



THE FACILITY

A game for 3-6 players, by Joseph Breitreiter, ©2016

In the tattered remains of the future, a ragged band of hardened adventurers has travelled to a Facility built in the Ancient Days, before the Old World collapsed. Secreted in the depths of The Facility is the fabled Zero Device, an Old Tech Artifact of uncertain purpose but untold power. The adventurers will need to work together to face the dangers and challenges ahead, but each has a secret agenda which may prove to be the group's undoing. Will they reach the Zero Device? Will they uncover the true purpose of The Facility?

Preparing to Play

Actions you need to perform are in bold. Complete them before moving on.

Select a starting player using whatever mechanism is commonly employed by your group. When the game calls for each of the players to perform an activity in-turn, start with that player, then proceed clockwise.

Each player, in turn, selects a Threat sheet. A Threat represents something dangerous about the Facility. Each player is responsible for fleshing out their Threat and making it real in play. Ultimately, you define the Threat. There are no wrong answers.

For each Threat in play, place the corresponding Secret Agendas card into a stack. Add the Honest agenda card and shuffle the stack. Each player, in turn:

- **Draws the top two cards**
- **Secretly selects one of the two cards.** Do not select the Secret Agenda corresponding to your Threat sheet.
- **Returns the other card to the stack**
- **Shuffles the stack**
- **Passes the stack to the next player**

At the end of this process, you should have a single, unselected card. Place that card aside, face-down. Do not reveal it.

Each player then selects one of the Secret Agendas printed on the card they selected. Each Secret Agendas card has three agendas printed on the back. The Secret Agenda is the true reason you've come to The Facility. Drop hints all you want, but don't reveal it until you reach the Facility Core!

Each player selects an Outsider character. Outsider characters have a name, a short description, a cover story for their presence at The Facility, a special ability, and four pools of colored dice. When you use dice from a pool, the dice are discarded.

Place the Status Tiles (Relaxed, Quiet, Fresh, Hunters) in the middle of the play space with the SAFE side up. These represent how dangerous the Facility has become. As these cards flip over, it will become more difficult to overcome challenges.

Set four dice aside (color doesn't matter). Players will roll these dice when they are playing their Threat.

Proceed to Day One - Morning

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The Outsiders arrive at the outer entrance to The Facility. **Each player, in turn, announces their Outsider character's name, look, and cover story.**

Each player, in turn, answers one of the following questions. The questions are answered in order printed below, first to last. If there are more questions than players, some questions remain unanswered.

- What kind of terrain surrounds The Facility? Desert? Mountains? An abandoned city?
- There is a ring of buildings around the Facility Core. What do they look like? Decaying prefab buildings? Concrete bunkers? Ruined glass and steel towers?
- Are there any signs on the outskirts? What do they say? Are there logos or warning symbols on them? Is there graffiti or other makeshift warnings?
- How long has The Facility been abandoned? Decades? Generations? Centuries?
- How did the group find this place? Was there a map? Is the location well-known and feared? Did one of you guide the group there? Who is the guide?
- What is the nearest inhabited place? How big is it? What are the people like? How far away is it? Did the Outsiders stop there?

Once this is done, the Outsiders enter The Facility.

Proceed to Day One - Facility Support

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Each player, in turn, frames a Threat scene. That player is the Threat Player for that scene.

The Threat Player:

- Tells the other players where the group is and what is happening
- Creates a challenge for the scene
- Rolls the Threat dice to resolve the challenge
- Cannot contribute dice from their Outsider character

When you're the Threat Player, you're the adversary for the rest of the players.

Consult your Threat sheet for details on framing and resolving the Day 1 scene.

Once every player has finished a scene, the Outsiders arrive at the entrance to the Facility Core. It is nearly nightfall.

Proceed to Day One - Making Camp

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All the Outsiders arrive at the entrance to the Facility Core, even those who got separated in Facility Support.

Each player, in turn, answers one of the following questions. The questions are answered in order printed below, first to last. If there are more questions than players, some questions remain unanswered.

- What does the entrance to the Facility Core look like? A giant vault door? A cistern spiraling downward? Smashed glass doors? An overgrown courtyard?
- How does the interior of the Core feel? Cold and clinical? Harsh and utilitarian? Collapsing and dangerous? Pristine and inviting?
- Who built The Facility?
- What was the purpose of The Facility?
- What was life like for the inhabitants? Did they believe in the mission of The Facility? Just doing their job? Trapped?
- The last expedition here failed. What happened to them? Did any make it out alive?

The Outsiders bed down for the night and rest before completing their journey.

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It is early morning, and everyone is fresh and ready for the day ahead. The Outsiders delve into the Facility Core.

Proceed to Day Two - Facility Core

Day Two - Facility Core

Each player, in turn, frames a second Threat scene. That player is the Threat Player for that scene.

The Threat Player:

- Tells the other players where the group is and what is happening
- Creates a challenge for the scene
- Rolls the Threat dice to resolve the challenge
- Cannot contribute dice from their Outsider character

When you're the Threat Player, you're the adversary for the rest of the players.

Consult your Threat sheet for details on framing and resolving the Day 2 scene.

Once every player has finished a scene, the Outsiders arrive at the entrance to the Central Core.

You are exhausted. You have no idea how long you've been down here. Day and night have no meaning in this place. The obvious thing to do is to stop. Stop and catch your breath, get your bearings, think about what you're about to do. Instead, you head inside.

Proceed to Day ? – The Central Core

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At last, the Outsiders arrive at the Central Core, where the Zero Device is located.

Each player, in turn, answers one of the following questions. The questions are answered in order printed below, first to last. If there are more questions than players, some questions remain unanswered.

- What does the Central Core look like? A cavernous concrete vault? A natural cave? A cramped maze of steel tunnels? A pristine biosphere with artificial lighting?
- Why was The Facility abandoned?
- What does the Zero Device look like? How big is it? Is it anchored in place? Is it mechanical? Biological? Pure radiant energy?
- What does the Zero Device do?
- Are you the first group here since The Facility was abandoned? If not, what happened to the last group? Were they responsible for one of the Threats?
- What is the purpose of the Central Core? Who knew the truth about it?

There is one final scene, in which the final fate of the device and the Outsiders is decided. The scene takes place in the Central Core. All Threats are resolved, so there is no GM. Instead there is one final challenge:

- **Players divide into factions of compatible interests. Each faction states their desired outcome.** There can be factions of one.
- **Players pick a skill (maneuver, analyze, smash, sneak), and explain how they're using it to help their faction. Players contribute all remaining dice for the associated skill.**
- **Everyone rolls! The faction with the highest single die roll wins.** If there's a tie, the faction with the most dice of the highest number wins. Still a tie? Throw out the top number.
- **The winning faction narrates the conclusion of the scene.**

Finally, someone provides a short epilogue for The Facility and the Outsiders. If an Outsider is dead, the player for the first Outsider to die narrates. Otherwise, the last player to answer a question in the Central Core narrates.

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SAFE

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Relaxed

You have all the time you need to carefully examine the features of The Facility.

Flip to add pursuit and time constraints.

Quiet

You have not yet disturbed the dangers of The Facility.

Flip to stir up the hornet's nest.

SAFE

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Fresh

Everyone is rested and ready for the challenges ahead.

Flip to exhaust the group.

Hunters

If the denizens of The Facility aren't already scared of you, they should be.

Flip to turn the tables.

DANGER!

Discovered

Your every move is being carefully monitored

No players can use Sneak (Black) dice

Flip to get back in the shadows.

DANGER!

Pursued

*The dangers of the facility press in from all directions!
No time to waste!*

No players can use Analyze (Green) dice

Flip to get some breathing room.

DANGER!

Hunted

*The inhabitants are far too dangerous. It would be
suicide to attack them!*

No players can use Smash (Copper) dice

Flip to gain the upper hand.

DANGER!

Exhausted

*It's taking everything you have just to keep moving
forward.*

No players can use Maneuver (White) dice

Flip to catch your breath.



THREAT: ANYTOWN, USA

The Citizens of this perfect, idyllic community are not quite human.

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The Demagogue - A leader of some sort is speaking to an assembled group of Citizens about threats to the community. Someone notices the Outsiders.

Papers, Please - The way forward is blocked by a checkpoint or queue.

Home Invasion - Fleeing a security patrol, the Outsiders stumble into an occupied home. They must convince (or force) the inhabitants to conceal them.

Play out the scene. You'll need to take on the role of any non-Outsiders, deciding what they do and say. The Outsiders cannot avoid the conflict; eventually, they'll need to face the Challenge. When they do:

- Each other player picks a skill (maneuver, analyze, smash, sneak), explains how they're using it, and how many dice they're contributing. If a player contributes no dice, they are not considered part of the winning or losing side.
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Something Extra – Citizen Names

Giving each resident a name can help make them more sympathetic.

John
Chip
Arthur
Harold
Roy
Theo

Helen
Dorothy
Ethel
Rose
Grace
Clara

Jones
Taylor
Lewis
Hall
Wright
King



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Control Room - The Central Core can be unlocked from here, but doing so will destroy the automated systems that support life in Anytown. The remnants of security have gathered to mount a defense.

Citizen Assembly Bay - The Outsiders discover the source of the Citizens. They can end the Anytown project or just push through, but the proto-Citizens will resist either way.

Transaction - One of the Citizens clearly knows a way inside the Facility Core. The Outsiders must convince (or force) the Citizen to help them.

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Blockade - The way forward is blocked by some obvious vector for the disease (humans, animals, aerosol)

The Purifiers - Another group has travelled here after their village was wiped out by the disease. They wish to burn all living matter in The Facility, including the Outsiders.

Lockdown - The Outsiders find themselves trapped with an obvious disease vector (as above). Safety protocols have secured all exits and will be sterilizing the area momentarily.

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Something Extra – Creepy Details

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oozing
sticky
fibrous
swirls of fine dust
unreadable warning

rusting cisterns
lab supplies
buzzing/crawling insects
thick and humid air
rotting animal carcass

dusty charnel heaps
makeshift hospital
biowaste canisters
a sweet smell
can't stop coughing



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Lords of Decay - The Outsiders come upon a ghoulish altar, piled high with the bodies of the stricken. Whoever (or whatever) has built this monstrosity wishes to add the Outsiders to the pile.

Cleansing Flame - The Outsiders come upon a control room. A countdown is ongoing. At zero, the Facility will be razed to prevent spread of the disease.

Waffenfabrik - This cavernous chamber houses an enormous stockpile of disease-spreading weaponry - perhaps missiles, engineered rats, human simulacra, etc).

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Tripwire - The Outsiders trigger an alarm system, calling the attention of nearby creatures.

Sleeping Beauty - An exceptionally deadly specimen sleeps in a courtyard. The Outsiders need to get to the other side.

Overrun - They're everywhere! Run for your lives!

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Something Extra – Monstrous Color

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musky smell
being watched
scrapes in concrete/metal
gnawed/splintered bones
a terrified survivor

leathery
rubbery
scaly
translucent
gelatinous

grafted
augmented
alien
swarms
it's in the water
fresh blood



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Lair of the Beast - The Outsiders discover the lair of the creatures, complete with evidence of remarkable mental sophistication (art, community, historical records, etc).

Cryostorage - There must be thousands of them down here, frozen and awaiting resuscitation.

Brood Mother - The path to the Facility Core takes the Outsiders right through the center of the hive.

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A Proper Welcome – The Outsiders trigger an automated visitor reception system. The system loudly welcomes them and plays a short movie about the construction of The Facility. The noise attracts unwanted attention.

The Enrichment Center - The Outsiders encounter a bizarre puzzle and grisly evidence that previous visitors failed to solve it properly.

Robot Menace - Security robots have been dispatched to kill or capture the Outsiders.

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Something Extra – Look Upon My Words, Ye Mighty

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broken statues
stately
motion-triggered adverts
Romanesque
rusted ornate gates

a single, pristine statue
faded murals
cracked marble
weathered inscription
vanity museum

overgrown gardens
veteran's memorial
bas-relief
images of workers, farms
slogans



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Eternity and Crumpets - Prometheus proves to be a polite, elegant, and persistent host. The Outsiders are lavished with comfortable lodgings, but are not permitted to leave while Prometheus studies them.

The Wizard - The Outsiders come upon a sterile room containing a gaunt and withered human attached to a bewildering array of blinking and chirping medical devices. If anyone knows the location of the Zero Device, it's this person.

Mother - The Facility management AI tends to the needs of the last remaining inhabitants: a clutch of hungry monsters. Prometheus sends out clues and rumors to supply fresh meat.

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The Trial - The Outsiders have transgressed onto a sacred area. The tribe stands ready to deliver justice, but the Outsiders may speak to defend their actions.

Snatch - A member of the tribe takes a valuable item from the outsiders (a map, rations, a weapon) and leads them on a merry chase through dangerous terrain.

Blood Feud - The Outsiders come upon two groups from rival families. Both sides seek the aid of the Outsiders, and present their cases.

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Something Extra – Rust Tribe Names

Giving each resident a name can help make them more sympathetic.

Tin-Tin
Skunk
Crank
Monk
Fuse

Prim
Shan
Wise
Sun
Key

Fix-it
Hatchet
Wonk
Doc
Nutso



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The Face of God - Deep within the Facility Core is the most holy place of the tribe, the shrine through which the gods speak.

The Price of Wisdom - A wise elder lives down here, far away from the tribe. The elder will reveal the way forward, but only for a price.

The Forbidden - Weary and with a company of tribal warriors in pursuit, the Outsiders must reach a passage through which the warriors are forbidden to pass.

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Perimeter Contact - An automated defense system, while battered and rusted, still presents a lethal threat.

Silent Postern - The main blast doors are impenetrable. A side door may provide a way in, provided it can be opened.

Swift Descent - The ventilation shafts seemed like an easy way in, until the walls and handholds started to crumble and collapse.

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Something Extra – Color of Corrosion

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razor wire
watchtowers
rusting armored vehicles
overhead conduits
flooded
manual override

creaking
dusty skeletal remains
shell casings
abandoned checkpoints
vault doors
blocked-off roads

dripping water
concrete
rats
rusted
quiet



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Poison Sentinel - An elaborate failsafe has been constructed to destroy The Facility if the Central Core is opened. It must be disabled for the expedition to proceed.

Reliquary Vault - In addition to a wealth of old-world treasures (books, gold, art?), the vault contains tools essential for safely transporting the Zero Device. To maintain a safe archival environment, the vault will self-seal and replace the air with an inert gas.

Consuming Maw - A narrow, rusted walkway separates the Outsiders from the way forward. Below the walkway is only darkness.

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Dance of the Witches - A roving cult bacchanalia descends on the Outsiders. The revelers are ready to drink, fight, or possibly both.

The Price of a Life - A group of ritually-robed individuals approach the Outsiders. They have a ragged, terrified child in chains. They offer to trade the child for some choice piece of gear. Refusing the offer offends the cultists.

Sacred Ground - A group of ash-covered cultists insist the Outsiders have trespassed on the Land of the Dead. To appease the spirits, one of the Outsiders must remain behind. Permanently.

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Something Extra – Occult Paraphernalia

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totems made of twisted bone and sinew
original statues ritually mutilated/marked
rock piles
glassy or animated eyes
ritual phrases (so wills the Sleeper)

windchimes
distant laughter
weird symbols
ragged robes
ritual scarring



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God Among the Stars - The walls are increasingly covered with weird writing. The passage opens upon a great, candlelit concrete dome, where cultists pray to a planetarium projector.

The Lord of Blood - The Outsiders are captured and brought before The Sleeper, a pale humanoid who intends to ritually eat them.

Are You a God? - The Outsiders find themselves boxed in by throngs of the faithful. They are convinced that the Outsiders are divine, and demand the Outsiders perform various miracles (healing the sick, purifying water, etc). They become irate if the new gods fail to deliver.

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Against All Odds - An armed patrol of The Even-Numbered come upon the Outsiders. The patrol is unable to decide whether the Outsiders are Even-Numbered (and thus allies), Odd-Numbered infiltrators (and thus mortal enemies) or an as-yet-unsorted mix of the two.

The Experience Machine - The walls of this chamber are covered in monitors. It may take a while, but eventually everyone discovers a monitor that they find intensely, overwhelmingly interesting. Terminal dehydration may take up to a week.

Quatloo Fever - The Outsiders discover a variety of machines which dispense small, triangular currency in exchange for completing simple cognitive tests (solving a maze, memorizing numbers, etc). The tokens can be used at other machines to dispense water and nutrition pellets. A ragged band of ruffians demand the Outsider's quatloos.

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Something Extra – Experimental Observations

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cameras
clean
clinical
colored path markers
additional tests required

mazes
minor side-effects
cryptic symbols
plastic plants
how are you feeling?

soothing voice
abstract art
colored coveralls
regimented schedule
minimalist cells



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Cargo Cult - The Outsiders find the central monitoring area. It's populated by a ragged band of former subjects who have promoted themselves to experimenters. They use incoherent jargon and obviously have no idea what they're doing.

A Better World - The Outsiders encounter a community of people who survive by conforming to the experiment's expectations. They are understandably concerned about the Outsiders disrupting the Facility.

Human Subject Recruiting - The Outsiders stumble upon an enormous, ghoulish prison where human subjects are bred from generation to generation. The prison guards respond violently to the intruders.

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OUTSIDER: NASIM

The Leader

Look - Dusty silks and ancient books of Old Tech lore

Cover Story - I am the recognized leader of this expedition, and have hand-picked the rest of you for your expertise. Our goal is dead simple: we go in, find and retrieve the Zero Device, and kill anything that gets in our way.



Special Ability - Leadership: Other players may give you dice. For every two dice given this way, you gain one extra die in the color of your choice.

Analyze - Green

Understand and manipulate old tech

- Open a locked door
- Orient using maps or signs
- Identify the weak spot of a device



start with 4 green dice

Sneak - Black

Get somewhere without being detected

- Bypass a motion detector
- Avoid a security patrol
- Steal a keycard



start with 2 black dice

Maneuver - White

Overcome obstacles using athleticism and agility

- Free run through difficult terrain
- Climb a wall or building
- Safely navigate unstable structures



start with 2 white dice

Smash - Copper

Hurt people and break things

- Crush a robot sentry
- Kick down a door
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OUTSIDER: DUST

The Expert

Look - Tattered robes and various bits of repurposed Old-World tech

Cover Story - My knowledge of the ancient world is unmatched, you know. My journals will be the de-facto reference for generations of scholars. I suppose I am one of the few people who could hope to understand The Facility.



Special Ability – Expert Advice: After challenge dice are rolled, you may choose to re-roll all green dice. You must re-roll all dice, and you re-roll dice contributed by any player.

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start with 6 green dice

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OUTSIDER: DOMINO

The Observer

Look - City clothes, a practiced smile, and a quick wit

Cover Story - I am the right hand of Unger, the warlord who commands Hightown. Unger claims The Facility as part of his realm. I am to travel with you, to insure you do not damage or steal any of my lord's rightful property.



Special Ability - Leverage: If Domino is killed, you may gift any number of your remaining dice to other players.

Analyze - Green

Understand and manipulate old tech

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start with 3 green dice

Sneak - Black

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start with 4 black dice

Maneuver - White

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OUTSIDER: MOUSE

The Shadow

Look - Ragged clothes, bare feet, quick fingers and bright eyes.

Cover Story - I may look like a little slip of a thing, but I'm quick on my feet and wiser than you'd think. I started following the group in the last outpost. Eventually, you invited me into your camp. I earn my keep by cleaning and gathering firewood.



Special Ability – Eye for Secrets: You can look at any other player's Secret Agenda card at any time.

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Understand and manipulate old tech

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Sneak - Black

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Maneuver - White

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OUTSIDER: TINY

The Muscle

Look - Hulking giant, bristling with weapons and makeshift armor

Cover Story - You weak people needed somebody to smash heads. Everybody knows Tiny is the best head-smasher in town.



Special Ability – Appetite for Destruction: If you ever have zero Smash dice, immediately gain 1 Smash die. You're never too injured or exhausted to Smash a bit more.

Analyze - Green

Understand and manipulate old tech

- Open a locked door
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- Identify the weak spot of a device

start with no green dice

Sneak - Black

Get somewhere without being detected

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start with no black dice

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OUTSIDER: WINTER

The Bodyguard

Look - Simple and functional clothes and a well-worn weapon

Cover Story - I have spent long years on the road, seeking always to challenge myself and perfect my technique. The group needed a veteran mercenary who was discrete and adaptable. My reputation made me an easy choice.



Special Ability – Shifting Loyalties: Once per game, you can change sides immediately after Challenge dice are rolled. Keep your original roll.

Analyze - Green

Understand and manipulate old tech

- Open a locked door
- Orient using maps or signs
- Identify the weak spot of a device

start with no green dice

Sneak - Black

Get somewhere without being detected

- Bypass a motion detector
- Avoid a security patrol
- Steal a keycard



start with 3 black dice

Maneuver - White

Overcome obstacles using athleticism and agility

- Free run through difficult terrain
- Climb a wall or building
- Safely navigate unstable structures



start with 3 white dice

Smash - Copper

Hurt people and break things

- Crush a robot sentry
- Kick down a door
- Rip open a locked cabinet



start with 4 copper dice

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OUTSIDER: BRAN

The Guide

Look - Worn leather clothes, bags heavy with tools, gear, maps, and diagrams.

Cover Story - I'm a seasoned explorer, and you smart folks have employed me as your guide. I've been in and out of places like this my whole life. Just follow my lead. Don't wander off. And for god's sake, don't touch anything.



Special Ability – No Big Deal: You may choose to ignore the effects of the Status Cards when selecting dice for a Challenge.

Analyze - Green

Understand and manipulate old tech

- Open a locked door
- Orient using maps or signs
- Identify the weak spot of a device



start with 2 green dice

Sneak - Black

Get somewhere without being detected

- Bypass a motion detector
- Avoid a security patrol
- Steal a keycard



start with 2 black dice

Maneuver - White

Overcome obstacles using athleticism and agility

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start with 4 white dice

Smash - Copper

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start with 2 copper dice

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OUTSIDER: RAKSHASA

The Bandit Leader

Look - A riot of colors, jangling shiny oddments, and unshakable confidence.

Cover Story - A lesser bandit would have robbed the group and been done with it. Ah, but Rakshasa is a bandit with vision. Rakshasa demanded to come along, yes? In exchange for a fair portion of the treasure, Rakshasa will provide you with seasoned leadership and expert advice.



Special Ability – Vindictive: When your side loses a Challenge, you may select one die belonging to any player. That player discards that die.

Analyze - Green

Understand and manipulate old tech

- Open a locked door
- Orient using maps or signs
- Identify the weak spot of a device

start with no green dice

Sneak - Black

Get somewhere without being detected

- Bypass a motion detector
- Avoid a security patrol
- Steal a keycard



start with 3 black dice

Maneuver - White

Overcome obstacles using athleticism and agility

- Free run through difficult terrain
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- Safely navigate unstable structures



start with 5 white dice

Smash - Copper

Hurt people and break things

- Crush a robot sentry
- Kick down a door
- Rip open a locked cabinet



start with 2 copper dice

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OUTSIDER: SAWBONES

The Doctor

Look - Half-shaman, half-medic. Patched-together coveralls with dozens of pockets

Cover Story - Bodies? Oh goodness, they're such fragile, fragile little things. A little poke and all the fluids drip out. Bend them too far and they don't bend back, do they? Fortunately, you have selected the finest doctor in the region to accompany you.



Special Ability – First Aid: When you reach **Day One - Making Camp**, you can patch up minor injuries. For each other Outsider, you may choose to discard one Analyze die. If you do discard a die, that Outsider gains two dice in the color or colors of their choice.

Analyze - Green

Understand and manipulate old tech

- Open a locked door
- Orient using maps or signs
- Identify the weak spot of a device



start with 5 green dice

Sneak - Black

Get somewhere without being detected

- Bypass a motion detector
- Avoid a security patrol
- Steal a keycard



start with 2 black dice

Maneuver - White

Overcome obstacles using athleticism and agility

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start with 1 white die

Smash - Copper

Hurt people and break things

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start with 2 copper dice

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OUTSIDER: PRETA

The Enigma

Look - Faceless, obscured by layers of baggy, ill-fitting clothing and robes

Cover Story - I am an outcast, accursed. People cross the street to avoid me, and make the Sign of Warding when I gaze upon them. But you see, I know more about the Facility than any living person should. It is insane to trust me. But more insane to dare the Facility without me.



Special Ability – Body Snatcher: Whenever another Outsider dies, immediately gain 3 dice in the color or colors of your choice.

Analyze - Green

Understand and manipulate old tech

- Open a locked door
- Orient using maps or signs
- Identify the weak spot of a device



start with 4 green dice

Sneak - Black

Get somewhere without being detected

- Bypass a motion detector
- Avoid a security patrol
- Steal a keycard



start with 4 black dice

Maneuver - White

Overcome obstacles using athleticism and agility

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start with 2 white dice

Smash - Copper

Hurt people and break things

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start with 0 copper dice

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Doppelganger

At some point, probably during the night of Day One, you were replaced with a convincingly-similar android for unknown purposes.

Immigrant

You have decided to live among the simulacra, in their sterile but safe world. You just need to be accepted by them.

Probe

You are the most human-like android ever built at the factory. You have returned to report the results of your mission.

Strain M3Z

Plaguebearer

You don't know why The Old Man wants a stable disease sample, but he pays well, so you'll get him one.

Infected

You've sacrificed everything you have to get here. If there's a cure for your illness, it's inside The Facility.

Doctor

You could work miracles with the Zero Device. You just need to make sure some idiot doesn't smash it.

Project MK Grail

Victim

After what they did to you, you swore you'd never come back here. But here you are.

Cargo Cultist

No one even remembers why we keep The Experiment running. You just know that it always needs new subjects.

Mad Scientist

It's taken years of research and dozens of false leads. Now you're finally here, the one place you'll have the freedom and tools to perform your work

Prometheus

Luddite

The thinking machines brought about the apocalypse. They must never be allowed to come to power again.

High Programmer

The holy words of Kernighan and Ritchie have been handed down over generations. At last, you will type the incantations on a real keyboard.

Old School

You are one of the people who built The Facility, preserved however people get preserved here.

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Procurer

It lets your family live. You bring it meat. Simple enough.

Big Game Hunter

You've hunted anything that moves, but never something as dangerous as this. You'll be a legend.

Dr. Jekyll

This group looks tough. Maybe they'll be the ones to put your demons to rest and punish you for all the terrible things you've done.

Solitary Tower Bravo

Con Artist

This will be the third group you've led to an early death. Gets a little easier each time.

Murderer

You have a score to settle with one of the other PCs. In a place like this, well, accidents happen all the time.

Unbalanced

It could be God. Or the chip they put in your head. Anyway, the voice tells you to do things. If you don't listen, the headaches come

Honest

You have no secret agenda. You're actually here to help the group, and your goal is just what is on your character sheet.

Your companions seem a bit off, and prone to erratic behavior. You want to defuse conflict and keep everyone focused on finding the Zero Device and getting out alive.

Reveal this on Day 2, when a Threat is announced with no corresponding Secret Agenda.

Rust Tribe

Outcast

You were cast out by the inhabitants of The Facility. You have returned to settle things.

Warlord

The inhabitants would make the perfect army. You just need to prove that you are a strong leader.

Rescuer

Someone you care for has come to live with the inhabitants. You need to get them out. Whether they want to leave or not.

Cult of the Sleeper

Chosen One

Whatever the prophesy is, you're certain you're the one who fulfills it.

Convert

The cult is right. They make sense. Why don't the others see it? It's so clear now.

Obedient

You have brought them here, just like the master asked.



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