Beacon Road Core Rules

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Introduction

In a world devastated by Vice run amuck, the city-state of Beacon stands atop a mile high mesa as the only remaining light of civilization. From within it spring forth the Orders and the Guilds—defending the city, providing services, and bringing justice—while outside the city the Nomads and Sin-eaters connect the frontier with civilization and protect its settlements from monsters lurking in the dark.

Welcome to Beacon Road, a game about daring men and women coming together as a faction chapter to exert themselves onto the world of Beacon. We find ourselves in the glorious and eponymous city of Beacon and its surroundings, playing to find out if these individuals can thrive amidst the teeming threats that surround them. The world of Beacon is a world of invigorating light and suffocating dark, of good and evil residing in the hearts of all of metahumanity, of the call of Virtue and the allure of Vice ever present within. As we play, you learn the world is darker than you thought, but that you can be a better influence than you imagined.

Each player creates a character and works with the other players to create the faction chapter to which their characters belong. Each player strives to bring their character to life as an interesting, daring character who reaches boldly beyond their current safety and means. The characters are driven by fame, fortune, obligation, exile, power, love, or any of a hundred other motivations that push someone from the safety and comfort of their homes, lives, and jobs into the uncertain wilds and deeps. They may be a scoundrel, a hero, or something in between, but they are all daring beyond the norm. In addition to creating characters, you'll also create your faction chapter by choosing which type of faction you're interested in exploring and creating your chapter. The characters develop their faction chapter by adventuring, contending with threats from their enemies, mastering themselves, and imposing themselves upon or serving the world around them.

The game master (GM) establishes the dynamic world around the characters. The GM plays all the non-player characters (NPC) in the world by giving each one a concrete desire and preferred method of action. The GM helps organize the game so it's pointed toward the interesting elements of play. The GM isn't in charge of the story and doesn't necessarily have to plan events ahead of time. They present interesting opportunities to the players, then follow the chain of action and consequences wherever they lead.

At the end of the day, one question remains...

Who will you be?

The World of Beacon

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Names

While the below names are based on current or historical societies, consider assigning them to different nations, societies, bloodlines, or other groupings to give them unique cultural feels. For example, perhaps the underclass of Beacon uses primarily Lakotan names, or elves use Hebrew names. Or ignore these entirely! It's your game.

Male Hebrew Names

d8 d4	1	2	3	4
1	Abishai	Ahijah	Azarel	Azariah
2	Benaiah	Eleazar	Elhanon	Elkanah
3	Gamaliel	Gareb	Helez	Hezro
4	Jashobeam	Jehoida	Jehu	Joab
5	Ira	Ithai	Maharai	Makis
6	Mibhar	Mishmannah	Nadav	Obadiah
7	Paarai	Pelet	Shama	Tanami
8	Uzzia	Zadok	Zalmon	Zion

Female Hebrew Names

d8 d4	1	2	3	4
1	Abigail	Aphra	Ariel	Ashtoreth
2	Basmath	Beulah	Channah	Damaris
3	Deborah	Dinah	Esther	Gomer
4	Hagar	Hannah	Hephzibah	Jael
5	Jemima	Joanna	Kandake	Keturah
6	Leah	Livnah	Michal	Naomi
7	Nehushta	Peninnah	Rachab	Rhoda
8	Ruth	Sarai	Tamar	Zibiah

Male Hindu Names

d8 d4	1	2	3	4
1	Abayankara	Adiratha	Arunakamala	Asokavardhana
2	Baddhanuraga	Bahuskti	Balamodaka	Barhanetra
3	Camikara	Catura	Davindar	Ekodara
4	Gurumurthi	Haridhana	Jagatkarna	Jaigata
5	Kalamurti	Karnaka	Kriyavidhi	Indrasita
6	Lakshman	Mahesh	Mohinder	Muralidhar
7	Natrajan	Prabhakaran	Ramachandran	Sateesha
8	Thakur	Umashankar	Venkatesha	Yashpal

Female Hindu Names

d8 d4	1	2	3	4
1	Aarti	Akasaganga	Anandamayi	Athreya
2	Bachendri	Badarayani	Baratam	Baxi
3	Bhadrasvapna	Bhavanika	Carudarsana	Chandrakanta
4	Danti	Ekakini	Gajalakshmi	Hansanadini
5	Hemaksi	Inaksi	Jallata	Kalakanya
6	Karunya	Leena	Makara	Mohani
7	Ninderjit	Pushpa	Rochana	Sepatha
8	Sri	Urmila	Vanmala	Zubeida

Male Lakota Names

d8 d4	1	2	3	4
1	Akecheta	Appanoose	Canowicakte	Chankoowashtay
2	Chatan	Ciqala	Enapay	Hanska
3	Hotah	Howahkan	Kangee	Kohana
4	Lootah	Mahkah	Mahpee	Makhpia-Luta
5	Mankato	Mato Watakpe	Napayshni	Ogaleesha
6	Ohanzee	Ohiyesa	Otaktay	Sintay Galeska
7	Tahatan	Takoda	Tashunka	Tatanka Ptecila
8	Wahkan	Wambleeska	Wapasha	Wasechun Tashunka

Female Lakota Names

d8 d4	1	2	3	4
1	Anpaytoo	Chapa	Chapawee	Chumani
2	Dowanhowee	Ehawee	Hantaywee	Kimimela
3	Macha	Magaskawee	Makawee	Mika
4	Mina	Ojinjintka	Ptaysanwee	Shappa
5	Skah	Tahcawin	Takchawee	Talutah
6	Wachiwi	Wakanda	Wasula	Weayaya
7	Weeko	Wichahpi	Wichapi	Wihakayda
8	Winona	Witashnah	Zitkala	Zonta

Male Macedonian Names

d8 d4	1	2	3	4
1	Apostol	Atanas	Blazhe	Bojan
2	Bozidar	Branislav	Czeslaw	Dalibor
3	Davor	Dragomir	Dusan	Dzvonimir
4	Ertan	Goran	Ilarion	Ljubomir
5	Matej	Mladen	Nebojzha	Nedelko
6	Radomir	Risto	Slavisa	Slawomir
7	Tihomir	Todor	Trajan	Valentin
8	Vitomir	Vukashin	Zivko	Zlatan

Female Macedonian Names

d8 d4	1	2	3	4
1	Aleksandra	Biljana	Bisera	Blagorodna
2	Bozena	Branka	Denica	Dubravka
3	Ekaterina	Evdokija	Frosina	Grosdana
4	Ilinka	Jagoda	Jasna	Kalina
5	Ksenija	Ljubica	Milena	Mira
6	Mitrodora	Nevena	Ognena	Rada
7	Radmila	Sashka	Slavena	Snezhana
8	Teodora	Trendafilka	Vaska	Zaharina

Male Welsh Names

d8 d4	1	2	3	4
1	Anarawd	Arthfael	Bedwyr	Brenin llwyd
2	Cadeyrn	Cadwalader	Celyddon	Dilwyn
3	Einion	Elidyr	Gerallt	Gorlassar
4	Guorthigern	Gwalchgwyn	Gwrgenau	Heddwyn
5	Huarwar	Idris	Iorwerth	Islwyn
6	Mawrth	Neirin	Owain	Penllyn
7	Rhisiart	Rhydderch	Talfryn	Teirtu
8	Trahaearn	Uchdryd	Urien	Wyn

Female Welsh Names

d8 d4	1	2	3	4
1	Aeronwy	Angharawd	Arianrhod	Blodeuwedd
2	Branwen	Ceinwen	Cerridwyn	Crearwy
3	Delwyn	Dilys	Dwynwyn	Eilian
4	Esyllt	Gwawr	Gwenllian	Gwyneira
5	Hafren	Hefina	Llewella	Llinos
6	Mairwen	Morwenna	Myfanwy	Nerys
7	Nimue	Olwen	Owena	Rhonwen
8	Rhosyn	Seren	Talaith	Terrwyn