from 1 to 5 depending on likelihood of unforeseen setbacks.

1 - Some likelihood of Trouble. Borders of civilization and desolate dwellings. Low bounties.

2 - Chance of Trouble. Deep wilds, shady alleys and lived dwellings. Medium bounties.

3 - High chance of Trouble. Hunting grounds of beasts and alert dwellings. High bounties.

4 - Great chance of Trouble. Fully alert and hostile environments. Grand bounties.

5 - Chaos. Heart of a hostile land.

Changing Trouble

Dramatic events and Adventurer actions can change the Trouble rating, potentially making a safe haven dangerous. This will never raise Trouble above 5 or drop it below zero.

Setting off alarms, making new enemies, committing crimes, attracting bounties and clear signs of subterfuge increase Trouble.

Preparing camps, finding allies and safehouses, removing great threats and putting suspicions to rest decrease Trouble.

Time



Time

Time is very flexible in tabletop roleplaying games. Days of travel can be followed by seconds of fighting followed by an hour of conversation and planning. All taking an equal amount of time at the table.

Most important thing about time becomes; What changes when time passes? Mechanically three concepts are used to measure this change; Round, Significant Time and Long Time.

Round

Round is used when consequences of time passing are immediate, dire and exact order of events is important. Most commonly used during Conflict.

At the start of every Round Bearer may make Trouble Check for immediate changes. For example fire spreading or an adversary regaining use of a powerful ability.

Significant Time

Enough time to recover, dedicate to a task or channel a Ritual.

- Light sources burn out
- Spend to gain Advantage on a Test
- Rest
- Ritual magic

Significant Time passing will create minor changes. New beings may enter the area, structures may weaken etc.

Bearer will make a Trouble Check for these changes.

Long Time

Enough time to heal wounds and dedicate yourself to a craft, studies or plots. At least a full day.

- Take Downtime
- Journey a great distance

Characters require food when Long Time passes. Going without food provokes a Vigor Burden Test for Starvation.

Long Time passing will create major changes. Bearer will make a Trouble Check for changes that affect the Adventurers directly.

Timers

Bearer may keep Timers to track approach of significant events. These will advance when a Round, Significant or Long Time passes.

Distance & Pace

Distance

With distance important questions are; Is the goal within reach? If not, what does it take to reach it? Things can be out of reach due to distance or obstacles and an attempt to reach something out of reach requires either an Action, a Test or both.

Distance can be abstracted to units that describe characters relations to their surroundings. In situations where exact dimensions are important measuring distance in meters / yards is recommended.

Reach: Couple of steps.
Falling: Difficulty 10. 1D6 damage.

Close: Easy to Reach.
Falling: Difficulty 15. 1 Wound.

Near: Takes some effort to reach.
Falling: Difficulty 20. 2 Wounds.

Far: Takes a while to reach.
Falling: Difficulty 25. 3 Wounds.

Distant: Difficult to reach.
Falling: Difficulty 30. Death.

Pace

Pace describes the Distance a character can move as an Action, usually Close.

Moving through an obstacle requires a Test. On failure the movement ends.

Difficult Terrain

When terrain is difficult, possibly due to grasping vines or deep snow, make a Test against Difficulty. On success the character can move their Pace. On failure Pace is reduced by a Distance unit.

Falling

When the character lands from an uncontrolled fall they will suffer the falling setback. Succeeding in a Reflex Test to break the fall reduces setback by a Distance step. Higher Degree reduces setback by an additional step.

Character falls a Distance unit each Round.

Distance Reference

Following table can be used to convert Distance to a more precise measurement.

Distance	Squares / Hexes / Inches	Meters / Yards
Reach	1	2
Close	5	10
Near	10	20
Far	20	40
Distant	40+	80+

Stealth & Trickery

Adventurer can declare that their character is hiding or sneaking at any time. Tests for success are made when character is in danger of being spotted. This can be due to attempting to sneak past a foe, causing loud noise or being actively searched. On success character is Hidden.

Hidden: Hidden being or object has to be found as an action before they can be acted on. Hidden being has Advantage on Defense Tests against area attacks.

Limitations: Hiding and stealth is not possible when an adversary has clear sight of the character. Find cover or a way to distract the adversary.

Social Stealth: Situationally Presence can be used for stealth. This may require use of disguises or correct modes of conduct. Tests are made when characters actions indicate they do not belong or they come under scrutiny.

Surprise Action: Actions against other beings while Hidden are Surprise Actions and made with Advantage. Attacks reveal the attacker to all within eyesight.

Tricks: Actions can be taken to draw away attention for easier stealth. Successful trick gives Advantage on stealth.

Darkness & Light

Darkness is both a hindrance and an aid.

- Darkness obscures spaces and beings imposing Disadvantage on all attempts to act on targets within
- Targets in Complete Darkness are Hidden and have to be found first. All Tests on found targets are made with Disadvantage

Carrying light negates effects of darkness as far as the light reaches. However this comes with a cost.

- Tests to sneak while carrying a light are made with Disadvantage
- Beings in dark can see into lit areas and acting into light is not Disadvantaged

Survival

Survival

Survival challenges come into play when the Adventurers risk starvation and harsh environment. This is often the case when exploring the wild places of the world.

Survival challenges are layered on top of the other challenges the Adventurers face. Adventurers traveling through frozen tundra in search of a lost temple face the challenge of the search. On top of that are layered the challenges of dwindling food supplies and extreme cold.

Survival is tracked with a Time scale of Long Time, enough time to weaken from the lack of nourishment or for the frostbite to set in. Strain of survival provokes a Burden Test for a Survival Affliction. Fitting preparation and supplies can eliminate the need to make a Test. For example rations can be consumed to keep starvation at bay for a day.

Survival Hazard like falling through ice into cold water provokes a Test immediately and may impose Disadvantage on Tests for the long term survival challenges.

While the Adventurers are in a survival situation they can take a Survival Action once for every Long Time.

Adventurers can take the same Survival Action. Test separately or give +1 Help bonus to another. Difficulty of the Survival Action and suitable Prowess is based on the environment.

Scavenge

Scavenge for useful Supplies. On a successful Test gain one of the following. On a higher Degree increase gain by one die.

1D6 Rations

1D4 Healing Supplies

1D4 Spell Components

Scout

Scout for dangers and places of interest. On a successful Test gain one. On a higher degree choose another.

- Choose whether to interact with a Trouble or an Event
- Map current location marking a landmark

Prepare

Setup camps, ration what is left and treat signs of Afflictions. On success grant +1 bonus to a Burden Tests against Survival Afflictions to all in the party. On higher Degree increase bonus by +1.

Journey

Journey

Travel through dangerous lands or towards an unknown destination is a Journey. If the Adventurers travel through safe lands towards a known destination only time passes.

There are two potential risks on a Journey, not finding the destination and encountering Trouble on the way.

Each leg of the Journey is mapped as an Arduous Challenge. Number of Steps is based on the distance to the next destination and the number of significant obstacles on the way. For example a three day journey across a forest split by strong rapids is a four step challenge.

Each Step takes time.

- Significant Time in a near area. Travel through a major city for example
- Long Time when traveling towards a far away destination. For example a temple five days away. Survival is added as an additional Challenge

Each Step requires navigation.

- Navigating between visible, known landmarks or via road or river does not require a Test
- Navigating without Landmarks or routes requires a Test

At least one Adventurer has to take the role of a navigator for each Step. Other Adventurers can Help granting +1 bonus to possible Tests. Navigator advances Journey towards the destination by finding paths, tracking beings and overcoming obstacles. Difficulty is set by the environment.

- Failing the Arduous Challenge means that the Adventurers are thrown off course.

Journey options

Hidden March: Add one Step to the Journey. Adversaries need to Test against the Navigators Passive Intellect to find the Adventurers.

Forced March: Complete two Journey Steps with a single challenge. Make a Vigor Burden Test against Exhaustion. This is not possible if one of the Steps is an obstacle.

Using Hexes

Hex maps are a popular way to track travel. Decide on number of hexes that represent a travel distance requiring Long Time. Fully exploring a single hex takes a Long Time.

Social Challenges

Social Challenge is an attempt to achieve a goal through conversation, connections or social pressure.

- Avoid conflict through diplomacy
- Gain sensitive information
- Gain a favour
- Gain access to services
- Change the attitude of a being

Social Challenge follows normal rules for Challenges. Adventurer describes their approach deciding among other things whether they approach through, persuasion, humor, intimidation, cunning questioning or honesty. Bearer considers whether approach is Fitting, Impossible or Uncertain.

When leveraging existing relationships, owed favours or key information approach might be Fitting and no Tests are necessary. This is also true if Adventurer happens to have a fitting argument for the moment.

When the approach is Uncertain make a Presence Test.

Sometimes social approach is Impossible. Some favours are too big to ask, there is no trust or it is not in the beings nature to cooperate.

Intimidation

Threatening a being into cooperation can push them into giving information or favours they would never give otherwise, however the effect is fleeting. When the intimidated being is no longer within Adventurers sphere of influence the effect ends.

Attempts to intimidate a being within heart of their power are Impossible. Possessing key information or other leverage may change this.

Negotiation

Negotiations are an Arduous Challenge. Both sides will set up a base wish and their terms. Make a Test for each pair of terms. Success means Adventurers terms are accepted, failure means npc terms are accepted. At the end both parties commit to the agreed terms and wishes.

Challenge can be abandoned by walking away from the negotiations. Nothing is given and nothing is gained. Reputation will be damaged and new negotiations are unlikely.

Hit-points, Damage & Wounds

Adventurer characters have three pools of Hit-points that allow them to resist damage.

- When the character suffers damage reduce Hit-points from a pool by damage, one pool at a time
- When a pool is reduced to zero cross it over to mark it as Wounded, next pool suffers the remaining damage
- Wounded pool cannot recover Hit-points until the Wound is healed

Deaths Door: When the final pool is marked as Wounded the character is at Deaths Door. Npc's don't enter Deaths door.

- When a character at Deaths Door suffers damage, or a Round passes, they make a Burden Test. Failing this Test is the end.
- When a character at Deaths Door suffers a Wound they die
- As an Action another character can make a Healing Test on a character at Deaths Door. Success will change one Wound into a physical or mental Affliction. Healing Tests are made with Intellect against Difficulty 10

Changing Hit-point maximum

When the Hit-point maximum changes all pools are affected.

Damage Types

There are two damage types Physical and Mental.

Physical: Damage affects beings body. Tests are made with Vigor.

Strikes, fire, falling and blood clotting poison deal physical damage.

Mental: Damage affects beings mind. Tests are made with Will.

Bouts of madness, illusions, magical fear and touch of spectres deal mental damage.

Resistance and Vulnerability

Resistance and Vulnerability impacts incoming damage.

- Resistance reduces damage by Resistances rating, down to minimum of half damage
- Vulnerability increases damage by Vulnerability rating

There are two default Resistances in the game, Armor and Mental.

- Armor protects from external physical threats but not from internal damage or falling
- Mental Resistance protects from all mental damage

Rest & Downtime



Rest

Moment of respite allows character to do the following.

- Fully recover Hit-points to pools that are not Wounded
- Reduce Burden by 1 + half the characters Level
- If a character shares an ambition, fear, hope, idea or a secret they remove one additional Burden

Rest takes Significant Time. During Rest Bearer will make a Trouble Check. If there is Trouble the Rest is interrupted and there is no restoration.

Downtime

Extended period of time gives the character a chance to reflect on their experiences and recover from their adventures.

During Downtime do the following.

- Spend Deeds to advance
- Restore Hit-points
- Remove Burden
- Regain Strength to Guides
- Take one Downtime Action or an additional Survival Action

During Downtime Characters can go about their business and find each other whenever, unless they specifically wish to not be found.

Downtime Actions:

- Carouse
- Craft
- Earn
- Heal
- Seek

Downtime takes a Long Time. Bearer will make a Trouble Check for unforeseen events.

If there is Trouble party will have to overcome an Arduous Challenge with Steps equal to Trouble rating.

- On success they get to take their Downtime
- On failure they only have a chance to spend Deeds for advancement and restore Hit-points

Downtime Actions

Carouse

Carousing is only possible in a settlement. Spend a night on the town, living it up and getting into Trouble.

Characters participating in Carousing can roll Trouble dice by taking Carousing actions. Dice can be rolled at any time until Carousing ends.

- Once per Carouse roll a die by sharing something new about the character
- Once per Carouse roll a die by putting on a show
- Once per Carouse roll a die by engaging in shenanigans
- Once per Carouse roll a die by looking for love
- Roll a die by spending Coin. Roll the die and spend result times ten Coin

Every roll equal or under Trouble rating means the character gets into some Trouble. Roll 2D6 and consult the Carouse Trouble table.

Every six rolled creates a beneficial event. Roll 2D6 and consult the Carouse Events table.

At the end of Carousing Party gains 1 Deed for every 3 dice that came up as an event or Trouble.

2D6 Carouse Trouble

2-3 New Enemy. Increase Trouble rating by +1.

4-5 A fight or a night in jail. Gain Bruised Affliction reducing Burden threshold by one.

6-8 End up at the mercy of gods and elements. Make a Burden Test for a mystical, physical or survival Affliction.

9-10 Banned. You end up banned from an establishment.

11-12 Minor embarrassment. Wake up with a bad tattoo or without your clothes.

2D6 Carouse Events

2-3 You gain a Fool Follower with 1D6 Prowess. They will stay with you at least until the next Downtime.

4-5 Strange goods. You wake up with a rare item. An alchemical or a mystical item.

6-8 You make friends and allies. Reduce Trouble by one and gain one time Advantage to a social Test with a local.

9-10 You have an invitation to meet someone hard to reach.

11-12 You now own a horse or another beast follower with a 1D4 Prowess.

Downtime Actions

Craft

Crafting is only possible when the character has access to tools, a Craft Skill and material supplies.

To create items of your craft make an Intellect + Craft Test against the items Difficulty. On a success create the item. Higher Degree allows choosing additional options. One option / Degree.

To improve existing items of your Craft make a Craft Test against items Difficulty. On a success give item an option improving its effect. One option / Degree. Item can be improved only once.

To repair an item of your Craft make a Craft Test against Difficulty 10. On a success restore item to its full functionality.

Proper workshop gives an Advantage on the Craft Test.

Alchemy: Create poisons, cures & alchemicals.

Difficulty: 10.

Options:

- Create an additional item.
- Add +1 die to die based features and +1 to numeric.

Blacksmithing: Create metal tools, traps, cunning, common & martial weapons, armor and shields.

Difficulty:

- 10 tools, traps, Common weapons and shields.
- 15 Cunning & Martial weapons.
- 10 + 2 x armor rating for armors.

Options:

- Increase damage / rating by +1.
- Reduce Burden by one.

Sorcerous: Create mystical items & wards.

Difficulty: 10.

Options:

- Create an additional item.
- Add +1 dice to dice based features and +1 to numeric.

Downtime Actions

Earn

Earn coin by working odd jobs.

Make a Test with a Prowess appropriate to the job. On success gain the jobs reward.

Honest work?: Work the docks, assist in a tavern or perform small time thievery.

Difficulty 10. Gain 1D6 Coin. +1 die for each Degree.

Risky business: Fight for money, fulfill a speedy commission, put on a show, run a scam.

Difficulty 20. On failure increase Trouble by +1. 3D6 x 5 Coin. +1 die for each Degree.

Shadowy deeds: Spy, assassinate or perform a minor heist.

Difficulty 30. On success increase Trouble by +1. On failure increase Trouble by +2. 5D6 x 10 Coin. +1 die for each Degree.

Heal

When a character Heals they can make a Healing Test on self or another being taking Heal action.

Healing Test is an Intellect Test against Difficulty 10. On success remove one Wound or Affliction. Higher Degree allows removing an additional Wound or Affliction.

Seek

Scour through tomes, follow rumours, throw bones to predict future or seek council of witches.

Make a Test with Prowess appropriate to the approach and gain one piece of important information on a subject of your choosing. Difficulty of the Test is based on how esoteric the knowledge is. Higher Degree grants an additional piece of information.

You can Seek knowledge on multiple subjects. Use the highest Difficulty and split Degree between subjects.

Conflict: Round, Initiative & Ambush

Round and Turn

Intense Conflict is split into Rounds where each participant has a chance to act. When they have this chance it is their Turn.

In a Round of Conflict participant can:

- Take two Actions on their Turn
- Respond to one event or action outside of their Turn
- Test whenever a Test is called

Once all participants have taken their Turn Round ends and a new Round begins.

Initiative

Initiative is used to track order of Turns in Conflict. It represents decisive position and ability to use full extent of the characters abilities.

Conflict is Initiated by an action someone has stakes in preventing. Attacking is an obvious Initiating action but running when told not to move could Initiate a Conflict.

After Initiating action is resolved all involved in the Conflict make a Burden Test with Reflex. Those who succeed take their Turn before Adversaries, those who fail act after.

- Adventurer can choose to delay their Turn to act after Adversaries.
- Adventurer characters can take their Turns in any order within their Initiative group
- When Adventurer characters compete for Initiative higher Test result goes first
- Followers take actions with the character they follow

Ambush

Those who succeed in sneaking up to their opponents through stealth or persuasion can take a Surprise Action before Initiative is established.

- Surprise actions are made with Advantage
- Surprise Attacks reveal the character
- Surprised beings cannot use Responses

Conflict: Response, Cover & Morale

Response

Every Round character has a chance to act in Response to an event.

Clash: Clash is a response to a threat. You can Clash in following situations. See Clash for details.

- When you are directly threatened you can Clash with the threat.

- When another within your Pace is targeted by a visible threat you can Clash with the threat making yourself the target, moving if needed. If you cannot move you can do this only within Reach.

Opportunity: Leverage Opportunities created by Maneuvers.

Gifts and Tools: Use Boons, Gifts or Equipment that have a Response option.

Other: Propose a Response. If Bearer and involved Adventurers agree you can attempt it.

Cover

Crumbling pillars, overturned tables and thick underbrush can be used as Cover.

- Cover grants Advantage on Defense Tests
- Cover gives a chance to attempt stealth in the middle of the Conflict

Morale Test

At the start of their Turn when an Adversary has suffered a significant setback they make a Will Burden Test for morale. Additional setbacks impose Disadvantage on the Test.

Example setbacks:

- They are close to death
- Their leader is out of the Conflict
- Half their number is out of the Conflict

When the Morale Test fails Adversary attempts to remove themselves from the Conflict in whatever way they see as most likely to succeed. They will not oppose the party again unless driven to a corner or Significant Time has passed.

Some Adversaries may react to failing morale differently.

Conflict: Actions

Attack

To attack make a Test against one Defense of the adversary. On success inflict damage or a Maneuver.

Physical attacks: Attacks from weapons, fireballs and other external physical threats are opposed with Reflex.

Physical Maneuvers: Grappling, shoving and other similar physical maneuvers can be opposed with Vigor in addition to Reflex.

Mental: Mind affecting attacks are opposed with Will.

Internal: Internal body affecting attacks are opposed with Vigor.

Applying Damage

1. Check the Degree of the Test
2. Roll damage die/dice of the attack and add bonuses
3. Apply Resistance and/or Vulnerability for total damage
4. Reduce Hit-points by total damage
5. Mark Wounds and Test for death if needed

Situational Attack Rules

Charge: On your Turn moving to the range of a melee or thrown weapon allows making an attack with that weapon.

Close Quarters: Only weapons with Intimate quality roll for damage in a grapple or similar close quarters engagement.

Knockout Blow: When you remove adversary from Conflict you can choose to knock them unconscious instead of killing them.

Multiple Targets: When attack has multiple targets only one can use a Response to Clash. All targets that succeed in defense are unaffected. All who fail are affected.

Obstructed Aim: Attacks with Missile and Thrown weapons are made with Disadvantage when there is an adversary within Reach.

Two-weapons: When you wield a weapon in each hand you can use a Response to make an attack with and intent to deal damage.

Conflict: Actions

Advance

Work on a goal. Break a pillar holding the ceiling. Work on a complex lock. Advance a Ritual.

Test to advance Arduous Challenges that are part of the Conflict.

Break

Attempt to remove an effect from self or another. This can be a condition from a Hazard, maneuver or magic.

- If the attempt directly affects a being creating the effect they can use a Response to Clash. For example pulling a grappling adversary away
- Successful Break against a Hazard with a Duration reduces Duration by one

Change Equipment

Rummage through backpack for weapons and tools. Change Equipment. Armor cannot be changed as an Action.

Move

Move up to your Pace.

- To jump, overcome an obstacle or difficult terrain make a Test. On failure movement is cut short

- Moving through another's space gives them a chance to use a Response to Clash

Study

Test to Search for one time Advantages or useful information.

- Found Advantage can be used by anyone who knows of it by incorporating it to the description of their Action
- Difficulty of Study starts at 10 and increases by +5 every time Study action is used in Conflict

Use tools and skills

Search for hiding adversary, pick pockets, operate simple devices or drink a potion.

Minor Actions

As a part of an Action character can take a few steps, speak a few words, drop an item, drop to ground or perform other minor acts.

Bearer has the final say on what is considered a minor act.

Conflict: Clash

In Clash both parties choose a goal they aim to achieve and make an opposed Prowess Test. Winners result is resolved.

In a Clash both parties can use any Prowess appropriate to their goal.

Example list of goals.

- **Damage:** Deal damage to opponent. Dealing damage requires prepared weapon able to reach the target
- **Position:** Move up to your Pace or continue your movement
- **Maneuver:** Create a Maneuver effect on the adversary
- **Magic:** Channel magic or use Focus magic against the adversary
- **Advance:** Work on a goal. For example attempt to open a lock before vampires claws strike you

Clash is always between two adversaries.

Conflict: Maneuvers



Maneuvers place adversary in a difficult positions or provoke them to act recklessly. Pushing an opponent over a battlement, luring a basilisk to step into a hidden trap and aiming an arrow at a gap in the armor are Maneuvers.

- Skill used for Maneuver varies by approach. This can be weapon skill, stealth or other
- When multiple Maneuvers have the same effect only the most recent takes effect

Common Effects

- Gain Advantage against the adversary
- Impose Disadvantage on one Prowess, Defense or Action
- Limit ability. For example prevent movement or deny attack options or Gifts
- Reposition adversary
- Turn adversarys attack against themselves

Maneuver Types & Recovery

Opportunities: Use a Response to take an Action against the target gaining the Maneuver effect on the Action. Opportunity can be given to another character. They can then use a Response to take an Action against the target gaining the Maneuver effect.

For example one character can create a surprise that an ally uses to make an Attack against the target with an Advantage.

Hindrances: Maneuver affects the target until they use an Action to recover. Get back up on their feet for example.

Debilities: Maneuver affects the target until they succeed in a Test to Break the effect. Target can attempt the Test as an Action and at the end of their Turn.

Debilities have to be maintained through use of traps, Focus Magic or grappling the adversary. Maintaining a debility does not require Actions but limits options.

Conflict: Maneuver Examples

Blind: Awareness VS Reflex.
Adversary cannot use sight based Gifts and they are Disadvantaged in all Tests requiring sight.

Daze: Strength VS Reflex / Vigor.
Adversary cannot use Responses.

Disarm: Strength / Awareness VS Reflex / Vigor. One object the adversary is holding is dropped.

Find the Gap: Awareness VS Will. Ignore one Resistance of the adversary.

Shove: Strength VS Reflex / Vigor. Adversary of similar or smaller size is pushed back, over an obstacle or knocked to ground and cannot move. They may take damage if falling from high.

Surprise: Intellect VS Reflex.
Action against this adversary is a Surprise Action.

Lure: Presence VS Will.
Adversary takes an unfavorable or dangerous action ignoring all but obvious threats. For example step into a hidden trap or attack terrain causing harm to themselves.

Vulnerability: Any VS Fitting.
Inflict Prowess Vulnerability on the adversary. Vulnerability is either physical or mental.

Grapple

Putting a bandit in a chokehold and pinning the arm of an ogre is a Grapple.

- Fight is forced into Close Quarters
- Smaller sized grappler cannot move without first breaking the grapple
- Equal sized grapplers can Test to move them and their opponent
- Smaller or equal sized grapplers have Disadvantage on Prowess and Reflex Tests against anyone outside the grapple
- Physical Hindrances created during the grapple persist until the grapple is broken. For example locking an arm of the opponent prevents them from using it to attack

Defy

Issuing a challenge, infuriating or confusing an adversary is a Defy.

- Target has Disadvantage on Prowess Tests against targets other than the one who Defied them
- Mental Hindrances created during Defy persist until the effect is broken

Magic: Channeling & Limits

All beings are connected to magic but only the Gifted can draw power through that connection and alter reality. Those who do take a great risk as magic can be unpredictable and dangerous.

Magic

Magic is a Gift that allows the character to alter reality using their Attunement. Control of flame and reading minds are examples of Magic. There are many Gifts in the game that have a mystical effect. What makes Magical Gifts unique is the channelers ability to alter the effect by giving the magic Power.

- Effects requiring Power are marked with [Power: value]. Adding the effect requires giving the magic value Power
- Channeler can [Exhaust] to give magic one Power. Power can also come from items, Gifts and environments
- Power of magic cannot exceed the channelers Attunement unless stated otherwise

Magic Gifts can be gained as part of character advancement or through items and artefacts.

Channeling

Use of magic is called channeling and it is always an Uncertain act. Adventurer decides the magic they wish to perform, give it power if any and then make a Channeling Test.

- Channeling Test is made with Attunement + appropriate Skill. Usually this Skill is Channeling
- Difficulty of the Test is either static Difficulty of an Obstacle or Hazard or an Opposed Test
- When there is no opposition or obstacle Channeling fails only on a Doomed Effort
- On a Doomed Effort Channeler makes a Will Burden Test against a Mystical Affliction

Limits of Magic

Magic has following general limits.

- Targeted magic requires awareness of the target. Sight or touch for example
- Cover, darkness and distance beyond Far impose Disadvantage on Channeling Tests used for attacks
- When a target is affected by multiple similar magical effects the one with most Power takes effect.

Magic: Duration & Ritual

Duration of Magic

Immediate: Magic is resolved immediately.

Focus: Channeler maintains magic with their willpower.

- Focus magic is marked with [Focus]. Focusing on magic is optional. Focus magic remains in effect until the Focus ends
- Channeling other magic will end the Focus magic
- Focus magic takes effect when:
 - Channeler uses an Action or Response to use the magic
 - Target enters area of magic for the first time in a Round
 - Target ends their Turn while affected by magic
- When the channeler takes an Action to use the magic they can move it to a different location, change targets or alter area of effect
- Whenever there is an attempt to resist or Break Focus magic channeler makes a Channeling Test to oppose
- Suffering damage while holding Focus provokes a Will Burden Test. On failure Focus is broken and the magic ends

Ritual: Magic persists until the Ritual is unraveled.

Ritual

Rituals are performed for two reasons, to give magic permanence and to create powerful magical effects.

- Minor Rituals take a Significant Time to complete and give permanence to effects of Magic Gifts, or create other known effects
- Great Rituals take a Long Time to complete and can create known effects

Mechanically Rituals are Arduous Challenges that create the desired effect on success.

Minor Ritual has number of Steps equal to Power of magic.

- Difficulty of each Step is 10
- Each Step inflicts one Persistent Burden on the Channeler. Burden remains until the ritual is unraveled

Example list of a Minor Ritual effects.

Follower: A being in line with the Gift is created as a follower. Follower has Power Prowess.

Trap / Sentry / Barrier: Create an effect that will harm, alarm or bar.

Enchantment: Improve abilities of a being until the Ritual is unraveled.

Character



Character Attributes

Name: Name of the character, given, chosen or earned.

Blood: Characters ancestry and heritage. Blood provides a unique Gift on character creation.

Past: What character did before their current adventures. Past grants Skills on character creation.

Details: Physical features, gender identity and demeanor.

Deeds: Collected insight and experience from great challenges. Fuel for advancement.

Level: Measure of characters power and development. Level affects Burden Treshold and Hit-points.

Guides: Sources of strength and existential threats.

Prowess: Ability to overcome challenges. Prowesses are added as bonus to Tests when the character has an active role.

Defenses: Ability to resist threats. Defenses are added as bonus to Tests when the character is in direct danger.

Skills: List of characters Skills. When the character can use a Skill add its rating as a bonus on a Test.

Conditions & Afflictions: Long term conditions the character is under.

Pace: How far the character can move in a single action.

Burden: Strain from mystical and mortal sources weighing down on the character. Burden increases Difficulty of Burden Tests.

Equipment: Easily accessible and active possessions.

Resistances: Characters ability to reduce incoming damage. Armor for physical damage, Mental for mental damage.

Wounds: Hit-point pools that allow character to resist harm. Size of the pool is $5 + \text{Level} + \text{Vigor Defense}$. When the pool maximum changes all pools are affected.

Gifts: Special abilities and tricks the character possesses.

Possessions: Contents of the characters backpack.

Coin: Carried wealth.

Prowess & Defense

Prowess

Prowesses represent broad range of ability. When the character has an active role they add one Prowess as bonus to a Test they make.

Prowesses have two values, active and passive. Active value is added as bonus to Tests. Passive value is the Difficulty for static effects created by the character. Passive Prowess is 10 + active value.

Hiding a camp, preparing a trap and setting a rumour afloat uses Passive Prowess as Difficulty for anyone attempting to notice, avoid or disprove.

Defenses

Defenses represent characters ability to instinctively avoid threats. When the character is directly threatened they add one Defense as a bonus to the Test.

Being attacked, resisting poison, triggering a trap or dodging an area Hazard are direct threats.

When attempting to outrun an adversary, hiding from them or engaging in duel of wits use Prowess instead.

List of Prowesses

Strength: Overcoming physical obstacles, athleticism and use of strength. Wield melee and thrown weapons.

Awareness: Senses and insight. Notice details, track and hunt. Wield ranged and Precise weapons.

Attunement: Use of magic. Sense magic and other worlds.

Intellect: Cunning and knowledge. Sneaking, hiding and acting unnoticed. Recall lore, heal and craft. Set traps and wield poisons.

Presence: Strength of personality and magnetism. Make friends, intimidate foes, entertain, lie and lead.

List of Defenses

Reflex: Reflexes and situational awareness. Reflex protects from external physical threats.

Vigor: Endurance, strength and health. Vigor protects from poisons and other internal physical threats as well as threats that can be opposed with strength and endurance alone.

Vigor increases hit-point maximum by Vigor bonus.

Will: Composure, focus and willpower. Will protects from mind affecting threats, fear, madness, magic and interrogation.



Skills are honed abilities that help character deal with uncertain situations.

- When character possesses a Skill they add their Skill rating as a bonus on related Tests
- Most Skills are not bound to a specific Prowess and creative combinations are possible. For example Strength and Perform to juggle sledgehammers
- Defenses can be trained as Skills. When character has a Defense Skill they add the Skill rating as bonus on Defense Tests.
- Only one Prowess / Defense and one Skill can ever be added as a bonus
- Skills are rated from 1, proficient to 5, master. Skill cannot be higher than 5 without influence of magic or blessings

Almost anything can be a Skill. An example list of adventuring Skills can be found on this page but if your adventure calls for a Skill in astral navigation or gunpowder weaponry feel free to expand the list.

Skill Examples

Athletics: Overcome physical Obstacles. Run, climb, swim, throw and play physical games.

Brawl: Fight unarmed.

Thievery: Pick pockets, open locks and perform sleight of hand.

Stealth: Move about unnoticed and hide.

Channeling: Wield magic.

Notice: Find hidden threats and detect minute details.

Study: Deduce from found evidence, learn and recall knowledge.

Sway: Make friends, persuade and bargain.

Command: Command immediate obedience, intimidate.

Perform: Hold attention, spread rumors and entertain.

Craft: Create artefacts of your craft, appraise quality and value. Examples; Alchemy, Blacksmithing, Sorcerous.

Wilds: Track, navigate, find food and survive.

Beast Insight: Handle beasts. Calm, command, tame and ride.

Healing: Identify ailments. Treat wounds, poisons and afflictions.

Weaponry: Wield a class of weapons. Examples; Common Weaponry, Martial Weaponry, Cunning Weaponry.

Boons & Gifts

Boons and Gifts are special abilities that allow the character to bend the rules of the game to their favour. Boons are gained from a Guide and are removed if the character loses the Guide.

Gifts are gained as a part of character advancement and always remain with the character.

Guides

Guides are strong connections for the character. Guides grant Boons and an access to Gifts. Guides may become cursed changing the Guides Boon into a Curse.

Character can have up to three Guides at a time, each marked into its own slot. Same Guide can be taken multiple times.

Boons tied to Guides are removed when the Guide is removed.

Guide Gifts

Guides grant access to a number of special abilities unique to the Guide. When character gains a Gift during advancement, they can choose from the Gifts listed in their Guides.

Changing Guides

Uncursed Guides can be changed when the character gains a Level. Cursed Guides can be changed only when the Curse is broken.



Curses influence Guides corrupting their ambitions.

- When character contracts a Curse they replace one of their Guide Boons with a Curse making the Guide Cursed
- Cursed Guide cannot be changed until the Curse is broken
- Cursed Guide continues to give access to Gifts for character advancement

Curses have beneficial effects that can be drawn from by stirring the Curse. Option to Stir the Curse is marked with a [Stir] in the text.

Stirring the Curse

Curse Stirs when the character makes a contact with a source of a Curse. For example.

- Using a Gift from a Cursed artefact
- Using powers of a Curse they possess

When a Curse Stirs all effects of the Curse activate. Character then makes a Burden Test with Vigor or Will, Adventurers choice. On a successful Test Curse is kept at bay. On a failure the Curse Spreads.

Spreading Curse

When a Curse Spreads replace an uncursed Guide with the Curse.

If character does not have an uncursed Guide Slot, character is lost to their Curses and leaves to pursue strange goals. To bring them back go on a quest.

Curses: Sources & Breaking Curses

Sources of Curse

Cursed Lands: Rest and Downtime in Cursed lands and places Stirs the Curse. If the Burden Test fails Curse of the land spreads.

Cursed Fare: Eating or drinking Cursed fare Stirs the Curse. If the Burden Test fails Curse of the fare spreads.

Cursed Gifts: Using a Cursed Gift Stirs the Curse. If the Burden Test fails Curse from Gifts source spreads. Cursed Gift can come from many sources artifact or a Guide for example.

Cursed Beings: Being struck by a Cursed attack Stirs the Curse. If the Burden Test fails Curse of the attacking being spreads.

Cursed Hazards: Coming to contact with a Cursed Hazard, for example looking into a possessed mirror, Stirs the Curse. If the Burden Test fails Curse of the Hazard spreads.

Breaking a Curse

While each Curse is unique there are three general strategies to breaking a Curse.

Manifest: Curse can be made to manifest as a being. It can then be fought and driven off. Knowledge of rites is required.

Deed: Performing a deed tied to the Curse will break the Curse. Piece together origins of the Curse to know what is required.

Favour: Gaining favour of something more powerful than the Curse can be a way to break it. But watch who you deal with.

To find what is required to achieve these goals go on a quest. To succeed in this quest few things are helpful.

Aid: It is good to have allies. They can make introductions and seek knowledge. They may have even faced the Curse before.

Knowledge: Knowing where the Curse came from is also knowing its weaknesses.

Places of Power: There are places where currents between worlds are calm. In these places it is easier to gain an audience with great powers and traverse to hidden realms.

Possessions



Marking Possessions

Possessions are useful items the character brings with them on adventures.

- Each possession is marked on its own row. Filling too many rows increases Burden
- Especially heavy and unwieldy items have Burden Quality that increases characters Burden by rating while carried
- Burden from Possessions is Persistent. Burden cannot be reduced below this value without removing items

Character can also carry a number of tiny things, rings singular gems or small keys. Tiny things are marked into the tiny box.

Equipment

Weapons, shields, worn armor and tools character has constantly on hand are equipment.

Character has equipment rows for eight items.

- Equipped items are active and usable at moments notice
- Equipped items affect Burden if they have the Burden Quality
- Only one piece of equipment can affect an Attribute at a time

Coin

Coin is collection of different currencies used across different lands and cultures. All costs and values are listed in Coin.

Possessions



Tools

Tools aid characters in variety of ways. When the Adventurers approach requires tools, having them makes the attempt possible.

Supplies

Supplies are consumable items that provide bonuses to Tests, create light or provide other benefits.

Some supplies can be stacked to a set. A set takes a single row from the Possessions.

Valuables

Valuables are collection of precious items snatched from hoards and goods gained through honest trade. Candelabras, art pieces, spices and similar unnamed treasures.

Value of Valuables is measured with dice, usually 1-5D6. When item is sold character gains amount rolled times ten Coin

Selling Valuables

When selling Valuables Adventurers can choose to Test to find a right buyer. On success increase total value of Valuables by one die. Each Degree adds or subtracts the number of dice by one. Difficulty is based on the type of valuables and where it is sold.

Traps

Traps create Hazards for unsuspecting victims. Difficulty to notice and resist the trap is the users passive Intellect.

Poisons

Poisons create an internal Vigor or Will Hazard for the victim. Difficulty of the Hazard is passive Intellect of the poisoner.

Poisons have a Duration value which details how many times the poison can affect the target.

In Conflict one Duration is resolved at the end of the victims Turn. When the victim succeeds in a Test against the poison they are unaffected until they Test again.

Treating Poisons

Poisons can be treated as an Action by making an Intellect Test against poisons Difficulty. On success poison loses one Duration.

Rare Goods

Rare goods require a Test to find. On success one piece is available. Each Degree increases available items by one. Difficulty is based on the environment and the item.

Deeds & Advancement

Deeds

Deeds are experience and insight gained from facing challenges. They fuel the characters growth.

During the game Bearer rewards entire party with Deeds, when they suffer dire consequences and overcome great challenges.

Curse: Break or gain a Curse.

Danger: Adventurers gain Deeds from danger in a few situations.

- At the start of Downtime if the party has suffered two or more Wounds and / or Afflictions
- They face a Great Adversary or a greater force in Conflict

Doomed Effort: Suffer a serious Setback.

Quest: Complete a quest.

Theme: Adventurers actions reinforce the themes of the game. Few example themes are.

- **Discovery:** Travel towards a destination reaching new lands. Find hidden places, knowledge and great secrets
- **Treasure:** Find famed treasures and great wealth. Pay debts and build domains
- **Vengeance:** Undermine an adversarys plans. Exact vengeance

Advancement

During Downtime characters have a chance to reflect on their experiences and spend earned Deeds for advancement.

Spend 10 + your Level Deeds to gain a new Level.

- Every Level you can change one of your uncursed Guides
- Every Level increase Hit-point maximum by +1
- On odd numbered Levels increase Burden Treshold by +1
- On odd numbered Levels Increase two Skills by +1, up to +5. Item bonuses don't count towards this limit
- On even numbered Levels choose a Gift from one of your Guides

Character Creation



Character Creation 1. Blood

Blood is the characters lineage and heritage. There are six Blood and each starts with a unique Gift.

Choose a Blood or roll 1D6 to choose randomly.

Alfar

When children of light drove the children of dark into depths of the earth, Alfar set their isles adrift into the mists between worlds. They appear again, to conduct obscure trades, gather favours and to lure away the unwary.

Being of Magic: Choose a Magical Gift on character creation. Add +1 to Channeling Skill.

Beastblood

Blood raised by beasts, cursed by witches and blessed by spirits. Some lose their past selves becoming new being in mind and body. Others retain their mind, however they are rarely seen as the being they used to be.

Bestial Gift: Choose one Bestial Gift. You can choose from Bestial Gifts when you gain a Gift from character advancement.

Blood

- 1 Alfar
- 2 Beastblood
- 3 Dwarf
- 4 Human
- 5 Kobold
- 6 Sculpted

Bestial Gifts

- 1 **Bestial Senses:** You have Advantage on Awareness Tests to notice hidden beings, find tracks and recognize emotions.
- 2 **Nocturnal:** Darkness does not cause you Disadvantages within Close Distance.
- 3 **Tooth, Horn and Claw:** Your unarmed attacks deal 1D6 damage. You can use Awareness to make unarmed attacks.
- 4 **Scurry:** When you move, [Exhaust] to increase your Pace by a step.
- 5 **Bestial Mobility:** When you move [Exhaust] to climb or jump your Pace.
- 6 **Powerful:** Increase damage die of Strength attacks by a die type. [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on Tests of strength, carry, lift, push, pull or break.
- 7 **Venomous:** [Exhaust] to secrete poison. Poison deals 1D6 damage, has Difficulty 10 + Intellect and duration of 3. Poison loses potency after Significant Time passes.
- 8 **Aquatic:** You have Advantage on Tests for swimming and diving. You can breathe in water.

Character Creation 1. Blood

Dwarf

Dwellers of deep earth, first to learn secrets of steel. Slow to trust, fiercely loyal once they do. They have noticed that the clamor from the upper world has changed. That may mean trouble and warrants an exploration.

Dweller: Recover one additional Burden when you Rest under ground.

Stubborn: [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on a Test to Break an effect.

Human

An age past they wandered out of deep wilds, finding themselves at empty doorsteps of the elder blood and secrets they hold. This has not satisfied their curiosity and they always search for more.

Gifted: Choose a Gift from one of your Guides on character creation.

Kobold

Tricksters living in hidden places of the world. Dark woods, lonesome caves and underneath nests of other Blood. Kobolds form a relationship with those sharing a nest, taking on semblance of their appearance and granting them both favours and endless nuisance.

Trickster: [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on a Test to create a distraction or perform sleight of hand.

Sculpted

The faithful, the scum, the glorious. All were changed through sorcery. Sculpted into blades and tools to be wielded by great rulers. Shackled in stone to perform a duty until one crumbles to dust, tool or the wielder.

Flesh of stone: You don't need to sleep, eat or breathe. Add Vigor Defense to Armor.

Character Creation 2. Past

Choose one Past from the table on the this page and increase Skills from the Past by +1.

Past	Skills
1 Artisan: Your workshop was your life, for a time.	Notice, Craft
2 Charlatan: You deceived people. Each new lie covering for the last.	Sway, Thievery
3 Cutpurse: Busy markets and secluded streets bore fruit of coin.	Stealth, Thievery
4 Disciple: Demanding tutelage of your master pushed you towards deeper mysteries.	Study, Notice
5 Exile: Your alleged crimes saw you banished and hunted.	Notice, Stealth
6 Herder: Each day a was a battle of wills with your stubborn herd.	Beast Insight, Sway
7 Hermit: You lived secluded with your visions and meditations for company.	Study, Wilds
8 High born: You were part of a great lineage. Much was given to you and much was expected.	Sway, Command
9 Hunter: You stalked the wilds in search of prey and beast.	Wilds, Notice
10 Initiate: You were instructed in secrets and rituals in preparation for greater purpose.	Study, Command
11 Killer: You killed people. For coin? For cause? For vengeance?	Stealth, Cunning Weaponry
12 Minstrel: You entertained people. Sometimes you were rewarded for it.	Sway, Perform
13 Nomad: You have seen many places and met many peoples.	Wilds, Sway
14 Prisoner: You were punished. You learned to endure.	Vigor, Will
15 Sacrifice: You were given away as a price. For what?	Channeling, Study
16 Sailor: You fought the waves chasing the horizon.	Athletics, Sailing
17 Soldier: Camps were your home and battle bought your bread.	Martial Weaponry, Athletics
18 Thug: You took what you wanted, nevermind the consequences.	Stealth, Command
19 Tiller: You worked the land and the land kept you fed.	Athletics, Beast Insight
20 Wilder: Deep wilds hold many dangers, to those unfamiliar in its ways.	Wilds, Beast Insight

Character Creation 3. Guides & Curses

Guides are sources of strength for the character. They provide Gifts, special abilities that give the character an edge over their adversaries.

Choose three Guides for your character marking each into its own slot. You can choose the same Guide multiple times.

1. Follow character creation step for each Guide
2. Choose a Boon for two of the Guides
3. One of your Guides is Cursed. Follow character creation for the Guide but instead of a Boon choose a Curse

If your Blood is Alfar choose a Magic Gift.

If your Blood is Human choose an additional Gift from one of your Guides.

Guides

1 Adventure

2 Blade

3 Chosen

4 Fury

5 Glory

6 Knowledge

7 Magic

8 Oath

9 Shadows

10 Spirits

11 Survival

12 Wilds

Guides: Adventure

Horizon calls to you, mountains yearn to be climbed, monsters demand to be humbled and coin whispers to be spent. You will do it all and more.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Awareness +1

Defense Reflex Defense +1

Common Weaponry:

Wield weapons with the Common tag and fight unarmed.

Skills: +1

Reflex Defense: Resist strikes and external physical threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Athletics:** Overcome physical Obstacles. Run, climb, swim, throw and play physical games.

2. **Sway:** Make friends, persuade and bargain.

3. **Stealth:** Move about unnoticed and hide.

4. **Thievery:** Pick pockets, open locks and perform sleight of hand.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Rations

Choose one weapon

1. Knife: 1D6, Common, Cunning, Thrown, Intimate, Discreet, Precise

2. Bow: 1D6+1, Common, Thrown, Missile, Two-handed.
12 Arrows

3. Spear: 1D6/1D6+1, Common, Thrown, Long Haft, Great Reach

4. Blade: 1D8, Common, Cunning, Intimate, Discreet, Precise

Choose one tool

1. Invisible Ink (2): Revealed by heat.

2. Grappling hook and Rope.

3. Disguise.

4. Scale Mail: +3 Armor, Burden: 1.

Guides: Adventure

Boons

Daring: Before making a Test decide to increase Degree of the Test by one, for good or bad. You can take a Disadvantage on the Test to increase Degree by an additional +1.

Luck: When you fail a Test [Exhaust] to add +1D6 bonus on the result. Doomed Effort will still fail.

Panache: When you win a Clash or succeed in an opposed Presence Test gain the following.

- Next attack against an adversary has +1 Degree on success.
- Next Presence Test on a witness has +1 Degree on success.

Curses

Burning Life: *You are dying. Not today, not tomorrow. But a month?* [Stir] every Downtime. When you Exhaust to gain a bonus on a Test increase the bonus by +1 for each Guide this Curse is marked into.

Devils Luck: *There is a feeling of a great calamity looming over you.* When you fail a Test [Stir] to re-roll once. If the Test succeeds increase Degree by one for each Guide this Curse is marked into.

Stolen Power: *You stole a piece of a greater being. As long as you keep the power hidden it will not find you.*

Gain any Boon or Gift. [Stir] to use it. When you mark this Curse into another Guide gain a new Boon or Gift.

Gifts

Acrobat: [Exhaust] to re-roll a Test to overcome a physical obstacle or a physical Hazard once.

Divisive: When you meet a character for the first time you can roll a 1D6. On a 1-3 you have Disadvantage on Presence Tests on them outside of Conflict. On a 4-6 you have Advantage on Presence Tests on them outside of Conflict. This lasts forever.

Heart of Adventure: Choose one Adventure Boon. You gain it as a Gift and can use its effect without the Guide.

Heroic: When you succeed in a Defense Test, up to Presence allies reduce their Burden by one.

Opportunist: When you can use a Response to take an action as a result of an Opportunity Maneuver, [Exhaust] instead of using a Response.

Guides: Blade

Nothing can be achieved without a fight, that is the truth of the world. You are ready to meet with blades any opponent in your way, no matter their strength or station.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Strength +1

Defense Reflex Defense +1

Skills: +1 **Martial Weaponry:** Wield weapons with the Martial tag.
Reflex Defense: Resist strikes and external physical threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Athletics:** Overcome physical Obstacles. Run, climb, swim, throw and play physical games.

2. **Command:** Command immediate obedience, intimidate.

3. **Healing:** Identify ailments. Treat wounds, poisons and afflictions.

4. **Notice:** Find hidden threats and detect minute details.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Rations

Choose one weapon

1. Mace: 1D8+1, Martial, Impact

2. Sword: 1D8/1D8+1, Martial, Precise, Long Haft

3. Waraxe: 1D8/1D8+1, Martial, Sever, Long Haft

4. Glaive: 1D8+1, Martial, Sever, Great Reach, Two-handed

5. Greatsword: 1D10+1, Martial, Precise, Two-handed

6. Greataxe: 1D10+2, Martial, Sever, Two-handed

Choose one tool

1. Healing Supplies (5): Add uses as bonus on Tests for Healing and Treating poisons. Alternatively recover Hit-points by 1 for each use.

2. Field Tools for a craft.

3. Shield: +2 Armor, weapon: 1D4, Burden: 1.

4. Scale Mail: +3 Armor, Burden: 1

Guides: Blade



Boons

Champion: When you Clash [Exhaust] to choose one.

- Remove one Burden from up to Presence beings within Near.
- Recover 1D6 + Presence Hit-points to a being within Near.

Strategist: When you or an ally Clashes [Exhaust] to choose one.

- Have a being within Near take an Action after the Clash.
- Increase Degree of the Clash by +1.

Vanguard: After your Clash [Exhaust] to choose one.

- Recover 2D6 + Vigor Hit-points.
- Make an attack.

Curses

Altered: *Your blood was twisted with strange magics and concoctions.*

[Stir] to activate following effects until Significant Time passes.

- Immune to poison.
- See in the dark up to Close.
- Increase Awareness and Reflex by +1 for each Guide this Curse is marked into.

Cursed Blade: *It would strike on its own if you allowed it to.*

Sometimes you have to.

You have a weapon with one Known Enchantment. The weapon returns to you during Rest if lost or broken. [Stir] to gain Advantage on a Test to use the weapon. Increase strength of the Enchantment or choose a new

Enchantment for each Guide this Curse is marked into.

Weakness: *You have a fatal weakness that will doom you.*

Increase Strength and Vigor by +1 for each Guide this Curse is marked into. [Stir] when you gain a Doomed Effort in a Clash or as a defender.

Gifts

Armor Mastery: When you wear an armor or carry a shield add your Reflex or Vigor Defense Skill to Armor Resistance.

Brawler: Add your Brawl Skill to damage of unarmed attacks. Deal unarmed damage on physical Maneuvers to grapple, shove etc.

Chosen Weapon: Choose one weapon you carry as your chosen weapon. Increase damage die of the weapon by a die type. Gain a Skill dedicated to your chosen weapon. Skill start one higher than the more general weaponry Skill and can be increased to +6.

One with the Blade: Choose one Blade Boon. You gain it as a Gift and can use its effect without the Guide.

Weapon Mastery: Add your Weaponry Skill to damage of weapon attacks made with the Skill.

Guides: Chosen

Dreams bring you visions that become real. Your touch mends bones and voice demands obedience. You can feel a presence within you. You are chosen.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Attunement +1

Defense Will Defense +1

Skills: +1
Common Weaponry: Wield weapons with the Common tag and fight unarmed.
Will Defense: Resist mind affecting threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Sway:** Make friends, persuade and bargain.
2. **Command:** Command immediate obedience, intimidate.
3. **Healing:** Identify ailments. Treat wounds, poisons and afflictions.
4. **Notice:** Find hidden threats and detect minute details.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Rations

Choose one weapon

1. Knife: 1D6, Common, Cunning, Thrown, Intimate, Discreet, Precise
2. Sling: 1D6+1, Common, Thrown, Impact
3. Club: 1D6+1, Common, Impact
4. Staff: 1D6+1, Common, Impact, Two-handed, Great Reach

Choose one tool

1. Healing Supplies (5): Add uses as bonus on Tests for Healing and Treating poisons. Alternatively recover Hit-points by 1 for each use.
2. Spell Components (5): Add uses as a bonus on Channeling Tests.
3. Candles (5): Illuminate Close area.
4. Scale Mail: +3 Armor, Burden: 1

Guides: Chosen

Boons

Favour of Grace: As an Action [Exhaust] and restore Attunement D6 Hit-points to a being within Close.

Favour of Sight: During Rest gain Attunement Premonitions. Spend a Premonition to alter a die roll by one. Notice or Study Skill applies to the Test.

Favour of Word: As an Action [Exhaust] to make an Attunement Test against Will of a target within Close. They will attempt to fulfill a single command until they Break the effect. Difficulty is your passive Attunement.

Favour of Wrath: When your attack hits [Exhaust] to add your Attunement to damage and make the attack Otherworldly.

Curses

Broken Vessel: *Favour of the greater brings you pain, and will destroy you.*

You have one Chosen Boon for each Guide this Curse is marked into. [Stir] to use a Boon for a Significant Time without other costs.

Harbinger: *You were chosen to be an instrument of arrival and then to be destroyed.*
[Stir] to call an Outsider follower.
Follower Attributes
- Prowess of 5 + 1 for each Guide this Curse is marked into.

Prowess applies to Attack, Reflex and Stealth.

- One Wound for each Guide this Curse is marked into.

- 1D6 physical and 1D6 mental damage.

- Follower is unaffected by darkness.

Follower will remain until Significant time passes.

Gifts

Anointed: Choose one Chosen Boon. You gain it as a Gift and can use its effect without the Guide.

Divine Magic: When you channel magic you can give it up to Attunement Power. Afterwards suffer an Affliction reducing your Attunement by 1D4.

Fervor: Add your Will Defense to Mental Resistance. [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on a Will Defense Test.

Mystic: As a part of Rest choose a Prowess or Defense. You can use Attunement to make Tests with chosen Prowess or Defense.

Prayer: As a part of Rest remove one Burden from up to Attunement beings.

Guides: Fury

Rage and fury boils inside you. Throwing you against insurmountable obstacles.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Strength +1

Defense Vigor Defense +1

Skills: +1 **Common Weaponry:** Wield weapons with the Common tag and fight unarmed.
Vigor Defense: Resist internal physical threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Athletics:** Overcome physical Obstacles. Run, climb, swim, throw and play physical games.

2. **Command:** Command immediate obedience, intimidate.

3. **Notice:** Find hidden threats and detect minute details.

4. **Wilds:** Track, navigate, find food and survive.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Rations

Choose one weapon

1. Blade: 1D8, Common, Cunning, Intimate, Discreet, Precise

2. Handaxe: 1D6, Common, Thrown, Sever

3. Spear: 1D6/1D6+1, Common, Thrown, Long Haft, Great Reach

4. Maul: 1D8+3, Common, Impact, Heavy, Two-handed, Burden: 2

Choose one tool

1. Healing Supplies (5): Add uses as bonus on Tests for Healing and Treating poisons. Alternatively recover Hit-points by 1 for each use.

2. Hunting horn.

3. Shield: +2 Armor, weapon: 1D4, Burden: 1.

4. Thick Hides: +2 Armor, Survival: +1.

Guides: Fury

Boons

Berserkers Fury: [Exhaust] on attack to deal 1D6 extra damage of your attacks type. When you suffer or cause a Wound remove one Burden.

Firebrands Fury: [Exhaust] to add 1D6 as a bonus on Presence Tests. [Exhaust] to add 1D6 as bonus on Vigor and Will Tests. When you successfully Defy an opponent remove one Burden.

Curses

Frenzy: *Your fury is blind destruction. One day it is all you are.*

[Stir] to Frenzy until Significant Time passes or the condition is Broken with a Test against Difficulty 10 + your Burden. During Frenzy add +1D8 to damage of your attacks and Vigor and Will Tests. You can take Actions only to attack or move to attack. Increase die by a die type for each additional Guide this Curse is marked into.

Ravenging: *Hunger crawls inside you like a beast. Pleading you to tear your flesh apart and set it free.*

[Stir] to invoke your hunger until Significant Time passes.
- Increase your Strength, Vigor and Brawl Skill by +1 for each Guide this Curse has taken over.
- You grow teeth that deal 1D10 damage. Regain Hit-points by damage dealt when you use them to attack.

Gifts

Cleave: [Exhaust] to choose an additional target for your melee attack.

Eager for Battle: [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on Initiative Tests. Each Degree of success on Initiative gives you an additional Action for the first Round of Conflict. Extra Actions can be used to Move or Attack.

Heart of Fury: Choose one Fury Boon. You gain it as a Gift and can use its effect without the Guide.

Vengeful Fighter: When you fail a Clash or Defense Test against an attack. [Exhaust] to deal your weapons damage to the adversary.

Wade into Fray: When you cause or suffer a Wound you can use a Response to make an attack.

Guides: Glory

Some names die before their owner. Names of those who achieve great things live for a generation. Your name will live forever.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Presence +1

Defense Will Defense +1

Skills: +1
Martial Weaponry: Wield weapons with the Martial tag.
Will Defense: Resist mind affecting threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Athletics:** Overcome physical Obstacles. Run, climb, swim, throw and play physical games.

2. **Command:** Command immediate obedience, intimidate.

3. **Sway:** Make friends, persuade and bargain.

4. **Perform:** Hold attention, spread rumors and entertain.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Rations

Choose one weapon

1. Sword: 1D8/1D8+1, Martial, Precise, Long Haft

2. Glaive: 1D8+1, Martial, Sever, Great Reach, Two-handed, Burden: 1

3. Warbow: 1D8+1, Martial, Missile, Two-handed, Burden: 1

4. Greataxe: 1D10+2, Martial, Sever, Two-handed, Burden: 1

Choose one tool

1. Fine clothes. 1D6 x 10 value.

2. Hunting horn.

3. Musical Instrument.

4. Scale Mail: +3 Armor, Burden: 1

Guides: Glory

Boons

Conqueror: As an Action

[Exhaust] to do one.

- Test Presence against Will of up to Presence beings. You Defy all who fail their Test.

- Up to Presence beings can use their Response to take an Attack or Move action.

Performer: As an Action do one of the following.

- [Exhaust] to Test Presence against Will of up to Presence beings. On success next action against the affected being is a Surprise Action.

- Up to Presence Targets gain +1 Help bonus on their next Test.

Curses

Pact of Glamour: *You made a pact for beauty and fame. Cost was all you will be.*

[Stir] to request one Boon from your patron until Significant Time passes.

- Increase Perform and Sway Skills by +1 for each Guide this Curse is marked into.

- Being is made to feel they know you, turning hostile to neutral and neutral to friendly.

Doppelganger: *Your face changes and form flows like water, carrying away memories of who you used to be.*

[Stir] to change your form to another mortal. You retain this appearance until you change it again. You can switch one point from a Prowess or Defense to another for each Guide this Curse is marked into. If your new form is of different Blood, change your Blood Gifts.

Gifts

Actor: [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on Tests to impersonate beings you have observed.

Artist: Choose a form of art. [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on Tests to perform your art outside of Conflict.

Defiant: When you successfully Defy an adversary they cannot initiate actions against targets other than you. They Defend normally.

Flourish: You can use Presence as a Prowess for melee attacks.

Heart of Glory: Choose one Glory Boon. You gain it as a Gift and can use its effect without the Guide.

Guides: Knowledge

You see patterns in the flight of birds and bubbles of a cauldron, you hear them in old stories and lies of thieves. These patterns need to be understood.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Intellect +1

Defense Will Defense +1

Skills: +1
Study: Deduce from found evidence, learn and recall knowledge.
Will Defense: Resist mind affecting threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Healing:** Identify ailments. Treat wounds, poisons and afflictions.

2. **Notice:** Find hidden threats and detect minute details.

3. **Wilds:** Track, navigate, find food and survive.

4. **Craft:** Create artefacts of your craft, appraise quality and value.
Examples; Alchemy, Blacksmithing, Sorcerous.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Rations

Choose one tool

1. Healing Supplies (5): Add uses as bonus on Tests for Healing and Treating poisons. Alternatively recover Hit-points by 1 for each use.

2. Field tools: Basic tools for a Craft. Makes Craft Downtime possible in wilderness.

3. Healing Brew (2): Recover 1D6+1 Hit-points.

4. Antidote (2): Gain Advantage on Tests against poison until Significant Time passes

Choose one tool

1. Candles (5). Illuminate Close area until Significant Time passes.

2. Rousing Brew. Reduce Burden by one.

3. Tea of Split Mind: Use Attunement to find Hidden, detect motives and notice Illusions. Effect lasts until Significant Time passes.

4. Heavy Clothes. +1 Armor.

Guides: Knowledge

Boons

Curiosity: When you search for information you always gain one additional piece of information.

Inspired Insight: [Exhaust] to roll a 1D6 and add the result as a bonus on a Test to find information.

Mind Vault: As a part of Rest you can make an Intellect + Study Test against Difficulty 10 on a previously encountered subject. On success gain 1 + Degree pieces of information on the subject.

Curses

Knowledge from Beyond: *There is a whisper in your ear promising any knowledge you wish. All you have to do is ask.*

Increase your Intellect by +1 for each Guide this Curse is marked into.

[Stir] to ask a question from the Bearer and receive a true answer.

Sight from Beyond: *You can see two worlds at once. Are both of them real?*

Increase your Awareness by +1 for each Guide this Curse is marked into.

[Stir] to gain ability to see in the dark and Advantage on Tests to find hidden. Effect lasts until Significant Time passes.

Gifts

Alchemist: [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on Tests to create or identify poisons, cures or alchemicals. You can make a Crafting Test during Rest to create one Poison, Cure or Alchemical item.

Cunning Strategist: When you gain Advantage from Study Action you can give it to another. They can use a Response to take action with the Advantage immediately.

Focused Fighter: You can make weapon and unarmed attacks with Intellect.

Healer: [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on Healing Tests and Tests to study, identify or notice wounds, poisons and ailments.

Heart of Knowledge: Choose one Knowledge Boon. You gain it as a Gift and can use its effect without the Guide.

Luminary: As an Action [Exhaust] to double your Skill for a Test.

Medic: When you use Healing Supplies or brews to restore Hit-points increase recovery by your Intellect.

Scholar: [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on a Test to find information on environments, past events, culture, crafts, documents or lore.

Guides: Magic

There is a current of power within you. Elusive, unpredictable, alive? You can draw from it, shape it and alter reality.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Attunement +1

Defense Will +1

Gift **Versed in magic:** Choose a Magic Gift.

Skills: +1 **Channeling:** Wield magic.
Will Defense: Resist mind affecting threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Study:** Deduce from found evidence, learn and recall knowledge.

2. **Notice:** Find hidden threats and detect minute details.

3. **Healing:** Identify ailments. Treat wounds, poisons and afflictions.

4. **Perform:** Hold attention, spread rumors and entertain.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Spell Components

Choose one tool

1. Spell Components (5): Add uses as a bonus to a Channeling Test

2. Warding Salts: Create a boundary Close area across. Spirits, the Dead and Outsiders require Will Test to cross or break the boundary. Difficulty is users passive Intellect. Boundary remains until broken.

3. Healing Brew (2): Recover 1D6+1 Hit-points.

4. Magus Candle: Small vial that illuminates Close area until Significant Time passes. Can be expended to create a blinding flash.

Choose one tool

1. Candles (5). Illuminate Close area.

2. Staff. 1D6+2, Common, Impact, Great Reach, Two-handed

3. Rousing Brew. Reduce Burden by one.

4. Waters of Magic: Give magic 1D4 Power. This can exceed your Attunement. After the channeling make a Burden Test for a Mystical Affliction.

Guides: Magic

Boons

Cultivated Magic: Your connection to magic is carefully cultivated through meditation and rite. During Rest gain Attunement Power. Spend Spell Components to increase Power by +1 for each component. You can spend it to give magic Power. You can hold up to Attunement + your Level Power.

Favour Magic: Your connection to magic is fickle favour of a patron. Give magic Power up to your Attunement. If your Channeling Test is below 10 + Power you cannot use the Magic Gift until Downtime.

Unstable Magic: Your connection to magic is unpredictable. When you channel magic [Exhaust] to give it 1D6 Power. This Power can exceed your Attunement.

Curses

Calamity: *Your connection to magic is a trickle or a torrent swallowing all.*

[Stir] to unleash a wave of magic with Power equal to your Attunement + half your Level. Magic has area of Close. You cannot focus on this magic.

Dark Bargain: *Bargains you make are bloody. But the gift of magic is worth the price.*

- [Stir] to gain Attunement Power +1D4 Power for each Guide this Curse is marked into. You can

spend it to give magic Power. You can hold up to Attunement + Level Power.

- If you [Stir] during Rest. Sacrifice a life as part of the rite to gain Advantage on the Burden Test. Gain two Advantages if the life is sentient.

Gifts

Familiar: You have a follower in the form of a small or tiny beast. It has natural Gifts and skills of its form. Prowess and Hit-points equal to your Attunement + Channeling and three Wounds. You can communicate wordlessly and share senses. If destroyed the familiar can be remade as a Downtime Action.

Rune Binding: As a Downtime Action you can bind an effect from a Magic Gift to an item. Anyone who wields the item can use the Gift. While you wield the item you can give it one Power for free. Make bindings up to your Attunement.

Song Magic: You can use Perform as a Skill to channel magic.

Spellbook: You have a Spellbook possession. As a Downtime Action you can study games Magic Gifts. Make an Intellect Test against Difficulty 10. On success add one effect of the Magic Gift to your Spellbook.

Guides: Oath

You have sworn to give your life to a greater purpose and a word once given cannot be broken.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Presence +1

Defense Will Defense +1

Skills: +1
Martial Weaponry: Wield weapons with the Martial tag.
Will Defense: Resist mind affecting threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Athletics:** Overcome physical Obstacles. Run, climb, swim, throw and play physical games.

2. **Sway:** Make friends, persuade and bargain.

3. **Command:** Command immediate obedience, intimidate.

4. **Notice:** Find hidden threats and detect minute details.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Rations

Choose one weapon

1. Mace: 1D8+1, Martial, Impact

2. Sword: 1D8/1D8+1, Martial, Precise, Long Haft

3. Waraxe: 1D8/1D8+1, Martial, Sever, Long Haft

4. Glaive: 1D8+1, Martial, Sever, Great Reach, Two-handed

5. Greatsword: 1D10+1, Martial, Precise, Two-handed

6. Greataxe: 1D10+2, Martial, Sever, Two-handed

Choose one tool

1. Healing Brew (2): Recover 1D6+1 Hit-points.

2. Rousing Brew (2): Reduce Burden by one.

3. Shield: +2 Armor, weapon: 1D4, Burden: 1.

4. Scale Mail: +3 Armor, Burden: 1

Guides: Oath

Boons

Oath of Might: Remove one Burden when you make an Opposed Test with Strength.
- Increase damage die of melee attacks by a die type.

Oath of Protection: Remove 1D4 Burden when you use a Response to Clash to save another.
- As an Action grant Cover to one being within Reach until the start of your next Turn or until they are out of Reach.

Oath of Trials: When you are involved in an Arduous Challenge remove Burden equal to half Challenge Steps afterwards.
- [Exhaust] on attack to inflict +1 Burden on the opponent and provoke them to make a Burden Test for Physical or Mental Affliction.

Curses

Geasa: *You are bound by a promise given to a great power. Possibly your mother.*
You have two Geas. Gain one Geas for each additional Guide this Curse is marked into. [Stir] if you break your Geas.
- Never take what is not given. +1 Intellect.
- Never refuse a challenge. +1 Strength.
- Never lie. +1 Presence.
- Never strike first. +1 Awareness.
- Never refuse a plea for help. +1 Vigor.

Inherited Pact: *Your blood made a bargain they could not pay. You are left with the debt.*

You are marked with stigmas or followed by a swarm of vermin. Your Burden Treshold and max Hit-points are increased by one for each Guide this Curse is marked into. Make a Trouble Check when meeting new people. On Trouble you are refused service or have a Disadvantage on social Tests. [Stir] to suppress your Curse until Downtime.

Gifts

Determined: You can Exhaust twice to gain a bonus on a Test.

Guardian: [Exhaust] to make yourself target of a visible threat targeted at another, sparing the original target.

Honor: Choose three tenets of your honor increasing Burden Treshold by one for each tenet. If you break a tenet lose the benefit.
- I will not steal.
- I challenge my enemies openly.
- I will never lie.
- I will never betray.
- I will never leave an ally behind.
Regain lost honor by taking a Downtime Action.

Indomitable: [Exhaust] to re-roll a failed Vigor or Will Defense Test once.

Oath bound: Choose one Oath Boon. You gain it as a Gift and can use its effect without the Guide.

Guides: Shadows

You are surrounded by an invisible web of shadows, lies and secrets. Each pull of a string reverberates through the web, waking the predators. You have to be very careful.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Intellect +1

Defense Reflex Defense +1

Skills: +1
Stealth: Move about unnoticed and hide.
Cunning Weaponry: Wield weapons with the Cunning tag.
Reflex Defense: Resist strikes and external physical threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Athletics:** Overcome physical Obstacles. Run, climb, swim, throw and play physical games.
2. **Thievery:** Pick pockets, open locks and perform sleight of hand.
3. **Notice:** Find hidden threats and detect minute details.
4. **Study:** Deduce from found evidence, learn and recall knowledge.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Rations

Choose one weapon

1. Knife: 1D6, Common, Cunning, Thrown, Intimate, Discreet, Precise.
2. Blade: 1D8, Common, Cunning, Intimate, Discreet, Precise.
3. Hand Crossbow: 1D8, Cunning, Missile, Slow 12 Bolts.
4. Garrote: 1D10+1, Cunning, Discreet, Two-handed, Only usable from surprise or grapple.

Choose one tool

1. Burglars' Tools: Open locks, disable traps.
2. Grappling hook and Rope.
3. Caltrops: Deal 1D6 physical damage and obstructs movement in Close area.
4. Viper venom: Internal Vigor Hazard dealing 1D6 physical damage. Duration: 3.

Guides: Shadows



Boons

Killers Instinct: When you make a Surprise Attack Degree of a successful Test is increased by +1 and you ignore one Resistance.

Watchers Instinct: When you stalk a person or scout a location to gain information Degree of a successful Test is increased by +1.

Thieves Instinct: When you pilfer goods, pick pockets or perform sleight of hand Degree of a successful Test is increased by +1.

Curses

Vampirism: *You were bitten. Since then sun has hurt your eyes and a thirst chokes your throat.* You have one vampiric Gift for each Guide this Curse is marked into. [Stir] to use the Gift.

- **Vampiric Bite:** Bite as a part of a melee attack dealing 2D6 damage. Recover Hit-points by damage dealt. This recovery can heal a Wound.

- **Hypnosis:** Make a Presence attack against beings Will. On success they take no actions until the effect is broken. If they have to Defend they do it with Disadvantage and the effect is broken.

- **Wallwalker:** You can move your Pace crawling on walls and ceilings. Effect lasts until significant time passes.

Gifts

Dark Familiarity: Darkness does not Disadvantage your actions within Reach.

Deceptive: [Exhaust] to gain an Advantage on Tests to lie and give false information.

Quick Hands: [Exhaust] to use an item, perform sleight of hand, ignore Slow quality on a weapon or operate devices as a part of another action. Test separately if necessary.

One with the Shadows: Choose one Shadows Boon. You gain it as a Gift and can use its effect without the Guide.

Poisoner: Your poisons have your Intellect duration. Die based effects of your poisons are increased by +1 die.

Puppeteer: When you gain new information on a being you gain an Advantage that can be used in a Test against them. You can hold up to your Intellect Advantages gained this way.

Shadow: [Exhaust] to gain an Advantage on stealth.

Unseen Strike: Increase damage of a Surprise Attacks by +1 die.

Unassuming: Until you attack you can use stealth with Presence even under direct scrutiny.

Thief: [Exhaust] to gain an Advantage on Tests for picking pockets, opening locks or disabling traps.

Guides: Spirits

There are more worlds than one, separated by unseen currents. It takes a moment to build a bridge, but when you do you may find a kindred spirit.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Presence +1

Defense Vigor Defense +1

Skills: +1
Sway: Make friends, persuade and bargain.
Vigor Defense: Resist internal physical threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Athletics:** Overcome physical Obstacles. Run, climb, swim, throw and play physical games.

2. **Beast Insight:** Handle beasts. Calm, command, tame and ride.

3. **Notice:** Find hidden threats and detect minute details.

4. **Common Weaponry:** Wield weapons with the Common tag and fight unarmed.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Rations

Choose one Tool

1. Musical Instrument.

2. Healing Brew (2): Recover 1D6+1 Hit-points.

3. Rousing Brew (2): Reduce Burden by one.

4. Thick Hides: +2 Armor, Survival: +1.

Choose one tool

1. Curse Seal: Gain Advantage on a Burden Test against a Curse, seal crumbles to dust after.

2. Tea of Split Mind: Use Attunement to find Hidden, detect motives and notice Illusions. Effect lasts until Significant Time passes.

3. Warding Salts: Create a boundary Close area across. Spirits, the Dead and Outsiders require Will Test to cross or break the boundary. Difficulty is users passive Intellect. Boundary remains until broken.

4. Banishing Incense: Cover Close area in light smoke until Significant Time passes. Spirits, the Dead and Outsiders require Will Test to enter the area. Those inside have to use their Actions to leave on a failed Test. Difficulty is users passive Attunement.

Guides: Spirits

Boons

Ancestor Spirits: Ancestors give you the following blessings.

- [Exhaust] to make a Difficulty 10 Presence Test. On success gain knowledge if an action has fortunate or unfortunate consequences.

- Increase Burden Treshold by one for up to Presence beings.

Beast Spirits: Spirits of the wilds hunt with you.

- [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on a Test to understand or influence a beast.

- Grant +1 Help bonus to attacks of allies targeting an adversary within your Reach.

Dead Spirits: Lingered dead grant you the following favours.

- [Exhaust] to ask a question from dead remains or a dead spirit.

Test Presence against Difficulty 10. On success gain answer within beings knowledge in life. Increase Difficulty by +5 for following questions.

- You have Advantage on Deaths Door Tests.

Curses

Possession: *There is another soul within you, wrestling for control. Occasionally you can see eye to eye, but trust is strained.*

[Stir] to call on the others abilities.

Effect lasts until Broken with a Presence Test against Difficulty 10 + your Burden.

Switch one of your Guides for a Guide related to the other. Switch

your Highest Prowess with the Prowess beneficial to that Guide. Gain one Gift from the Guide for each Guide slot this Curse is marked into.

Bound Spirit: *A malevolent spirit was bound within you. The chains will not hold forever.*

[Stir] to loosen the shackles until Significant Time passes.

- Increase Attunement and Presence by +1 for each Guide this Curse is marked into.

- You have Advantage on Tests to resist magic.

Gifts

Angry Spirits: As an Action [Exhaust] to make a Presence + Sway / Command attack against up to Presence targets within Close. Deal 1D6 mental damage on success.

Guardian Spirits: During Rest Increase Armor and Mental Resistance by your Presence for one being. Effect lasts until next Rest.

Invigorating Spirits: As an Action [Exhaust] up to Presence and remove equal amount of Burden from targets you choose.

One with the Spirits: Choose one Spirits Boon. You gain it as a Gift and can use its effect without the Guide.

Spirit Touch: During Rest give up to Presence items an Otherworldly Quality.

Guides: Survival

World devours the unprepared. So fight when others give up, run when necessary, make allies and stick with them. You will survive no matter what.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Awareness +1

Defense Vigor Defense +1

Skills: +1
Common Weaponry: Wield weapons with the Common tag and fight unarmed.
Vigor Defense: Resist internal physical threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Athletics:** Overcome physical Obstacles. Run, climb, swim, throw and play physical games.

2. **Notice:** Find hidden threats and detect minute details.

3. **Stealth:** Move about unnoticed and hide.

4. **Thievery:** Pick pockets, open locks and perform sleight of hand.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Rations

Choose one weapon

1. Knife: 1D6, Common, Cunning, Thrown, Intimate, Discreet, Precise.

2. Handaxe: 1D6, Common, Thrown, Sever

3. Spear: 1D6/1D6+1, Common, Thrown, Long Haft, Great Reach

4. Blade: 1D8, Common, Cunning, Intimate, Discreet, Precise

Choose one tool

1. Healing Supplies (5): Add uses as bonus on Tests for Healing and Treating poisons. Alternatively recover Hit-points by 1 for each use.

2. Antidote (2): Advantage on Tests to resist poison until Significant Time passes.

3. Rousing Brew: Reduce Burden by one.

4. Alarm Snare: Cause a noise, clearly audible to a great distance.

Guides: Survival



Boons

Adrenaline: When you suffer a Wound or Affliction reduce your Burden by Vigor. Increase your Burden Treshold by one for each Wound and Affliction.

Cowardice: When you suffer a Wound or Affliction you can immediately move your Pace and attempt to Hide with a Test against Difficulty 10.

Grit: When you suffer a Wound or Affliction increase your Hit-point maximum by +1 and your Defenses by +1.

Curses

Ill Omen: *Bad luck follows you. Ruining life for you and those close to you.*

You and all within Close to you have range of Doomed Effort increased by one for each Guide this Curse is marked into.

[Stir] to suppress the Curse until Downtime.

[Stir] to impose Disadvantage on a beings Test.

Undying: *Your blood has turned sluggish, beasts avoid you and food has lost its taste. In your sleep you feel cold hands grasping at you, trying to find purchase.*

Effects that affect the Dead affect you fully. When you die you will wake again after Significant Time has passed. Then the Curse will Spread, no Tests.

Gifts

Camaraderie: During Rest remove one Burden from up to Presence allies.

Toughness: When you suffer a Wound make a Burden Test, Vigor for physical damage or Will for mental damage. On success ignore any damage over.

Relentless: After an adversarys Action use a Response to do one of the following.

- Take an Attack Action.
- Take a Break Action.
- Take a Move Action.

Sharp Instincts: Adversaries do not gain Advantage on Surprise Actions against you. [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on Tests to detect lies and notice dangers.

Survivor: Choose one Survival Boon. You gain it as a Gift and can use its effect without the Guide.

Guides: Wilds

You are at home in wild places of the world. Deep forests, stormy seas and seemingly dead wastelands. Few can escape your hunt and few trails can hide their secrets.

Character Creation

When you create a character with this Guide take the features on this page. Then choose a Boon from the following page.

Prowess Awareness +1

Defense Vigor Defense +1

Skills: +1
Wilds: Track, navigate, find food and survive.
Beast Insight: Handle beasts. Calm, command, tame and ride.
Vigor Defense: Resist internal physical threats.

Add +1 to one of the listed Skills

1. **Athletics:** Overcome physical obstacles. Run, climb, swim, throw and play physical games.

2. **Notice:** Find hidden threats and detect minute details.

3. **Stealth:** Move about unnoticed and hide.

4. **Common Weaponry:** Wield weapons with the Common tag and fight unarmed.

Coin 1D6 Coin

Supplies 1D4 Rations

Choose one weapon

1. Knife: 1D6, Common, Cunning, Thrown, Intimate, Discreet, Precise.

2. Sling: 1D6+1, Common, Thrown, Impact

3. Bow: 1D6+1, Common, Thrown, Missile, Two-handed.
12 Arrows

4. Spear: 1D6/1D6+1, Common, Thrown, Long Haft, Great Reach

Choose one tool

1. Healing Supplies (5): Add uses as bonus on Tests for Healing and Treating poisons. Alternatively recover Hit-points by 1 for each use.

2. Hunting horn.

3. Bear Trap: Deal 2D6 physical damage and prevent movement.

4. Thick Hides: +2 Armor, Survival: +1.

Guides: Wilds

Boons

Beast Companion: You have a beast Companion. This can be any small, medium or large beast. Your Companion has 3 + half your Level Prowess and three Wounds. When you gain a Level increase your Companions Hit-point maximum by +1. If your Companion dies you can attempt an Arduous Challenge with half your Level Steps as a Downtime Action. On success you find a new companion.

Stalker: [Exhaust] to mark a prey. When you track, hide from or deal damage to your prey add +1D6 as a bonus to the die roll. You can have one prey marked at a time.

Wanderer: During Rest ask the Bearer one question about your environment or its inhabitants and gain a true answer.

Curses

Bestial Haunter: *A phantom beast follows your steps, roused by bloodshed. You need to feed it or you will be feed.*

Each round of Conflict the phantom appears to attack a random target. Attack deals 2D8 mental damage. Phantom has Prowess of 5 + 1 for each Guide this Curse is marked into. [Stir] to coax the phantom to target only beings you designate until Downtime.

Lycantrophe: *Moon calls for you to escape between the trees. You are still undecided.*

[Stir] to change into a bestial form until Significant Time passes.

- Increase Strength, Vigor, Armor and Brawl by +1 for each Guide this Curse is marked into.
- Gain ability to see in the dark.
- Gain 1D8 unarmed damage die.

Gifts:

Beastmaster: [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on Tests to calm, control or communicate with beasts. You can use an Action or Response to have an ally beast take an Action or Response.

Ranger: [Exhaust] to use one of the following effects.

- Gain Advantage on Tests for tracking, navigating, scavenging, scouting and noticing threats.
- Gain Advantage on Tests for overcoming natural obstacles and Hazards.

Hunt as Pack: Each Round your beast ally grants +1 Help bonus to attacks and Defense to an ally within Reach.

Trophy Taker: Trophies taken from defeated adversaries increase you Burden Treshold and Hit-point maximum by +1. Each Trophy fills one row from Possessions. You can benefit from up to Will Trophies.

One with the Wilds: Choose one Wilds Boon. You gain it as a Gift and can use its effect without the Guide.

Character Creation 4. Attributes

1. Generate Prowesses

Assign 4 points to Prowesses of your choice without going higher than +3 in any one Prowess. Alternatively roll 4D10 to generate Prowesses randomly.

Bonuses gained from Curses don't count towards the limit.

Set Passive Prowesses to 10 + Prowess.

2. Generate Defenses

Assign 3 points to Defenses of your choice without going higher than +3 in any one Defense. Alternatively roll 3D6 to generate Defenses randomly.

3. Set Burden, Hit-points & Pace

- Set Burden Treshold to 6 (5 + Half your Level rounded up)
- Set Hit-points for each Wound to 5 + Vigor Defense + 1 for Level
- Set Pace to Close

Random Prowesses & Defenses

To generate an Attribute randomly roll a die and increase Attribute determined by the die result. If this would increase Attribute past +3 re-roll the die.

1D10 Random Prowesses

1-2 Strength +1

3-4 Awareness +1

5-6 Attunement +1

7-8 Intellect +1

9-10 Presence +1

1D6 Random Defenses

1-2 Reflex +1

3-4 Vigor +1

5-6 Will +1

Character Creation 5. Details

Flesh out your character. What is their name, how do they approach adventure? Do they have any distinctive features?

Create a story tying together gaps between earlier choices in character creation.

Demeanor		Distinctive feature	
1	Energetic	1	Ritual scars
2	Inquisitive	2	Piercing gaze
3	Secretive	3	Luxurious hair
4	Thrillseeker	4	Heavily tattooed
5	Dreamer	5	Constantly moving
6	Greedy	6	Limps
7	Hot-headed	7	Scars of punishment
8	Focused	8	Speaks with hands, loudly
9	Ambitious	9	Pierced with charms
10	Vain	10	Missing body part
11	Single-minded	11	Unusually small
12	Rebellious	12	Different colored eyes
13	Disciplined	13	Battle scars
14	Jester	14	Wont hold eye-contact
15	Protector	15	Wide as a barn
16	Excitable	16	Shockingly bright hair
17	Haunted	17	Very tall
18	Gambler	18	Scars of sickness
19	Charitable	19	Severe burns
20	Empathetic	20	Distinct scent

Character Creation 5. Details

	Alfar	Beastblood	Dwarf	Human	Kobold	Sculpted
1	Baiar	Anaku	Algramri	Anatol	Friid	Clay
2	Gaidhre	Annarah	Broulun	Amra	Praa	Shard
3	Liorda	Berot	Bamnut	Avon	Knur	Bearer
4	Kwaal	Donkua	Detcraig	Khmir	Burrr	Marble
5	Thuval	Frehi	Filgil	Jaro	Iki	Blade of ...
6	Lin	Fordjof	Elvegar	Csatary	Khwe	Arrow of ...
7	Warheun	Nyaadu	Gradrur	Renja	Cut	Servant
8	Feigh	Nsodi	Herdae	Sefris	Yis	Granite
9	Yuecas	Nsiana	Yasgret	Faraz	Jollo	Third of ...
10	Into	Vrok	Hildr	Roneir	Lam	Eye of ...
11	Oun	Kweje	Wuathra	Naija	Shev	Hand of ...
12	Ailshu	Konase	Dhosen	Nadya	Theels	Effigy
13	Mierdim	Sienti	Groum	Shun	Klihiq	Onyx
14	Rani	Takyu	Orisarra	Selise	Srub	Shield of ...
15	Sann	Enineo	Sakhre	Gia	Fror	Word of ...
16	Voetal	Kyuse	Jorous	Gaman	Juhul	Breaker
17	Yoh	Okesi	Erir	Mitro	Nurk	Digger
18	Fiah	Daan	Jondruur	Imre	Mitre	Porcelain
19	Ilfen	Nkruye	Kusrek	Lian	Kyvwyt	Shatter
20	Lehyi	Twuei	Huma	Jasmin	Qoz	Jade

Magic Gifts





Magic Gifts

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Magic Gifts

Beast Communion: Magic has the following effects.

- **Beast Speech:** You have the ability to communicate with beasts as if you shared a language.

- **Skinwalk:** [Focus] Step into the mind of beast. For duration you sense what they sense and can communicate wordlessly. If the beast is unwilling make a Channeling Test opposed by their Will.

- **Command Beast:** [Power: 1] Make a Channeling Test opposed by targets Will to command a beast to take an Action.

[Power: +1] Target an additional beast.

- **Ritual:** Call for beasts to join you as followers, have them carry messages or bind them as guardians.

Command Flame: Magic has the following effects.

- **Kindle & douse:** Light or snuff out a flame. Strong flames require a Test.

- **Sculpt flame:** Cause flame to change color or have images and patterns appear within.

- **Shield from Flame:** Resist a threat of flame with a channeling Test or protect another from a flame as a Response.

- **Scorch:** [Focus] Make a Channeling Test opposed by targets Reflex. On success deal 1D8 physical damage.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

[Power: +1] Add +1 die to the damage.

- **Ritual:** Create flames that will not burn out. Create a barrier for flame. Create a flaming trap.

Death Communion: Magic has the following effects.

- **Grasp of the Dead:** [Focus] Make a Channeling Test opposed by targets Will. On success deal 1D6 mental damage.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

[Power: +1] Add +1 die to the damage.

- **Protection of the Dead:**

[Power: X][Focus] Grant +Power Mental Resistance.

- **Knowledge of the Dead:**

[Power: X] Ask Power questions from dead remains and gain an answer within beings knowledge in life. Then roll a D6. If the result is equal or lower than the number of questions remains will no longer answer. If you or an ally was reason for the beings death make a Channeling Test opposed by their Will.

- **Ritual:** Call for the dead to join you as followers. Create persistent protection. Bind dead guardians.

Magic Gifts

Guide Blood: Magic has the following effects.

- **Sculpt Blood:** Change shape of blood. Cause images and patterns to appear within blood. [Power: +1] Increase area by a distance step.

- **Sense Blood:** Make a channeling Test against the Passive Vigor of beings within Close. On success gain awareness of them.

[Power: +1] Increase area by a distance step.

- **Draw Blood:** Make a Channeling Test opposed by targets Vigor. On success deal 1D6 physical damage that is unaffected by Armor.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

[Power: +1] Add +1 die to the damage.

- **Command Blood:** [Power: 1][Focus] Make a Channeling Test opposed by targets Vigor to command them to take a physical Action.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

- **Ritual:** Sense target blood over great distances. Gain information of the being blood belongs to. Create barriers that block specific blood.

Hedge Magic: Magic has the following effects.

- **Cleansing:** Cleanse target object or substance from grime, poison or disease. [Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

- **Healing:** During Downtime or at Deaths Door Heal with a Channeling Test.

- **Shelter:** [Power: 1][Focus] Attackers Test has to beat your Passive Attunement to attack the target of this magic.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

- **Ritual:** Create vessels that purify their contents. Create boundaries that cannot be crossed with hostile intent.

Magic Gifts

Raise Root and Vine: Magic has the following effects.

- **Sculpt Root and Vine:** Change color of flowers and leaves. Shape branches into forms. Cause trees and plants to grow patterns on their surface.

- **Poisonbloom:** Make a Channeling Test opposed by targets Vigor. On success poison your target. Poison deals 1D6 physical damage. Poison has Duration of 3.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

[Power: +1] Add +1 die to the damage.

[Power: +1] Increase duration by +1.

- **Invigorate:** Bring life to wilted plants. Recover Hit-points by 1D6.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

[Power: +1] Add +1 die to the damage.

- **Hands of Vine:** [Power: 1][Focus] Move objects and beings. Create physical maneuvers, restraints and difficult terrain.

- **Ritual:** Grow plants. Create structures from plantlife. Raise thorny barriers and traps.

Shape Light: Magic has following the effects.

- **Illuminate:** [Focus] Illuminate an area Close across. [Power: +1] Increase area by a distance step.

- **Flash:** [Focus] Make a Channeling Test opposed by Reflex of targets within Reach. On success target is blinded. They have Disadvantage on actions requiring sight and are unable to use sight based Gifts.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Increase area by a distance step.

- **Minor Illusion:** [Focus] Shape light to create a visual illusion.

[Power: +1] Increase area by a distance step.

- **Invisibility:** [Power: 5][Focus] Become invisible. During this time you are Hidden and have and Advantage on stealth.

- **Ritual:** Create a persistent light or a visual illusion. Bind light to an item.

Magic Gifts

Third Eye: Magic has the following effects.

- **Insight:** Study in Conflict with a Channeling Test.

- **Revelation:** Search for Hidden within Close distance with a Channeling Test opposed by a beings passive Will. This includes, lies, hidden motives and hidden nature such as shapeshifting and Illusions.

[Power: +1] Increase area by a distance step.

- **Guide:** [Power: X][Focus] Grant +Power bonus on a single Test each Turn.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

- **Augury:** [Power: X] Roll Power D6. For every result of 4 or 5 ask a question and gain knowledge where the answer can be found. For every 6 gain a true answer to a question. For every 1 gain one answer that will lead you astray.

- **Ritual:** Gain vision of a ritual target.

Touch Minds: Magic has the following effects.

- **Mind Speech:** Speak into the mind of a being you have awareness of.

- **Read Thoughts:** [Power: 1][Focus] Read thoughts of the target being. If the target is unwilling make a Channeling Test opposed by their Will.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

- **Charm:** [Power: 1][Focus] Make a Channeling Test opposed by targets Will. On success target sees the channeler as a friend. They can be persuaded to share information or perform favours they would not do otherwise.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

- **Compulsion:** [Power: 1][Focus] Make a Channeling Test opposed by targets Will to command them to take an Action.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

- **Alter Memory:** [Power: 4] Make a Channeling Test opposed by targets Will to alter a memory.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

- **Ritual:** Create a persistent Charm or Compulsion. Bind a message to be spoken into a beings mind.

Magic Gifts

Words of Power: Magic has the following effects.

- **Word of Freedom:** Use a Channeling Test to Break an effect.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

- **Word of Thunder:** [Power: 1] Make a Channeling Test opposed by targets Vigor. On success they suffer 1D6 physical damage and are thrown back by Reach.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all targets within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

[Power: +1] Add +1 die to damage and increase distance by a distance step.

- **Word of Death:** [Power: X][Focus] Make a Channeling Test opposed by targets Vigor. On success reduce targets maximum Hit-points by Power.

[Power: +1] Give magic an additional target.

[Power: +1] Affect all within Reach or increase area by a distance step.

- **Ritual:** Create a trap or boundary that triggers a word.

Enchantments



Enchantments



Enchantments give otherwise normal items mystical properties.

- Strength of an Enchantment is rated as Known, Famed or Legendary
- Single item can hold one Famed or Legendary Enchantment and one Known Enchantment
- Item can hold an additional Known, Famed or Legendary Enchantment for each Catch

Catch

Catch is an enchanted property that complicates use of the item. Catch can be due to needs and principles of a sentient item or a drawback from an Enchantment.

- Cursed. Cursed items attempt to inflict their Curse on the wielder
- Dangerous. Using the item is dangerous to the wielder
- Demanding. Item has its own goals or needs that have to be taken into account

Identifying Enchantment

Item properties can be identified by making an Attunement Test against Difficulty 10 as an action taking Significant Time. On success identify one + Degree Enchantments.

Alternatively use the item and learn the Enchantments through practice.

Cursed Items

Cursed item hides its nature as it digs its roots into wielders soul.

- Curse is always a last property to be identified
- Curse Stirs when an Enchantment from a Cursed item is used. When this happens Bearer will note a mark. When the Curse is ready to strike Bearer will ask for a Burden Test, increasing Difficulty by number of marks
- Once the Curse has taken root character cannot voluntarily free themselves from a Cursed Item
- Once the Curse has taken root being without the Cursed Item will prevent removing Burden

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1. Beast Charm

Item: Any.

A being in form of a beast follows you. Being has items power + your half your Level Prowess, abilities according to its form and nature, and an items power Wounds. You are able to communicate with the being wordlessly. Destroyed being will regain a Wound on Downtime.

Form:

Small Beast: 1D4 damage die. 5 + Prowess Hit-points. Pace Near.

Beast: 1D8 damage die. 10 + Prowess Hit-points. Pace Close.

Great Beast: 1D6 damage die. 15 + Prowess Hit-points. Pace Close. Can be used as a mount.

Nature:

Fury: Prowess to Attack, Athletics, Reflex, Vigor, Will.
+1 Damage die.

Trickster: Prowess to Attack, Stealth, Thievery, Reflex, Will.
Advantage to stealth.

Guardian: Prowess to Attack, Notice, Reflex, Vigor, Will.
Advantage to notice hidden.

Known: +1 Prowess, 1 Wound.

Famed: +2 Prowess, 2 Wounds.

Legendary: +3 Prowess, 3 Wounds.

2. Beasthide

Item: Clothing, cloak or armor.

As an Action [Exhaust] to take a form of a beast until Significant Time passes or you end the effect.

While you are in the beast form you retain your Defenses, mental abilities, Hit-points and Wounds. You gain Gifts and attacks of the beast form. Your Prowess is items power + half your Level for the Tests beast is Strong in.

Known: One beast form with Prowess of 3. Small, medium or large, land or aquatic beast.

Famed: Two beast forms with Prowess of 4. Small, medium or large, land or aquatic beast.

Legendary: Three beast forms with Prowess of 5. Small, medium or large flying, land or aquatic beast.

3. Bulwark

Item: Clothing, armor or shield.

Increase Armor Resistance by items power.

Known: +1 Armor.

Famed: +2 Armor.

Legendary: +3 Armor.

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4. Chalice of Power

Item: Any.

Item holds Power that can be spent to give magic Power. Item regains one Power when Long Time passes.

Known: 1 Power.

Famed: 3 Power.

Legendary: 5 Power.

5. Darkeye

Item: Headdress, jewellery or weapon.

[Exhaust] to gain the ability to see in complete darkness until Significant Time passes.

Known: Sight up to Close.

Famed: Sight up to Near.

Legendary: Sight up to Far.

6. Devourer

Item: Melee weapon.

Dealing damage with the weapon recovers Hit-points.

Known: 1D6+1 Recovery.

Famed: 1D6+3 Recovery.

Legendary: 1D6+5 Recovery.

7. Farsight

Item: Any.

Item holds number of charges that can be spent to alter a die roll by spent charges. Charges are regained on Downtime.

Known: 1 charge.

Famed: 2 charge.

Legendary: 3 charge.

8. Focus

Item: Any.

Increase one Prowess or Defense by items power.

- Increase Strength.
- Increase Awareness.
- Increase Attunement.
- Increase Intellect.
- Increase Presence.
- Increase Reflex.
- Increase Vigor.
- Increase Will.

Known: +1 increase.

Famed: +2 increase.

Legendary: +3 increase.

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9. Heartseeker

Item: Any weapon.

When you [Exhaust] to gain a bonus for a Test to wield this weapon increase bonus by items power. Add bonus to damage.

Known: +1 to Test. +3 damage.

Famed: +2 to Test. +4 damage.

Legendary: +3 to Test. +5 damage.

10. Lifebringer

Item: Amulet, bread, tankard, bottle, mortar or similar.

Item has number of charges that can be spent to gain bonuses on Healing Tests, Test against poisons or to recover a Hit-point. Item recovers charges on Downtime.

Known: 3 charges.

Famed: 6 charges.

Legendary: 10 charges.

11. Magic Vessel

Item: Any.

Item contains Magic Gifts.

Known: Item contains one Magic Gift.

Famed: Item contains two Magic Gifts.

Legendary: Item contains three Magic Gifts.

12. Omenbringer

Item: Headdress, ring or weapon.

Item has power charges and holds one type of Omen. As a Response spend a charge to use the Omen. Item regains charges at Downtime.

- Ill Omen: Impose Disadvantage on a beings Test or have them Test for something they should not need to. Difficulty is 10 + your half your Level.

- Fortune Omen: Grant Advantage on a beings Test or increase their Degree by one.

Known: 1 charge.

Famed: 2 charges.

Legendary: 3 charges.

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13. Otherworldly

Item: Weapon, armor or shield.

Item fully affects Incorporeal and Otherworldly beings. Weapons are able to deal damage, armor acts as a Resistance and shields can be used to gain bonuses.

Known: Gain +1 bonus when using the item against Incorporeal and Otherworldly.

Famed: Gain +2 bonus when using the item against Incorporeal and Otherworldly.

Legendary: Gain +3 bonus when using the item against Incorporeal and Otherworldly.

14. Protective Charm

Item: Any.

Increase Mental Resistance by items power.

Known: +1 Mental Resistance.

Famed: +3 Mental Resistance.

Legendary: +5 Mental Resistance.

15. Seerstone

Item: Amulet or ring.

During Rest make an Attunement Test against Difficulty 10. On success gain items power + Degree pieces of information on what beings you have met are up to. You can choose to split the information between different targets.

Known: 1 Piece of information.

Famed: 2 Pieces of information.

Legendary: 3 Pieces of information.

16. Shadowmantle

Item: Clothing, cloak or armor.

When you [Exhaust] to gain a bonus on a Test for stealth increase bonus by items power.

Known: +1 bonus.

Famed: +2 bonus.

Legendary: +3 bonus.

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17. Soul Ward

Item: Any.

Use a Response to add item power as bonus on a Will Test.

Known: +1 bonus.

Famed: +2 bonus.

Legendary: +3 bonus.

18. Spiritstep

Item: Any.

[Exhaust] to become Invisible for items power Rounds. While Invisible you are Hidden and physical actions against other beings are Surprise actions.

Known: 1 Round.

Famed: 3 Rounds.

Legendary: 5 Rounds.

19. Swiftwind

Item: Cloak, boots or shoes.

Item has charges that can be spent to take a Response or increase Pace by one step for one action. Item regains charges on Downtime.

Known: 1 charges.

Famed: 2 charges.

Legendary: 3 charges.

20. Watcher

Item: Any.

When you [Exhaust] to gain a bonus for a Test to find Hidden, notice threats and traps or resist a Surprise increase bonus by items power.

Known: +1 to Test.

Famed: +2 to Test.

Legendary: +3 to Test.

Enchantment: Catch



1. Bloodbound

Item: Any.

Only members of a certain bloodline can wield the item without an issue. Anyone else attempting to wield the item has their Burden increased by +5.

2. Cursed

Item: Any.

Item is Cursed. When items power is used the Bearer will make a Burden Test to check if the Curse Spreads.

While Curse of the item is marked into a Guide slot.

- Item cannot be voluntarily removed
- Being apart from the item prevents recovering Burden

3. Draining

Item: Any.

Item reduces Burden Treshold by one.

4. Guidebound

Item: Any.

Only beings with a certain Guide can wield the item without an issue. Anyone else attempting to wield the item has their Burden increased by +5.

5. Harmful

Item: Any.

Item deals 1D6 damage when used. This damage cannot be reduced.

6. Hungering

Item: Item that uses charges.

One Wound worth of blood has to be given to item to restore charges.

7. Trickisy

Item: Any.

Item attempts to escape each Downtime. Finding the item or preventing it from escaping requires an Awareness or Intellect Test against Difficulty 15.

8. Wordbound

Item: Any.

Item has a command word or a secret name that has to be given as an Action to activate items powers. Item stays active until Significant Time passes.

Stock



Tools, Supplies & Valuables

Tool		Cost
Burglars' tools	Pick locks and disable traps.	25
Crowbar	Pry and break. 1D6 damage.	2
Rope	Useful for climbing and tying knots.	2
Shackles	Restrain a being. Difficulty 20 to escape.	5
Hammer & Pitons	Make unclimbable surface climbable.	3
Grappling hook	Secure rope. Throwable.	3
Field tools	Basic tools for a Craft. Makes Craft Downtime possible in wilderness.	25
Mirror	Reflect light, peek around corners.	10
Musical instrument	Create music.	Varies
Long Pole	Check for traps. Vault obstacles.	1
Disguise	Hide and sneak using Presence.	Varies
Hunting horn	Create a loud noise.	5
Supplies & Light		Cost
Healing Supplies, Set: 5	Add uses as bonus on Tests for Healing and Treating poisons. Alternatively recover Hit-points by 1 for each use.	3 each
Spell Components, Set: 5	Add uses as a bonus to a Channeling Test.	10 each
Rations, Set: 5	Food and water for a day. Fit for travel.	1 each
Oil, Set: 5	Fill lamp or create a flammable surface.	2 each
Candle, Set: 5	Illuminate Close area until Significant Time passes.	3 each
Torch	Illuminate Close area until Significant Time passes. 1D4 damage.	1
Belt Lantern	Illuminate Close area until Significant Time passes. Can be refueled. Does not require a hand when equipped.	20
Valuables		Value
Precious hides and furs		1D6 x 10
Pepper, spices & wine		1D6 x 10
Bronze & copper jewelry, precious stones, skillful crafts		1D6 x 10
Ink & paper		1D6 x 10
Hides of dangerous beasts		2D6 x 10
Rare spices & quality wine		2D6 x 10
Silver & jade, cut gems, valuable crafts		3D6 x 10
Hides of famed beasts		3D6 x 10
Rare books		4D6 x 10
Masterful crafts & rare gems		5D6 x 10

Traps & Poisons



Traps		Cost
Bear Trap	Deal 2D6 physical damage and prevent movement.	5
Net snare	Prevent movement and grant Advantage on physical actions against this being.	3
Alarm snare	Cause a noise, clearly audible to a great distance.	1
Caltrops	Deal 1D6 physical damage and obstructs movement in Close area.	3
Vapour spring	Spread effect of one poison to a Close area.	20
Poisons		Cost
Viper venom, Set: 2	Internal Vigor Hazard dealing 1D6 physical damage. Duration: 3.	10 each
Toad secretion, Set: 2	Internal Will Hazard dealing 1D6 mental damage. Duration: 3.	10 each
Red mist, Set: 2	Internal Will Hazard causing target to attack closest being. Duration: 3.	20 each
Dead rest, Set: 2	Internal Vigor Hazard dealing 1D6 physical damage. Against Undead damage is increased to 2D6. Duration: 3.	25 each
Last Slumber, Set: 2	Internal Vigor Hazard causing target to fall asleep. Duration: 3.	25 each

Cures & Alchemicals



Cures	Effect	Cost
Antidote, Set: 3	Advantage on Tests to resist poison until Significant Time passes.	20 each
Healers Bloom, Set: 3	Advantage on Tests to resist diseases until Long Time passes.	15 each
Healing brew, Set: 3	Recover 1D6 + 1 Hit-points.	15 each
Rousing brew, Set: 3	Reduce Burden by one.	20 each
Alchemicals	Effect	Cost
Alchemists Acid	Acid strong enough to destroy handful of steel or softer material in one round. Throw up to Close by making an Awareness attack against Reflex. Deal 2D8 physical damage on success.	30
Hidden Ink, Set: 3	Ink disappears moment after writing and can be revealed only by method defined on creation.	15 each
Magus Candle, Set: 3	Small vial that illuminates Close area until Significant Time passes. Can be expended to create a blinding flash.	15
Wraith oil, Set: 3	Give item Otherworldly quality allowing it to fully affect the incorporeal and undead until Significant Time passes.	20 each
Sorcerers Fire	Creates a physical Hazard against Reflex in a Reach area. Hazard clings to targets that fail the Test affecting them even after leaving the area. Hazard deals 1D8 fire damage to the affected at the end of the Round until successfully extinguished as an Action. Difficulty is users Passive Intellect.	30

Mystical items & Wards

Mystical	Effect	Cost
Mortal Dust	As an Intellect Attack against beings Reflex. Gives incorporeal being physical presence, making it possible to affect them with physical actions. Duration: 3 rounds. Being can make an Intellect Test as an Action against users Passive Intellect to reduce duration by one.	50
Night Dust	Create a cloud of dust that throws Close area into darkness that cannot be illuminated. Duration: 3 Rounds.	30
Revealing Dust	Create a cloud of dust that clings to beings in the Close area revealing invisible beings and granting Advantage on Tests to disbelieve illusions and detect minute details. Duration: 3 Rounds.	30
Tea of split mind, Set: 3	Use Attunement to find Hidden, detect motives and notice Illusions. Effect lasts until Significant Time passes.	10 each
Waters of Magic, Set: 3	Waters of Magic: Give magic 1D4 Power. This can exceed your Attunement. After the channeling make a Burden Test for a Mystical Affliction.	75 each
Wards	Effect	Cost
Banishing Incense, Set: 3	Cover Close area in light smoke until Significant Time passes. Spirits, the Dead and Outsiders require Will Test to enter the area. Those inside have to use their Actions to leave on a failed Test. Difficulty is users passive Attunement.	15 each
Curse Seal	Gain Advantage on a Burden Test against a Curse, seal crumbles to dust after.	-
Warding salts, Set: 3	Create a boundary Close area across. Spirits, the Dead and Outsiders require Will Test to cross or break the boundary. Difficulty is users passive Intellect. Boundary remains until broken.	10 each

Weaponry

Ammunition	Qualities	Cost	
Arrows	Amount: 12	10	
Bolts	Amount: 12,	10	
Bullets	Amount: 20	5	
Brawl	Damage	Qualities	Cost
Unarmed	1	Brawl, Intimate	-
Improvised	1D4	Brawl. Tankards, frying pans, light stools, rocks etc.	-
Heavy Improvised	2D4	Brawl. Benches, doors, cauldrons, small trees etc.	-
Common Weaponry	Damage	Qualities	Cost
Knife	1D6	Common, Cunning, Intimate, Discreet, Precise, Thrown	5
Sling	1D6+1	Common, Thrown, Impact	5
Club	1D6+1	Common, Impact	3
Handaxe	1D6	Common, Sever, Thrown	8
Spear	1D6/1D6+1	Common, Great Reach, Thrown, Long Haft	8
Staff	1D6+2	Common, Great Reach, Impact, Two-handed	5
Bow	1D6+1	Common, Missile, Two-handed	25
Blade	1D8	Common, Cunning, Intimate, Discreet, Precise	10
Maul	1D8+3	Common, Impact, Two-handed, Burden: 2	20
Crossbow	1D10+1	Common, Missile, Slow, Two-handed	35

Weaponry



Cunning Weaponry	Damage	Qualities	Cost
Knife	1D6	Common, Cunning, Intimate, Discreet, Precise, Thrown	5
Blade	1D8	Common, Cunning, Intimate, Discreet, Precise	10
Hand crossbow	1D8	Cunning, Thrown, Slow	35
Garrote	1D10+1	Cunning, Intimate, Discreet, Two-handed. Grapples adversary. Usable only from Grapple or Surprise	15
Martial Weaponry	Damage	Qualities	Cost
Mace	1D8+1	Martial, Impact	15
Sword	1D8/1D8+1	Martial, Long Haft, Precise	25
Waraxe	1D8/1D8+1	Martial, Sever, Long Haft	15
Warbow	1D8+1	Martial, Missile, Two-handed, Burden: 1	50
Glaive	1D8+1	Martial, Sever, Great Reach, Two-handed, Burden: 1	35
Greatsword	1D10+1	Martial, Two-handed, Precise, Burden: 1	50
Greataxe	1D10+1	Martial, Sever, Two-handed, Burden: 1	35
Lance	1D12	Martial, Mounted, Burden: 1	25

Weapon Qualities

Weaponry Class: Defines Skill to use with the weapon. Common, Martial or Cunning for example.

Burden: Increases Burden by rating.

Discreet: When hidden, Tests to search for this weapon are made with Disadvantage.

Great Reach: Prevent opponent without Great Reach from choosing damage in Clash.

Impact: Add Item Burden rating to damage, minimum of +1.

Intimate: Weapon rolls damage normally in grapple or other close-quarters engagement.

Missile: Weapon can be fired up to Far. Attacks to greater distance are made with Disadvantage.

Mounted: Weapon deals +1 die damage when used while mounted.

Precise: Weapon can be wielded with Awareness.

Sever: Increase extra damage die by a die type when you gain Degree on attack.

Slow: Weapon can Attack only once in a Round.

Thrown: Weapon can be thrown up to a Close. Attacks to greater distance are made with Disadvantage.

Two-handed: Item requires two free hands to wield. Add +1 to damage.

Long Haft: Weapon can be wielded in two hands increasing damage by +1.

Armor

Worn armor and shields increases Armor Resistance against external physical damage, for example from cuts, arrows and bolts of fire.

- Damage from a source is reduced by characters Armor rating
- Armor does not protect from falling or internal threats like drowning, suffocation or poison
- Character can benefit from one armor and one shield at a time

Armor Qualities

Burden: Increases Burden by rating.

Fitted: Reduce Burden rating by one for you and increase it by one for anyone else.

Loud: Disadvantage to Stealth.

Survival: Add rating as bonus on Burden Tests against elements.

Weapon: Can be used as a weapon with a damage die.

Hardened: Reduce Armor rating by one to ignore all physical damage over your current Hit-point pool.

Armors	Rating	Qualities	Cost
Heavy Clothes	+1		10
Thick hides	+2	Survival: +1	25
Laminated Cloth	+2	Hardened	50
Scale mail	+3	Burden: 1	75
Plate Cuirass	+3	Burden: 1, Hardened	125
Chain Mail	+4	Burden: 2	100
Lamellar mail	+4	Loud, Burden: 2, Hardened	300
Full plate	+5	Loud, Burden: 3, Hardened	500

Shields	Armor	Qualities	Cost
Buckler	+1		10
Shield	+2	Weapon: 1D4, Burden: 1	15
Heavy Shield	+3	Burden: 2	20

Followers



Followers



Extra hands and claws are often useful. Hound can keep watch while you sleep and a bodyguard can hold ghouls at bay while you finish a ritual. They all have their own reasons for adventure and will stay with you as long as those reasons are realized or their bravery lets them.

Followers are Npcs under an Adventurers control. Adventurers decide their actions and roll for their Tests using Followers's Prowess.

Character can have one npc follower.

Followers have two Actions and one Response in a Round and act on the Adventurers Initiative.

Followers are susceptible to Morale and make Morale checks when they suffer significant setbacks. When they fail a Morale check Adventurer loses control over them.

Followers can Exhaust only to use Gifts.

Follower Attributes

Followers have simplified Attributes. They have a single Prowess value that is used as a base for their Defenses, Skills and other attributes. Follower can be either Strong or Capable in an attribute or they dont have an attribute at all.

- Follower adds full Prowess to Tests they are Strong in
- Follower adds half Prowess to Tests they are Capable in
- For anything else they don't add bonuses

Followers size modifies their Hit-points, Wounds, damage and grants some special abilities.

- Small: 3 + Prowess Hit-points, Advantage to Stealth
- Medium: 5 + Prowess Hit-points.
- Large: 10 + Prowess Hit-points, Two Wounds, +1 damage die. Can be used as a mount.

Especially strong followers can have a single Guide. They can use the Guide fully.

To generate a follower randomly roll a 1D6 for their prowess. If they are unlikely to be skilled roll the die with Disadvantage. When hiring among capable people roll the die with Advantage.

Followers: Adventurers



Adventurers	Prowess	Battle	Gifts	Wants
Fool	<p>Prowess: 1-6</p> <p>Strong: Attack, Athletics, Sway, Reflex, Vigor, Will</p> <p>Capable: Notice</p>	<p>Hit-points: 5+Prowess</p> <p>Wounds: 1</p> <p>Blade: 1D8</p> <p>Sling: 1D6+1</p> <p>Pace: Close</p>	<p>Brave: Advantage on Morale Tests</p>	Adventure
Thief	<p>Prowess: 1-6</p> <p>Strong: Notice, Athletics, Stealth, Thievery, Reflex, Will</p> <p>Capable: Attack</p>	<p>Hit-points: 5+Prowess</p> <p>Wounds: 1</p> <p>Knife: 1D6</p> <p>Pace: Close</p>	<p>Unseen Strike: +1 die damage on Surprise attacks.</p>	Fair cut
Warrior	<p>Prowess: 1-6</p> <p>Strong: Attack, Athletics, Reflex, Vigor</p> <p>Capable: Notice, Healing</p>	<p>Hit-points: 5+Prowess</p> <p>Wounds: 1</p> <p>Armor: 3</p> <p>Mace: 1D8+1</p> <p>Pace: Close</p>	<p>Weapon Mastery: Adds half Prowess to damage of weapon attacks.</p>	Coin and/or Glory
Acolyte	<p>Prowess: 1-6</p> <p>Strong: Notice, Sway, Healing, Will</p> <p>Capable: Channeling, Reflex</p>	<p>Hit-points: 5+Prowess</p> <p>Wounds: 1</p> <p>Staff: 1D6+1</p> <p>Pace: Close</p>	<p>Invigorate: Exhaust to have target being recover 1D6 + Prowess Hit-points.</p>	Religious purpose
Sorcerer	<p>Prowess: 1-6</p> <p>Strong: Channeling, Study, Will</p> <p>Capable: Notice, Reflex</p>	<p>Hit-points: 5+Prowess</p> <p>Wounds: 1</p> <p>Knife: 1D6</p> <p>Pace: Close</p>	<p>Versed in Magic: Half Prowess Magic Gifts.</p>	Knowledge

Followers: Beasts



Beasts	Prowess	Battle	Gifts	Price
Hound	<p>Prowess: 1-6</p> <p>Strong: Attack, Athletics, Notice, Reflex, Vigor</p> <p>Capable: Stealth</p>	<p>Hit-points: 5+Prowess</p> <p>Wounds: 1</p> <p>Harm: 1D6</p> <p>Pace: Close</p>	<p>Keen Senses: Advantage on Tests to find tracks and notice beings.</p>	25 X Prowess
Horse	<p>Prowess: 1-6</p> <p>Strong: Notice, Athletics, Vigor</p> <p>Capable: Attack, Reflex</p>	<p>Hit-points: 10+Prowess</p> <p>Wounds: 2</p> <p>Harm: 2D4</p> <p>Pace: Close</p>	<p>Large: Being is large and can be used as a Mount.</p> <p>Sprint: Being can [Exhaust] to increase Pace by a Distance Step.</p>	50 X Prowess
Crow	<p>Prowess: 1-6</p> <p>Strong: Attack, Athletics, Notice, Reflex, Vigor</p> <p>Capable: Stealth</p>	<p>Hit-points: 3+Prowess</p> <p>Wounds: 1</p> <p>Harm: 1D4</p> <p>Pace: Near</p>	<p>Small: Being has Advantage on stealth.</p> <p>Flight: Being can fly their Pace.</p>	15 X Prowess
Monkey	<p>Prowess: 1-6</p> <p>Strong: Attack, Athletics, Reflex.</p> <p>Capable: Stealth, Vigor</p>	<p>Hit-points: 3+Prowess</p> <p>Wounds: 1</p> <p>Harm: 1D4</p> <p>Pace: Close</p>	<p>Small: Being has Advantage on stealth.</p> <p>Training: Being is strong in two additional Skills.</p>	15 X Prowess
Serpent	<p>Prowess: 1-6</p> <p>Strong: Attack, Athletics, Stealth, Reflex, Vigor</p> <p>Capable: Notice</p>	<p>Hit-points: 3+Prowess</p> <p>Wounds: 1</p> <p>Harm: 1D4</p> <p>Pace: Close</p>	<p>Small: Being has Advantage on stealth.</p> <p>Venomous: 1D6 10 X Prowess poison on hit for Prowess Turns. 10 + Prowess Difficulty.</p>	10 X Prowess

Afflictions



Afflictions: Mental

Mental Afflictions

- 1 **Broken Mind:** Disadvantage to Intellect, Presence, Reflex or Will. If you suffer this Affliction again gain Disadvantage to different Prowess or Defense.

- 2 **Doubt:** To Draw Strength from a Guide you must succeed in a Will Burden Test. If you suffer this Affliction again you have Disadvantage on the Test.

- 3 **Dread:** To gain benefit from Rest you must succeed in a Will Burden Test. If you suffer this Affliction again you have Disadvantage on the Test.

- 4 **Exhausted:** Reduce Burden Treshold and maximum Hit-points by one. If you suffer this Affliction again double the reduction. If your Hit-points reach zero you die.

- 5 **Hesitant:** You are always last in the Initiative. To use Responses you must succeed in a Will Burden Test. If you suffer this Affliction again you have Disadvantage on the Test.

- 6 **Paranoia:** You must succeed in a Will Burden Test to use or receive Teamwork benefits or use Opportunity Maneuvers given to you. If you suffer this Affliction again you have Disadvantage on the Test.

Afflictions: Mystical

Mystical Afflictions

- 1 **Death Touched:** Reduce Hit-point maximum by 1 + Degree of the failed Test. If this takes your Hit-point maximum to zero you die.

- 2 **Screams:** Your head rings with unknown screams. All Awareness, Presence and Will Tests are made with Disadvantage. If you suffer this Affliction again gain Disadvantage on Reflex, Strength, Intellect or Attunement.

- 3 **Shades:** Whenever you Rest Bearer makes an additional Trouble Check against rating of 1. On Trouble a Shade with half your Level Prowess appears to attack you. Shades touch reduces Will by one. If Will is reduced below zero suffer a Wound. Shade is destroyed by any damage affecting Incorporeal beings. If you suffer this Affliction again Trouble rating and number of Shades increases by one.

- 4 **Sight of other Worlds:** You can see the invisible, illusions, spirit forms and incorporeal but are otherwise blind suffering Disadvantage on all Tests relying on sight. If you suffer this Affliction again lose another sense.

- 5 **Uncontrollable magic:** Whenever you channel magic it affects one additional being in vicinity, determined randomly. This lasts until Affliction is removed. If you suffer this Affliction again number of targets increases by one.

- 6 **Whispers:** Whenever you Rest or take a Downtime make a Will Test against Difficulty 10. On success gain 1+ Degree Premonitions. Premonition can be used to alter any die roll by one. Unused Premonitions are lost on Rest. On failure you are unable to Rest. If you suffer this Affliction again increase Difficulty of Test by 5.

Afflictions: Physical

Physical Afflictions

- 1 **Battered:** You have 3 Vulnerability against physical damage. If you suffer this Affliction again increase the Vulnerability by 1.

- 2 **Bleeding:** When you take an Action or Response you suffer 1 point of damage. This damage cannot be reduced. If you gain this Affliction again increase damage by +1.

- 3 **Broken Body:** You have Disadvantage to Strength, Awareness, Reflex or Vigor. If you suffer this Affliction again gain Disadvantage to different Prowess or Defense.

- 4 **Exhausted:** Reduce Burden Treshold and maximum Hit-points by one. If you suffer this Affliction again double the reduction. If your Hit-points reach zero you die.

- 5 **Hindered:** You are always last in the Initiative. Character has to [Exhaust] to use a Response. If you gain this Affliction again increase Exhaustion by one.

- 6 **Winded:** Character has to [Exhaust] to move their normal Pace. Otherwise their Pace is reduced by a Distance step. If you suffer this Affliction again increase Exhaustion by one.

Afflictions: Survival

Survival Afflictions

- 1 **Exhausted:** Reduce Burden Treshold and maximum Hit-points by one. If you suffer this Affliction again double the reduction. If your Hit-points reach zero you die.

- 2 **Frostbitten:** Reduce Awareness and Reflex by one. If either is reduced below zero suffer a Wound. If you gain this Affliction again increase reduction by one.

- 3 **Heatstruck:** Reduce Intellect and Will by one. If either is reduced below zero suffer a Wound. If you gain this Affliction again increase reduction by one.

- 4 **Nauseated:** Reduce Strength and Vigor by one. If either is reduced below zero suffer a Wound. If you gain this Affliction again increase reduction by one.

- 5 **Sick:** Reduce Vigor by one. If it is reduced below zero suffer a Wound. Make a Burden Test every Rest and Downtime. On failure gain this Affliction again increasing reduction by one.

- 6 **Starving:** Mark a Wound. If you cannot mark a Wound you will die. If you gain this Affliction again mark another Wound.

Adversaries



Adversaries: Attributes

Common Adversaries use simplified attributes to speed up play and ease coming up with Adversaries on the fly.

Name: Name can make even common adversaries memorable.

Prowess: Prowess is a general indication of an Adversary's ability. Prowess modifies bonuses to Tests, hit-points and Gifts.

Prowess is rated from 1 to 10. Adversaries with Prowess of 1 are sick or weakened in some way. Prowess 2 and 3 are the average for mortals. 4 and 5 represent training and experience and Prowess beyond 5 means heroic ability. Prowess of 8 or higher is legendary.

Skills: Skills are the clear representation of adversary's abilities. Rated Strong and Capable.

- **Strong:** Add full Prowess as bonus
- **Capable:** Add half Prowess as bonus

If Skills do not fit a Test adversary gains no bonuses.

Defenses: Adversary's Defenses work like Skills. Strong Defenses add full Prowess as bonus and Capable Defenses add half Prowess as bonus.

Burden: Adversaries do not Exhaust to gain bonuses to Tests. However they can Exhaust to use Gifts.

Burden Threshold is adversary's Prowess and they cannot exceed it.

Gifts: Special abilities adversary possesses.

Significant pieces of equipment are represented by Gifts that give the adversary additional benefits like Armor Resistance and attack options.

Pace: Adversary's movement.

Harm: Adversary's natural attacks. Punches, bites and thrashing around deals Harm damage.

Note on Prowess

Prowess rates difficulty of the adversary in relation to player characters. It does not model exact physical or mental capabilities.

For example giants ability to pull trees out of the ground and hurl adventurers across caves is based on them being a creature off great height, weight and might in relation to the world. This does not mean that giants Prowess is extremely high. It means that when a giant manages to catch an unwary adventurer the consequences will be dire.

Adversaries: Size, Groups & Swarms

Adversary size

Tiny: Mice, spiders and vermin. Tiny beings do not deal physical damage, but they can spread poison and disease. Tiny beings are Hidden unless specifically searched for or part of a swarm.

Hit-points base: Challenge.

Small: Cats and falcons. Small beings have Advantage on stealth.

Hit-points base: 2 + Challenge.

Medium: Humans, dogs and eagles. Player characters are Medium sized.

Hit-points base: 5 + Challenge.

Large: Horses, oxen and trolls. Large beings deal +1 die of physical damage, have +1 Wound.

Hit-points base: 10 + Challenge.

Huge: Mammoths and giants. Huge beings roll +2 dice of physical damage. Huge beings have +2 Wounds and Disadvantage on stealth.

Hit-points base: 20 + Challenge.

Grouped adversaries

Adversaries can work as a single group. Forming and separating the group is an Action.

- Prowess of the group is the leaders Prowess + 1 for each member of the group
- Group has +1 Wound for each additional member
- When a Group suffers a Wound their Prowess is reduced by one
- Group has two Actions and one Response in a Round
- Maximum Group size is five

Swarm

Horde of ravenous dead, skittering sea of scarabs and a glittering shield wall of hoplites are swarm adversaries.

- Swarms are Hazards with a static Difficulty. Swarm does not roll dice
- Swarms can use Actions to move. Swarm affects targets when coming to contact with a target and at the end of the targets Turn while they remain within Reach of a Swarm
- Swarms increase their Hit-points by 20. Attacks that do not affect an area deal at most 1 damage to a swarm

Acolyte



Prowess +5	Reflex +3	Resistances Armor
Burden	Vigor +3	Mental 3
Pace Close	Will +5	Hit-points 10

Type: Mortal.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Reflex, Will.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Vigor.

Gifts

Fearless: Adversary does not
make Morale Tests.

Acolyte Attacks

Harm: 1, Intimate

Blade: 1D8, Sever, Intimate

Maneuver: Defy, Vulnerability,
Grapple

Ordained

*Trained and tested member of a
religious order. They are the word
and the hand for a greater
purpose.*

Strong: Channeling, Sway.

Touched by Magic: Adversary
has a Magic Gift. They can take
one Burden to give the magic one
Power.

Exhortation: As an Action.
[Exhaust] up to Prowess and give
allies within Close twice the
Exhausted amount Hit-points.

Ordained Attacks

Staff: 1D6+1, Reach, Impact

Templar

*Anointed warrior, unflinching in
their service to the order.*

Strong: Command.

Heavily Armored: Adversary has
Prowess Armor Resistance.

Dangerous: Adversary adds half
Prowess to damage of attacks.

Templar Attacks

Mace: 1D8+4, Impact, Heavy

Smite: [Exhaust], 2D8+4, Impact,
Heavy, Otherwordly

Basilisk



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+4	+4	Armor 2
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+4	
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+0	9

Great serpents prowling ruins and forgotten places. Do not meet their gaze.

Type: Beast.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Reflex, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Stealth.

Gifts

Avoid Gaze: Adversary's Gaze can be avoided by taking Disadvantage on a Test against the adversary.

Bestial Mobility: Jump or Climb Pace without Tests.

Darksight: Darkness does not Disadvantage the Adversary.

Petrifying Gaze: When adversary attacks it provokes a Reflex Burden Test from the opponent, unless they Avoid Gaze. On a failed Burden Test opponent suffers a Petrify Affliction.

Petrify: Reduce Reflex Defense by 1D4. When Reflex is reduced to zero the target is turned to stone.

Basilisk Attacks

Harm: 1D8, Intimate

Stare: Reflex Burden vs Petrify or Avoid Gaze. One target within Close

Maneuver: Challenge, Vulnerability, Grapple

Beasts: Large



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+6	+3	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+6	
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+0	16

Type: Beast.

Size: Large. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Reflex.

Gifts

Aversion Fire: Successful Presence Attack with strong source of the element causes Adversary's Morale to fail. Opposed with Will.

Large Beast Attacks

Harm: 2D6, Intimate

Maneuver: Shove, Vulnerability, Grapple

Carrion Scarab

Great glittering beetle pushing a ball of carrion. Honourable burial to some.

Carrion Ball: Provokes a Vigor Burden Test on touch. On a failed Test gain **Carrion Rot:** Reduce Vigor by one, if reduced to zero suffer a Wound. Make a Vigor Burden Test each Rest until Affliction is healed.

Armored Hide: Adversary has Prowess Armor Resistance.

Carrion Scarab Attacks

Ramming Charge: Move Pace in line dealing Harm damage to all targets in the path of the movement. Can be opposed with Vigor, ending the movement on success.

Grizzly

Hulking gray beasts revered as rulers of woods. Easily enraged by presence of mortals.

Fury: [Exhaust] to add 1D6 to damage, Vigor or Will Test.

Frenzy: When Adversary's Morale fails they attack the nearest being until calmed with a Presence Test against their Will. During Frenzy damage is increased by 1D6.

Maul: Adversary deals Harm damage on physical Maneuvers.

Beasts: Medium



Prowess +4	Reflex +4	Resistances Armor
Burden	Vigor +2	Mental
Pace Close	Will +0	Hit-points 9

Type: Beast.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Reflex.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Vigor.

Gifts

Aversion Fire: Successful Presence Attack with strong source of the element causes Adversary's Morale to fail. Opposed with Will.

Medium Beast Attacks

Harm: 1D6, Intimate

Maneuver: Surprise, Vulnerability, Opportunity

Ape

Fierce and territorial. Easily angered but also easily placated.

Bestial Mobility: Jump or Climb Pace without Tests.

Fury: [Exhaust] to add 1D6 to damage, Vigor or Will Test.

Ape Attacks

Throw: 1D4, Thrown

Boar

Wild and ill tempered with dagger like tusks. Favoured prey when glory is the goal of a hunt.

Fury: Exhaust to add 1D6 to damage, Vigor or Will Test.

Frenzy: When Adversary's Morale fails they attack the nearest being until calmed with a Presence Test against their Will. During Frenzy damage is increased by 1D6.

Boar Attacks

Ramming Charge: Move Pace in line dealing Harm damage to all targets in the path of the movement. Can be opposed with Vigor, ending the movement on success.

Beasts: Medium

Great Serpent

Serpent as thick as a man. They crush and swallow their prey.

Climber: Can climb their Pace without requiring Tests.

Great Serpent Attacks

Constrict: 2D6. Grapple a being and impose Disadvantage on physical actions.

Tiger

Great cats. They pounce from hiding and disappear again with their prey.

Strong: Stealth.

Bestial Mobility: Jump or Climb Pace without Tests.

Darksight: Darkness does not Disadvantage Adversary.

Unseen Strike: Add +1D6 damage to Surprise Attacks.

Wolf

Wild intelligent canines. Known to see mortals as prey.

Strong: Notice.

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Keen Senses: Advantage on Test to find tracks and notice beings.

Pack Hunter: As a Response Adversary gives Advantage to attack of an ally within Reach of the same target.

Beasts: Small



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+2	+2	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+1	Hit-points
Pace	Will	4
Close	+0	

Type: Beast.

Size: Small. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Reflex.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Vigor.

Gifts

Small: Advantage to Stealth.

Small Beast Attacks

Harm: 1D4, Intimate

Maneuver: Surprise, Vulnerability,
Opportunity

Crow

Black carrion eaters. Watchful and intelligent. Favoured as familiars.

Pace: Near.

Strong: Notice, Study.

Flight: Adversary is able to fly its Pace.

Keen Senses: Advantage on Test to find tracks and notice beings.

Mimicry: Adversary has limited ability to mimic mortal speech.

Viper

Poisonous serpents hiding in underbrush. Favoured Servants of swamp sorcerers.

Strong: Stealth.

Poison Vigor: On hit poison target. 1D6+Challenge physical damage for Challenge rounds. Difficulty 10 + Challenge.

Chimera



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+7	+4	Armor 4
Burden	Vigor	Mental 4
Pace	Will	Hit-points 17
Close	+4	

Gifts

Bestial Mobility: Jump or Climb Pace without Tests.

Chimera: Choose three Chimera Forms from options on the next page.

Aversion Fire: Successful Presence Attack with strong source of the element causes Adversarys Morale to fail. Opposed with Will.

Legend says all beasts were one in the beginning. Chimera is an elder sibling, still containing many in one form.

Type: Beast.

Size: Large. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Challenge): Attack, Athletics.

Capable (+Half Challenge): Notice, Reflex, Vigor, Will.

Chimera Attacks

Harm: 2D6, Intimate

Maneuver: Vulnerability, Surprise, Grapple

Chimera: Forms



1. Ram

Strong: Will.

Ramming Charge: Move Pace in line dealing Harm damage to all targets in the path of the movement. Can be opposed with Vigor, ending the movement on success.

2. Serpent

Strong: Reflex.

Poison Vigor: 2D6, Intimate. On hit create Vigor Hazard. 1D6 physical damage for Prowess rounds. Difficulty 10 + Prowess.

3. Eagle

Strong: Will.

Flight: Adversary is able to fly its Pace.

Passing Strike: Adversary is able to attack as part of the movement.

4. Wolf

Strong: Reflex.

Keen Senses: Advantage on Test to find tracks and notice beings.

5. Bear

Strong: Vigor.

Fury: [Exhaust] to add 1D6 to damage, Vigor or Will Test.

6. WyrM

Strong: Vigor.

Fire Breath: Create an inferno Close across. Those within fire suffer half Prowess D6 damage on a failed Reflex Test vs 10 + Prowess. Fire persists for one Round. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

Cultist



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+3	+3	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+0	2
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+3	8

Type: Mortal.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Reflex, Will.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Stealth.

Gifts

Fearless: Adversary does not make Morale Tests.

Cultist Attacks

Harm: 1, Intimate

Blade: 1D8, Sever, Intimate

Maneuver: Vulnerability, Lure, Grapple

Adherent

Member instructed in deeper secrets of their sect. Inquisitor and shepherd for others.

Strong: Channeling, Notice, Sway or Command.

Touched by Magic: Adversary has a Magic Gift. They can take one Burden to give the magic one Power.

Inquisitive: Advantage on Tests to detect lies and interrogate.

Command: Use an Action or Response to give an ally an Action or Response. They can use your Prowess for any Tests.

Fanatic

Wild eyed zealots who see no greater purpose than enacting will of the cult.

Frenzied Clash: When Adversary chooses damage in a melee Clash they deal +1D6 + Prowess damage to their target, whether they win or not.

Dryad



Prowess +4	Reflex +4	Resistances Armor 2
Burden 	Vigor +2	Mental 2
Pace Close	Will +4	Hit-points 9

Nature spirits taking form of mortal figures grown from their bonded plants.

Type: Spirit.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Stealth, Reflex, Will.

Capable (+Half Prowess):

Dryad Attacks

Harm: 1D6 Intimate.

Maneuver: Vulnerability, Lure,
Grapple

Gifts

Darksight: Darkness does not Disadvantage Adversary.

Dryad Bond: Adversary has one Dryad Bond from the options on the next page.

Magic Resistance: [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on a Test against magic.

Nature Speech: Adversary is able to communicate with plants and natural elements as if they shared a language.

Spirit Step: As an Action [Exhaust] to disappear and reappear elsewhere within Pace.

Dryad: Bond

Bloom Dryad

Blooming flowers decorate this being filling the air with intoxicating scent.

Bloom Dryad Attacks

Charming Pollen: As an Action Create a cloud of pollen in area Close across. Cloud is a Will Hazard with Difficulty 10 + Prowess and duration of Prowess Rounds. Those affected will not attack the Dryad or anything they wish to protect and they will use a Response to protect the Dryad if able.

Moss Dryad

Slumped form of a mortal covered with thick blanket of moss.

Moss Dryad Attacks

Slumber Hold: As an Attack against Reflex, Vigor or Will Dryad wraps its arms around a being. On success target being will fall asleep until Rest. Actions against sleeping being are made against Difficulty 10 with Advantage. Damage will wake the being.

Thorn Dryad

Vines bristling with barbed thorns. Red flowers bloom when the Dryad draws blood.

Barbs: Grappling, shoving and similar maneuvers inflict Harm on the attacker.

Thorn Dryad Attacks

Barbed Constrict: As an Attack against Reflex or Vigor Dryad wraps itself around a being. As long as Dryad constricts the being they deal Harm damage at the start of their Turn and recover their Hit-points by Hit-points the target lost. Constricted being has Disadvantage on all Actions except Break.

Twig Dryad

Tall humanoid figure of still living twigs and branches oozing with resin, awkward in its movement.

Twig Dryad Attacks

Encasing Resin: When adversary attacks they provoke a Vigor Burden Test. On a failed Test target gains Encased Affliction. **Encased:** Target beings Reflex is reduced by strength one. Gaining this Affliction for the third time will fully encase the target. As long as they are encased they are unable to take actions or responses and are unaffected by ailments or aging.

Giant



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+8	+4	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+8	Hit-points
Pace	Will	28
Close	+4	

Days of Giants rule are long past, but their might, knowledge and treasures are still legendary.

Type: Giant.

Size: Huge. **Wounds:** 3.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Reflex, Will.

Gifts

Giant Kin: Giant belongs to one Kin. See Giant Kins on the next page.

Giant Attacks

Harm: 3D4 Intimate.

Grab: Adversary grabs a being or object of a smaller size. They can then use following attack options:

- Throw the being up to Close dealing Harm damage to them and anyone they hit.
- Use the being as a weapon dealing Harm damage to them and anyone they hit.

Stomp: [Exhaust] to deal 3D6 damage. All beings within Close make a Reflex Test against Difficulty 10 + Prowess. On failure they fall to ground and have to use an Action to get up.

Maneuver: Challenge, Shove, Vulnerability

Giant: Kin

Cloudkin

Cloudkin have collected great treasures to their high halls. They love receiving gifts and hate giving anything away.

Strong: Sway, Command

Mortal Scent: Advantage to Notice Mortal Blood while able to smell.

Cloudkin Attacks

Coin Pouch: 3D6, Impact

Flamekin

Flamekin retreated from the mortals only to forge and prepare for the coming of their future rule.

Strong: Command, Craft, Study.

Heavily Armored: Adversary has Prowess Armor Resistance.

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Resistance Fire: Reduce damage from element by Prowess.

Flamekin Attacks

Ember Maul: 3D6 + 1D6 fire +4, Impact

Highkin

Said to have taught mortals language and magic. They have rescinded all claims to rule and have withdrawn to their meditations.

Strong: Channeling, Lore, Study

Touched by Magic: Adversary has a Magic Gift. They can take one Burden to give the magic one Power.

Highkin Attacks

Ruler Blade: 3D8, Sever

Wildkin

Wildkin hunt and wander in secluded corners of the world. Easily annoyed by clamor of civilization.

Strong: Notice, Wilds, Beast Insight

Pack: Adversary has 1D4 Beast followers of half Prowess.

Wildkin Attacks

Tooth, Horn and Claw: 3D6, Sever Intimate

Giant Spider



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+5	+3	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+0	15

Horse sized spiders weaving webs as strong as steel.

Type: Beast.

Size: Large. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Stealth, Reflex.

Gifts

Aversion Fire: Successful Presence Attack with strong source of the element causes Adversary's Morale to fail. Opposed with Will.

Wallwalker: Adversary is able to crawl on walls and ceilings their Pace without requiring Tests.

Webwalker: Adversary is able to move on spider webs without risk of getting stuck.

Giant Spider Attacks

Harm: 2D6 Intimate.

Bite: 1D6, Intimate. On hit poison Vigor. 1D6 + Prowess physical damage for Prowess rounds. Difficulty 10 + Prowess.

Web: Thrown, Enweb: Prevent movement and impose Disadvantage on Reflex Tests until broken free, Difficulty 10 + Prowess. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

Maneuver: Grapple, Shove.

Griffin



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+6	+6	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+6	
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+3	16

Majestic and territorial flying beasts. Strong enough to carry off deer and people.

Type: Beast.

Size: Large. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Notice, Reflex, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Stealth, Will.

Griffin Attacks

Harm: 2D6 Intimate.

Maneuver: Grapple, Shove

Gifts

Aversion Fire: Successful Presence Attack with strong source of the element causes Adversary's Morale to fail. Opposed with Will.

Flight: Adversary is able to fly its Pace.

Keen Senses: Advantage on Test to find tracks and notice beings.

Passing Strike: Adversary is able to attack as part of the movement.

Hag



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+8	+4	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+8	4
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+8	13

Seemingly ancient crooked mortals. In truth spirits of trickery, corruption and malice.

Type: Spirit.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Channeling, Vigor, Will.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Stealth, Notice, Reflex.

Hag Attacks

Harm: 1D6+4, Sever, Intimate.

Maneuver: Surprise, Lure, Grapple.

Gifts

Darksight: Darkness does not Disadvantage Adversary.

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Hard to Kill: +1 Wound.

Hag Blood: Adversary has one Hag Blood. See Hag Bloods on the next page.

Magic Resistance: [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on a Test against magic.

Mortal Shape: [Exhaust] to take the form of a mortal.

Shackled to Life: Adversary will regain one Wound when Significant Time passes if their Shackle to Life is not removed.

Sorcerer: Adversary has half Prowess Magic Gifts. They can take up to half their Prowess Burden to give magic Power.

Spirit Step: As an Action [Exhaust] to disappear and reappear elsewhere within Pace.

Hag: Blood

Devourer Hag

They feed on flesh of mortals appreciating fine flavors of belief, corruption and lived life. They drive people towards acts of malice, despair and adventure so they would be well seasoned for a horrid end.

Shackle to Life: Recipe book. When the hags recipe book is destroyed their Shackle to Life is removed.

Devourer Hag Attacks

Feed: Make a melee attack dealing 2D6+Prowess damage and recover Hit-points by opponents Hit-points lost, this can heal a Wound. 1-2 Trouble to regain.

Weaver Hag

They weave tapestries of life stretching across ages. They may weave the future granting blessings and curses for those affected. If this future does not come to pass their tapestry is ruined and so they push mortals to make their tapestry true.

Shackle to Life: First tapestry. When the hags first tapestry is destroyed their Shackle to Life is removed.

Weaver Hag Attacks

Pull Thread: As an Attack against beings Will pull a Thread from them. This Thread can be expended as an Action or Response to have that being take an Action or Response of adversarys choice. While adversary holds a Thread target cannot become Hidden to the adversary.

Dream Hag

They sit on the chests of sleeping mortals taking their dreams and replacing them with nightmares, eventually crippling the victim with hopeless malaise.

Shackle to Life: Dream bag. Bag holding stolen dreams. If dreams are freed the Shackle to Life is removed.

Dream Hag Attacks

Dream Miasma: Fill an area Close across with Dream Miasma. This is a Will Hazard against Difficulty 10 + Prowess. Miasma remains for half Prowess Rounds. Affected beings suffer Harm mental damage and consider all other beings as Hidden for as long as they are affected. Regain use on 1-2 Trouble Check.

Harpy



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+3	+3	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+2	8

Bestial winged beings, easily mistaken for a mortals. Known for their alluring song.

Type: Beast.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Notice, Reflex.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Vigor, Will.

Gifts

Flight: Adversary is able to fly its Pace.

Compelling song: Attack beings Will. On success target moves its Pace towards the Adversary. Target has Disadvantage on Tests to resist Hazards during this movement.

Flock: Two or more Adversaries acting as a group are able to lift a medium sized being into air and carry them.

Harpy Attacks

Harm: 1D6, Sever, Intimate.

Drop Stone: 2D6, Impact. Finding new stone or a suitable heavy item requires two Actions.

Monstrous Bat



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+5	+3	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+5	
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+0	15

*Black wings covering the moon.
Screech that freezes steps of the
prey.*

Type: Beast.

Size: Large. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Notice, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Stealth, Reflex.

Gifts

Aversion Fire: Successful Presence Attack with strong source of the element causes Adversary's Morale to fail. Opposed with Will.

Flight: Adversary is able to fly its Pace.

Darksight: Darkness does not Disadvantage Adversary.

Passing Strike: Adversary is able to attack as part of the movement.

Monstrous Bat Attacks

Harm: 2D6, Sever, Intimate.

Stunning Screech: All within Close make a Will Test vs Difficulty 10+Prowess. On failure lose Response and move to the bottom of Initiative. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

Ogre



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+5	+3	Armor 3
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+5	
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+0	15

Brutish hulks with unending appetites. They will not bother those proven stronger than them.

Type: Giant.

Size: Large. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Reflex.

Ogre Attacks

Harm: 2D4 Intimate.

Grab: Adversary grabs a being or object of smaller size. They can then use following attack options:

- Throw the being up to Close dealing Harm damage to them and anyone they hit.
 - Use the being as a weapon dealing Harm damage to them and anyone they hit.
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Plow Axe: 2D8, Sever

Maneuver: Vulnerability, Shove

Omen Hound



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+5	+5	Armor 3
Burden	Vigor	Mental 3
Pace	Will	Hit-points 10
Close	+5	

*Shaggy hound with piercing eyes.
Its silence is a sign of good luck.*

Type: Spirit.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Notice, Reflex,
Will.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Stealth, Vigor.

Gifts

Hard to Kill: Adversary has +1
Wound.

Keen Senses: Advantage on Test
to find tracks and notice beings.

Magic Resistance: [Exhaust] to
gain Advantage on a Test against
magic.

Omen: Adversary has one Omen.
See Omens on the next page.

Spirit Step: As an Action
[Exhaust] to disappear and
reappear elsewhere within Pace.

Omen Hound Attacks

Harm: 1D6, Intimate.

Omen Bark: Bark of an Omen Hound
provokes a Will Burden Test from
beings within Near. On a failed Test
they are Afflicted by the Omen.

Omen Hound can bark as an action
once a Round, after the third bark
the Hound will attempt to leave.

Omen Hound: Omens



Omen of Blindness

Gray hound with white blind eyes.

Omen of Blindness: Gain a Disadvantage on all Test requiring sight. You cannot gain this Affliction more than three times.

If you remove three Omens of Blindness increase Awareness by +1.

Omen of Death

Black hound with glowing yellow eyes.

Omen of Death: Reduce maximum hit-points by half Prowess. You cannot gain this Affliction more than three times.

If you remove three Omens of Death increase Vigor by +1.

Omen of Misfortune

Rust coloured hound with black eyes.

Omen of Misfortune: Reduce result of your Test die by number of Misfortune Afflictions. You cannot gain this Affliction more than three times.

If you remove three Omens of Misfortune increase Burden Threshold by +1.

Omen of Sickness

Sickly dirty brown hound with green eyes.

Omen of Sickness: Reduce Strength and Vigor by one. You cannot gain this Affliction more than three times.

If you remove three Omens of Misfortune increase Strength by +1.

Risen



Prowess +3	Reflex +3	Resistances Armor
Burden	Vigor +2	Mental
Pace	Will +0	Hit-points 8
Close		

Type: Dead.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Reflex.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Vigor.

Gifts

Undead: Mortal diseases, poisons and brews will not affect the Adversary. When they suffer their last Wound they make a Burden Test. On success they drop to 1 Hit-point instead.

Rise: Adversary regains a Wound on Significant Time. Unless defeated by Otherworldly damage or destroyed by fire.

Risen Attacks

Harm: 1D6 Intimate.

Maneuver: Vulnerability, Grapple.

Mindless Shambler

Dead remains puppeteered by will of another.

Mindless: Being is not affected by mental damage or effects targeting Will.

Puppet: Being is controlled by another. Controller can be targeted by Attacking puppets Will with Disadvantage.

Ravenous

Mindless horror devouring any being it catches.

Mindless: Being is not affected by mental damage or effects targeting Will.

Ravenous Attacks

Feed: 2D6, Sever, Intimate. Only on Grappled target.

Risen Warrior

Clad in shredded armor, wielding rusted blades. Dried sinew still remembers how to strike.

Armored: Adversary has Half Prowess Armor Resistance.

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Risen Warrior Attacks

Spear: 1D6/1D8 + 2, Great Reach, Thrown

Death Touch: Exhaust, Provoke a Vigor Burden Test. On failure gain **Death Touched** Affliction reducing maximum Hit-points by half Prowess.

Rogue



Prowess +3	Reflex +3	Resistances Armor
Burden	Vigor +2	Mental
Pace Close	Will +0	Hit-points 8

Type: Mortal.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Stealth, Reflex.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Notice, Thievery, Vigor.

Gifts

Unseen Strike: Add +1D6 damage to Surprise Attacks.

Rogue Attacks

Harm: 1, Intimate

Knife: 1D6, Sever, Intimate, Thrown

Maneuver: Surprise, Lure, Grapple

Assassin

Cold killers hidden in shadows. Bound by reputation and a need to see a commission through.

Strong: Attack, Will.

Assassin: Ignore Armor on Surprise Attacks.

Assassin Attacks

Poisoned Blade: 1D6, Intimate, Discreet, Thrown. Vigor Hazard Difficulty 10 + Prowess for Prowess Rounds. 2D6 + Prowess physical damage on failure.

Hand Crossbow: 1D8, Missile, Slow

Thief

Thieves like to take but prefer not to harm. Coin is their high god but thrill is part of the pantheon.

Strong: Thievery, Notice.

Thief Attacks

Low Blow: 1D4 mental. Made against Reflex.

Thug

Hardened alley predators looking for easy coin and cheap fun.

Strong: Attack.

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Thug Attacks

Club: 1D6 + 2, Impact

Pummel: [Exhaust] 2D6 +2, Impact

Sculpted



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+4	+4	Armor 4
Burden	Vigor	Mental 2
Pace	Will	Hit-points 9
Close	+0	

Type: Mortal.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Reflex, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice.

Gifts

Flesh of Stone: Adversary doesn't need to sleep, eat or breathe. Adversary has Prowess Armor Resistance.

Words of Command: Adversary has Advantage on Will Tests and has to follow orders of their master. Words of Command can be removed by dedicating Significant Time.

Sculpted Attacks

Harm: 1D6, Impact, Intimate

Maneuver: Find the Gap, Shove, Grapple

Gargoyle

Eternal watchers of holy halls sculpted in myriad shapes, beautiful and monstrous.

Strong: Notice, Stealth.

Unseen Strike: Add +1D6 damage to Surprise Attacks.

Lesser Flight: Adversary is able to glide down their Pace and can Test against Burden to fly up to their Pace.

Gargoyle Attacks

Burning Censer: 1D4 + 1D6 Fire, Impact

Crash: Drop down on opponent dealing 3D6 damage. On failure deal 3D6 damage to self.

Legionnaire

Guardians of tombs and stone fist of sorcerer kingdoms. Shackled to duty by words of command.

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Legionnaire Attacks

Spear: 1D6/1D10+3, Great Reach, Throw

Coordinated Strike: Ally within Reach uses a Response. +1 damage die.

Sculpted: Amalgamation



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+7	+4	Armor 7
Burden	Vigor	Mental 4
Pace	Will	Hit-points 17
Close	+4	

Type: Mortal.

Size: Large. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Reflex, Will.

Gifts

Flesh of Stone: Adversary doesn't need to sleep, eat or breathe. Adversary has Challenge Armor Resistance.

Words of Command: Adversary has Advantage on Will Tests and has to follow orders of their master. Words of Command can be removed by dedicating Significant Time.

Sculpted Amalgamation: Adversary has one Amalgamation Form. See next page.

Amalgamation Attacks

Harm: 2D6, Impact, Intimate

Maneuver: Vulnerability, Shove, Grapple

Sculpted: Amalgamation Forms

Oculus

Knot of bodies bound together, unclosing eyes watching every direction.

Strong: Notice.

Keen Senses: Advantage on Test to find tracks and notice beings.

Oculus Attacks

Ramming Charge: Move Pace in line dealing Harm damage to all targets in the path of the movement. Can be opposed with Vigor, ending the movement on success.

Arrow Spit: 2D6. Missile.

Smash: 2D6. Impact.

Warning Screech: 1D6 mental to all within Far. 1-2 Trouble to regain.

Prism

Relief of honoured sorcerers mounted on a palanguin. Ensured loyalty of apprentices and masters.

Strong: Channeling.

Sorcerer: Adversary has half Prowess Magic Gifts. They can take up to half their Prowess Burden to give magic Power.

Prism Attacks

Ramming Charge: Move Pace in line dealing Harm damage to all targets in the path of the movement. Can be opposed with Vigor, ending the movement on success.

Carrier Spear: 2D6. Great Reach.

Dancer

Two slender figures joined together as one. Visage of glory and carnage.

Strong: Reflex.

Fast: [Exhaust] to move Pace as a second option in a Clash.

Dancer Attacks

Whirlwind: Attack all within melee reach 2D6 damage. Sever.

Blade Dervish: 2D6 damage. Sever. [Exhaust] to deal +1 die damage.

Impale: 2D6 damage. Sever. Grapple target.

Blade Throw: 2D6 damage. Thrown

Golem

Each limb a person, forming a hulking figure. Created from the most loyal subjects.

Strong: Will.

Golems Strength: +1 Wound, +1 physical damage die.

Golem Attacks

Harm: 3D6, Impact, Intimate

Ramming Charge: Move Pace in line dealing Harm damage to all targets in the path of the movement. Can be opposed with Vigor, ending the movement on success.

Crab: Grapple target. Use target as weapon dealing Harm damage to them and the target.

Throw: Thrown, Throw grabbed object or being dealing Harm damage.

Shadow



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+3	+2	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+0	2
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+2	8

A flitting shadow of a mortal form. Its whispers always at the edge of hearing.

Type: Outsider.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Stealth.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Reflex, Will.

Gifts

Darksight: Darkness does not Disadvantage Adversary.

Hide in Shadow: Adversary can hide in another beings shadow at an Advantage.

Shadow Battle: As an Action being wielding a lightsource can align their own or an allys shadow to with the Shadow. Aligned being can take physical actions against the Shadow. These actions will affect the Shadow fully.

Shadow Form: Adversary is partially affected by physical world. Walls and ceilings block the adversarys passage. Adversary is unaffected by physical damage. Armor does not protect against adversarys damage. Otherworldly items affect the adversary fully.

Unseen Strike: Add +1D6 damage to Surprise Attacks.

Shadow Attacks

Harm: 1D6 mental, Intimate

Maneuver: Surprise, Daze

Specter



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+4	+2	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+0	2
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+4	9

Lost souls trapped to wander the mortal world. Shackled by unfinished business.

Type: Dead.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Will.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Reflex.

Gifts

Incorporeal: Adversary cannot affect or be affected by physical world. Walls and physical obstacles do not bar adversarys passage. Adversary is unaffected by physical damage. Armor does not protect against Adversarys damage. Otherworldly items affect the being fully.

Undead: Mortal diseases, poisons and brews will not affect the Adversary. When they suffer their last Wound they make a Burden Test. On success they drop to 1 Hit-point instead.

Shackled to Life: Adversary will regain one Wound when Significant Time passes if its Shackle to Life is not removed. See Shackles on the following page.

Bound to Remains: Adversary cannot travel far from its remains.

Specter Attacks

Harm: 1D6 mental, Intimate. Oppose with Reflex or Will.

Maneuver: Vulnerability, Lure

Specter: Shackles



Specter Shackles

Victim: Address the crime committed within the ghosts past community or to ghost itself.

1

Accusing Howl: Attack Will of all within Far dealing 2D6 + Prowess mental damage. 1-2 Trouble Check to recover.

Trapped: Bring remains to freedom.

2

Paralyze Will: Attack beings Will. On success they lose ability to take Actions and Responses other than Break. Actions against them are made against Difficulty 10 with Advantage. Broken with successful Will Test VS Difficulty 10 + Prowess. 1-2 Trouble Check to recover.

Purpose: Convince the Ghost their purpose has been fulfilled.

3

Possession: Attack beings Will. On success adversary disappears and uses possessed being to take actions on its following Turns. Can be broken with a Will Test opposed by adversarys Attack. 1-2 Trouble Check to recover.

Hunger and Cold: Give remains food and shelter.

4

Hungering Howl: Attack Will of all within Far provoking a Will Burden Test. If the Test fails cause Starvation Affliction. 1-2 Trouble Check to recover.

Trickster Cat



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+5	+5	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+3	3
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+5	7

Seemingly common cat. When it thinks no one is looking it whistles mortal songs or walks on two feet.

Type: Spirit.

Size: Small. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess): Attack, Athletics, Stealth, Reflex, Will.

Capable (+Half Prowess): Notice, Vigor.

Gifts

Aversion Merriment: Music, dance and merriment is a Presence Attack against Adversarys Will. On failed Defense their Morale fails and they cannot help but partake in the merriment abandoning other goals.

Bestial Mobility: Jump or Climb Pace without Tests.

Darksight: Darkness does not Disadvantage Adversary.

Magic Reflection: In a Clash against magic Adversary can use a Response to reflect magic. If they win the Clash the channeler is affected by their magic. Adversary can choose to maintain Focus on magic.

Small: Adversary has Advantage on Stealth.

Spirit Step: As an Action [Exhaust] to disappear and reappear elsewhere within Pace.

Trickster Cat Type: Adversary has on Trickster Cat type. Types can be found on the next page.

Trickster Cat Attacks

Harm: 1D6, Intimate

Maneuver: Surprise, Daze, Opportunity

Trickster Cat: Type



Black Cat

Black cats fond of graveyards and crossroads. They steal away souls of recently dead.

Evil Eye: Attack beings Will. On failed Defense they have Disadvantage on one Prowess or Defense until Significant Time passes.

Spotted Cat

Comfort loving cats used to having mortals do their bidding.

Cat Possession: [Exhaust] to Attack beings Will. On a failed Defense Cat possesses them until the effect is broken. On targets Initiative they can use an Action to Break the effect with a Will Test against the Cats attack. Possessing Cat takes its actions as a being it has possessed.

Smiling Cat

Wild cats that speak mortal languages. Their smile lingers after they are gone.

Confusion: Attack beings Will. On failed Test whenever they make a Test roll a 1D6 and use the result as Prowess or Defense bonus on the Test. Confusion lasts until Significant Time passes.

Old Cat

Cat grown old enough to grow a second tail. Grouchy and prone to direct mortals to danger. They know how to speak mortal languages.

Mortal Form: As an Action [Exhaust] to adopt a Mortal form. Cat retains their Prowess and Gifts but gains Hit-points and natural Gifts of their chosen form. Cat can drop the form at any time.

Troll



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+7	+7	Armor 4
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+7	
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+0	17

*Lurking terrors of wild swamps,
deep caverns and high peaks.
Always hungry, always growing.*

Type: Giant.

Size: Large. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Notice, Reflex,
Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Stealth.

Gifts

Aversion Fire: Successful Presence Attack with strong source of the element causes Adversary's Morale to fail. Opposed with Will.

Weakened by Fire: When the being suffers fire damage their Hit-point maximum is reduced by the damage.

Darksight: Darkness does not Disadvantage Adversary.

Grow Stronger: When Adversary heals a Wound their hit-point maximum increases by one.

Regeneration: Recover Prowess Hit-Points at the start of the Turn, this can heal a Wound.

Thick Hide: Adversary has half Prowess Armor Resistance.

Troll Attacks

Harm: 2D6 Intimate.

Grab: Adversary grabs a being or object of smaller size. They can then use following attack options:

- Throw the being up to Close dealing Harm damage to them and anyone they hit.
- Use the being as a weapon dealing Harm damage to them and anyone they hit.

Vampire



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+8	+8	Armor
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+8	
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+4	13

*Immortals bound to the night.
Only thing that truly fulfills them is
blood of the living, hunted or
herded.*

Type: Dead.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Challenge):
Attack, Athletics, Reflex, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Challenge):
Stealth, Notice, Will.

Gifts

Aversion Vampiric Aversion: Successful Presence Attack with strong source of the element causes Adversary's Morale to fail. Opposed with Will. Vampiric Aversions are found on the next page.

Darksight: Darkness does not Disadvantage Adversary.

Destroyed by Sun: Adversary takes Prowess D6 fire damage when exposed to light of the sun.

Rise: Adversary regains a Wound on Significant Time. Unless defeated by Otherworldly damage or destroyed by fire.

Undead: Mortal diseases, poisons and brews will not affect the Adversary. When they suffer their last Wound they make a Burden Test. On success they drop to 1 Hit-point instead.

Vampiric Power: Adversary has one Vampiric Power. Two if they are progenitor and three if they are an elder. Vampiric Powers are found on the next page.

Vampire Attacks

Harm: 1D6, Intimate.

Vampiric Bite: 2D6, Intimate, Only from grapple or Surprise. Heal Hit-points by targets lost Hit-points. This can heal Wounds.

Vampire: Powers & Aversions

Vampiric Powers

Strong: Notice, Wilds, Beast Insight

- 1 **Beastcall:** Call beasts to aid. Total Prowess of called beasts is Vampires Prowess. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

Strong: Notice, Sway, Command

- 2 **Hypnosis:** [Exhaust] to Attack a beings Will. On success being takes an Action of your choosing or does not act at all. Alternatively use a Response to use Hypnosis as an option in a Clash.

Strong: Notice, Stealth, Thievery

- 3 **Wallwalker:** Adversary is able to crawl on walls and ceilings without Tests.

Strong: Sway, Stealth, Perform

- 4 **Shapeshift:** [Exhaust] to adopt form of a mortal or a beast.

Vampiric Aversions

- 1 **Spurned Faith:** Symbols of vampires past faith are a strong source of Aversion.

- 2 **Running Water:** Rivers and strong currents of water are a strong source of Aversion.

- 3 **Uninvited:** Entering a home uninvited is a strong a source of Aversion.

- 4 **Common Condiment:** One type of food or ingredient is a strong source of Aversion.

1. Garlic, 2. Alcohol, 3. Rice, 4. Beasts blood

- 5 **Reflection:** Witnessing its reflection is a strong source of Aversion.

- 6 **Loyal Beast:** Sounds of friendly beasts is a strong source of Aversion.

1. Rooster, 2. Hound, 3. Sheep, 4. Cat

Warrior



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+3	+3	Armor 2
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+3	
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+0	8

Type: Mortal.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Reflex, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Athletics, Notice.

Gifts

Armored: Adversary has Half Prowess Armor Resistance.

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Warrior Attacks

Harm: 3, Intimate

Blade: 1D8+2, Sever, Intimate

Maneuver: Grapple, Shove, Find the Gap

Berserker

Howling bloodletters of marauding bands. Eager for challenge and a danger even to their own.

Fury: [Exhaust] to add 1D6 to damage, Vigor or Will Test.

Berserker Attacks

Greataxe: 1D10+3, Sever, Heavy

Frenzied Swings: [Exhaust] 1D10+3, Sever. Target all within Reach.

Mercenary

Guards and footsoldiers. Mercenarys creed is good pay for little risk, fortune for a high risk.

Formation: Adversary gives +1 Help bonus to melee Attacks of an ally within Reach.

Mercenary Attacks

Spear: 1D6+3, Great Reach, Thrown

Coordinated Strike: Ally within Reach uses a Response. +1 damage die.

Warder

Hooded warriors striking from shadows before disappearing again.

Strong: Stealth.

Unseen Strike: Add +1D6 damage to Surprise Attacks.

Warder Attacks

Warbow: 1D8+3, Missile

Aim: [Exhaust] 2D8+3, Missile.

Wraith



Prowess +6	Reflex +3	Resistances Armor
Burden 	Vigor +0	Mental 3
Pace Close	Will +6	Hit-points 11

Lingering souls who chose their shackles. Danger to all who cross paths.

Type: Dead.

Size: Medium. **Wounds:** 1.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Command, Will.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Reflex.

Wraith Attacks

Harm: 1D6 mental, Intimate. Oppose with Reflex or Will.

Maneuver: Vulnerability, Lure

Gifts

Incorporeal: Adversary cannot affect or be affected by physical world. Walls and physical obstacles do not bar adversary's passage. Adversary is unaffected by physical damage. Armor does not protect against Adversary's damage. Otherworldly items affect the being fully.

Undead: Mortal diseases, poisons and brews will not affect the Adversary. When they suffer their last Wound they make a Burden Test. On success they drop to 1 Hit-point instead.

Shackled to Life: Adversary will regain one Wound when Significant Time passes if its Shackle to Life is not removed. See Shackles on the following page.

Bound to Remains: Adversary cannot travel far from its remains.

Wraith: Shackles

Wraith Shackles

- 1 **True Vow:** Adversary chose to serve. They will not leave, however they will not harass proven allies.
Vow Blade: 2D6 + Prowess mental. Oppose with Reflex or Will.

- 2 **Unjust Vow:** Adversary was Coerced into eternal servitude. Unshackled by filling the letter of the vow.
Sorrow Blade: 1D6 + Prowess mental. Oppose with Reflex or Will. Provoke a Will Burden Test. On a failed Test suffer Mental Affliction.

- 3 **Fear:** They are afraid of what is beyond. Unshackled by proper internment of remains.
Drain Life: Attack beings Will provoking a Will Burden Test. On a failed Test they gain Life Drain Affliction and reduce Hit-point maximum by Prowess. Adversarys Hit-point maximum increases by Prowess.

- 4 **Envy:** Living do not deserve life and its riches. Unshackled by destruction of treasured possessions.
Possession: Attack beings Will. On success adversary possesses the target being. On its following Turns it will take actions as the possessed being. Can be broken with a Will Test opposed by adversarys Attack. Test at the end of Possessed being Turn. 1-2 Trouble Check to recover.

Wyrms: Great



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+10	+5	Armor 10
Burden	Vigor	Mental 5
Pace	Will	Hit-points 30
Close	+5	

Great legends. Often regarded as equal to gods or forces of nature. Something mortals just have to live with.

Type: Wyrms.

Size: Huge. **Wounds:** 3.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Reflex, Will.

Gifts

Darksight: Darkness does not Disadvantage Adversary.

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Fearsome: When Adversary becomes part of the Conflict characters have to roll Initiative with Will. Those who fail suffer a Mental Affliction in addition to acting after npcs.

Terrifying Deed: When adversary succeeds in an attack or act of destruction [Exhaust] to have characters re-roll Initiative with Will. Those who fail suffer Mental Affliction in addition to acting after npcs. Difficulty 10 + Prowess. 1-2 Trouble to regain

Iron Scales: Adversary has Prowess Armor Resistance.

Passing Strike: Adversary is able to attack as part of the movement.

Wyrms Blood: Adversary has one Wyrms Blood. See Wyrms Bloods.

Wyrms Attacks

Harm: 3D6+5 Intimate.

Tail Bash: 3D6+5, Great Reach.

Devour: Target of a smaller size category is grappled and suffers Harm damage at the end of their Turn, Vigor Test to resist. Difficulty 10 + Prowess.

Wurm: Young



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+7	+4	Armor 4
Burden	Vigor	Mental 4
Pace	Will	Hit-points 17
Close	+4	

Being of legend. Young enough to offer a questing knight some hope of victory.

Type: Wurm.

Size: Large. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Challenge):
Attack, Athletics, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Challenge):
Notice, Reflex, Will.

Wurm Attacks

Harm: 2D6+4 Intimate.

Tail Bash: 2D6+4, Great Reach, Impact.

Gifts

Darksight: Darkness does not Disadvantage Adversary.

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Passing Strike: Adversary is able to attack as part of the movement.

Wurm Blood: Adversary has one Wurm Blood. See Wurm Bloods.

Thick Hide: Adversary has half Prowess Armor Resistance.

Wyrms: Blood

1. Death Wyrms

Flight: Adversary is able to fly its Pace.

Drain Life: Attack Vigor of half Prowess beings within sight. All affected make a Vigor Burden Test. On a failed Test their Hit-point maximum is reduced by half Prowess. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

2. Fire Wyrms

Flight: Adversary is able to fly its Pace.

Fire Breath: Create an inferno Close Across. Those within fire suffer half Prowess D6 damage on a failed Reflex Test vs 10 + Prowess. Fire persists for one Round. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

3. Floral Wyrms

Burrow: Adversary is able to Burrow its Pace in soft earth or gravel.

Lulling Breath: Create a cloud of pollen in area Close across. On a failed Will Test vs 10 + Prowess affected being suffers Disadvantage on Reflex and Will and will fall asleep if they are affected again. Cloud persists for half Prowess Rounds. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

4. Lindwyrms

Burrow: Adversary is able to Burrow its Pace in soft earth or gravel.

Poison Breath: Create a poisonous cloud in area Close across. Those within cloud suffer Harm damage on failed Vigor Test vs 10 + Prowess. Cloud persists for half Prowess Rounds. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

5. Sea Serpents

Aquatic: Adversary is able to breathe underwater. While swimming adversary's Pace is increased by a Distance Step.

Raise Waves: Raise wave to crash over area Near across. Those caught within take half Prowess D6 damage on a failed Vigor Test vs 10 + Prowess and are dragged to the edge of the area. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

6. Sun Wyrms

Flight: Adversary is able to fly its Pace.

Radiance: All within Near suffer Harm damage and are blinded on a failed Reflex Test. Blinded beings suffer Disadvantage on all Tests requiring sight. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

Wyvern



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+8	+4	Armor 4
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+8	
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+0	18

Ravenous flying monsters. Often mistaken for true wyrms, for most this makes little difference.

Type: Wym.

Size: Large. **Wounds:** 2.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Reflex.

Gifts

Aversion Fire: Successful Presence Attack with strong source of the element causes Adversarys Morale to fail. Opposed with Will.

Flight: Adversary is able to fly its Pace.

Frenzy: When Adversarys Morale fails they attack the nearest being until Rest. Damage is increased by 1D6.

Passing Strike: Adversary is able to attack as part of the movement.

Thick Hide: Adversary has half Prowess Armor Resistance.

Wyvern Attacks

Harm: 2D8, Intimate.

Maneuver: Grapple, Shove.

Wyvern Stinger: 2D6, Great Reach. On hit 2D6 Vigor poison for half Prowess Rounds. Difficulty 10 + Prowess. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain ability to poison.

Great Adversaries

Lieutenants, monsters and villains are Great Adversaries. They hold a significant role in the story and pose a significant challenge. Great Adversaries follow same basic rules as common adversaries difference comes from Sources of Power.

Sources of Power

Monsters and villains have Sources of Power that function as their Guides. Sources of Power can be used to Draw Strength activating powerful abilities.

- Each Source of Power increases adversarys Prowess and Wounds by +1. If Source of Power is removed these benefits are also removed
- Sources of Power have a passive, always present effect and an active effect that is activated when Strength is Drawn from the Source
- Great Adversary Regains Strength to one Source of Power when they achieve a goal
- Sources of Power have a weakness that can be leveraged to remove the Source from the adversary
- Great Adversary can have one to five Sources of Power

Source of Power Weaknesses

Weakness of the Source varies. Weakness can be as simple as power being housed in an amulet that can be stolen or as complex as demonic contract adversary has to be tricked into breaking.

- Successfully leveraging the weakness removes Source of Power from the adversary
- How to leverage the weakness depends on the Source. Investigating the adversary is wise

Impact of Sources of Power

Sources of Power have a significant effect on adversarys strength and role. Lieutenants and famed monsters might have only one to two Sources and are fitting minor antagonists. True villains should have three to five Sources. Facing them without removing at least one or two should be a deadly challenge.

Types of Sources of Power

1-2 Bonds

3-4 Boons

5-6 Curse

7-8 Domain

9-10 Innate

Sources of Power: Bonds

Relationships, beliefs and ambitions that give strength. Bonds are Sources of Power for adversaries who believe they are working for a greater purpose and hold this purpose at the core of their being. Unfeeling and purely destructive adversaries are unlikely to possess Bonds.

Bond Effects:

- **Passive:** Adversary can Exhaust to gain bonus on a Test
- **Active:** Draw Strength from a Bond to regain Hit-points and Break one effect

Special: Bonds cannot be removed, instead they can be leveraged to attempt to remove one other Source of Power. This may have significant impact on adversary's goals and methods.

Weakness: If the adversary is convinced another Source of Power undermines their Bond they make a Will Burden Test. On success Bond remains and the other Source of Power is removed. On failure the Bond is removed.

Bond Examples

1 **Creed:** Adversary believes in vows, laws or principles. If their actions can be shown to undermine this creed a Source of Power is removed.

2 **Fear:** Adversary is afraid and their actions are driven by hidden desperation. Easing the fear removes a Source of Power.

3 **Glory:** Adversary strives for great name and place in history. If their legacy can be shown to be tainted a Source of Power is removed.

4 **Love:** Adversary believes they are acting out of love. If this can be shown to be false a Source of Power is removed.

5 **Protection:** Adversary believes their actions protect the needy. If this is shown to be false a Source of Power is removed.

6 **Vengeance:** Adversary is driven by vengeance. If this is shown to be fruitless or playing into their enemys hand a Source of Power is removed.

Sources of Power: Boons

Boons are special gifts gained or coerced through rituals, pacts and alliances. Boons are often represented by rings, blades, scepters, honour guards or other visible and tangible signs of power.

Weakness: Boon can be stolen or otherwise removed, removing the Source of Power. Amulet can be stolen, alliance can be broken and adversary can be caught without their guardians.

Boon Examples

A Token of Power: Source is housed in an artefact, amulet, sword, flower crown or perhaps a banner. Losing the artefact removes the Source of Power.

Coerced Boon: A being of power is trapped by the adversary, their release will remove the Source of Power.

Honor Guard: Protection of a trusted guard. Luring them away for important missions or catching the adversary without them removes the Source of Power.

Rite of Power: A ritual is maintained daily to ensure the power. If ritual were to fail for a day the Source of Power would be removed.

Watcher: Alliance marked by an aide and a watcher. They will help the adversary as long as they stay the right course. Proof of broken alliance will remove the Source of Power.

Written Pact: Source is gained and detailed by a written pact. Causing the pact to break will remove the Source of Power.

Sources of Power: Curses

Curse gifts the adversary with abilities to commit their deeds and compels them to strange acts. Curses are marked by discreet stigmas.

Weakness: Curses can be broken or momentarily quelled. When this is done adversary loses the Source of Power.

Curse Examples

1 **Beast: A monster has been born from their flesh. Driven by hunger and rage.**

2 **Complete Pact:** They are enslaved by a pact with a greater power, no longer in charge of their deeds.

3 **Doppelganger:** They change faces and names freely, sowing doubt and chaos. No longer able to retain even their sense of self.

4 **Finished Experiment:** They are powerful, twisted and sickly due to alchemy conducted on their blood.

5 **Revenant:** They have become visage of the undying. Reborn again and again until their purpose is complete.

6 **Possessed:** Whoever they were, now they are the passenger and another soul guides their hands.

Sources of Power: Domains

Adversary is at their most powerful within their chosen domain. Domain itself is powerful through numerous minions at adversarys beg and call, place of power housed in the domain or nature of the place itself and adversarys ability to survive and thrive within.

Weakness: Luring adversary out of their domain removes this Source of Power. Alternatively Domain itself may have a weakness that can be leveraged or mastered to remove the Source of Power.

Domain Examples

1 **Dinner Table:** A tomb that drains souls of imprisoned, a nest of greater being to parasitize. This place feeds the adversary, remove sustenance to remove the Source of Power.

2 **Family Estate:** Shadowed alleys, haunted farm or a gilded mansion. Inhabited by adversarys allies. Convince them to abandon the adversary to remove the Source of Power.

3 **Hiding Place:** Twisting caverns and dark woods. Place filled with secrets, escapes and hiding places. Knowing its secrets is required to remove the Source of Power.

4 **Mystic Conduit:** Tower where eternal flame burns, temple where honoured divine is tangible, grove whose heart tree bridges worlds. Break the connection to remove the Source of Power.

5 **Perilous Step:** Unstable ruins, acidic pools. Place filled with dangers, safe for the versed. Equal familiarity is needed to remove the Source of Power.

6 **Seat of Power:** A great fortress, warcamp or city filled with minions, armies and servants. Bring an army to remove the Source of Power.

Sources of Power: Innate

Power comes from the adversary themselves. Elder vampires, great wyrms and avatars of worshipped spirits are powerful due to their nature. Sorcerers and devotees may gain Innate Sources of Power through dangerous rituals giving parts of themselves to greater beings.

Weakness: Innate Sources of Power come with weakpoints. When the weakness is known it can be attacked provoking a Burden Test in addition to other effects of the attack. On a failed Burden Test the Source of Power is removed. Adversary specific tools, like yew stakes or dragonslayer weapons increase Burden before the Test.

Innate Guide Examples

1 **Frail Blood:** Adversarys blood is result of unstable sorcerous experiment or otherwise frail. Weak to ingested toxins.

2 **Heart of Power:** Heart of the adversary is switched leaving a marked scar.

3 **Old Wound:** Adversary is mighty, but they were brought close to death once and that wound remains their weakness.

4 **Paranoia:** Adversarys greatness is shadowed by suspicions undermining their ability.

5 **Soft Spot:** Nigh invulnerable hide has a soft spot waiting for a crippling blow.

6 **Two Beings:** Adversary has another being within their body, coiled around their spine or a swarm nesting within. This being grants power but is weak.

Sources of Power: Allies

Bound by Rite

Adversary is bound to serve by a powerful ritual. They cannot refuse their caller.

Passive: The Caller is able to use Action or Response to give the Adversary an Action or Response, as long as they have awareness.

Draw: Mark as Drawn when the Caller summons Adversary to appear. Appear by the Caller and recover Wounds even if dead or destroyed.

Companion

Adversary is accompanied by a skilled being. Are they a servant, a friend or a watcher?

Passive: Adversary is Accompanied by an ally with lower Prowess and up to three Sources of Power.

Draw: Draw Strength to have the Companion recover Hit-points and Break an effect.

Coven / Circle Member

Adversary is part of a group that shares their power.

Passive: Coven members can share Burden from channeling.

Draw: Draw Strength to give magic one Power for each Coven member.

Guardians

Adversary has earned respect and service of a trusted guard.

Passive: Adversary is accompanied by up to half Prowess allies.

Draw: Draw Strength to have Each Guardian take an Action.

Summon

Adversary is able to call allies to their aid.

Passive: As an Action Adversary makes a Channeling or social Test against Difficulty 10. On success beings with total Prowess up to half Adversarys Prowess arrive. This can be one powerful being or multiple weaker ones.

Draw: Draw Strength to increase Summons total Prowess by half the Adversarys Prowess.

Choose a type of beings to Summon when creating the Great Adversary.

- Beasts
- Dead
- Mortals
- Outsiders
- Spirits
- Wyrms

Sources of Power: Transformations



Monstrous Transformation

There is a monster inside the adversary ready to break free at moments notice.

Passive: Adversary adds full Prowess to damage of attacks.

Draw: Draw Strength to have Adversarys size increase by a category. Their Harm increases by a die type. They gain the ability to jump or Climb their Pace without Tests. They lose the ability to use tools and weapons. They recover a Wound. This lasts until Significant Time passes.

Many Faces

Adversary changes faces like clothes. They may even become a copy of a familiar being, stealing both faces and lives.

Passive: As an Action [Exhaust] to take form of another being.

Draw: Draw Strength to have the Adversary become a being they have witnessed, gaining their Gifts and Skills. This does not affect equipment. Add Wounds of the new form to Adversarys total Wounds.

Winged Form

Adversary has been gifted an ability to sprout wings.

Passive: [Exhaust] on movement to increase Pace by one Distance step.

Draw: Draw Strength to gain ability to fly Pace. This lasts until Significant Time passes.

Sources of Power: Powers

Draining Touch

Magic of death has given the adversary an ability to feed on the life of others.

Passive: [Exhaust] to Attack in melee dealing 1D6 + half Prowess damage. Recover Hit-points by opponents lost Hit-points. This can heal a Wound.

Draw: Draw Strength to inflict 1D6 + half Prowess damage to all within Near. Recover Hit-points by opponents' total lost Hit-points. This can heal a Wound.

Elemental Fury

Adversary radiates with power of the elements striking fire and thunder when they unleash their wrath.

Passive: Adversarys Attacks deal +1D6 physical damage in form of fire, ice, lightning, tearing wind or jagged stone.

Draw: Draw Strength to have all beings within Close make a Reflex Test against Difficulty 10 + Prowess. On failure they suffer 1D6 + Prowess physical damage. This Hazard remains for half Prowess Rounds provoking a Test when a being enters the area or ends their Turn inside. If Adversary suffers damage they make a Vigor Burden Test. On failure effect ends.

Fleetness

Adversarys swiftness is beyond mortal measure.

Passive: [Exhaust] to Increase Pace by a distance step. Close to Near for example.

Draw: Draw Strength to ignore obstructions to movement for Half Prowess Rounds.

Foresight

Adversary is gifted a with a sight into the future.

Passive: Adversary has half Prowess Premonitions. They can spend a Premonition to alter a die roll by one.

Draw: Draw Strength to regain spent Premonitions.

Haunt

Part of the adversary belongs to the dead and they have given part of their nature in return.

Passive: Adversarys physical attacks are Otherworldly and deal +1D6 mental damage.

Draw: Draw Strength to become Incorporeal for half Prowess Rounds. During this time all Adversarys damage is mental.

Sources of Power: Powers

Hidden Step

Step of the adversary is obscured by living shadow or they take them partially in other worlds.

Passive: Adversary has Advantage on Tests for Stealth.

Draw: Draw Strength to become Invisible. During this time Adversary is Hidden. When they suffer damage they make a Will Test against 10 + damage. On failure they are no longer Invisible.

Power from Beyond

Adversary is connected to a grand source of Power. Whenever they channel magic they open this conduit.

Passive: When channeling magic Adversary can give it one Power for free.

Draw: Draw Strength to give magic half Prowess Power.

Ardunn: The Brute



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+8	+4	Armor 8
Burden	Vigor	Mental
	+8	
Pace	Will	Hit-points
Close	+4	18

Massive hulking figure clad in odd pieces of heavy mail. He wields a massive blackened hammer that sparks with fire as it strikes. Every spark is joined by shouts of glee.

Type: Giant.
Size: Large.
Base Prowess: +6.
Base Wounds: 2.
Wounds: 4.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Athletics, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Reflex, Will.

Gifts

Heavily Armored: Adversary has Prowess Armor Resistance.

Cowardly: Adversary has Disadvantage on Morale Tests.

Ardunn Attacks

Harm: 2D4 Intimate.

Grab: Adversary grabs a being or object of smaller size. They can then use following attack options:

- Throw the being up to Close dealing Harm damage to them and anyone they hit.
- Use the being as a weapon dealing Harm damage to them and anyone they hit.

Crushfire: 2D8+1D6+3, Impact

Whirlwind: [Exhaust] to attack an additional being within Reach. 2D8 + 1D6+3 physical, Impact

Maneuver: Vulnerability, Shove

Ardunn: The Brute

Sources of Power

Ardunn is pleased with his new station and strength. All meat is his, all drink is his and all fall before him. All is as it is supposed to be.

Bond: [Exhaust] to gain +2 bonus on a Test.

Bond: Draw Strength to recover Hit-points and break one effect.

Weakness: I am the strongest and the greatest. Proof that a Source of Power is not needed or holds them back will provoke a Burden Test for the Source of Power.

Forge hammer of the Giants. So large even an ogre requires two hands to wield it.

Passive: Adversarys Attacks deal +1D6 physical fire damage.

Active: Draw Strength to have all beings within Close make a Reflex Test against Difficulty 10 + Prowess. On failure they suffer 1D6 + Prowess physical damage. This Hazard remains for half Prowess Rounds provoking a Test when a being enters the area or ends their Turn inside. If Adversary suffers damage they make a Vigor Burden Test. On failure effect ends.

Weakness: Giant maul. Removing this item from the adversary removes this Source of Power.

Barghest: The Omen of Death



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+10	+10	Armor 5
Burden	Vigor	Mental 5
Pace	Will	Hit-points 15
Close	+10	

Large black hound with red eyes burning with hatred. Heavy broken chain hangs around its neck. Constant growl slithers from dripping jaws ready to erupt into a bark that will signal start of a hunt.

Type: Spirit.

Size: Medium.

Base Prowess: +7.

Base Wounds: 2.

Wounds: 5.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):

Attack, Athletics, Notice, Reflex, Will.

Capable (+Half Prowess):

Stealth, Vigor.

Gifts

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Hard to Kill: Adversary has +1 Wound.

Keen Senses: Advantage on Test to find tracks and notice beings.

Magic Resistance: [Exhaust] to gain Advantage on a Test against magic.

Omen of Death: Reduce maximum hit-points by half Prowess. You cannot gain this Affliction more than three times.

If you remove three Omens of Death increase Vigor by +1.

Spirit Step: As an Action [Exhaust] to disappear and reappear elsewhere within Pace.

Barghest Attacks

Harm: 1D8+5, Intimate.

Omen Bark: Bark of an Omen Hound provokes a Will Burden Test from beings within Near. On a failed Test they are Afflicted by the Omen.

Omen Hound can bark as an action once a Round, after the third bark the Hound will attempt to leave.

Barghest: The Omen of Death

Sources of Power

The hound is an old spirit from the time before iron and barely touches the mortal world.

Hidden Step: Adversary has Advantage on Stealth.

Invisibility: Draw Strength to become Invisible. During this time Adversary is Hidden. When they suffer damage make a Will Test against 10 + damage. On failure they are no longer Invisible.

Weakness: Touch of unworked iron provokes a Burden Test from the Adversary. On a failed Test Source of Power is removed.

Chaining has made the hound furious. It bites deep and howls its frustration into the night.

Soul Bite: Adversary deals +1D6 mental damage when they attack.

Soul Piercing Howl: Draw Strength to create a Will Hazard for all within Near. Deal 1D8 + Prowess mental damage. Difficulty 10 + Prowess.

Weakness: Adversary has chain around its neck that provokes it to howl. Remove the chain to remove this Source of Power.

The hound did not come to the mortal world on its own, it was called and corralled. Someone acts as its master, bestowing omens, ordering it to hunt.

Callers Command: Adversary has to obey their caller. Caller can use an Action or Response to give the Adversary an Action or Response

Return: Mark as Drawn when caller uses an ability to call the adversary to their side. Adversary will appear by the caller recovering Wounds, even if destroyed.

Weakness: A ritual emblem binds the adversary. If destroyed the callers influence will end and the Source of Power is removed.

Seer of the Deep: The Soul Stealer



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+11	+6	Armor 6
Burden	Vigor	Mental 11
Pace	Will	Hit-points 21
Close	+11	

Giant snaking centipede of muted colors. Mortal faces protrude from the dull grey carapace. Its own face hidden behind a mask of wood and bone.

Type: Spirit.

Size: Large.

Base Prowess: +8.

Base Wounds: 2.

Wounds: 5.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):

Attack, Channeling, Stealth, Study, Will.

Capable (+Half Prowess):

Notice, Reflex, Vigor.

Gifts

Wallwalker: Adversary is able to crawl on walls and ceilings their Pace without requiring Tests.

Unseen Strike: Add +1D6 damage to Surprise Attacks.

Sorcerer: Adversary has half Prowess Magic Gifts. They can take up to half their Prowess Burden to give magic Power.

Soul Stealer Attacks

Harm: 2D6, Intimate.

Strain Soul: 2D6 mental, Close. Target gains 1 + Degree Burden. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

Seer of the Deep: The Soul Stealer



Sources of Power

Seers are able to touch a mortals soul. They wont take a piece only out of courtesy.

Steal Soul: Attack in melee provoking a Will Burden Test. On a failed Test character loses a Guide and cannot take the lost Guide again. Soul Stealer may return this Guide while alive. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

Embrace Soul: Draw Strength to create new Source of Power from a stolen Guide.

Weakness: Third eye of the stealer can be harmed provoking a Burden Test. On a failed Test the Source of Power is removed.

Mortals come in so many delicate forms. Who wouldn't try them on.

Mask: As an Action Adversary takes an illusory semblance of another being Adversary has awareness or memory of.

Shapeshift: Draw Strength to take physical form of a being Adversary has awareness of. Gain their natural Gifts and Skills, retain Prowess. Increase Wounds by the new forms Wounds

Weakness: Power is housed in a mask. Remove the mask to remove the Source of Power.

Twisting tunnels of the soul mound seem to close in on the traveler, burying hope and faith. Gods won't help them here, nor will their dreams or their family.

Drain Soul: As an Action provoke a Will Burden Test from all within the Domain. On a failed Test remove one Bond. Make note of how many Bonds are removed. 1-2 Trouble Check to regain.

Feed on Souls: Draw Strength to recover Wounds by removed Bonds.

Weakness: Collection of stolen souls is hidden inside the Domain. Releasing these souls removes the Source of Power.

Ser Khain Saras: The Ruin Knight



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+10	+10	Armor 10
Burden	Vigor	Mental 5
	+10	Hit-points 15
Pace	Will	
Close	+5	

A tall man clad in shining armor. On a first glance the very picture of strength and knighthood. In reality a second son of a royal family. Banished over a plot to kill his brother in a duel.

Type: Mortal.
Size: Medium.
Base Prowess: +7.
Base Wounds: 1.
Wounds: 4.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):
Attack, Command, Sway, Reflex, Vigor.

Capable (+Half Prowess):
Notice, Study, Will.

Gifts

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Formation: Adversary gives +1 Help bonus to melee Attacks of an ally within Reach.

Heavily Armored: Adversary has Prowess Armor Resistance.

Khain Saras Attacks

Harm: 7, Intimate.

Blade: 1D8+5, Intimate, Precise.

Black Blade: 1D10 + 6 physical, Precise, Otherworldly. Recover 1D6+5 Hit-points on hit. [Exhaust] to gain ability to see in the dark until Significant Time passes.

Whirlwind: [Exhaust] to attack an additional being within Reach. 1D10 + 6 physical, Precise, Otherworldly, Recover 1D6+5 Hit-points on hit.

Maneuver: Grapple, Shove, Find the Gap

Ser Khain Saras: The Ruin Knight

Sources of Power

Khains brother was not a fighter he is and Khain was often the one sent to defend the kingdoms borders. In Khains dreams his brothers weakness brought only ruin. He was not fit to protect and another had to take his place.

Bond: [Exhaust] to gain +2 bonus on a Test.

Bond: Draw Strength to recover Hit-points and break one effect.

Weakness: Might required to protect. Proof that a Source of Power will prevent him from protecting his people will provoke a Burden Test for the Source of Power.

Band of Five: Khain is accompanied by his most loyal friends and Retainers.

- Lord Rias Bregas: Khains best friend. A scholar more than a warrior. Adventurous, excitable and optimistic to a fault. Acolyte Ordained, Prowess 6, Strong: Healing, Sway, Study.
- Ser Osrick: Khain has always looked up to this old knight. Level headed and dedicated to redeeming the man he considers family. Warrior Mercenary, Prowess 6, Strong: Sway, Will, Heavily Armored.
- Flint: Younger of two siblings. A thief, a flirt and loyal to the end. Rogue Thief, Prowess 5, Strong: Attack.
- Burnt: Older of two siblings. Honest, focused and suspicious. Warrior Warder, Prowess 5, Strong: Wilds, Notice.

Draw: Draw Strength to have Each Band member take an Action.

Weakness: Worry as their friend has grown cold blooded. They have noticed a change and would listen to proof of influence and attempts to save him.

Black Blade, named Ruinthorn by its makers, was given to a hero on a dawn of their peoples final defeat. Taken as a trophy by a young general, the blade sent dreams of destruction brought by rulers at home. General turned their armies on their own people bringing ruin to those they sought to protect. Last insult of a forgotten enemy.

The Black Blade: Greatsword with Known Otherworldly, Known Darkeye and Legendary Devourer Enchantments. Cursed by Possession.

Draw: Draw Strength to make a weapon attack against all within Close. Regain targets struck D6 + 5 Hit-points. This recovery can heal Wounds.

Weakness: Possessed by the blade. Driving the spirit of ruin out of the host will remove this Source of Power.

The Lich



Prowess	Reflex	Resistances
+15	+8	Armor 8
Burden	Vigor	Mental 15
Pace	Will	Hit-points 20
Close	+15	

They mastered magic, they conquered death, they gained all they sought. What ambitions can they have left?

Type: Dead / Outsider.

Size: Medium.

Base Prowess: +10.

Base Wounds: 1.

Wounds: 6.

Skills

Strong (+Full Prowess):

Channeling, Study, Command, Will.

Capable (+Half Prowess):

Attack, Notice, Reflex, Vigor.

Gifts

Dangerous: Adversary adds half Prowess to damage of attacks.

Devour Magic: In a Clash against magic, Adversary can Devour Magic. If they win the Clash they remove half Prowess Burden and gain the Magic Gift. If Adversary has no Burden they recover Hit-points instead, this can heal a Wound.

Undead: Mortal diseases, poisons and brews will not affect the Adversary. When they suffer their last Wound they make a Burden Test. On success they drop to 1 Hit-point instead.

Sorcerer: Adversary has half Prowess Magic Gifts. They can take up to half their Prowess Burden to give magic Power.

The Lich



The Lich Attacks

Touch: Attack against Reflex. 1D6+8 mental, Intimate. Inflict 1 + Degree Burden and remove equal amount from self.

Whispers: Attack against Will. 1D6+8 mental to all within Reach. Provoke a Will Burden Test for a Mental Affliction.

Choose one whisper hinting to the Liches intentions.

1. *The cellar... swallowed by ash... where dead flowers bloom...*
 2. *On shattered peaks... in the deepest night... where steps of giants rise to abyss...*
 3. *Cast it down... shatter... ground to dust...*
 4. *Fill... raise... to black sun...*
 5. *Lies... it lies...*
 6. *End... Let it all end...*
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Gaze: Attack against Vigor. 1D6+8 mental. Close. On success provoke a Will Burden Test for a Mystical Affliction.



Sources of Power

Drain : Remove one Burden each Round.

Phylactery: After being destroyed Draw Strength to rise again at the Phylactery after a Long Time passes, Phylactery Source of Power is then removed.

Weakness: An item shackling the essence of the Lich. Destroying the item will remove this Source of Power. But perhaps there is more.

Ethereal: Adversary cannot be affected with physical attacks unless they have the Otherworldly Quality. They are otherwise affected by the physical world.

Incorporeal: Draw Strength to become Incorporeal until Significant Time passes. Gain the ability to fly your Pace.

Weakness: Void heart. Physical attacks against the void in the Liches chest inflicts 1 + Degree Vigor Burden and provokes a Burden Test. On a failed Test this Source of Power is removed.

Font of Power: When channeling magic Adversary can give it one Power for free.

Power from Beyond: Draw Strength to give magic half Prowess Power.

Weakness: Crown of whispers. Mental attacks against the crown the Lich carries inflicts 1 + Degree Will Burden and provokes a Burden Test. On a failed Test this Source of Power is removed.

Premonitions: Adversary has half Prowess Premonitions. They can spend a Premonition to alter a die roll by one.

Sight from Beyond: Draw Strength to regain spent Premonitions.

Weakness: Eye of darkness. Physical attacks against the missing eye of the Lich inflicts 1 + Degree Vigor Burden and provokes a Burden Test. On a failed Test this Source of Power is removed.

Draining Touch: Attack against Reflex. [Exhaust] to Attack in melee dealing 1D6 + half Prowess physical damage. Recover Hit-points by opponents lost Hit-points. This can heal a Wound.

Draining Scream: Attack against Vigor. Draw Strength to inflict 1D6 + half Prowess physical damage to all within Near. Recover Hit-points by opponents' total lost Hit-points. This can heal a Wound.

Weakness: Torn remains. Physical attacks against the split dessicated body inflicts 1 + Degree Vigor Burden and provokes a Burden Test. On a failed Test this Source of Power is removed.
