"Yeah, I've been around the block. A bit of this, a bit of that. When I came across the secret underworld of monsters and magic... well... it wasn't so different from the underworld I already knew. It was easy to find an angle, just like before."

<b>CHARM</b>	• Manipulate Someone
COOL	<ul><li>Act Under Pressure</li><li>Help Out</li></ul>
SHARP	<ul><li>Investigate a Mystery</li><li>Read a Bad Situation</li></ul>
<b>TOUGH</b>	<ul><li>Kick Some Ass</li><li>Protect Someone</li></ul>
<b>WEIRD</b>	• Use Magic
<b>LUCK</b> Mark luck to change a rol an injury.	l to 12 <i>or</i> avoid all harm from
Okay 🔲 🔲 📙	Doomed
•	ever you spend a Luck point, vill re-appear in your life. Soon.
<b>HARM</b> When you reach 4 or more	e, mark unstable.
Okay□□□	Dying
Uns	table: 🗌
EXPERIENCE	
Experience	:: □□□□□

Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a

move tells you to, mark an experience box.

BAC	CKGROUND
lou	worked a less-than-legal job before you became a
non	ster hunter. What did you do?
	Hoodlum. You can use Tough instead of Charm to
	manipulate someone with threats of violence.
	Burglar. When you break into a secure location,
	roll +Sharp. On a 10+ pick three, on a 7-9 pick two:
	you get in undetected, you get out undetected, you
	don't leave a mess, you find what you were after.
	Grifter. When you are about to manipulate
	someone, you can ask the Keeper "What will con-
	vince this person to do what I want?" The Keeper
	must answer honestly, but not necessarily com-
	pletely.
	Fixer. If you need to buy something, sell some-
	thing, or hire someone, roll +Charm. On a 10+ you
	know just the person who will be interested. On a
	7-9 you know the only person who can do it, but
	there's a complication. Pick one: you owe them; they
	screwed you over; you screwed them over. On a miss,
	the only person who can help is someone who abso-
	lutely hates you.
	<b>Assassin</b> . When you take your first shot at an unsus-
	pecting target, do +2 Harm.
	<b>Charlatan</b> . When you want people to think you are
	using magic, roll +Cool. On a 10 or more, your audi-
	ence is amazed and fooled by your illusion. On a 7-9
	you tripped up a couple of times, maybe someone
	will notice. You may also <b>manipulate people</b> with
	fortune telling. When you do that, ask "What are
	they hoping for right now?" as a free question (even on a miss).
	Pickpocket. When you steal something small, roll
	+Charm. On a 10 or more, you get it and they didn't
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	notice you taking it. On a 7-9 either you don't grab it, you grab the wrong thing, or they remember you later: your choice.

MO	OVES
	get all the basic moves, and two Crooked moves:
П	Artifact: You 'found' a magical artifact with handy
ш	powers, and kept it. Pick one: Protective amulet
	(1-armour magic recharge), Lucky charm (may be
	used as a Luck point, once only), Grimoire (studying
	the book gives +1 forward to use magic), Skeleton
	key (opens any magically sealed lock), Imp stone (A
	weak demon is bound to serve the holder. The imp
	must be summoned with the <b>use magic</b> move).
$\Box$	<b>Crew</b> : You have a regular crew, a team of three or
ш	four people who will help you out with pretty much
	anything. They count as a team (see page 119).
$\Box$	<b>Deal with the Devil</b> : You sold your soul to the Devil.
ш	Pick one or two things you got out of the deal: wealth,
	fame, youth, sensual gratification, skill (add +1 to
	two ratings). Payment is due either when you die, in
	six months (if you picked two things) or otherwise
$\overline{}$	in a year.
Ш	Friends on the Force: You know a few cops who
	can be persuaded to look the other way, or do you a favour, for certain considerations. You can act
	<b>under pressure</b> to get in touch with them when you need to divert any law enforcement attention. There
$\overline{}$	will be a cost, although maybe not right now.
ш	<b>Made</b> : You're "made" in a gang. Name the gang and describe how their operations tie into your back-
	ground. You can call on gang members to help you
	out, but they'll expect to be paid. Your bosses will
	have requests for you now and again, but you'll be
	paid. Minor trouble will be overlooked, but you
_	better not screw over any other made gangsters.
ш	<b>Driver:</b> You have +1 ongoing while driving, plus you
	can hotwire anything (the older it is, the fewer tools
	you need to do it). You also own two handy, wide-
_	ly-available vehicles (perhaps a sportscar and a van).
ш	<b>Home Ground</b> : Your crew made a point of keeping
	the locals happy - keeping them safe, ensuring things
	always went down okay. When you're back in your
	old neighbourhood, you can always find people who
	will hide you or help you with a minor favour, no
_	questions asked.
Ш	<b>Notorious</b> : You have a reputation from your crim-
	inal past. When you reveal who you are, your
	terrifying reputation counts as a reason for people
	to do what you ask, for the manipulate someone
	move. Revealing your identity to someone can create
	other problems later, of course.

GE	AR
Effe	ective weapons, pick three:
	.22 revolver (1-harm close reload small)
	.38 revolver (2-harm close reload loud)
	9mm (2-harm close loud)
	Shotgun (3-harm close messy)
	Hunting rifle (2-harm far loud)
	Big knife (1-harm hand)
	Baseball bat (1-harm hand)
	Submachinegun (2-harm close reload area)
	Assault rifle (3-harm close/far area)
нЕ	AT
	didn't get here without making enemies. Pick at least
	of these and name the people involved:
П	
	a personal goal to put you away.
П	You have a rival from your background,
	, who never misses a chance to
	screw you over.
	You pissed off a well-connected criminal,
	, and they'll do whatever they
	can to destroy you.
	is someone with special powers,
	a person or monster, who you took advantage of.
	is an old partner you betrayed
	in the middle of a job.
UN	DERWORLD
Picl	k how you discovered about the real underworld.
	ep this in mind when you select your moves in the next
	tion, so that everything fits together.
П	The target of a job was a dangerous creature. Pick
	one: vampire, werewolf, troll, reptiloid.
	You worked with someone who was more than they
	seemed. Pick one: sorcerer, demon, faerie, psychic.
	You were hired by something weird. Pick one:
	immortal, god, outsider, witch.
	Things went south on a job—including, but not
_	limited to, running into (choose one): a horde of
	goblins, a hunger of ghouls, a dream-eater, a sala-
	mander.

To make your Crooked, pick a name. Then follow the instructions in this playbook to decide your look, ratings, background, heat, underworld, moves, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.

background, heat, underworld, moves, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.			
PRONOUNS:			
LOOK, PICK ONE FROM EACH LIST:			
<ul> <li>Hard eyes, friendly eyes, watchful eyes, smiling eyes,</li> </ul>			
calculating eyes, eyes.			
• Street wear, tailored suit, cheap suit, tracksuit, non-			
descript clothes, clothes.			
RATINGS, PICK ONE LINE:			
☐ Charm +1, Cool +1, Sharp +2, Tough 0, Weird -1			
☐ Charm -1, Cool +1, Sharp +1, Tough +2, Weird 0			
☐ Charm -1, Cool +2, Sharp +2, Tough 0, Weird -1			
☐ Charm +2, Cool +1, Sharp +1, Tough 0, Weird -1			
Charm +2, Cool 0, Sharp +1, Tough -1, Weird +1			
INTRODUCTIONS			
When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you			
can do your introductions together.			
Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your			

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Crooked by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

### HISTORY

Go around the group again. When it's your turn, pick one for each of the other hunters:

- This hunter knows about your criminal past. Tell them what crimes they saw you commit.
- This hunter was there when you decided to give up the life and hunt monsters instead. Work out together what happened.
- This hunter is your younger sibling or child (possibly adopted). You look out for them.
- This hunter is a cousin or more distant relative.
- This hunter saved your life when a monster had the drop on you. Now you owe them one.
- This hunter worked with you on a semi-legal or illegal job. Work out what it was.
- This hunter is your moral compass. When you talk over things with them, their advice keeps you on the straight and narrow.
- You're powerfully attracted to this hunter. Maybe someday you'll deserve them.

# **LEVELING UP**

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the list below.

IMPROVEMENTS
Get +1 Sharp, max +3
Get +1 Tough, max +2
Get +1 Cool, max +2
Get +1 Charm, max +2
☐ Take another Crooked move
☐ Take another Crooked move
☐ Gain an ally: one of your old crew.
☐ Recover a stash of money from the old days, enough
to live without care for a year or two.
☐ Take a move from another playbook
☐ Take a move from another playbook
After you have leveled up five times, you qualify for advanced improvements in addition to these, from the list below.
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AD	ADVANCED IMPROVEMENTS	
	Get +1 to any rating, max +3.	
	Change this hunter to a new type.	
	Create a second hunter to play as well as this one.	
	Mark two of the basic moves as advanced.	
	Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced.	
	Retire this hunter to safety.	
	Erase one used luck mark from your playbook.	



# THE EXPERT

I have dedicated my life to the study of the unnatural. I know their habits, their weaknesses. I may not be youngest or strongest, but my knowledge makes me the biggest threat.

()	CHARN
	COOL
	SHARP
	TOUGH
	WEIRD

• Manipulate Someone

• Act Under Pressure

- Help Out
- Investigate a Mystery
- Read a Bad Situation
- · Kick Some Ass
- Protect Someone
- Use Magic

# **LUCK**

Mark luck to change a roll to 12 or avoid all harm.

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Expert special: When you spend a point of Luck, you discover something happening now is related to something you were involved in years ago.

# HARM

When you reach 4 or more, mark unstable.

Okay | Dying

Unstable:

(Unstable injuries will worsen as time passes)

### **EXPERIENCE**

Experience:

Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a move tells you to, mark an experience box.

#### MOVES

You	get all of the basic moves, plus pick two Expert moves:
	I've Read About This Sort Of Thing: Roll +Sharp
	instead of +Cool when you <b>act under pressure</b> .
	Often Right: When a hunter comes to you for
_	advice about a problem, give them your honest
	opinion and advice. If they take your advice, they
	get +1 ongoing while following your advice, and you
	mark experience.
	Preparedness: When you need something unusual
	or rare, roll +Sharp. On a 10+, you have it here right
	now. On a 7-9 you have it, but not here: it will take
	some time to get it. On a miss, you know where it is,
	but it's somewhere real bad.
	It Wasn't As Bad As It Looked: Once per mystery,
	you may attempt to keep going despite your inju-
	ries. Roll +Cool. On a 10+, heal 2 harm and stabilize
	your wounds. On a 7-9 you may either stabilize or
	heal 1 harm. On a miss, it was worse than it looked:
	the Keeper may inflict a harm move on you, or make
	your wounds unstable.
	Precise Strike. When you inflict harm on a monster,
	you can <b>aim for a weak spot</b> . Roll +Tough. On a 10+
	you inflict +2 harm. On a 7-9 you inflict +1 harm.
	On a miss, you leave yourself open to the monster.
	The Woman (or Man) With The Plan: At the
	beginning of each mystery, roll +Sharp. On a 10+
	hold 2, on a 7-9 hold 1. Spend the hold to be where
	you need to be, prepared and ready. On a miss, the
	Keeper holds 1 they can spend to put you in the
_	worst place, unprepared and unready.
Ш	Dark Past: If you trawl through your memories for
	something relevant to the case at hand, roll +Weird.
	On a 10+ ask the Keeper two questions from the list
	below. On a 7-9 ask one. On a miss, you can ask a
	question anyway but that will mean you were per-
	sonally complicit in creating the situation you are
	now dealing with. The questions are:
	<ul> <li>When I dealt with this creature (or one of its kind),</li> </ul>

- what did I learn?
- What black magic do I know that could help here?
- Do I know anyone who might be behind this?
- Who do I know who can help us right now?

HA	VEN
You	have set up a haven, a safe place to work. Pick three
of t	he options below for your haven:
	Lore Library. When you hit the books, take +1
	forward to investigate the mystery (as long as his-
	torical or reference works are appropriate).
	Mystical Library. If you use your library's occult
	tomes and grimoires, preparing with your tomes
	and grimoires, take +1 forward for <b>use magic</b> .
	Protection Spells. Your haven is safe from mon-
	sters—they cannot enter. Monsters might be able
	to do something special to evade the wards, but not
	easily.
	Armory. You have a stockpile of mystical and rare
	monster-killing weapons and items. If you need a
	<b>special weapon</b> , roll +Weird. On a 10+ you have it
	(and plenty if that matters). On a 7-9 you have it, but
	only the minimum. On a miss, you've got the wrong
_	thing.
Ш	<b>Infirmary</b> . You can heal people, and have the space
	for one or two to recuperate. The Keeper will tell you
	how long any patient's recovery is likely to take, and
	if you need extra supplies or help.
Ш	<b>Workshop</b> . You have a space for building and repairing suggests and other godgets. Weak out with the
	ing guns, cars and other gadgets. Work out with the
	Keeper how long any repair or construction will take and if you need extra supplies or help.
$\Box$	<b>Oubliette</b> . This room is isolated from every kind of
ш	monster, spirit and magic that you know about. Any
	thing you stash in there can't be found, can't do any
	magic, and can't get out.
П	<b>Panic Room</b> . This has essential supplies and is pro-
	tected by normal and mystical means. You can hide
	out there for a few days, safe from pretty much any
	thing.
П	Magical Laboratory. You have a mystical lab with
	all kinds of weird ingredients and tools useful for
	casting spells (like the <b>use magic</b> move, big magic
	and any other magical moves).

#### **GEAR**

You get three monster-slaying weapons.

<b>Monster-slaying weapons</b> (pick three):	
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Mallet & wooden stakes (3-harm intimate s	slov
wooden)	
Silver sword (2-harm hand messy silver)	
Cold iron sword (2-harm hand messy iron)	
Blessed knife (2-harm hand holy)	
Magical dagger (2-harm hand magic)	

☐ Juju bag (1-harm far magic)

Flamethrower (3-harm close fire heavy volatile)

☐ Magnum (3-harm close reload loud)

☐ Shotgun (3-harm close messy loud)

# **GETTING STARTED**

To make your Expert, first pick a name. Then follow the instructions in this playbook to decide your look, ratings, breed, moves, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.



PRONOUNS:		

# LOOK, PICK ONE FROM EACH LIST:

٠	Thoughtful face, lined fa	ice, scarred face, contempla
	tive face, stern face, avur	ncular face, experienced face
	ancient face,	_ face.

• Old fashioned clothes, casual clothes, utility clothes, tailored clothes, outdoor clothes, \_\_\_\_\_ clothes.

	tailored clothes, outdoor clothes, clo
RA	TINGS, PICK ONE LINE:
	Charm-1, Cool+1, Sharp+2, Tough+1, Weird=0
	Charm=0, Cool+1, Sharp+2, Tough-1, Weird+1
	Charm+1, Cool-1, Sharp+2, Tough+1, Weird=0
П	Charm-1, Cool+1, Sharp+2, Tough=0, Weird+1

Charm-1, Cool=0, Sharp+2, Tough-1, Weird+2

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Expert by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

### **HISTORY**

Go around the group again. On your turn, pick one of these for each other hunter:

- They are your student, apprentice, ward, or child. Between you, decide which.
- They came to you for advice, and your advice got them out of trouble. Ask them what the trouble was.
- They know about some of your dark secrets, but they've agreed to keep quiet about them. Tell them what they know.
- A distant relation. Tell them exactly what.
- You were previously both members of an eldritch group, now disbanded. Ask them why *they* left, then tell them why *you* did.
- They once helped you get a singular item that is now part of your haven. Tell them what it was.
- You were taught by the same master. Ask them how it ended.
- You saved their life in a tight spot. Tell them what happened.

#### LEVELING UP

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the following list:

### **IMPROVEMENTS**

Get +1 Sharp, max +3
Get +1 Charm, max +2
Get +1 Cool, max +2
Get +1 Weird, max +2
Take another Expert move
Take another Expert move
Add an option to your haven
Add an option to your haven
Take a move from another playbook
Take a move from another playbook

After you have leveled up *five* times, you qualify for advanced improvements in addition to these. They're below.

#### ADVANCED IMPROVEMENTS

Aυ	VANCED IMPROVEMENTS
	Get +1 to any rating, max +3.
	Get back one used Luck point.
	Change this hunter to a new type.
	Create a second hunter to play as well as this one.
	Mark two of the basic moves as advanced.
	Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced.
П	Retire this hunter to safety.

# THE FLAKE

Everything's connected. But not everyone can see the patterns, and most people don't even look that hard. But me, I can never stop looking deeper. I can never stop seeing the truth. I spot the patterns. That's how I found the monsters, and that's how I help kill them.

( ) CHARM	• Manipulate Someone				
COOL	<ul><li> Act Under Pressure</li><li> Help Out</li></ul>				
<b>SHARP</b>	<ul><li> Investigate a Mystery</li><li> Read a Bad Situation</li></ul>				
TOUGH	<ul> <li>Kick Some Ass</li> </ul>				
O TOUGH	<ul> <li>Protect Someone</li> </ul>				
<b>WEIRD</b>	• Use Magic				
<b>LUCK</b> Mark luck to change a ro	oll to 12 <i>or</i> avoid all harm.				
Okay□□□	Doomed				
	u spend a point of Luck, pick an uation. The Keeper will tell you that aspect connects to.				
HARM					
When you reach 4 or mo	re, mark unstable.				
Okay□□□	]  Dying				
Unstable: □					
(Unstable injuries will worsen as time passes)					

*Experience*:  $\Box\Box\Box\Box\Box$ 

Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a

move tells you to, mark an experience box.

**EXPERIENCE** 

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You	get all of the basic moves, plus pick three Flake moves:
	<b>Connect the Dots</b> : At the beginning of each mystery,
	if you look for the wider patterns that current
	events might be part of, roll +Sharp. On a 10+ hold
	3, and on a 7-9 hold 1. Spend your hold during the
	mystery to ask the Keeper any one of the following
	questions:
	• Is this person connected to current events more
	than they are saying?
	• When and where will the next critical event
	occur?
	<ul> <li>What does the monster want from this person?</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Is this connected to previous mysteries we have investigated?</li> </ul>
	• How does this mystery connect to the bigger
	picture?
П	<b>Crazy Eyes</b> : You get +1 Weird (max +3).
$\overline{\Box}$	See, It All Fits Together: You can use Sharp instead
	of Charm when you manipulate someone.
	Suspicious Mind: If someone lies to you, you know
	it.
	Often Overlooked: When you act all crazy to avoid
	something, roll +Weird. On a 10+ you're regarded as
	unthreatening and unimportant. On a 7-9, pick one:
	unthreatening or unimportant. On a miss, you draw
	lots (but not all) of the attention.
	Contrary: When you seek out and receive some-
	<b>one's honest advice</b> on the best course of action for
	you and then do something else instead, mark expe-
	rience. If you do exactly the opposite of their advice,
	you also take +1 ongoing on any moves you make
	pursuing that course.
	<b>Net Friends</b> : You know a lot of people on the Inter-
	net. When you contact a net friend to help you with
	a mystery, roll +Charm. On a 10+, they're available
	and helpful—they can fix something, break a code,
	hack a computer, or get you some special informa-
	tion. On a 7-9, they're prepared to help, but it's either
	going to take some time or you're going to have to do
	part of it yourself. On a miss, you burn some bridges.
	Sneaky: When you attack from ambush, or from

**behind**, inflict +2 harm.

**GEAR** You get one normal weapon and two hidden weapons. Normal weapons (pick one): 38 revolver (2-harm close reload loud) 9mm (2-harm close loud) Hunting rifle (2-harm far loud) Magnum (3-harm close reload loud) Shotgun (3-harm close messy loud) Big knife (1-harm hand) Hidden weapons (pick two): Throwing knives (1-harm close many) Holdout pistol (2-harm close loud reload) Garrote (3-harm intimate) Watchman's flashlight (1-harm hand) Weighted gloves/brass knuckles (1-harm hand) Butterfly knife/folding knife (1-harm hand) **GETTING STARTED** To make your Flake, first pick a name. Then follow the instructions in this playbook to decide your look, ratings, moves, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history. PRONOUNS: LOOK, PICK ONE FROM EACH LIST: • Wild eyes, moving eyes, focused eyes, searching eyes, suspicious eyes, wide eyes, guarded eyes, • Ratty clothes, casual clothes, rumpled suit, neat clothes, comfortable clothes, army surplus gear, clothes. RATINGS, PICK ONE LINE: Charm+1, Cool+1, Sharp+2, Tough-1, Weird=0 Charm=0, Cool+1, Sharp+2, Tough-1, Weird+1

Charm+1, Cool-1, Sharp+2, Tough+1, Weird=0 Charm+1, Cool-1, Sharp+2, Tough=0, Weird+1 Charm-1, Cool-1, Sharp+2, Tough=0, Weird+2

### INTRODUCTIONS

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Flake by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

### HISTORY

Go around the group again. On your turn, pick one of these for each other hunter:

- They're somehow tied into it all. You've been keeping an eye on them.
- They're a close relative. Ask them to decide exactly what.
- Old friends, who originally met through a long chain of coincidences.
- You went through hell together: maybe a monster, maybe military service, maybe time in an institution. Whatever it was, it bound you together, and you have total trust in each other.
- Members of the same support group.
- · Fellow freaks.
- The signs all pointed to working together. So you found them and now you work together.
- You know each other through cryptozoology and conspiracy theory websites.

### LEVELING UP

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the following list:

# **IMPROVEMENTS**

Get +1 Sharp, max +3
Get +1 Charm, max +2
Get +1 Cool, max +2
Get +1 Weird, max +2
Take another Flake move
Take another Flake move
Get a haven, like the Expert has, with two options
Gain another option for your haven
Take a move from another playbook
Take a move from another playbook

After you have leveled up *five* times, you qualify for advanced improvements in addition to these. They're below.

## ADVANCED IMPROVEMENTS

 $\square$  Get +1 to any rating max +3

ш	Get 11 to any racing, max 15.
	Change this hunter to a new type.
	Create a second hunter to play as well as this one.
	Mark two of the basic moves as advanced.
	Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced
	Retire this hunter to safety.
П	Get back one used Luck point.



# THE GUMSHOE

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PUMUM
COOL
SHARP
TOUGH

- Manipulate Someone
- Act Under Pressure Help Out
- Investigate a Mystery
- Read a Bad Situation
- Kick Some Ass
- Protect Someone
- Use Magic

## LUCK

Mark luck to change a roll to 12 *or* avoid all harm from an injury.

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**Gumshoe Special:** When you use a point of Luck your next regular case will actually be a mystery for your hunter group, not a regular case at all (and the monster will focus its attention on you!)

#### HARM

When you reach 4 or more, mark unstable.

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Unstable: ☐

(Unstable injuries will worsen as time passes)

#### **EXPERIENCE**

 $Experience: \square \square \square \square$ 

Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a move tells you to, mark an experience box.

#### **GUMSHOE CODE**

With the agreement of the Keeper, pick a one-sentence Code that your Gumshoe adheres to.

**Example Codes:** Murders must be punished. Monsters must be destroyed. Innocents must be saved. Laws must be enforced. Evil must be exposed. The weak must be protected from the powerful.

This Code defines your Gumshoe. Any time you violate your code you forfeit all Code related moves (**The Postman Always Rings Twice**, **The Long Goodbye**) and the ability to spend Luck points. These forfeits last either until the next mystery or you make amends. As long as you follow the Code people will sense your sincerity: you receive +1 ongoing for **manipulate someone** and you may not be possessed or charmed by any sort of supernatural, alien, or demonic entity or item.

### **MOVES**

You get three Gumshoe moves. You get these two:

- Occult Confidential: The first time in each mystery that you observe a monster, minion, or phenomenon in action, you may ask one question from the investigate a mystery list.
- The Naked City: You have lots of personal contacts wherever you go. Pick four contact types from the following areas (or from other areas agreed to between you and the Keeper):

Academics, Accountants, Artists, Bartenders, Clergy, Conspiracy Theorists, Construction, Courts, Criminals (organised), Criminals (street), Cultists, Engineers, Espionage, Film and TV, Forensic Scientists, Fringe Scientists, Hackers, Journalists, Lawyers, Mechanics, Media, Medical Practioners, Military, Morgue, Occult, Police (local), Police (national), Politicians, Prisons, Private Security, Property Developers, Stage Magicians, Technologists, Transportation

You can hit them up for info (+1 to one **investigate a mystery** roll) or small favours—but there may be a small cost involved. Personal contacts can provide more significant help but the Keeper decides their price on a case-by-case basis.

Then pick one of these:

The Postman Always Rings Twice: Twice per
mystery—as long as you follow your Code—you may
reroll a roll.
The Long Goodbye: You can't die with an open case.
Specifically, you suffer all harm as normal but your
death is postponed until you have either completed
or abandoned the case, or you break your Code (then
all bets are off).
Jessica Jones Entry: When you double-talk your
way into a secure location, roll +Charm. On a 10+
pick three, on a 7-9 pick two, on a fail pick one:
<ul> <li>You don't leave any trace of what you searched.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>You find what you wanted.</li> </ul>

- You find something else that's important.
- You don't piss anyone off.
- · You aren't recognised.

Out of the Past: You have a police buddy who will do
you big favors. Get in touch with them when you need
to redirect law enforcement attention, get a heads-up
on what operations are planned, or access police files.
You now owe them: expect them to collect on it soon.

☐ Asphalt Jungle: You heal faster than normal people. Any time your harm gets healed, heal an extra point. You are immune to all the harm move effects under '0-harm' and '1-harm' (when the Keeper would apply these, you ignore it).

Hacker with a Dragon Tattoo: When you hack into a computer system, roll +Sharp. On 10+ pick two, on a 7-9 pick one. You:

- · ... leave no traces.
- ... learn something important.
- ... can leave misinformation in place.
- ... gain access to somewhere you want to get in to.

"Just one more thing": When you ask a suspect leading questions, roll +Charm. On a 10+ hold 2, on a 7-9 hold 1, on a miss hold 1 but something bad is going to happen too.

Spend your hold to ask questions from this list:

- One question from the **investigate a mystery** list.
- · Was that a lie?
- What is something you left out that you didn't want me to notice?
- Are you complicit with any ongoing criminal activity?
- Did you commit this specific crime?

To make your Gumshoe, first pick a name. Then follow the instructions in this playbook to decide your look, ratings, code, moves, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.

PRONOUNS:	

# LOOK, PICK ONE FROM EACH LIST:

- · Angelic face, unshaven face, handsomely devilish face, world-weary face, sly face, streetwise face, quiet face, knowing face, watchful face, merry face, obvious ex-cop face, hunted face, \_\_\_\_\_ face.
- Nondescript clothes, tailored clothes and sunglasses, vintage clothes, fashion clothes, fedora and trench coat, California casual, biker clothes, Pacific island casual, clothes.

# RATINGS, PICK ONE LINE:

$\Box$	Charm+2, Cool=0, Sharp+1, Tough=0, Weird=0
	Charm+2, Cool=0, Sharp+1, Tough+1, Weird-1
	Charm+1, Cool=0, Sharp+2, Tough+1, Weird-1
	Charm+1, Cool-1, Sharp+2, Tough=0, Weird=+1
	Charm+2, Cool+1, Sharp+1, Tough=0, Weird-1

#### GEAR

You get a laptop, a liquor flask, two recording devices, and one P.I. weapon.

close loud)

Rec	cording devices (pick t	wo):	
	Night vision camera		Cassette tape
	Tiny digital		recorder
	video camera		Remote-controlled
	Film camera		camera drone
	(8mm or 16mm)		Laser microphone
	Digital sound		SLR camera
	recorder		
P.I.	Weapons (pick one):		
	Brass knuckles		Magnum (3-harm
	(1-harm hand small)		close reload loud)
	.38 revolver (2-harm		Shotgun (3-harm
	close reload loud)		close messy loud)
	9mm (2-harm		Switchblade (1-harm

hand small)

#### INTRODUCTIONS

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Gumshoe by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

# **HISTORY**

Go around the group again. On your turn, pick one for each of the other hunters:

- You are on the same (or rival) bowling teams. Ask them what bowling-related disagreement rubbed them the wrong way.
- · You caught them committing a crime but let them go. Ask them to describe the crime, then you explain why your Code required you to look the other way.
- They remind you of a former partner who was mysteriously murdered. Describe the unsolved case that killed your partner and how you hope to solve it.
- · You first approached them for help on a case. Describe the case. Ask them to describe the key expertise they provided that solved that mystery.
- · You were friends back in training, before you became a private investigator. This could be military, law enforcement, or whatever-decide the details between you.
- · Ask them if they live by a code and what it is. If you approve of the code, you've always respected them. If not (or if they don't have a code), you've never trusted them.
- They hired you for a job but you were too drunk or high to take it. Ask them what they wanted, then tell them how you brushed them off.
- You first met on an unsolved crimes website. Decide together what infamous crime fascinates you both.

"You won't understand this... When I take a case, I'm supposed to do something about it. You're supposed to do something about it whether you like it or not. You've got to pay for what you've done, sweetheart, whatever it is I might feel about you. Yes, I'll have some bad nights, but I'll still have myself."

#### LEVELING UP

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the list below.

#### **IMPROVEMENTS**

Ш	Get +1 Charm, max +3
	Get +1 Cool, max +2
	Get +1 Sharp, max +3
	Get +1 Tough, max +2
	Take another Gumshoe move.
	Take another Gumshoe move.
	Add another harm box to your track, before Dying.
	Get a haven (your office, perhaps), like the Expert
	has, with two options.
	Add four additional or new contacts for your Naked
	City move.

After you have leveled up five times, you qualify for advanced improvements in addition to these. They're below.

AD	VANCED IMPROVEMENTS
	Get +1 to any rating, max +3.
	Change this hunter to a new type.
	Make up a second hunter to play as well as this one
	Mark two of the basic moves as advanced.
	Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced. $$
	Turn one of your contacts into an ally.
	Retire this hunter to safety.
П	Erase one used Luck mark from your playbook.



# THE INITIATE

Since the dawn of history, we have been the bulwark against Darkness. We know the Evils of the world, and we stand against them so that the mass of humanity need not fear. We are the Flame that cleanses the Shadows.

<b>CHARM</b>	• Manipulate Someone
COOL	<ul><li> Act Under Pressure</li><li> Help Out</li></ul>
SHARP	<ul><li> Investigate a Mystery</li><li> Read a Bad Situation</li></ul>
TOUGH	<ul><li> Kick Some Ass</li><li> Protect Someone</li></ul>
<b>WEIRD</b>	• Use Magic
<b>LUCK</b> Mark luck to change a ro Okay □□□	oll to 12 <i>or</i> avoid all harm. ]□□□□ Doomed
	you spend a point of Luck, some- ar Sect: an ill-advised project or a
<b>HARM</b> When you reach 4 or mo	ore, mark unstable.
Okay 🔲 🔲 🛚	
	nstable:   will worsen as time passes)
EXPERIENCE	
Experien	ıce: 🔲 🔲 🔲 🗎

Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a

move tells you to, mark an experience box.

#### MOVES

You get all of the basic moves, plus four Initiate moves. You get this one:

When you are in good standing with your Sect, at the beginning of each mystery, roll +Charm. On a 10+ they provide some useful info or help in the field. On a 7-9 you get a mission associated with the mystery, and if you do it you'll get some info or help too. On a miss, they ask you to do something bad. If you fail a mission or refuse an order, you'll be in trouble with the Sect until you atone.

*Then pick three of these:* 

<b>Ancient Fighting Arts:</b>	When	using	an	old-f	ash
ioned hand weapon, you	inflict -	⊦1 harı	n ai	nd get	t +1
whenever you roll protect	t some	one.			
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- Mystic: Every time you successfully **use magic**, take +1 forward.
- ☐ Fortunes: The Sect has ancient prophecies or divination techniques to predict the future. Once per mystery, you may use them. If you look at what the future holds, roll +Weird. On a 10+ hold 3, and on a 7-9 hold 1. On a miss, you get bad information and the Keeper decides how that affects you. Spend your hold to:
  - have a useful object ready.
  - be somewhere you are needed, just in time.
  - take +1 forward, or give +1 forward to another hunter.
  - retroactively warn someone about an attack, so that it doesn't happen.
- ☐ Sacred Oath: You may bind yourself to a single goal, forsaking something during your quest (e.g. speech, all sustenance but bread and water, alcohol, lying, sex, etc). Get the Keeper's agreement on this—it should match the goal in importance and difficulty. While you keep your oath and work towards your goal, mark experience at the end of every session and get +1 on any rolls that directly help achieve the goal. If you break the oath, take -1 ongoing until you have atoned.

	<b>Mentor</b> : You have a mentor in the Sect: name them. When you <b>contact your mentor for info</b> , rol +Sharp. On a 10+, you get an answer to your question, no problem. On a 7-9 you choose: they're either busy and can't help, or they answer the question but you owe a favour. On a miss, your question cause trouble.
	Apprentice: You have an apprentice: name them Your job is to teach them the Sect's ways. They coun as an ally: subordinate (motivation: to follow you instructions to the letter).
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	another hunter, they get +2 instead of the usual +1. <b>That Old Black Magic</b> : When you <b>use magic</b> , you can ask a question from the <b>investigate a myster</b> move as your effect.
If you pag	AR our Sect has fighting arts or obsolete gear (see nex te) then pick three old-fashioned weapons. If the Sec modernised or nifty gadgets, you may pick two dern weapons. Otherwise, pick two old-fashioned apons and one modern weapon.
You	also get old-fashioned armour (1-armour heavy).
abo	Axe (2-harm hand messy) Big sword (3-harm hand messy heavy) Big axe (3-harm hand messy slow heavy)
	dern weapons (pick either one or two, as above): .38 revolver (2-harm close reload loud) 9mm (2-harm close loud) Sniper rifle (3-harm far) Magnum (3-harm close reload loud)

Shotgun (3-harm close messy)

To make your Initiate, first pick a name. Then follow the instructions in this playbook to decide your look, ratings, moves, Sect, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and nick history

DICK HISTOLY.			
PR	ONOUNS:		
LO	OK, PICK ONE FROM	I EA	CH LIST:
٠	Hardened body, tattooed		
	body, thin body, angular		
	body.	•	·
٠	Archaic clothes, unfashio	nabl	e clothes, ceremonial
	clothes, mismatched clot	hes,	formal clothes,
	clothes.		
RA	TINGS, PICK ONE LI	NE:	
	Charm-1, Cool+1, Sharp		ough+1, Weird+2
	Charm=0, Cool+1, Sharp		•
	Charm-1, Cool=0, Sharp-	-1, To	ough+2, Weird+2
	Charm+1, Cool-1, Sharp	+1, T	ough=0, Weird+2
	Charm=0, Cool=0, Sharp	=0, 7	Гough+1, Weird+2
SE	СТ		
You	are part of an ancient, s	ecret	order that slays mon-
	rs. Where are they from? I		•
reli	gious? Why do they stay se	ecret	? How do they recruit?
Y	ou also need to pick the Se	ect's t	traditions (used by the
Kee	eper to determine the Sect	's me	thods and actions):
Go	od Traditions (pick two):		
	Knowledgable		Flexible tactics
	Ancient lore		Open hierarchy
	Magical lore		Integrated in society
	Fighting arts		Rich
	Modernised		Nifty gadgets
	Chapters everywhere		Magical items
	Secular power		
Bac	l Traditions (pick one):		
	Dubious motives		Strict laws
	Tradition-bound		Mystical oaths
	Short-sighted		Total obedience
Ш	Paranoid and	닏	Tyrannical leaders
_	secretive	님	Obsolete gear
닉	Closed hierarchy Factionalised	Ш	Poor
	i activitatiseu		

## INTRODUCTIONS

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Initiate by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

### **HISTORY**

Go around the group again. On your turn, pick one for each of the other hunters:

- They are a lay member of your Sect.
- You fought together when the tide of monsters seemed unstoppable. Ask them how it went.
- Friends, but they first met you under your cover identity, and learned about the Sect later. Ask how they feel about that.
- They are your close relative, or partner/spouse. Decide between you exactly what the relationship is.
- Fellow ancient weapons/martial arts club members.
- They're described in the prophecies, but the role they will play isn't stated.
- · An ex-member of the Sect, but still friends. Ask them why they left or got thrown out
- You met researching mystical weirdness, and you've been occult comrades ever since.



## LEVELING UP

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the following list:

IMPRO	OVEMENTS
☐ Get	t +1 Weird, max +3
☐ Get	t +1 Cool, max +2
☐ Get	t +1 Sharp, max +2
☐ Get	t +1 Tough, max +2
☐ Tak	ce another Initiate move
☐ Tak	ce another Initiate move
☐ Get	t command of your chapter of the Sect
☐ Get	t a Sect team under your command
☐ Tak	ke a move from another playbook
☐ Tak	ke a move from another playbook
advance below.	ed improvements in addition to these. They'r
ADVA	NCED IMPROVEMENTS
☐ Get	t +1 to any rating, max +3.
☐ Ch	ange this hunter to a new type.
☐ Cre	eate a second hunter to play as well as this one.
☐ Ma	rk two of the basic moves as advanced.
☐ Ma	rk another two of the basic moves as advanced.
☐ Ret	ire this hunter to safety.
☐ Bed	come the leader, or effective leader, of the whole
Sec	rt.
☐ Get	t back one used Luck point.

# THE MUNDANE

You heard about how monsters only pick on people with crazy powers who can fight back on even terms? Yeah, me neither. But, hell, I ended up in this monster-hunting team so I gotta do what I can, right?

( ) CHARM	• Manipulate Someone		
COOL	• Act Under Pressure		
LUUL	• Help Out		
SHARP	• Investigate a Mystery		
UNAMP	• Read a Bad Situation		
TOUCH	• Kick Some Ass		
O TOUGH	<ul> <li>Protect Someone</li> </ul>		
<b>WEIRD</b>	• Use Magic		
<b>LUCK</b> Mark luck to change a ro	ll to 12 <i>or</i> avoid all harm.		
Okay Doomed			
<b>Mundane special</b> : When you spend a point of Luck, you'll find something weird—maybe even useful!			
<b>HARM</b> When you reach 4 or more, mark unstable.			
Okay     Dying			
Unstable: ☐  (Unstable injuries will worsen as time passes)			
EXPERIENCE			
Experience:			

Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a

move tells you to, mark an experience box.

MC	OVES
You	get all the basic moves, plus pick three Mundane
moı	ves:
	Always The Victim: When another hunter uses
	protect someone to protect you, they mark expe-
	. ward

no	ves:	
	Always The Victim: When another hunter uses	1
	protect someone to protect you, they mark expe-	L
	rience. Whenever a monster captures you, you mark	
	experience.	Į
	Oops! If you want to stumble across something	Į
	<b>important</b> , tell the Keeper. You will find something	Į
	important and useful, although not necessarily	L
	related to your immediate problems.	L
	Let's Get Out Of Here! If you can protect someone	1
	by telling them what to do, or by leading them out,	[
	roll +Charm instead of +Tough.	ï
	Panic Button: When you need to escape, name the	ï
	route you'll try and roll +Sharp. On a 10+ you're out	•
	of danger, no problem. On a 7-9 you can go or stay,	_
	but if you go it's going to cost you (you leave some-	(
	thing behind or something comes with you). On a	]
_	miss, you are caught halfway out.	t
	The Power of Heart: When fighting a monster, if	ľ
	you <b>help someone</b> , don't roll +Cool. You automat-	I
_	ically help as though you'd rolled a 10.	1
_	Trust Me: When you tell a normal person the	
	truth in order to protect them from danger, roll	•
	+Charm. On a 10+ they'll do what you say they	
	should, no questions asked. On a 7-9 they do it, but	
	the Keeper chooses one from:	
	They ask you a hard question first.  The state of th	
	They stall and dither a while.  The stall and dither a while.	
	• They have a "better" idea.	
	On a miss, they're going to think you're crazy and	

maybe dangerous too.

- ☐ What Could Go Wrong?: Whenever you charge into immediate danger without hedging your bets, hold 2. You may spend your hold to:
  - Inflict +1 harm.
  - Reduce someone's harm suffered by 1.
  - Take +2 forward on an **act under pressure** roll.

Don't Worry, I'll Check It Out: Whenever yo	
	off by yourself to check out somewhere (or some-
	thing) scary, mark experience.

# CEAD

You get two Mundane weapons and a means of transport
Mundane weapons (pick two):  Golf club, baseball bat, cricket bat, or hockey stick (2-harm hand innocuous messy)  Pocket knife or multitool (1-harm hand useful small)  Small handgun (2-harm close loud reload)  Hunting rifle (3-harm far loud reload)  Sledge-hammer or fire axe (3-harm hand messy)  Nunchuks (2-harm hand area)
Means of transport (pick one):  Skateboard Classic car in Bicycle terrible condition Fairly new car in Motorcycle decent condition Van
GETTING STARTED  To make your Mundane, first pick a name. Then follow the instructions in this playbook to decide your look ratings, moves, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.
PRONOUNS:
<ul> <li>LOOK, PICK ONE FROM EACH LIST:</li> <li>Kid, teen, adult, old,</li> <li>Friendly face, alluring face, laughing face, trust worthy face, average face, serious face, sensual face face.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Normal clothes, casual clothes, goth clothes, sporty clothes, work clothes, street clothes, nerdy clothes</li> <li> clothes.</li> </ul>
RATINGS, PICK ONE LINE:  Charm+2, Cool+1, Sharp=0, Tough+1, Weird-1 Charm+2, Cool-1, Sharp+1, Tough+1, Weird=0 Charm+2, Cool=0, Sharp-1, Tough+1, Weird+1

Charm+2, Cool=0, Sharp+1, Tough+1, Weird-1

☐ Charm+2, Cool+1, Sharp+1, Tough=0, Weird-1

## INTRODUCTIONS

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Mundane by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

### HISTORY

Go around the group again. When it's your turn, pick one for each of the other hunters:

- You are close relations. Tell them exactly how you're related.
- Initially rivals, you both now respect each others' talents.
- Romantically involved, or you just have a crush on them. Ask them which they prefer.
- They're your hero, exactly the kind of monster hunter you aspire to be. Tell them why you worship them.
- Good friends. Tell them if it's from way back, or recently.
- You're a bit suspicious of them (maybe due to their unnatural powers or something like that).
- They introduced you to the existence of monsters. Tell them how you feel about that.
- You saved their life from a monster due to an unlikely chain of events. Tell them what.

### LEVELING UP

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the following list:

# **IMPROVEMENTS**

Ш	Get +1 Charm, max +3
	Get +1 Cool, max +2
	Get +1 Sharp, max +2
	Get +1 Tough, max +2
	Take another Mundane move
	Take another Mundane move
	Get back one used Luck point
	Get back one used Luck point
	Take a move from another playbook
	Take a move from another playbook

After you have leveled up five times, you qualify for advanced improvements in addition to these. They're below.

VANCED IMPROVEMENTS
Get +1 to any rating, max +3.
Change this hunter to a new type.
Create a second hunter to play as well as this one.
Mark two of the basic moves as advanced.
Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced.
Retire this hunter to safety.
Get back one used Luck point.
Get back one used Luck point.



# THE PROFESSIONAL

It's kind of strange when your regular 9-to-5 job is to hunt down monsters. Still, that's the job I took on when I joined this outfit. It pays well, and the benefits are good. Like they say "You don't have to be crazy to work here, but it sure helps!"

<b>CHARM</b>	Manipulate Someone			
COOL	<ul><li> Act Under Pressure</li><li> Help Out</li></ul>			
SHARP	<ul><li> Investigate a Mystery</li><li> Read a Bad Situation</li></ul>			
<b>TOUGH</b>	<ul><li> Kick Some Ass</li><li> Protect Someone</li></ul>			
<b>WEIRD</b>	• Use Magic			
LUCK  Mark luck to change a roll to 12 <i>or</i> avoid all harm.  Okay				
<b>Professional special</b> : When you spend a point of Luck, your next mission from the Agency comes with lots of Red Tape. Lots.				
<b>HARM</b> When you reach 4 or more, mark unstable.				
Okay 🔲 🗎 🗎 Dying				
Unstable: ☐ (Unstable injuries will worsen as time passes)				
EXPERIENCE				
Experience: $\square\square\square\square$				

Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a

move tells you to, mark an experience box.

### **MOVES**

You get all the basic moves, plus four Professional moves.

Pick three of these:

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	Bottle It Up: If you want, you can take up to +3
	bonus when you act under pressure. For each +1
	you use, the Keeper holds 1. That hold can be spent
	later—one for one—to give you -1 on any move
	except act under pressure.
	<b>Unfazeable</b> : Take +1 Cool (max +3).
	Battlefield Awareness: You always know what's
	happening around you, and what to watch out for.
	Take +1 armour (max 2-armour) on top of whatever
	you get from your gear.
	Leave No One Behind: In combat, when you help
	someone escape, roll +Sharp. On a 10+ you get
	them out clean. On a 7-9, you can either get them out
	or suffer no harm, you choose. On a miss, you fail to
	get them out and you've attracted hostile attention.
	Tactical Genius: When you read a bad situation,
	you may roll +Cool instead of +Sharp
	<b>Medic</b> : You have a full first aid kit, and the training
	to heal people. When you do first aid, roll +Cool.
	On a 10+ the patient is stabilized and healed of 2
	harm. On a 7-9 choose one: heal 2 harm or stabi-
	lize the injury. On a miss, you cause an extra 1 harm.
	This move takes the place of regular first aid.
	Mobility: You have a truck, van, or car built for
	monster hunting. Choose two good things and one
	bad thing about it.
	Good things: roomy; surveillance gear; fast;
	stealthy; intimidating; classic; medical kit; sleep-
	ing space; toolkit; concealed weapons; anonymous;
	armoured (+1 armour inside); tough; monster cage.
	Bad things: loud; obvious; temperamental; beat-

en-up; gas-guzzler; uncomfortable; slow; old.

And you get this one:

When you **deal with the Agency**, requesting help or gear, or making excuses for a failure, roll +Sharp. On a 10+, you're good—your request for gear or personnel is okayed, or your slip-up goes unnoticed. On a 7-9, things aren't so great. You might get chewed out by your superiors and there'll be fallout, but you get what you need for the job. On a miss, you screwed up: you might be suspended or under investigation, or just in the doghouse. You certainly aren't going to get any help until you sort it all out.

### **GEAR**

Pick one serious weapon and two normal weapons.

You get *either* a flak vest (1-armour hidden) *or* combat armour (2-armour heavy) for protection.

Ser	Serious weapons (pick one):		
	Assault rifle (3-harm far area loud reload)		
	Grenade launcher (4-harm far area messy loud		
	reload)		
	Sniper rifle (4-harm far)		
	Grenades (4-harm close area messy loud)		
	Submachine gun (3-harm close area loud reload)		
Noi	rmal weapons (pick two):		
	.38 revolver (2-harm close reload loud)		
	9mm (2-harm close loud)		
	Hunting rifle (2-harm far loud)		
	Shotgun (3-harm close messy)		
	Big knife (1-harm hand)		



To make your Professional, first pick a name. Then follow the instructions in this playbook to decide your look, ratings, Agency, moves, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.

PRONOUNS:
LOOK, PICK ONE FROM EACH LIST:
Chiseled face, scarred face, unshaven face, soft face, young face, old face, determined face,
<ul> <li>Tailored suit, shabby suit, perfect suit, utility coveralls, battledress, paramilitary uniform, lab coat</li> </ul>
RATINGS, PICK ONE LINE:
☐ Charm=0, Cool+2, Sharp-1, Tough+2, Weird-1
☐ Charm-1, Cool+2, Sharp+1, Tough+1, Weird=0
☐ Charm+1, Cool+2, Sharp+1, Tough-1, Weird=0
☐ Charm-1, Cool+2, Sharp+1, Tough=0, Weird+1
☐ Charm=0, Cool+2, Sharp+2, Tough-1, Weird-1
ACENCY

Decide who it is you work for. Are they a black-budget government department, a secret military unit, a clandestine police team, a private individual's crusade, a corporation, a scientific team, or what?

Is the Agency's goal to: destroy monsters, study the supernatural, protect people, gain power, or something else?

Pick two resource tags for the Agency, and two red tape tags:

Res	Resources (pick two):				
	Well-armed		Offices all over		
	Well-financed		Good intel		
	Rigorous training		Recognised authority		
	Official pull		Weird tech gadgets		
	Cover identities		Support teams		
Rec	d Tape (pick two):				
	Dubious motives		Inter-depart-		
	Bureaucratic		mental rivalry		
	Secretive hierarchy		Budget cuts		
	Cryptic missions		Take no prisoners		
П	Hostile superiors		policy		

Live capture policy

### INTRODUCTIONS

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Professional by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

### **HISTORY**

Go around the group again. On your turn, pick one for each of the other hunters:

- Your relationship with them has romantic potential. So far it hasn't gone further.
- They're on the Agency's watch list, and you've been keeping an eye on them.
- You are related. Tell them how close.
- You met on a mission and worked together unofficially. And successfully.
- They've worked with the Agency before, and they're well regarded.
- You were friends back in training, before the Agency recruited you. This could be military, law enforcement, or some weirder school: decide the details between you.
- They pulled you (and maybe your team) out of a terrible FUBARed mission.
- You got sent to "deal with them" as a hazard to the Agency's policies one time. Tell them how you resolved this.



#### LEVELING UP

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the following list:

-	Get +1 Cool, max +3
	Get +1 Charm, max +2
	Get +1 Sharp, max +2
	Get +1 Tough, max +2
	Take another Professional move
	Take another Professional move
	Add a new resource tag for your Agency or change
	a red tape tag
	Get command of an Agency team of monster hunters
	Take a move from another playbook
	Take a move from another playbook
	er you have leveled up <i>five</i> times, you qualify for anced improvements in addition to these. They're
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AE	anced improvements in addition to these. They're ow. <b>EVANCED IMPROVEMENTS</b> Get +1 to any rating, max +3.  Change this hunter to a new type.  Create a second hunter to play as well as this one.  Mark two of the basic moves as advanced.  Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced.  Retire this hunter to safety.  Get some or all of the other players' hunters hired
AE	anced improvements in addition to these. They're ow.  PVANCED IMPROVEMENTS  Get +1 to any rating, max +3.  Change this hunter to a new type.  Create a second hunter to play as well as this one.  Mark two of the basic moves as advanced.  Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced.  Retire this hunter to safety.

THE SEARCHER	You get all of the basic moves, plus three Searcher moves. You get this one: First Encounter: One strange event started you	☐ Prepared to Defend: Even truth seekers need to fight some times. Whenever you suffer harm when you kick some ass or protect someone, you suffer
CHARM  Manipulate Someone  Act Under Pressure Help Out  Investigate a Mystery Read a Bad Situation  Kick Some Ass Protect Someone  Use Magic	down this path, sparking your need to discover the truth behind the unexplained. Decide what that event was: pick a category below and take the associated move. Then tell everyone what happened to you (or someone close to you).  Cryptid Sighting: You take note of any reports of strange creatures. Whenever you first see a new type of creature, you may immediately ask one of the investigate a mystery questions.  Zone of Strangeness: Things are not fixed. You never need act under pressure when supernatural forces alter the environment around you, and you get 2-armour against harm from sudden changes to the laws of physics.  Psychic Event: Your mind is awakened. You may act under pressure to use the sensitive weird	1-harm less.    Fellow Believer: People understand you've also known strangeness. Bystanders will talk to you about weird things they would not trust another hunter (or a mundane official) to believe.    Guardian: You have a mystical ally (perhaps a spirit, alien, or cryptid) who helps and defends you. Define them, and their powers, with the Keeper's agreement. Their look is one of: invisible, an intangible spirit thing, a weird creature, disguised as an animal, or disguised as a person.    Just Another Day: When you have to act under pressure due to a monster, phenomenon, or mystical effect, you may roll +Weird instead of +Cool.    Network: You may gain an ally group of others who had experiences similar to your first encounter—
Mark luck to change a roll to 12 <i>or</i> avoid all harm from an injury.  Okay Doomed  Searcher Special: When you spend a point of Luck, your first encounter comes up in play. It could be a flashback, new occurrence, or related event.  HARM	move, or—if <b>sensitive</b> is your weird move— <b>empath</b> . See page 21 of <i>Tome of Mysteries</i> .  Higher power: Something looks out for you. You start with an extra Luck.  Strange Dangers: You are always watching for hazards. When you have no armour, you still count as having 1-armour.  Abduction: They taught you hidden knowledge. Gain +1 to any move when you research strange	perhaps they're a support group or hobbyist club.  Detail up to five members with useful skills related to what happened to them (none are up for fighting monsters).  Ockham's Broadsword: When you first encounter something strange, you may ask the Keeper what sort of thing it is. They will tell you if it (or the cause) is: natural, an unnatural creature, a weird phenomenon, or a person. You gain +1 forward dealing with it.
When you reach 4 or more, mark unstable.  Okay Dying  Unstable: (Unstable injuries will worsen as time passes)  EXPERIENCE	or ancient secrets to do it.  Cosmic Insight: You have encompassed the soul of the universe. You never need to act under pressure due to feelings of fear, despair, or isolation.	☐ The Things I've Seen: When you encounter a creature or phenomenon, you may declare that you have seen it before. The Keeper may ask you some questions about that encounter, and will then tell you one useful fact you learned and one danger you need to watch out for (maybe right now).
Experience:		

**MOVES** 

Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a

move tells you to, mark an experience box.

Then pick two of these:

To make your Searcher, first pick a name. Then follow the instructions below to decide your look, ratings, first encounter, moves, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.

PR	PRONOUNS:					
•	<ul> <li>LOOK, PICK ONE FROM EACH LIST:</li> <li>Friendly face, haunted face, thoughtful face, lined face, curious face, face.</li> <li>Normal clothes, casual clothes, nerdy clothes, tweedy clothes, outdoor wear, clothes.</li> </ul>					
RA	RATINGS, PICK ONE LINE:  Charm=0, Cool+1, Sharp+1, Tough-1, Weird+2 Charm+1, Cool-1, Sharp+1, Tough=0, Weird+2 Charm=0, Cool-1, Sharp+2, Tough=0, Weird+2 Charm=0, Cool+1, Sharp+2, Tough-1, Weird+1 Charm+1, Cool=0, Sharp+2, Tough-1, Weird+1					
You	<b>GEAR</b> You get a laptop, a car or motorcycle, a camera, binoculars, two sets of investigation tools, and one self-defence weapon.					
	Investigation tools, pick two:					
Sel	f-defence weapons, pick one: Walking stick (1-harm hand innocuous). Small handgun (2-harm close reload loud). Small knife (1-harm hand messy). Martial arts training (1-harm hand innocuous). Incapacitating spray (0-harm hand irritating).					

Heavy flashlight (1-harm hand innocuous).

#### INTRODUCTIONS

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Searcher by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

### **HISTORY**

Go around the group again. When it's your turn, pick one for each of the other hunters:

- In your researches, you found accounts (and pictures) of someone matching their description perfectly, but long before they were born. Tell them if you have mentioned this.
- · A relative. Decide between you how close.
- They were involved in a supernatural event similar to your first encounter. Perhaps it was the same event, or perhaps you investigated their event later. Ask them how the event affected them.
- You figured out a supernatural or weird secret they keep. Ask them what it is.
- You met when you were each investigating seperate mysteries. Tell them what trick you used to protect them from weirdness and ask them how they saved you from a danger.
- You're both veterans of a therapy or support group or a treatment program. Work out the details between you.
- Some creature or force is stalking them. Ask them what it is. Then decide if you've told them about it or if they are still happily unaware.
- You found their pet when it went missing. Where had it gone?

"There's still so much to be discovered and explained, even now. Perhaps only one event in a thousand is true weirdness—but I'll investigate them all to find it."

#### LEVELING UP

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the list below.

Get +1 Sharp,	Gain an ally.
max +3	Take a second
Get +1 Weird,	first encounter
max +3	move, based on a
Get +1 Charm,	recent mystery.
max +2	Take a move from
Get +1 Cool, max +2	another playbook
Take another	Take a move from
Searcher move	another playbook
Take another	
Searcher move	

After you have leveled up five times, you qualify for advanced improvements in addition to these. They're below.

# ADVANCED IMPROVEMENTS

advanced.

Get +1 to any	Mark another two
rating, max +3.	of the basic moves
Change this hunter	as advanced.
to a new type.	Erase a used
Create a second	Luck mark from
hunter to play as	your playbook.
well as this one.	Erase a used
Retire this hunter	Luck mark from
to safety.	your playbook.
Mark two of the	
basic moves as	

Resolve your first encounter. The Keeper makes the
next mystery about this event, and should try to
answer all remaining questions about it during the
mystery (although there are sure to be new threads
to investigate after)

They took my loved ones. Back then I wasn't strong enough to fight, but I studied, trained, and now I'm ready to cleanse the world of their taint. I'll kill them all. That's all I have left.

CHARM	• Manipulate Someone
COOL	<ul><li> Act Under Pressure</li><li> Help Out</li></ul>
SHARP	<ul><li> Investigate a Mystery</li><li> Read a Bad Situation</li></ul>
<b>TOUGH</b>	<ul><li> Kick Some Ass</li><li> Protect Someone</li></ul>
<b>WEIRD</b>	• Use Magic
<b>LUCK</b> Mark luck to change a ran injury.	oll to 12 <i>or</i> avoid all harm from
Okay□□□	]□□□□ Doomed
Wronged special: When find a dangerous lead on	n you spend a point of Luck, you your prey.
<b>HARM</b> When you reach 4 or mo	ore, mark unstable.
Okay □□[	Dying
	nstable:  will worsen as time passes)
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Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a move tells you to, mark an experience box.

#### **MOVES**

You get all the basic moves plus three Wronged moves. You get this one:

■ I Know My Prey: You get +1 ongoing when knowingly investigating, pursuing or fighting the breed of monster that caused your loss.

*Then pick two of these:* 

choice:

- Berserk: No matter how much harm you take, you can always keep going until the current fight is over. During a fight, the Keeper may not use harm moves on you and you cannot die. When the fight ends, all harm takes effect as normal.
- NEVER AGAIN: In combat, you may choose to protect someone without rolling, as if you had rolled a 10+, but you may not choose to "suffer little harm."
- ☐ What Does Not Kill Me...: If you have suffered harm in a fight, you gain +1 ongoing until the fight is over. Fervor: When you manipulate someone, roll
- +Tough instead of +Charm. Safety First: You have jury-rigged extra protection into your gear, giving you +1 armour (maximum
- 2-armour). DIY Surgery: When you do quick and dirty first aid on someone (including yourself), roll +Cool. On a 10+ it's all good, it counts as normal first aid, plus stabilize the injury and heal 1 harm. On a 7-9 it counts as normal first aid, plus one of these, your
  - Stabilise the injury but the patient takes -1 forward.
  - · Heal 1-harm and stabilise for now, but it will return as 2-harm and become unstable again later.
  - Heal 1-harm and stabilise but the patient takes -1 ongoing until it's fixed properly.
- **Tools Matter**: With your signature weapon (see your gear, below), you get +1 to kick some ass.

#### **GEAR**

Pick one signature weapon and two practical weapons.

You have protective wear, suited to your look, worth

If you want, you may take a classic car, classic motorcycle, plain pickup, or plain van.

Sign	nature Weapons, pick one:
	Sawn-off shotgun (3-harm hand/close messy loud
	reload)
	Hand cannon (3-harm close loud)
	Fighting knife (2-harm hand quiet)
	Huge sword or huge axe (3-harm hand messy heavy)
	Specialist weapons for destroying your foes (e.g.
	wooden stakes and mallet for vampires, silver dagger
	for werewolves, etc.). 4-harm against the specific
	creatures it targets, 1-harm otherwise, and other
	tags by agreement with the Keeper.
П	Enchanted dagger (2-harm hand magic)
$\overline{\Box}$	Chainsaw (3-harm hand messy unreliable loud
_	heavy)
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Pra	ctical weapons, pick two:
	.38 revolver (2-harm close reload loud)
$\Box$	9mm (2-harm close loud)
$\overline{\Box}$	Hunting rifle (2-harm far loud)
$\overline{\Box}$	Shotgun (3-harm close messy loud)
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Ħ	Brass knuckles (1-harm hand stealthy)
$\exists$	Assault rifle (3-harm close area loud reload)
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# THE SNOOP

Cryptids have kept out of sight, but I'm going to find them and record them. The evidence will be incontrovertible, and I'll be the one who did it. I'm going to be a superstar one day, you mark my words! Hey... did you just feel a chill?

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A Company

- Manipulate Someone
- Act Under Pressure
- · Help Out
- Investigate a Mystery
- · Read a Bad Situation
- Kick Some Ass
- · Protect Someone
- Use Magic

#### LUCK

Mark luck to change a roll to 12 *or* avoid all harm from an injury.

Okay Doomed

**Snoop special:** Whenever you spend a Luck point, you're going to have technical difficulties. Breakdowns, communication problems, weird noises in the recordings, etc.

# **HARM**

When you reach 4 or more, mark unstable.

Okay Dying

Unstable: 🔲

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Experience:

Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a move tells you to, mark an experience box.

### MOVES

You get all the basic moves, plus three Snoop moves. Pick three:

- ☐ "What Does That Feel Like?": When you put your camera or microphone right in a person's face, they break off whatever they are doing. They might go right back to it after they deal with you, but you'll create enough time for the other hunters to act in the meantime.
- Minor Celebrity: At the beginning of each mystery, roll +Weird. On a 10+ hold 2 and on a 7-9 hold 1. Spend your hold during the mystery to have someone you meet know of you in a positive light (maybe they read your blog, listen to your podcast, or watch your Internet/TV show, etc). You may end up getting asked for autographs or given "hot" leads, etc.
- ☐ We'll Fix It In Post: You can use anything you could conceivably have recorded as evidence for investigate a mystery, allowing you to check previous interviews, attack sites, and so on from the comfort of your laptop.
- Press Accreditation: When you investigate a mystery by talking to witnesses, interviewing locals, or anything else requiring interpersonal skills, roll +Charm instead of +Sharp.
- Truthiness: Whatever you tell a normal person, they'll accept that you think it's true. If it's far out, they might think you're deluded, but they won't think you're lying.
- ☐ **The Mojo Wire**: When you spend a while reading all the latest news feeds looking for the weird stuff, take +1 forward.
- Relaxed Producer: You're employed, with a regular pay check and little or no oversight. As long as you send in a story every few days, no matter how bizarre, you're set. Every now and again they'll send you somewhere in particular, and when that happens it usually involves supernatural activity. Unless they need human interest, in which case it will be a kitten show or agricultural fair or something.

#### **GEAR**

You get a laptop, three recording devices, two detectors and one subtle weapon.

Recording devices (pick three  Video camera  Tiny digital camera  Film camera  Digital recorder  Tape recorder  Infrared camera  Pro sound gear	Camera drone Starlight camera Steadicam rig Laser microphone SLR camera Nice smartphone
Detectors (pick two):  Electromagnetic field detector  Temperature fluctuation detector  Ouija board  Humidity meter  Dowsing rods  Chemistry test kit	☐ Metal detector ☐ Compass ☐ GPS receiver ☐ Laser rangefinder ☐ Pendulum ☐ Tarot deck ☐
Stun gun (1-harm hand s	arm hand innocuous messy) loud)

To make your Snoop, first pick a name. Then follow the instructions in this playbook to decide your look, ratings, crew, moves, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.

Pronouns:		

# LOOK, PICK ONE FROM EACH LIST:

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	suit, saf	ari wear,	hat	&	trench	coat,	utilit	y wear
			clot	hes				

Slender body, hefty body, trim body, iittery body, tall

# RATINGS, PICK ONE LINE:

	Charm +2, Cool -1, Sharp +1, Tough 0, Weird +1
	Charm +2, Cool 0, Sharp +1, Tough -1, Weird +1
	Charm +2, Cool +1, Sharp +1, Tough 0, Weird -1
	Charm +2, Cool -1, Sharp +2, Tough -1, Weird 0
П	Charm +2, Cool +1, Sharp 0, Tough -1, Weird +1

### **CREW**

Decide if your crew is the other hunters, or if you have an entourage.

If they are not the hunters, there are up to three of them. Pick a name and job for each. Tell the Keeper-your crew are bystanders.

If it's the other hunters, decide together who gets which

Crew jobs: camera, sound, editing, dogsbody, researcher, driver, director, producer, bodyguard.

# TEAM CONCEPT: MONSTER REVELATIONS

This is a quick example series setup based around the Snoop.

The team has an Internet video channel, Monster Revelations," that covers their monster hunts and teaches viewers about the monsters that are really out there.

A Snoop is required to run things; a Flake or Expert makes a good researcher; a Mundane can make the coffee; everyone else can hold a camera or microphone or carry things.

### INTRODUCTIONS

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Snoop by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

### **HISTORY**

Go around the group again. When it's your turn, pick one for each of the other hunters:

- You're best friends from school/university (film class,
- You met this hunter when they killed a monster you were doing a story on. Ask them what it was.
- · This hunter almost defeated a monster but you did something to prevent that. Ask them what the monster was, then tell them what you did. Was it an accident or on purpose?
- This hunter was in danger of some having unhelpful publicity, but you got the story killed.
- You have a crush on this hunter. Ask them if they've noticed.
- This hunter saved your ass when you did something stupid. Ask them what you did.
- This hunter is a huge fan of your work. Ask them if they keep quiet about it or if everyone knows?
- This hunter is a relation, close or distant. Decide between you exactly what.



## LEVELING UP

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the list below.

IMPROVEMENTS				
Get +1 Charm, max +3				
Get +1 Cool, max +2				
☐ Get +1 Weird, max +2				
Get +1 Sharp, max +2				
☐ Take another Snoop move				
☐ Take another Snoop move				
☐ Gain an ally: one of your existing crew members or				
the whole crew as an ally team				
☐ Get a haven, like the Expert has, with one option				
plus a film lab and editing suite				
☐ Take a move from another playbook				
☐ Take a move from another playbook				
After you have leveled up five times, you qualify for				

After you have leveled up five times, you qualify for advanced improvements in addition to these, from the list below.
ADVANCED IMPROVEMENTS  Get +1 to any rating, max +3 Change this hunter to a new type Create a second hunter to play as well as this one Mark two of the basic moves as advanced Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced Retire this hunter to safety Get back one used Luck point
☐ Make it big. You're a superstar now!

To make your Wronged, first pick a name. Then follow the instructions in this playbook to decide your look, ratings, who you lost, moves, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.

PR	onouns:		
LO	OK, PICK ONE FROM		
•	Sad eyes, icy eyes, angry eyes, emotionless eyes, h		
•	Nondescript clothes, rag hunting gear, army surpl clothes.	-	
RA	TINGS, PICK ONE LI	NE:	
	Charm=0, Cool+1, Sharp		ough+2, Weird+1
	Charm=0, Cool=0, Sharp	)+1,	Гough+2, Weird=0
	Charm+1, Cool=0, Sharp		•
	Charm-1, Cool-1, Sharp		-
Ш	Charm+1, Cool-1, Sharp	=0, T	ough+2, Weird+1
	<b>IO YOU LOST</b> o did you lose? Pick one o	r mo	re of:
	Your parent(s):		
	Your sibling(s):		
	Your spouse/partner:		
	Your child(ren):		
	Your best friend(s):		
	HAT DID IT? h the Keeper's agreement	, pick	the monster breed.
Му	prey:		
Wh	y couldn't you save ther	n? Y	ou were (pick one or
mo	•		
_	at fault		slow
_	selfish		scared
_	injured		in denial
Ш	weak	Ш	complicit

## INTRODUCTIONS

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

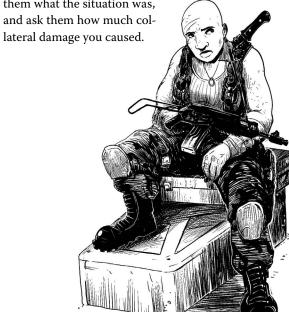
Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Wronged by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

### **HISTORY**

Go around the group again. When it's your turn, pick one for each of the other hunters:

- They helped you at a critical point in your quest for revenge. Tell them what you needed help with.
- They stood between you and what you needed to find out. Ask them why.
- They also lost a friend or relative to these monsters. Ask them who it was.
- Relations, close or distant. Tell them exactly what.
- You saved their life, back when they were a pathetic newbie hunter. Ask them what you saved them from.
- You respect their hard-earned knowledge, and often come to them for advice.
- They showed you the ropes when you were learning how to fight.

• They saw you absolutely lose it and go berserk. Tell them what the situation was,



## LEVELING UP

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the following list:

	IM	PROVEMENTS
		Get +1 Tough, max +3
		Get +1 Cool, max +2
		Get +1 Sharp, max +2
		Get +1 Weird, max +2
		Take another Wronged move
		Take another Wronged move
		Gain a haven, like the Expert has, with two options
		Add one more option to your haven
		Take a move from another playbook
		Take a move from another playbook
		er you have leveled up <i>five</i> times, you qualify for anced improvements in addition to these. They're ow.
	AD	VANCED IMPROVEMENTS
		Get +1 to any rating, max +3.
		Change this hunter to a new type.
		Create a second hunter to play as well as this one.
		Mark two of the basic moves as advanced.
		Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced.
		Retire this hunter to safety.
		You track down the specific monster(s) responsi-
		ble for your loss. The Keeper must make the next
		mystery about them.
		Change the target of your vengeful rage. Pick a new
		monster breed: <b>I know my prey</b> now applies to them
		instead.
0	П	Get back one used Luck point.

#### blessed, I'm not one of the scary children-I'm ☐ Burn Everything: When you use magic to inflict harm, you can choose to inflict 3-harm area magic just a girl who found a way to give herself the THE HEX strength to fight this war. I don't have the option obvious or 3-harm ignore-armour magic obvious. of not taking this risk." Cast the Bones: Once per mystery, you may perform some kind of divination (tarot, casting the runes, **ROTES** reading entrails, or something like that) to glean · Manipulate Someone Whenever you use magic, you can decide afterwards information about the future. When you seek guidthat a particular spell is a **rote** that you know. See the ance by divination, roll +Sharp. On a 10+, hold 2. On • Act Under Pressure separate Rotes sheet for more details. a 7-9, hold 1. On a miss, you get some information, Help Out but it's not what you want to hear. Spend those holds **TEMPTATION** to ask any question from the investigate a mystery • Investigate a Mystery You have a dangerous drive that you pursue, sometimes move, or one of the following questions: · Read a Bad Situation to the exclusion of your own safety. Decide if your Temp- What can I gain from this person/place/thing/creature? tation drove you to learn magic, or if learning magic • Who has touched this person/place/thing/creature · Kick Some Ass drove you to it. • Protect Someone Whenever you give in to your Temptation and act The Keeper will answer truthfully, with either a accordingly, you mark experience. You need to act under direct answer or how to find out more. • Use Magic **pressure** to resist giving in to your temptation, if a perfect Force of Will: When you apply your will to dispelling opportunity presents itself; if you fail this roll, you don't a magical effect, blocking a spell, or suspending a Phemark experience like you would have if you'd willingly nomenon, roll +Weird. On a hit, momentary magics LUCK acted out your desires. are cancelled completely, and long-lasting spells and Mark luck to change a roll to 12 or avoid all harm from effects are suspended temporarily. On a 10+, you can an injury. Choose one Temptation: also spend Luck to instantly snuff out a powerful spell Vengeance: Use magic to inflict disproportionate or strange effect. On a 7-9, you take 1-harm as the Okay Doomed retribution on someone who wronged you. strain of dismissing magic unravels you. **Power:** Use magic to exert your dominance over **Hex Special**: When you spend Luck, until the end of the **Luck of the Damned**: After you **use magic** or cast a another. mystery, backlash on your spells will be extra nasty. rote, take +1 forward on the next roll you make. Addiction: Use magic to do what you could do Sympathetic Token: As long as you carry a personal **HARM** without it. object belonging to someone, such as a lock of hair, When you reach 4 or more, mark unstable. Callousness: Use magic without regard for the a full set of toenails, or a treasured family heirloom, safety of others. you get +1 ongoing to **use magic** against them. You Okay Dying **Carnage:** Use magic to inflict gruesome violence. can also **use magic** against them at a distance. If you **Secrets:** Use magic to discover forbidden, dangerous Unstable: □ try to **use magic** against them and miss, the token is (Unstable injuries will worsen as time passes) knowledge. lost, destroyed, or loses its power. Glory: Use magic to steal someone's thunder. This Might Sting: You can use magic to heal **EXPERIENCE** 3-harm, but the process is exceptionally painful. On **MOVES** a 7-9 it also leaves a gnarly scar. You have three Hex moves. You have this one: Experience: Wise Soul: Whenever you use magic, right before Bad Luck Charm: Whenever you use magic and Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a you roll, you can ask the Keeper what exactly would miss, the backlash never affects you directly if there's move tells you to, mark an experience box. happen on a miss. If you dislike the risk, you can stop someone else around to hit. It'll go for allies, other at the last second, and let the spell fizzle harmlessly. hunters, and innocent bystanders. Sometimes, every All of the effort is wasted.

"I didn't have magic fall into my lap. I'm not

Plus pick two of these:

so often, it might even hit an enemy.

To make your Hex, first pick a name. Then follow the instructions below to decide your look, ratings, moves, Temptation, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.

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# LOOK, PICK ONE FROM EACH LIST:

- · Sharp eyes, angry eyes, glowing eyes, shifty eyes, serene eyes, featureless eyes, \_\_\_\_\_ eyes.
- Retro clothes, hippy clothes, trendy clothes, too-formal clothes, ill-fitting clothes, anachronistic clothes, clothes.

# RATINGS, PICK ONE LINE:

- Charm+2, Cool=0, Sharp=0, Tough-1, Weird+2
- Charm+1, Cool-1, Sharp+1, Tough=0, Weird+2
- Charm-1, Cool+1, Sharp=0, Tough+1, Weird+2
- Charm-1, Cool=0, Sharp+1, Tough+1, Weird+2
- Charm=0, Cool=0, Sharp+2, Tough-1, Weird+2

# **GEAR**

You have whatever magical items or amulets you use to perform magic, including whatever you need to cast your rotes. You also have two wizardly weapons.

# Wizardly weapons, pick two:

- .38 revolver (2-harm close reload loud) Shotgun (3-harm close messy loud)
- Athame (2-harm hand magic silver)
- Shillelagh (1-harm hand balanced)
- Crossbow (2-harm close slow)
- Staff (1-harm hand balanced large)

### INTRODUCTIONS

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Hex by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

#### **HISTORY**

Go around the group again. When it's your turn, pick one for each of the other hunters:

- You once cast a powerful spell or curse on them. Tell them why, and ask them how it ended.
- They fear your power, or what you might do with it. Ask them why.
- You're madly in love with them. Ask them if they can
- They encourage you to indulge your temptation. Ask them why.
- They keep you grounded, and are unfazed by your displays of power.
- You were part of the same cult, sect, or secret society. Decide together what horrible things you did in the name of power.
- You learned through divination that they're important and you should help them. Decide whether you've told them or not.
- They helped you out when a spell went awry. Tell them what the spell was, and ask them how they helped you.

# LEVELING UP

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the list below.

#### **IMPROVEMENTS**

- Get +1 Weird, max +3. Get +1 Cool, max +2.
- Get +1 Charm, max +2.
- Get +1 Sharp, max +2. Take another Rote.
- Take another Rote.
- Take another Rote.
- Take another Hex move, or an additional Rote.
- Take another Hex move, or an additional Rote.
- Take a Haven, like the Expert has, with two options.
  - Take a move from another playbook.

After you have leveled up five times, you qualify for advanced improvements in addition to these. They're below.

#### ADVANCED IMPROVEMENTS

	Get +1 to any rating, max +3.
	Change this hunter to a new type.
	Make up a second hunter to play as well as this one
	Mark two of the basic moves as advanced.
	Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced.
	Retire this hunter to safety.
	Erase one used Luck mark from your playbook.
	Gain another two Rotes.
	Choose one advanced Hex move (see below).

#### ADVANCED HEX MOVES

When you take the "Choose one advanced Hex move" improvement, choose one of these moves. You can never have both:

Apotheosis: You become a terrifying fount of mystical power. Once per mystery, after you suffer loss or harm, you may enter a state where you have both immense power and zero interest in the well-being of other people. While in this state, you can fly, use +Weird to kick some ass instead of +Tough (using innate magic as a 3-harm weapon with whatever properties you choose), ignore the component costs of your rotes, ignore one requirement of every spell you cast with **use magic**, and you have +1 ongoing to do everything. On the other hand, you outright cannot use the protect someone move, you have all the Temptations, and you have to indulge them whenever a good opportunity presents itself. When you try to resist a temptation, roll +Cool. On a 10+, your apotheosis ends. On a 7-9, it ends with you doing something dangerous or cruel. On a miss, it ends only after you harm someone (or something) you love.

Synthesis: You manage to conciliate your dark power with your moral impulses. You lose your Temptation. Whenever you use magic to help out or protect someone, you mark experience. Mark a second experience if you do it at the expense of your own safety.

# ROTES (THE HEX)

Whenever you **use magic**, you can decide afterwards that a particular spell is a **rote** that you know. Write down in detail what the spell does, and what it requires. You know how to cast it off the top of your head, and you choose two requirements from this list:

- Magic words and ritual gestures.
- An object of power (wand, talisman, orb, staff, etc) which must be wielded.
- An expendable component such as sulfur, sage, or incense, which must be burned, blown, or scattered during the casting.
- Runes or symbols written or engraved on a surface (which must be prepared).
- A spilling of blood, which inflicts 1-harm upon you or a willing participant.

Give your new rote a name, and decide specifically what the requirements are (which words, gestures, objects, symbols, and procedures are required). Unlike regular **use magic**, a rote's cost and the consequences for failing it are known to you in advance. After you cast it for the first time, treat each rote as a custom move—a specialised version of use magic, which is built with the Keeper. Write down what it does on a 10+, a 7-9, and a miss. Also, a rote is a bit more powerful than a basic **use magic** spell: its glitches are less onerous and its effect may be a little bigger.

Casting a rote requires you to have the needed items at hand and the ability to physically use them. You roll +Weird to cast it, as you would when **using magic** normally.

# **HOW MANY ROTES?**

You start out knowing up to one rote, which you can choose when creating your character or during play. You can learn more by taking improvements—when you do, you can choose the new rote right away or in play.

ROTE:	ROTE:
REQUIREMENTS, PICK TWO:  ☐ Magic words, ritual gestures ☐ Object of power which must be wielded ☐ Expendable component destroyed or scattered ☐ Runes or symbols written or engraved on a surface ☐ Spilling of blood (1-harm to you or willing person)	REQUIREMENTS, PICK TWO:  ☐ Magic words, ritual gestures ☐ Object of power which must be wielded ☐ Expendable component destroyed or scattered ☐ Runes or symbols written or engraved on a surface ☐ Spilling of blood (1-harm to you or willing person)
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On a 10+	On a 10+
On a 7-9:	On a 7-9:
On a miss:	On a miss:

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On a 7-9:	On a 7-9:	
On a miss:	On a miss:	
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On a miss:	On a miss:	

I can do things, things that normal people can't. But there's a price—I haven't paid it in full, yet, but the bill's gonna come due soon. It's best I don't tell you any more. You get too close, you'll get hurt.

<b>CHARM</b>	• Manipulate Someone
COOL	<ul><li> Act Under Pressure</li><li> Help Out</li></ul>
<b>SHARP</b>	<ul><li> Investigate a Mystery</li><li> Read a Bad Situation</li></ul>
<b>TOUGH</b>	<ul><li> Kick Some Ass</li><li> Protect Someone</li></ul>
<b>WEIRD</b>	• Use Magic
<b>LUCK</b> Mark luck to change a ran injury.	oll to 12 <i>or</i> avoid all harm from
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<b>Spooky special:</b> As you side's needs will get nast	mark off Luck boxes, your dark ier.
<b>HARM</b> When you reach 4 or mo	ore, mark unstable.
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	nstable:  will worsen as time passes)
EXPERIENCE	
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Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a

move tells you to, mark an experience box.

MC	OVES		
You	get all the basic moves, plus pick three Spooky moves:		
	<b>Telepathy:</b> You can read people's thoughts and put words in their mind. This can allow you to <b>investigate a mystery</b> or <b>read a bad situation</b> without needing to actually talk. You can also <b>manipulate</b>		<b>Tune In</b> : You can <b>attune your mind to a monster or minion</b> . Roll +Weird. On a 10+, hold 3. On a 7-9, hold 1. On a miss, the monster becomes aware of you. Spend one hold to ask the Keeper one of the fol-
	someone without speaking. You still roll moves as		lowing questions, and gain +1 ongoing while acting
	normal, except people will not expect the weirdness		on the answers:
П	of your mental communication.		Where is the creature right now?  What is it playing to do night you?
Ш	<b>Hex:</b> When you cast a spell (with <b>use magic</b> ), as well as the normal effects, you may pick from the follow-		<ul><li> What is it planning to do right now?</li><li> Who is it going to attack next?</li></ul>
	ing:		• Who does it regard as the biggest threat?
	The target contracts a disease.		• How can I attract its attention?
	• The target immediately suffers harm (2-harm		The Big Whammy: You can use your powers to ${\bf kick}$
	magic ignore-armour).		some ass: roll + Weird instead of + Tough. The attack
	<ul> <li>The target breaks something precious or important.</li> </ul>		has 2-harm close obvious ignore-armour. On a miss, you'll get a magical backlash.
	<b>The Sight:</b> You can see the invisible, especially spirits		Jinx: You can encourage coincidences to occur, the
	and magical influences. You may communicate with		way you want. When you jinx a target, roll +Weird.
	(maybe even make deals with) the spirits you see,		On a 10+ hold 2 and on a 7-9 hold 1. On a miss, the
	and they give you more opportunities to spot clues when you <b>investigate a mystery</b> .		Keeper holds 2 over you to be used in the same way. Spend your hold to:
	Premonitions: At the start of each mystery, roll		• Interfere with a hunter, giving them -1 forward.
	+Weird. On a 10+, you get a detailed vision of some-		<ul> <li>Help a hunter, giving them +1 forward, by inter-</li> </ul>
	thing bad that is yet to happen. You take +1 forward		fering with their enemy.
	to prevent it coming true, and mark experience if you		• Interfere with what a monster, minion, or
	stop it. On a 7-9+ you get clouded images of something bad that is yet to happen: mark experience if		<ul><li>bystander is trying to do.</li><li>Inflict 1-harm on the target due to an accident.</li></ul>
	you stop it. On a miss, you get a vision of something		<ul> <li>The target finds something you left for them.</li> </ul>
	bad happening to you and the Keeper holds 3, to be		• The target loses something that you will soon
	spent one-for-one as penalties to rolls you make.		find.
	Hunches: When something bad is happening (or	GE	AR
	just about to happen) somewhere that you aren't,	You	get two normal weapons and any magical items or
	roll +Sharp. On a 10+ you knew where you needed to go, just in time to get there. On a 7-9, you get	am	ulets that you use to invoke your powers.
	there late—in time to intervene, but not prevent it	No	rmal weapons (pick two):
	altogether. On a miss, you get there just in time to be	П	.38 revolver (2-harm close reload loud)
	in trouble yourself.		9mm (2-harm close loud)
			Hunting rifle (2-harm far loud)
			Shotgun (3-harm close messy)
			Big knife (1-harm hand)

To make your Spooky, first pick a name. Then follow the instructions in this playbook to decide your look, ratings, moves, dark side and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.

PRONOUNS:				
LOOK, PICK ONE FROM EACH LIST:				
Kid, teen, adult, old,				
· Burning eyes, dark eyes, pained eyes, blank eyes,				
unblinking eyes, piercing eyes, shadowed eyes,				
creepy eyes, eyes.				
· Ratty clothes, casual clothes, goth clothes, neat				
clothes, nerdy clothes, clothes.				
RATINGS, PICK ONE LINE:				
Charm+1, Cool=0, Sharp+1, Tough-1, Weird+2				
Charm-1, Cool+1, Sharp=0, Tough+1, Weird+2				
Charm+2, Cool=0, Sharp-1, Tough-1, Weird+2				
Charm=0, Cool-1, Sharp+1, Tough+1, Weird+2				
Charm-1, Cool-1, Sharp+2, Tough=0, Weird+2				
THE DARK SIDE				
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Your powers have an unsavory source, and sometimes you get tempted to do things you shouldn't. These could be orders from whatever granted your power, or urges that bubble up from your subconscious. Something like that. Whatever it is, it's unsettling.

Pick three tags for your dark side:

Ш	Violence	Ш	Mood swings
	Depression		Rage
	Secrets		Self-destruction
	Lust		Greed for power
	Dark bargain		Poor impulse control
	Guilt		Hallucinations
	Soulless		Pain
	Addiction		Paranoia

The Keeper can ask you to do nasty things (in accordance with the tags), when your powers need you to. If you do whatever is asked, mark experience. If you don't do it, then your powers are unavailable until the end of the mystery (or until you cave). As you mark off Luck boxes, these requests will get bigger and nastier.

### INTRODUCTIONS

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Spooky by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

### **HISTORY**

Go around the group again. On your turn, pick one of these for each hunter:

- They taught you to control your powers, to the extent that you can control them at all.
- You are blood-kin. Decide together exactly what.
- You are married, or romantically involved. Decide between you the exact relationship.
- You're old friends, and trust each other completely.
- You used your powers on them one time. Decide if it was for selfish reasons or not, and tell them if they found out about it.
- You've known each other some time, but since your powers manifested, you keep them at a distance emotionally.
- You hope they can help you control your powers.
- They saw you use your powers for selfish or vindictive reasons. Ask them who the victim was, and then tell them what you did.



#### LEVELING UP

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the following list:

IN	<b>IPROVEMENTS</b>
	Get +1 Weird, max +3
	Get +1 Charm, max +2
	Get +1 Cool, max +2
	Get +1 Sharp, max +2
	Take another Spooky move
	Take another Spooky move
	Change some, or all, your dark side tags
	Get a mystical library, like the Expert's haven option
	Take a move from another playbook
	Take a move from another playbook
ac	ter you have leveled up <i>five</i> times, you qualify for vanced improvements in addition to these. They're blow.
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## ADVANCED IMPROVEMENTS

Get +1 to any rating, max +3.
Change this hunter to a new type.
Create a second hunter to play as well as this one.
Mark two of the basic moves as advanced.
Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced.
Retire this hunter to safety.
You discover how to use your powers at a lower price.
Delete one dark side tag permanently.
Get back one used Luck point.