

Character Development Questions

Think about your first victim as a Kindred: who were they, and how did it happen? Did your sire or another vampire show you what to do? Or did the idea to feed from a mortal come to you naturally after animals or bagged blood became unpalatable? Was your first victim someone you knew before your embrace, or a random stranger who turned the wrong dark corner one night?

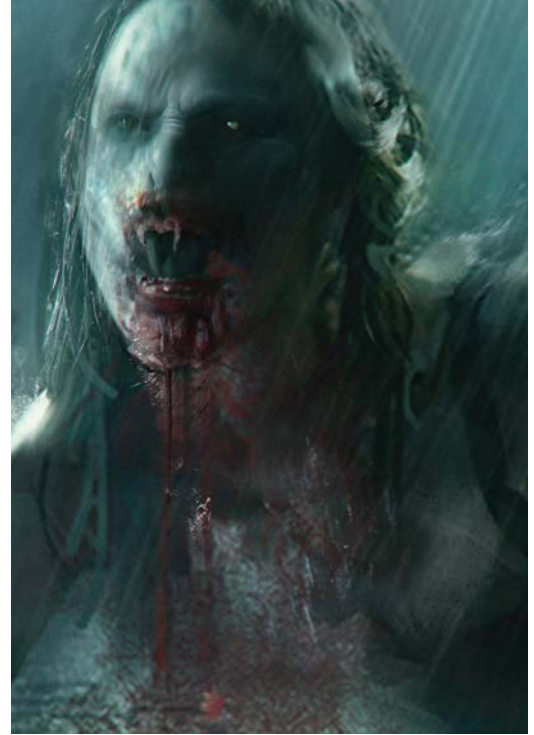
Would you see a city-wide blackout as an opportunity or an obstacle? What would you get up to if all the lights in town were out? Would you use this as an opportunity to let the Beast run free? Maybe break into a location that's usually too secure to access? Settle an old score?

You crash a Halloween party looking for easy prey. What kind of costume do you wear? Do you try to fit in just long enough to get a quick bite, or will you try have some fun while you're there? If you bring another Kindred from your coterie, would you coordinate your efforts and/or your costumes? What would you do if you spotted another costumed Kindred hunting at the same party?

Creating a character is one of the most exciting and yet challenging parts of roleplaying games! Whether you're creating your very first or your hundredth Vampire: The Masquerade character, it can be helpful to ask yourself some questions that can aid you in defining your character's personality traits. Here are some prompts to get you started!

While evading hunters you become trapped inside a big box home store after hours, and you suspect your pursuers are searching the maze of furniture and bedding for you. Will you try and turn the tables on your enemies or make your escape? Will you find some time to do some afterhours "shopping" on your way out? Or is survival your only concern in this situation?

While hunting you stumble upon a place near your haven that reminds you of your mortal life. Is this place of remembrance an amusement park? A shopping mall? An office park? A small family home? What about this place draws you in? And will you safeguard this place, see it pulled down, or simply leave it behind? If you did return here, would it be to hunt, to find new pawns, or to seek out a new touchstone?



The newest member of your coterie has begun discreetly sharing vitae with the other vampires in your clique, feeding from one another when they think nobody is looking. They seem earnest enough, but what do you say when they approach you about sharing blood with them as well? Do you refuse them out of hand, or do you have some ground rules or pre-conditions for this kind of intimacy between Kindred? Perhaps you insist on being transparent with the rest of the coterie about this new relationship, but what would you do if they demanded that you to keep it a secret?

