

It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Whimsy World!

A 1-Page High Magic, Non-Medieval Fantasy Setting by [Mark Chance](#) for use with S. John Ross's *Risus: The Anything RPG*

History

Born in 1901, Milton Elias "Milt" Whimsy revolutionized the entertainment industry with his loveable cartoon characters and family-friendly, big-screen adaptations of classic fairy tales. By the time he was 54, he had amassed both a personal fortune and a sterling reputation, and he controlled an international entertainment corporation that produced movies, television shows, and stage plays. When he opened the first of his Whimsyland theme parks in 1958, his fortune and reputation grew even more.

Unknown to almost everyone, Whimsy was a powerful wizard from the 7th Dimension. He used transspiritism to enter the 3rd Dimension and be born as a human in order to escape the machinations of the Dark Lord Geoff Ratzenbourg, whose perverse evil threatened to turn the 7th Dimension into Ratzenbourg's personal hell. Whimsy used his magic to weave a benign enchantment throughout all his creations, encouraging people's natural inclinations toward kindness and joy.

Disaster struck both Whimsy and the 3rd Dimension in 1966 when Ratzenbourg burst through the dimensional barriers to attack Whimsy at the ribbon cutting for the joyfulest place on Earth, the amazing Whimsy World. In a barrage of soul-searing necromancy, Ratzenbourg ripped all of Whimsy's attractions from across the globe into a specially constructed prison zone in the 7th Dimension. Tens of thousands of people visiting Whimsy attractions found themselves trapped in a twisted realm constructed from theme parks, movie theaters, resorts, playhouses, and shopping malls.

Whimsy Worlds

The Whimsy attractions trapped in the 7th Dimension have been warped and forged into a Möbius strip of enormous size on which the normal laws of physics and the natural world do not apply. The thousands of square miles assembled along the Möbius strip are loosely divided into five "worlds".

Each world has a theme, and magic pervades everything. Ratzenbourg's hell spawn minions have shapeshifted into a variety of motif-appropriate forms. Animatronic models have become sentient and taken sides in the ongoing battle between good and evil that rages across all five worlds, each of which presents a wide variety of genres that can be mixed with high-magic action.

Travel from one world to the next can be hazardous and unpredictable. A roller coaster in Adventure World could lead to Spooky World by way of Frontier World today, but do nothing but provide an exciting ride the next.

Large swaths of the Möbius strip provide windswept plains, blue seas, tropical wildernesses, burning deserts, and other

thematically appropriate terrains. There are few limits to what adventurers may encounter in the 7th Dimension.

Adventure World: Swashbucklers, wicked pirates, ancient jungle kingdoms, fanged cannibals, Arabian knights, genies in bottles, and lost boys.

Animal World: The circle of life, animal kings, savage wolves, mischievous squirrels, well-furnished dens, and amphibians on wild rides.

Frontier World: Cowboys and Indians, covered wagons, herds of buffalo, bushwhackers and polecats, settlers, cities of gold, rushes for precious metals, and gunfights in corrals.

Spooky World: Haunted houses, moonlit graveyards, ghosts and goblins, bumps in the night, wicked witches, black cats, and dancing skeletons.

Tomorrow World: Robots, laser pistols, teleportation bubbles, rocket ships, bug-eyed aliens, and alien cityscapes.

Sample Clichés

Animatron: A sentient animatronic model that now has powers based on its form. Animatronic Ben Franklin with a lightning kite?

Awakened Wizard: A trapped tourist with new found power. Eldritch might, but on whose side?

Imaginationalist: A Whimsy World technician that has arcane power over transmogrified attractions. Are her powers capable of controlling the worlds?

Plucky Kid: A dauntless lad or lass ready for adventure. But where are Mom and Dad?

Costumed Mascot: A high-school student trapped in a funny animal character costume. What strange powers does the costume contain?

Customer Service Warrior: A Whimsy World employee determined to make everyone's stay better. Who knows what his checklists can do now?

Possible Plots

The Five Purgatorial Keys: Are rumors of five magical keys that can open the doors out of the prison true?

It's Small, Terrifying World After All: There are people trapped in that family-friendly ride. Their screams of terror echo through the streets. Can they be saved?

Where's Milt?: Why hasn't Milt been seen since Ratzenbourg's attack? Is he dead? Biding his time? Imprisoned in some darker pit?