

# Fate's Edge — Talents Compendium v1.1

## SRD Addendum & Synthesis

### Talents by Archetype

#### Fighter

##### 2 XP (Minor Edge)

- **Second Wind:** Once/scene after taking Harm, convert **1 Harm** → **1 Fatigue** (after armor/talents).
- **Narrow Escape:** When you'd take **Harm 1**, you may mark **1 Fatigue** instead (once/scene).

##### 3 XP (Tactical Edges)

- **Shield Wall:** If you and an adjacent ally both wield shields, you both gain **+1 die to Defense** and convert the first incoming **Harm 1** to **1 Fatigue** for either character.
- **Overpower:** When you attack a foe at **Harm 1+**, gain **+1 die** to the attack.

##### 4 XP (Major Play)

- **Battle Sense** (*req. Narrow Escape*): After you mitigate Harm (any method), gain **Position +1** next exchange.
- **Weapon Mastery:** Pick a weapon family; your attacks with it get **DV -1** when you have footing or bracing.

##### 6 XP (Capstone)

- **Death Denied** (*req. Battle Sense*): **Once/session**, ignore all Harm from a single source after reductions; mark **2 Fatigue**.

##### 8 XP (Mythic)

- **Unbreakable Line** (*req. Weapon Mastery*): While you hold a chokepoint or doorway, allies behind you gain **Position +1** and **Effect +1** vs. foes you engage.

#### Rogue

##### 2 XP

- **Opportunist:** Attacking from Hidden or from a new angle grants **Effect +1**.
- **Evasion:** When targeted by area/volley effects, reduce incoming **Harm by 1 level** (once/scene).

### 3–4 XP

- **Always an Exit** (3 XP): When disengaging or fleeing, **Position +1** and ignore one movement penalty.
- **Cutpurse** (3 XP): Create a “lifted item” **Diamond** once/leg without a roll if you had close contact.
- **Ghost on the Wind** (4 XP): On a *Partial* with **Stealth/Subterfuge**, you still count as Hidden but GM banks +1 SB.
- **Smoke & Mirrors** (4 XP): Spend **1 Boon** to create a **Decoy [2]** clock; while it ticks, you count as elsewhere for one check.

### 5 XP

- **Perfect Setup:** When you succeed on a **Setup** action, the next ally’s action gains **Effect +2** (instead of +1) against the target.
- **Vanishing Act:** When you take Harm, immediately test **Stealth vs. DV (Tier)**; on success, become **Hidden** and clear **1 Fatigue**.

### 6 XP

- **Master of Subterfuge** (*req. Ghost on the Wind*): When you open a scene from Hidden and succeed, you may also **suppress 1 SB** the GM would spend this exchange.

## Ranger

### 2 XP

- **Tracker’s Instinct:** **DV –1** to Track/Survey in wilds; on success, ask 1 follow-up (“time since,” “numbers,” or “load”).
- **Skirmisher:** After a ranged attack, free **half-move** without worsening Position.

### 4 XP

- **Mark Prey:** Mark a target; your first successful attack/scene vs. them gets **Effect +1** and reveals a vulnerability tag.
- **Terrain Mastery:** Pick one terrain; in it, your side starts **Position +1** unless surprised.

### 6 XP

- **One with the Wild:** Once/scene in your terrain, reframe a chaotic exchange as **Controlled / Standard** for your action.

## Bard

### 2 XP

- **Inspiring Performance:** Once/scene, grant an ally **+1 die** and remove **1 Fatigue** on a rousing beat.

- **Cutting Remark:** On a social success, you may impose **Effect -1** on an opponent's next social action.

### 3–4 XP

- **Loreweaver** (3 XP): After **Lore/Investigation** success, ask **one extra question** or set a 2-tick “Lead” clock.
- **Glamour Voice** (3 XP): Create a subtle illusion/shift; grants **Position +1** to the next allied social action.
- **Rally** (4 XP): Clear **1 Fatigue** from up to two allies in Near and give them **Position +1** next exchange.
- **Song Ward** (4 XP): Allies resist *fear/fray* as if **Controlled** this scene while you maintain a refrain.

### 6 XP

- **Crescendo:** **Once/scene**, convert a successful social roll into a **scene pivot**: shift 1 active social clock by +2 in your favor.

### Freeform Caster (Wizard)

*Requires Caster’s Gift (2 XP).*

### 2 XP

- **Elemental Affinity:** Pick one element; your weaves of it gain **Effect +1** when you accept **+1 Fatigue**.
- **Overchannel:** When you *Push*, you may split the cost: **+1 Fatigue** and **allow GM +1 SB** instead of a larger cost.

### 3 XP

- **Focused Casting:** If you maintain concentration (no move/defend) for a full exchange, gain **Effect +1** on your next casting this scene.
- **Sympathetic Link:** When you target a creature with magic, mark a **Connection [2]** clock; while it ticks, you gain **DV -1** for future effects on that target.

### 4 XP

- **Counterweave:** **Reaction**—on a success vs DV 3–4, dampen or disperse a rival working; if Partial, you both flicker.
- **Geometer’s Focus:** Complex shaping (walls/bridges) uses **DV -1** if you have a diagram or chalk lines.

## 6–8 XP

- **Ruin or Remedy** (6 XP): After a successful weave affecting environment, add a **new environmental tag** for the scene.
- **Transcendent Harmony** (8 XP) (*req. Caster's Gift, Geometer's Focus or Counterweave; revised*): **Once/session**, for a single casting sequence of *scene-scale or smaller* ( $DV \leq 4$ ; not battlefield-scale), set your **Position to Controlled** for that sequence and remove **1 SB** from the pool on resolution. *Cost:* mark **2 Fatigue**. If the cast is *Area/Devastating* or would exceed scene scale, instead gain **Position +1** (not full Control) and remove no SB.

## Invoker (Patron Symbols)

*Requires Patron's Symbol (4 XP).*

### 2 XP

- **Minor Sacrament**: Treat a simple healing/blessing as **DV -1**; on success, also remove **1 Fatigue** from the subject.
- **Consecration**: Sanctify a small zone; allies inside gain **Position +1** vs a listed threat.

### 4 XP

- **Rebuke the Unquiet**: Against undead/spirits, your invocations gain **Effect +1** and may mark **Morale** clocks.
- **Oathbinder**: Bind a witnessed oath; breaking it creates a **Breach [4]** clock you can sense.

### 6 XP

- **Miracle of Mercy**: **Once/session**, downgrade **Harm 2 → Harm 1** on up to two allies or clear **2 Fatigue** across the group.

## Runekeeper (Codex & Thaisos)

*Requires Codex (4 XP) and Thaisos (2 XP).*

### 2 XP

- **Process Consecration**: When you define a method and follow it, your related rolls gain **Effect +1**; start a site **Hunger [4]**.
- **Loop Breaker**: On success with a noisy/variance action, **clear Loop [2]** or prevent a “repeat” comp once/scene.

### 4 XP

- **Quarantine Seal**: Box an anomaly into a marked area/tool; allies get **Position +1** to work around; stress ticks **Containment**.
- **Masker Auditor**: **DV -1** to impose safety/mercy clauses in contracts; refusal gives them a **Black Mark** (campaign tag).

## 6–8 XP

- **Human-in-the-Loop** (6 XP): **Once/scene**, convert a machine failure into a **human choice**—you pick who decides and stakes.
- **Supply Architect** (8 XP): Consecrate a chain to create **Surplus [2]** (banked asset). Cash later; the GM ticks **Anomaly [1]** upstream.

## Paladin

### 2 XP

- **Vowkeeper**: Choose a vow (mercy, defense, truth). When acting in it, gain **Position +1** on the opening exchange.
- **Lay on Hands**: Touch to **reduce Harm by 1 level** (or **clear 2 Fatigue**) once/scene.

### 4–6 XP

- **Smite** (4 XP): Against a sworn foe or oathbreaker, your hit gains **Effect +1** and a brief awe/fear tag.
- **Ward of the Innocent** (4 XP): While defending noncombatants, you may take an ally's **Harm 1** onto your Fatigue instead (once/scene).
- **Aura of Resolve** (6 XP): Allies within Near ignore the first **Position drop** this scene.

## Barbarian

### 2 XP

- **Battle-Rage**: When you *Push* by marking Fatigue, gain **Effect +1** and ignore Difficult Terrain penalties this exchange.
- **Thick Hide**: Reduce the **first Harm 1** you'd take each scene to **1 Fatigue**.

### 4–6 XP

- **Relentless** (4 XP): When reduced to **Harm 2**, immediately take a free **Attack** or **Move** before consequences land.
- **Reckless Charge** (4 XP): Enter melee from Near with **Position +1**; on a Partial/Miss, also mark **1 Fatigue**.
- **Last to Fall** (6 XP): **Once/session**, remain active at **Harm 3** long enough to complete your declared action.

## Monk

### 2 XP

- **Breath Control**: Clear **1 Fatigue** as a 1-action focus (once/scene).
- **Flow Step**: Free **Dash** after a successful melee attack.

## 4–6 XP

- **Deflect Missiles** (4 XP): On a successful defense vs ranged, reduce **Harm** by **1**; on a 10, send it to another Near target.
- **Stunning Palm** (4 XP): On melee success, you may replace damage with a **Stagger [2]** clock.
- **Perfect Stillness** (6 XP): Begin a scene **Hidden** in plain sight until you move or act (once/scene).

## Druid

*Choose Caster's Gift or Patron's Symbol as your engine.*

## 2 XP

- **Wildcraft**: Minor shape (sense/limb/feature) for a scene; grants **Position +1** on a relevant test.
- **Speak to Beasts**: Parley with animals as if a shared tongue; you may ask one motive each encounter.

## 4–6 XP

- **Entangling Roots** (4 XP): Create difficult/holding terrain (**Trap [4]**).
- **Circle Rite** (4 XP): Sanctify a grove or spring; allied recovery there is **twice as fast** for Fatigue and minor Harm.
- **Season's Turn** (6 XP): Shift a local environmental tag (dry→wet, calm→windy, etc.) once/scene.

## Sorcerer (Innate Arcana)

*Requires Caster's Gift.*

## 2 XP

- **Wild Talent**: When your roll shows at least one **1**, you may accept the GM spending +1 SB to gain **+1 success** on that cast.
- **Bloodline Surge**: Once/scene, add **+1 die** to a cast and mark **1 Fatigue** after.

## 4–6 XP

- **Font of Power** (4 XP): On a clean success, bank **Arcane Residue [1]**; spend later for **Effect +1** on a related element.
- **Spell Eater** (4 XP): When targeted by magic, on a success vs DV 3, convert it to **1 Boon** (or harmless static).
- **Overwhelming Presence** (6 XP): **Once/scene**, your cast sets nearby mundane foes to **Hesitate** unless they mark **1 Fatigue** to act.

## Healer (any engine)

### 2 XP

- **Field Medic:** Treating **Harm 1–2** gains **DV -1**; if you stabilize during combat, patient gets **Position +1** on their next action.
- **Physicker's Kit:** When you spend an **Asset** to heal, clear **+1 extra Fatigue** or step Harm down an additional level on a 10.

### 4 XP

- **Steady Hands:** On a healing *Partial*, also grant the patient **+1 die** on their next roll this scene.
- **Triage:** In a pinch, stabilize **two** allies at once (Hard DV).

## Face (Diplomat/Broker)

### 2 XP

- **Table Sense:** On entering a negotiation, ask 1 of: “Who has leverage?”, “What clause is hidden?”, “Who can be turned?”
- **Good Faith:** When you openly concede a minor point, gain **Position +1** on the next major ask.

### 4–6 XP

- **Two Ledgers** (4 XP): Keep said & meant on record; your side gets **DV -1** to enforce or unwind clauses.
- **Cold Read** (4 XP): After a successful **Sway/Diplomacy**, you may apply **Effect -1** to one opponent for the rest of the scene.
- **Deal Architect** (6 XP): **Once/scene**, convert a tangled dispute into a **Board**: set a shared concession clock and assign ticks. *Tag note:* Boards you open have the **Negotiation** tag; while active, a Bard’s Rally/Crescendo may move that Board’s clock by +1 once/scene.

## Artificer (Tinker-Savant)

Requires **Craft 2+** and **Tinker 3+**.

### 2 XP

- **Jury Rig:** As an action, improve a Broken/Neglected tool/weapon to **Adequate** for one scene (DV 3).
- **Gadgeteer:** Create a temporary **Improvised Device [2]** clock; spend ticks to grant allies **+1 die** or **Effect +1** once/scene.

## 4 XP

- **Overcharge:** Push a magical or mechanical device beyond limits; gain **Effect +2** but mark it **Compromised** (or **Broken** if already Compromised).
- **Trick Assembly:** When crafting or repairing, **DV -1**; on success, the item gains a minor beneficial quirk (GM's discretion).

## 6 XP

- **Inventor's Spark:** Once/session, rapidly prototype a solution; treat any **Craft/Tinker** roll as if you had the perfect tools and **Position +1**.

## Universal (any build)

### 2–3 XP

- **Boon Savant** (2 XP): When you gain Boons from a *Partial*, gain **+1 extra Boon** (max once/scene).
- **Hardy** (2 XP): Your **Fatigue overflow** upgrades to **Harm 1** (not higher), once/scene.
- **Steadfast Heart** (3 XP): Once/scene, ignore the first tick of any **Fear** clock or *Shaken* condition you accumulate.
- **Quick Reactions** (3 XP): You may take one **Free Strike** or **Immediate Defense** per exchange when not engaged.

### 4–6 XP

- **Tactical Reframe** (4 XP): **Once/scene**, shift your action's **Position** by **+1** after the roll, before consequences.
- **Teamwork Expert** (4 XP): When leading a group action, you may spread a single **Harm 1** among up to two allies as **1 Fatigue each**.
- **Master of Improvisation** (5 XP): Once/scene, treat any improvised tool or approach as if it had **Superior Quality** for one action.
- **Pressure Point** (5 XP): When you successfully attack a living foe, mark a **Weakness [2]** clock on them; while it ticks, they act at **-1 die**.
- **Scene Steal** (6 XP) (*req. Tactical Reframe; revised*): **Once/session**, spend **2 Boons** to cancel a single **3+ SB** spend *that has been declared but not yet resolved*. Replace it with a **2 SB** complication of your framing that fits established fiction (choose: split focus, resource pinch, position drop, or clock tick **+1**). Cannot negate Patron edicts, completed clocks, or out-of-scene consequences.

## 7+ XP (High Impact)

- **Heroic Moment** (7 XP): Once/session, after any roll, re-roll the entire pool and choose the better result. Mark **1 Fatigue** and generate **+1 SB** on 1s from the second roll.

**Mitigation Order (stacking).** Armor/shield → talents → Harm→Fatigue transposition → Boon mitigation (if used).

## Rules Clarifications & Addenda

### Diamonds & Assets (SRD Addendum)

**What is a Diamond?** A one-use, fiction-backed asset that *bypasses a roll* or grants **DV -1** where stated. It must be plausibly introduced on-screen.

**Creation:** If a talent creates a Diamond (e.g., *Cutpurse*), you gain a *Light-value* Diamond (small item, document, leverage) usable **once per leg or scene** as specified. It does *not* occupy inventory unless it's physical; if physical, it can be found, stolen, or lost like any asset.

**Limits:** Max **2 unspent Diamonds/PC**. Additional Diamonds overwrite one of your choice.

### Tags — Quick Impact Rule

Unless a talent specifies otherwise, a relevant scene/tag provides:

- **Edge Tag** (e.g., High Ground, Consecrated, Darkness): **Position +1 or Effect +1** (GM/fiction chooses the most honest).
- **Hindrance Tag** (e.g., Slippery, Echoing, Choking Smoke): **Position -1 or DV +1**.

Conflicting tags on the *same axis* cancel one step. Two or more allied tags cannot stack beyond **+1 Position and +1 Effect** total without a talent that says so.

### Environmental Tags — Scope & Duration

Effects like *Ruin* or *Remedy* create an **Environmental Tag** that lasts **for the scene** (combat/social) or **one leg** (travel), whichever the action targeted. The tag can be removed early by:

- An opposed success that directly counters the fiction (e.g., *clear smoke, shore rubble*), or
- A **3+ SB** GM spend reframing the environment.

Scene-end clears temporary tags unless a clock or consequence promotes them to *campaign tags*.

### Niche Notes (to reduce overlap)

- **Healer vs. Bard:** Healer sets *Harm math* (DV, step-downs). Bard sets *scene math* (Position shifts, social pivots). They stack, not duplicate.
- **Face vs. Bard:** Face manipulates *structures* (Boards, clauses); Bard manipulates *mood and tempo* (Rally, Crescendo).
- **Invoker vs. Runekeeper:** Invoker anchors *oaths/warded space*. Runekeeper stabilizes *process/sites* with risk of loops.

## Runekeepers as Emulators

Runekeepers bind processes, contracts, and sites to a Patron's domain and then *route* power through method, seals, and audit. With the same chassis (Familiar + Codex + Thaisos), a Runekeeper can convincingly cover many party roles by choosing Patrons, rites, and talents that echo a classic archetype. Patrons are vast intelligences of domain and story—entreating them is power *and* obligation. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 0Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)

### Defender (Fighter/Paladin Emulation)

#### Patrons & Motifs.

- **Oath of Flame & Light** (Dawn, Vows): vow-anchored wards, “shield by promise,” righteous burn. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 1Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- **Mykkiel** (Zeal, Flame, Judgment): verdict, writ, and purging fire to bind or censure foes. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 2Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- **Gallows Bell** (Doom, Last Rites): endings made formal—banes, last-right seals, toll of reckoning. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 3Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)

**Rite Cues.** Consecrate chokepoints; bind *oath-backed cover*; toll a “last rites” clause to sap Morale or bar passage (scene clock). (Domains fit these effects by fiction and table 7.13 domain notes.) [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 4Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)

**Talent Hooks.** *Weapon Mastery, Shield Wall, Ward of the Innocent* (from Paladin), *Quarantine Seal* (Runekeeper).

### Shadow Auditor (Rogue Emulation)

#### Patrons & Motifs.

- **Ikasha** (Shadow, Penumbra): hush, negative space, seams; perfect for silent process and “absence-ledger.” [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 5Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- **Aveh** (Freedom, Erasure): erasing trails, cutting identity ties, unbinding routes; low rites like *Storm-Step* exemplify escape/vanish play. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 6Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)

**Rite Cues.** Seal a room’s *footfall channel* (Stealth DV-1), write an *erasure clause* that blurs pursuit (travel clocks -1 segment to track).

**Talent Hooks.** *Ghost on the Wind, Smoke & Mirrors, Cutpurse, Masker Auditor* (contracts to hide costs).

### Pathfinder (Ranger/Druid Emulation)

#### Patrons & Motifs.

- **Raéyn** (Storm, Tides): routes, sea-roads, weather leverage; edge loci on decks and stormways. [oai<sub>c</sub>itation : 7Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58f)
- **Old Man of the Black Forest** (Primal Humanity, Instinct): raw wayfinding, animal wisdom. [oai<sub>c</sub>itation : 8Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58f)
- **Nidhoggr** (Deep Earth, Rot): stone memory, root paths, ancient cuts through terrain. [oai<sub>c</sub>itation : 9Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)

**Rite Cues.** Sanctify a *way-mark*, call *forest witness* to reduce ambush Position, bargain a *safe ford* under storm-as-contract.

**Talent Hooks.** *Terrain Mastery, Tracker's Instinct, Circle Rite, Season's Turn.*

### Artificer (Wizard/Engineer Emulation)

#### Patron & Motif.

- **Clockwork Monad** (Mechanism, Process): iteration, automation, hungry improvement; recursive devices, consecrated workshops, and evolution/consumption clocks. [oai<sub>c</sub>itation : 10Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- **Rite Cues (examples from your guide).**
- *Rite of the Gnawing Gear*—re-roll a Tinker die, bind Hunger to a device (becomes COMPROMISED when full). [oai<sub>c</sub>itation : 11Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- *Heretical Automation*—spin up an autonomous mechanism with a Consumption clock. [oai<sub>c</sub>itation : 12Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- *Singularity Crucible*—consecrate a shop: +Effect to Tinker/Arcana, reroll once/scene; starts an Anomaly clock. [oai<sub>c</sub>itation : 13Fate'sEdge – ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)

**Talent Hooks.** *Process Consecration, Trick Assembly, Overcharge, Supply Architect.*

### Exorcist/Justiciar (Cleric/Witch-Hunter Emulation)

#### Patrons & Motifs.

- **Mykkiel** (Judgment, Law): writ-backed censures, verdict rites, “name and bind” actions. [oai<sub>c</sub>itation : 14Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- **Gallows Bell** (Doom, Last Rites): funerary closure, toll that breaks undead morale and compels endings. [oai<sub>c</sub>itation : 15Fate'sEdge – ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- **Pale Shepherd** (Thresholds, Guidance): escorting spirits and boundary-lit grace. [oai<sub>c</sub>itation : 16Fate'sEdge—ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)

**Rite Cues.** Ward a shrine against the unquiet; toll a *due ending*; draft an *oath writ* that censors witchcraft in a district (Board/clock).

**Talent Hooks.** *Rebuke the Unquiet, Oathbinder, Quarantine Seal, Human-in-the-Loop.*

### Courtier/Skald (Bard/Face Emulation)

**Patrons & Motifs.**

- **Mab** (Glamour, Courts): mask, favor, audience management. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 17Fate'sEdge – ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- **Livaea** (Temptation, Desire): leverage through longing and allure. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 18Fate'sEdge – ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- **Palinode** (Performance, Rapture): performance as binding structure and rapture as pivot. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 19Fate'sEdge – ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)

**Rite Cues.** Consecrate an *audience hall* (Position +1 for your side's social), bind a *favor clause*, or reframe the scene with a formal *performance rite*.

**Talent Hooks.** *Deal Architect* (as a formal Board), *Rally, Crescendo, Two Ledgers.*

### Breaker/Ascetic (Barbarian/Monk Emulation)

**Patrons & Motifs.**

- **Khemesh** (Abyss, Pressure): crushing silence, depth-pressure—perfect for “strip the scaffold” encounters. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 20Fate'sEdge – ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- **Silent Choir** (Mercy, Silence): stillness rites, hush that turns violence aside. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 21Fate'sEdge – ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)
- **Lunara** (Reflection, Hidden Truths): mirror stance, reveal angles, redirect force. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 22Fate'sEdge – ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)

**Rite Cues.** Invoke *quiet pressure* to degrade enemy coordination (Effect -1), mirror an assault back as a *Stagger* clock, or sanctify calm (“no voice, no blade” zone).

**Talent Hooks.** *Battle-Rage* (for the Khemesh path), *Breath Control, Perfect Stillness, Deflect Missiles.*

### Shifter/Knife of Choice (Assassin/Skirmisher Emulation)

**Patron & Motif.**

- **Isoka** (Serpents, Shedding): identity-shedding, venom decisions, and decisive strikes; her rites foreground disguise, loosening conditions, and “venomous benediction.” [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 23Fate'sEdge – ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](file – service : //file – D6iQFU3UgLM1TE1ySWJRS6)

**Rite Cues (from your guide).** *Venomous Benediction* to spike an ally's hit, *Loosening Skin* to shed conditions, *Subtle Shift* to pass within a role. [oai<sub>citation</sub> : 24Fate'sEdge – ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](sediment : //file<sub>0</sub>00000005ae071f6ae5d0e58fa3b81bb)

**Talent Hooks.** *Forked Sight Mark*-style play via social truth, *Opportunist*, *Vanishing Act*, *Perfect Setup*.

### Build Template (all emulations).

1. **Engine:** Familiar + Codex (Runekeeper) with a Patron whose *domain tags* match the job.
2. **Method:** Anchor one *site/process/contract* per arc (e.g., warded gate, audience clause, consecrated workshop).
3. **Talents:** Mix core Runekeeper tools (*Process Consecration*, *Quarantine Seal*, *Masker Auditor*) with role talents (e.g., *Shield Wall*, *Crescendo*, *Tracker's Instinct*).
4. **Costs:** Track *Obligation* through acts of service aligned to the Patron's theme to keep the ledger clean. [oai\_citation : 25Fate'sEdge – ComprehensiveResourceGuide.txt](file – service : //file – D6iQFU3UgLM1TE1ySWJRS6)

## Monk Builds (Caster & Summoner Hybrids)

### Drunken Master of Thrysos (Monk/Runekeeper)

*Patron: Thrysos — revelry, fermentation, ecstatic misrule under a guiding cup. Process through ritual cups, counts, and festival routes.*

<b>Tier</b>	II (control skirmisher / off-healer)
<b>Attributes</b>	Body 3, Wits 3, Spirit 3, Presence 2
<b>Skills</b>	Melee 2, Subterfuge 1, Athletics 1, Insight 2, Perf
<b>Monk Talents</b>	<b>Breath Control</b> , <b>Flow Step</b> , <b>Stunning Palm</b>
<b>Runekeeper Talents</b>	<b>Process Consecration</b> , <b>Loop Breaker</b> ; later <b>Hu</b>
<b>Rites (Thrysos)</b>	<i>Blessing of the Cup</i> : designate a “shared bowl” met (free beat) gain <b>Position +1</b> once/scene; starts <b>M</b> <i>Ferment the Floor</i> : sanctify ground as <i>slippery re</i> [2] on advance; on Partial you also sway (mark 1) <i>Stagger Into Grace</i> : on a clean hit, you may <i>refram</i> as <b>Controlled</b> if you roleplay the swaying guard. Festival Writ (once: parley DV -1 in public square) 1 Fatigue for two allies during truce)
<b>Strings</b>	
<b>Kit</b>	Iron cup (bell-lined), sash knot-counters, light (mask-right by mood)
<b>Tactics</b>	Consecrate the “cup routine,” then <i>sway</i> —Flow Stunning Palm to set <b>Stagger</b> [2], run Loop Bre cadence.

## Mirror Sutra Adept (Monk/Caster of Lunara)

<b>Tier</b>	II (evasion/control)
<b>Attributes</b>	Body 2, Wits 4, Spirit 3, Pre
<b>Skills</b>	Stealth 2, Melee 1, Insight 2
<b>Monk Talents</b>	<b>Deflect Missiles, Perfect</b>
<b>Caster Talents</b>	<b>Geometer's Focus, Count</b>
<b>Weaves (Lunara)</b>	<i>Glass Veil:</i> treat your defens vs ranged/aimed).
	<i>Counter-Stance:</i> when you c DV -1 on your riposte.
	<i>Many-Faces Kata:</i> brief dou
<b>Strings</b>	first strike from a new angle.
	Polished Truth (negate one at
<b>Kit</b>	through a hand mirror as <i>N</i>
<b>Tactics</b>	Mirror chips, chalk frame, si
	Open Hidden (Perfect Stillne
	Mirror Mark → Counterwea

## Storm-Path Ascetic (Monk/Caster of Raéyn)

<b>Tier</b>	II (mobile strike)
<b>Attributes</b>	Body 3, Wits 3,
<b>Skills</b>	Athletics 2, Melee 1
<b>Monk Talents</b>	<b>Flow Step, Bre</b>
<b>Caster Talents</b>	<b>Elemental Affi</b>
<b>Weaves (Raéyn)</b>	<i>Wind-Step:</i> Das Close for one ex <i>Tide Pull:</i> drag shift.
	<i>Storm Guard:</i> s tain.
<b>Strings</b>	River Prefect Sta as if braced)
<b>Kit</b>	Rope ring, tide t
<b>Tactics</b>	Pin with Tide Pu chains to isolate

## Psychopomp Lantern (Monk/Summoner of the Pale Shepherd)

*Patron: Pale Shepherd — thresholds, guidance, gentle endings. Summons are ancestral shades*

<b>Tier</b>	II (support/control summoner)
<b>Attributes</b>	Body 2, Wits 3, Spirit 4, Presence 2
<b>Skills</b>	Insight 2, Lore 2, Melee 1, Diplomacy 1, Stealth 1
<b>Monk Talents</b>	<b>Perfect Stillness</b> (ambush setups), <b>Stunning Palm</b>
<b>Invoker Talents</b>	<b>Consecration</b> , <b>Rebuke the Unquiet</b> ; later <b>Miracle of Mercy</b>
<b>Symbols/Rites</b>	<i>Lantern-Ward:</i> set a consecrated circle; allies in it treat fear as <b>Controlled</b> . <i>Call of the Patient Dead:</i> summon <b>Lantern-Companions</b> [4] (tags: Ethereal, Tethered, Gentle). Spend 1 tick: +1 die on defend, or <i>hold</i> a foe from crossing a threshold. <i>Name the Crossing:</i> bind a departing spirit to speak one truth (Position + on parley that honors it).
<b>Strings</b>	Grave-Path (shortcut once), Lantern's Pardon (erase one petty theft from social memory)
<b>Kit</b>	Spirit lantern, bell-token, white cord, prayer knives (blunt)
<b>Tactics</b>	Open with ward; bring Lantern-Companions to pin lanes; Stunning Palm stacks <b>Stagger</b> while shades shield lines.

## Serpent-Knot Initiate (Monk/Summoner of Isoka)

<b>Tier</b>	II (
<b>Attributes</b>	Body
<b>Skills</b>	Ste
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<b>Invoker Talents</b>	Mi
<b>Symbols/Rites</b>	Sh
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<b>Tactics</b>	the

*Patron: Isoka — serpents, shedding, decisive truths. Summoned coils strike choice-points.*

## Widow-Line Sentinel (Monk/Summoner of Inaea)

Patron: Inaea — web, witness, guest-right. Summoned threads and spiderlings enforce sanctuary

<b>Tier</b>	II (escort/extraction control)
<b>Attributes</b>	Body 3, Wits 3, Spirit 3, Presence 2
<b>Skills</b>	Athletics 1, Stealth 1, Subterfuge 1, Melee 1, Diplomacy 1, Lore 1
<b>Monk Talents</b>	<b>Flow Step, Deflect Missiles</b>
<b>Invoker Talents</b>	<b>Consecration, Oathbinder</b>
<b>Symbols/Rites</b>	<i>Wedding Line:</i> lay a <i>sanctuary thread</i> ; allies crossing get <b>Position +1</b> vs pursuit this scene. <i>Dew-Mirror Vigil:</i> read two scene truths; start <b>Web-Attention [2]</b> (on fill, a local spirit watches). <i>Summon Threadlings:</i> <b>Spider Cohort [4]</b> (tags: Small, Climb, Tripline). Spend 1: lay a <i>Tripline</i> (DV +1 to chase) or <i>Carry Line</i> to a new anchor. Bride-Line Audience (force parley under your line), Context Key (restore a failing oath with proper role)
<b>Strings</b>	Silk coils, bell chime, resin pins, ladder-plugs
<b>Kit</b>	Drop Wedding Line early; threadlings seed triplines; Flow Step conducts the escort while you Deflect to cover the retreat.
<b>Tactics</b>	

### Advancement Notes.

- **Monk/Caster** builds love *Counterweave*, *Focused Casting*, and *Geometer's Focus* to stabilize big plays without stealing the spotlight from martial beats.
- **Monk/Summoner** builds scale minions using simple clocks: [3–4] for a single ally (Fragile/Powerful tags), [6] for a cohort. Keep tags honest and spend ticks for discrete maneuvers.
- Consider **Heroic Moment (7 XP)** as a late pick on stunt-heavy monks; it pairs well with *Flow Step* chains and “save-the-escort” turns.

### Table Guidance.

- Summoned allies should be *scene-bound assets*, not replacement PCs: give them clear tags, 1–2 maneuvers, and a compact [3–6] clock.
- When a rite establishes a *method* (Runekeeper), start a small **Hunger/Attention** clock appropriate to Patron; pay it off in fiction with witness, rest, or a minor offering.
- Keep mobility central: monks change Position more than they change raw Effect. Let that shine.