

Adventure GM Cheatsheet

Dice Rolls

ROLL OUTCOMES ADVANTAGE & DISADVANTAGE

9+SuccessAdvantageBest two dice of 3D66-8Partial SuccessDisadvantageWorst two dice of 3D6

5- Failure

Health & Healing

INJURIES

 Moderate
 puncture wounds ⋅ deep cuts ⋅ broken bones

 Series
 head/torso injuries ⋅ lost limbs ⋅ high falls

 Fatal
 anything that would end character's life

HEALING

• Healing Potion • A Skilled Healer • First Aid

• Time & Rest • Magic Items

KNOCKED OUT & LAST BREATH

After 4 moderate, 2 series, or 1 fatal injury...

Knocked Out Cannot do anything until revived

Last Breath If not revived in short period of time, roll...

Creating a Fantastic World

FEATURES OF THE WORLD

- Fantastic Locations. Places to explore (big, old, weird).
- Dangers. Challenges to solve (creatures, obstacles, traps).
- Secrets. Mysteries to learn.
- Treasure & Magic Items. Drive quests and grant powers and abilities.
- Fronts. Things that will affect the world unless the players intervene.

The Guiding Principles

- 1. Rulings, not rules. If the rules get in the way or don't quite fit, ignore them.
- 2. Portray a fantastic world, full of awe, wonder, mystery, danger, and humanity.
- 3. Play to find out what happens. Give players meaningful choices.

Actions & Outcomes

CAST SPELL

When casting a difficult or powerful spell...

9+ The spell works

6-8 It also draws unwelcome attention or goes out-of-control

COMBAT

When making an attack...

9+ Your attack lands

6–8 The enemy also hits you or you get put in a tough spot

DEFY DANGER

Any time you try to avoid danger or getting hurt...

9+ You succeed

6-8 You stumble, and choose from a worse outcome or tough choice

DEFEND

When you try to defend yourself of a teammate from an attack...

9+ Block the attack

6-8 Lessen the damage, or block it all but damage your armor/weapon

UNDERSTAND THE WORLD

Try to study the world around you, a person, or a situation...

On a 9+, GM answers three questions. On a 6-8, GM answers one.

- What happened here recently?
- What is about to happen?
- What should I be on the lookout for?
- What here is useful or valuable to me?
- Who's really in control here?
- What here is not what it appears to be?

RECALL KNOWLEDGE

Try to recall something that your character. would know in the story...

- 9+ The GM will tell you something interesting and useful
- 6-8 The GM will tell you something interesting only

INFLUENCE

When you try to persuade or intimidate someone...

- 9+ They do what you want
- **6–8** They require something from you first

LAST BREATH

When a character is dying...

- **9+** Death allows them to return to the living
- 6-8 Death requires something in return