

CARTOGRAPHER

I've seen a million places, and I've mapped them all!

—Cartographer's boast

Acquisitions Incorporated missions can lead across vast tracts of wilderness, into ancient ruins, deep underground, or to even more dangerous and remote places. The cartographer selects the method and route of travel for a franchise, and creates and maintains maps of the journey. As the characters travel, the cartographer maps important locations and resources, later providing finished maps to Head Office. The franchise's cartographer is also often responsible for the selection and care of vehicles and mounts.

As a cartographer, you have a sharp eye for detail and take an interest in people, history, and natural features. You help advance your franchise by discovering and mapping new locations or hidden features, acquiring rare maps, and using different modes of transportation in secure and clever ways.

Noteworthy Cartographers: Rosie Beestinger ("C" Team), Brahma Lutier ("B" Team, retired), Pendragon Beestinger ("B" Team), Purnagh Grost

Essential Functions: Create and maintain maps of a franchise's journeys; dictate directions

Position Proficiency: In addition to the proficiencies noted below, you can add your proficiency bonus when you make an ability check to create or examine maps, search for new paths in the wild, or assess a route for possible dangers.

THE CARTOGRAPHER

Franchise

Rank	Features
1	Proficiencies and Starting Equipment, It's a Rental
2	Spyglass of Clairvoyance, Tale of Safe Travel
3	Map of Shortcuts, Map of the Moment
4	Elder Cartographer's Glossography, Greater Tale of Safe Travel

PROFICIENCIES AND STARTING EQUIPMENT

As a rank 1 cartographer, you gain proficiency with cartographer's tools, and your choice of vehicles (land) or vehicles (water).

Head Office also grants you the use of cartographer's supplies (quill, ink, parchment, a pair of compasses, calipers, and a ruler), a waterproof leather map case, a spyglass, and a supply of colored inks.

IT'S A RENTAL

At rank 1, at the start of any mission, you can requisition a second-hand draft horse and cart (barely functional), riding horses and ponies (typically well aged, one for each party member), passage on a ship or ferry (might require minor labor as part of the fare), and similar transportation. Any damage or losses to requisitioned equipment is expected to be repaid to Head Office.

SPYGLASS OF CLAIRVOYANCE

At rank 2, your Head Office-supplied spyglass becomes a common magic item. As an action, you can look through the *spyglass of clairvoyance* at a location within 1 mile of you that is obstructing your view, such as a mountain, castle, or forest. You must then succeed on a DC 15 Wisdom check using cartographer's tools to map the natural terrain found within three miles of that chosen point. You do not gain any knowledge of creatures, structures, or anything other than natural terrain. This property of the spyglass cannot be used again until the next dawn.

TALE OF SAFE TRAVEL

Starting at rank 2, you gain the ability to perform a 45-minute ritual using your cartographer's tools, maps, and 50 gp in consumed material components. By doing so, you ensure safe travel for you and other creatures, from your current location to another location you could normally reach within one day. The destination must be one to which you have traveled previously, or for which you have an accurate route and map.

If your tale is told with reverence and precision, you and up to six other creatures plus their gear (including vehicles or mounts) become encircled in a magical bubble and are pulled into the Border Ethereal (see chapter 2 of the *Dungeon Master's Guide*). During the ritual, you tell a story of your future journey, relating details of what will be seen en route. The DM can choose to add to the story, imparting additional details or planting seeds for future adventures. If you wish, the ritual can be ended early, allowing the party to encounter what's being described by the DM.

Whenever the ritual is ended or interrupted by you, all the travelers arrive safely at the destination. At the DM's discretion, all the travelers affected by the ritual can gain the benefit of either a short rest or a long rest during the voyage.

MAP OF SHORTCUTS

At rank 3, your map case becomes a common magic item. In addition to storing normal maps, your *cartographer's map case* can be used to generate a special map identifying a shortcut. You can use your action to make a DC 15 Wisdom (Perception) check, with a success revealing a map buried in your *cartographer's map case* noting a relevant shortcut. Your travel time is reduced by half while you follow that route. If you succeed at the check by 5 or more, the map includes notes on the terrain, granting you advantage on the next ability check you make to travel through the mapped area in the next hour. Once you use this feature, you cannot use it again until you finish a long rest.

MAP OF THE MOMENT

Starting at rank 3, you can use an action to make a DC 15 Wisdom (Perception) check and search your *cartographer's map case* to find a map either related to your current mission or inspiring a new one. On a success, you find a map with a prominent landmark. The map has information on the natural terrain within one mile of the landmark. Once you use this feature, you cannot use it again until dawn seven days later.

POSSIBLE MAP MISSION LANDMARKS

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- 1 The Ancient Sarcophagus of Gerald Smith
- 2 A tree labeled "This tree"
- 3 "The Last Resting Place of My Rich Brother that is Also a Bear Cave"
- 4 A range of peaks known as the Slightly Wobbly Spires
- 5 An ever-flowing, nonmagical spigot of pure, clear water in the middle of nowhere
- 6 A cave filled with screaming bioluminescent worms
- 7 The most haunted forest for ten miles in any direction
- 8 A huge pile of rocks with no other rocks within sight

ELDER CARTOGRAPHER'S GLOSSOGRAPHY

When you attain rank 4, you gain a small tome that is an uncommon magic item. The *elder cartographer's glossography* grants advantage on Intelligence or Wisdom checks related to geographical features or locations.

GREATER TALE OF SAFE TRAVEL

Also at rank 4, your Tale of Safe Travel feature can now span up to three days of travel. If your franchise headquarters is mobile, you can include it in your Tale of Safe Travel, and can also include items or goods weighing up to 2,000 pounds.



CARTOGRAPHER'S MAP CASE

WHY BE A CARTOGRAPHER?

d8 Reason

- 1 A paranoid person by nature, you like seeing what's ahead of you at all times.
- 2 Your parent was a cartographer, their parent was a cartographer, and by the gods, you're going to be one too.
- 3 You're fairly certain no one else in your party even knows how to hold a map, let alone read one.
- 4 You like spyglasses. A lot.
- 5 Your nickname as a child was "the cartography kid."
- 6 Contrary to popular opinion, the destination is much, much more important than the journey.
- 7 A good map is like an adventure without the bugs. And the mud. And the wolves.
- 8 You suffer from the nagging feeling of never knowing why you've come into a room, and you need the professional flourish that lets you cover for that.