One Page Solo Engine

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An all-in-one toolkit to play your favorite tabletop RPGs by yourself.

How to Play

- 1. Create a character using your chosen game system.
- 2. Come up with an adventure idea and **SET THE SCENE** for the start.
- 3. Start asking the **ORACLE** questions.
- 4. Play the game to overcome the challenges of the scene.
- 5. **SET THE SCENE** for the next thing you want your character to do.

Set the Scene

Describe where your character is and what they are trying to accomplish, then choose (or roll) a SCENE OBJECTIVE.

Scene Objectives:

- 1. <u>Conflict</u> a fight or action scene
- 2. <u>Exploration</u> explore a dangerous location (Dungeon CrawLer)
- 3. Challenge a test of skill or ability
- 4. Social convince or trick an NPC
- 5. <u>Travel</u> move through dangerous territory (random encounters)
- 6. Rest recuperate and heal

Roll 1d6 to see if something unexpected happens. On a 6, it is an ALTERED SCENE.

Altered Scene:

- 1. An unexpected event interrupts you.
- 2. The location is different or changed.
- 3. The NPCs are new or unexpected.
- 4. Roll a different **SCENE OBJECTIVE**.
- 5. An important event is already happening here.
- 6. The situation is easier or harder.

Oracle (Yes/No Question)

Ask the **ORACLE** questions like you would the GM. Ask leading questions that are most likely or most interesting. Choose the likelihood and roll two dice.

Answer (d6): Qualifier (d6): Likely: Yes on 3+ ...but... on 1

Normal: Yes on 4+ Unlikely: Yes on 5+ ...but... on 1 ...and... on 6

Complex Question

When you need to ask an open-ended question, draw a card from a deck. Use the tables to inspire the answer and interpret it within the context of the current scene.

Card Rank (or 1d12):

2 – Seeking

9 - Failing

3 – Opposing

T – Taking J – Abandoning

4 – Communicating

5 – Moving

Q – Assisting K – Changing

6 – Harming 7 – Creating

A – Deceiving

8-Planning

Card Suit (or 1d4):

Clubs – physical, strong, constructed Diamonds – mental, plotting, technical Spades – magical, intuitive, strange Hearts – personal, social, emotional

NPC Reaction

When you meet an NPC, roll its initial reaction below.

(1-2) Friendly:

- 1. Talkative or gossipy
- 2. Wants to trade
- 3. Offers help or advice
- 4. Needs a favor or has a job

- 5. Has a lead or a clue
- 6. Offers direct assistance

(3-4) Neutral:

- Not interested in talking
- 2. Wants to trade
- 3. Requests tribute or payment
- 4. Needs a favor or has a job
- 5. Tries to trick or deceive
- 6. Pursuing unrelated objective

(5-6) Hostile:

- 1. Attacks without warning
- Threatens or harasses
- 3. Demands tribute or payment
- 4. Denies access
- 5. Tries to trick or deceive
- 6. Pursuing counter objective

Enemy Tactics

In combat, enemies should do what makes the most tactical sense.

Change Tactics:

1-4: Use same **TACTIC** as last action

5-6: Roll a new TACTIC

Tactic:

- 1. Attack recklessly for max damage
- 2. Aid an ally or heal
- 3. Act according to this unit's role
- 4. Take a defensive posture
- 5. Seek an advantage
- 6. Focus on a weak target

Dungeon Crawler

Use this when exploring a dangerous location such as a dungeon. Roll once for each table below and combine the results into an area that makes sense.

The first area always has 3 exits, one of which is a dungeon exit.

* If you are seeking a goal, (a specific LOCATION, ENCOUNTER, or OBJECT), rolling a 6 on that table gives a 50% chance (4+) that you find the element you seek.

Location:

- 1. A living area or meeting place
- 2. A working or utility area
- 3. A typical, unremarkable area
- 4. A typical, unremarkable area
- 5. An area with a special feature
- A location for a specialized purpose*

Encounter:

- 1. Hostile enemies
- 2. Hostile enemies
- 3. None
- 4. None
- 5. A friendly or neutral NPC
- 6. A unique NPC or adversary*

Object:

- 1. An interesting item or clue
- 2. A useful tool, key, or device
- 3. Nothing, or mundane objects
- 4. Nothing, or mundane objects
- 5. A valuable treasure
- 6. A rare or special item*

Special:

- 1. There's a trap here
- 2. There's a secret hidden here
- 3. Nothing special
- 4. Nothing special
- 5. Nothing special
- . A challenge or item is enhanced

Exits:

- 1. Dead end (1 exit)
- 2. 2 exits
- 3. 2 exits
- 4. 3 exits
- 5. 3 exits (connects to existing area)
- 6. 3 exits (50% for dungeon exit)