

# Core Rules

**Take Action** by rolling 1d6 + 1 extra d6 for each Profession, Background, Skill, Gear, or other benefit that helps your action. Describe how, then roll. The highest die counts.

- 6 = Success
- 4-5 = Success + Cost
- 1-3 = Fail + Cost

**Wounds** make it harder to succeed.

- 0 Wounds = Success + Cost on 4 or 5
- 1 Wound = Success + Cost only on 5
- 2 Wounds = No Success + Cost

Choose a **Boost** when you roll a **pair of 6s**:

- **Overwhelm**. Increase impact.
- **Recover**. Heal 1 Wound.
- **Charge**. Store 1d6 to use on any roll.
- **Windfall**. Someone thinks of a benefit.

**Combat** is Taking Action with the intent to harm. Your opponent must take a specific number of wounds to be incapacitated. Some targets may make Gear more or less effective.

**Resolve** is your determination, willpower and composure. You only have **6**. **Each adds 1d6 to your dice pool** and you can spend it **incrementally** on a roll until you succeed or you accept the rolled result. **Spent Resolve is called Doubt**. When you mark more Resolve than you have, take **1 Trauma**.

## Resolve and Doubt Rolls

The GM may call for a Resolve or Doubt roll, 1d6 for each you have. Highest value counts, like with Take Action. Results here are unaffected by Wounds.

**Assist** another character by describing how and spend one Resolve to grant them +1d6.

**Wealth** lets you acquire valuables. Roll 1d6 for each rank in Wealth, add the results and compare to the item's Value. **If you're short, you may offer a Favor** to claim your prize. The size of the favor depends on how short you are; GM decides. GM may call on that favor at any time.

**Background** is your personal history.

**Profession** is the job you're trained in.

**Drive** is what motivates you.

**Problem** is what haunts you.

**Skills** are what you're particularly good at. You only have enough time to train on 4, but you can learn the same Skill multiple times. Each occupies a new slot.

**Harm** is the accumulation of negative things that happen to you. Harm progresses in the following way: **When you run out of Wounds, you take Doubt. When you run out of Resolve, you take Trauma.**

You **Recover Harm** in the following ways:

- **Wounds** via Gear and Relief Arcs.
- **Resolve** via buying Relief Arcs with Doubt.
- **Trauma** via the end of Relief Arcs or special cases.

**Wounds** are injuries. They reduce your Partial Success range by one. You may take **2 Doubt or Break Gear to Avoid a Wound**.

**Trauma** is long-lasting pain. It disables a Skill slot and prevents its use. **1 slot per Trauma**. Taking a Trauma accounts for all Harm at that moment, so you only take 1 at a time. **When you gain your 4th, your character is retired** - they cannot continue.

**Gear** helps you solve problems and achieve goals. Larger Gear takes multiple slots. Broken Gear must be repaired to be usable. You can hold at most 4 pieces of Gear.

**Bonds** represent the relationships that keep you grounded. Each Bond is ranked from 1-4. Bonds break when reaching 0. To test a Bond, roll 1d6 for each rank, highest value counts.

**Relief Arcs** represent moments of recovery, reflection, and change. You spend Doubt on them to grow and recover.

# Character

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| Name                                   |                                 | Wealth |                                 |  |  |  |
| Background                             |                                 |        |                                 |  |  |  |
| Profession                             |                                 |        |                                 |  |  |  |
| Drive                                  |                                 |        |                                 |  |  |  |
| Problem                                |                                 |        |                                 |  |  |  |
| Skill                                  | Trauma <input type="checkbox"/> | Skill  | Trauma <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |  |
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| Resolve = Unmarked      Marked = Doubt |                                 |        |                                 |  |  |  |
| Wound                                  |                                 |        |                                 |  |  |  |
| Wound                                  |                                 |        |                                 |  |  |  |
| Gear                                   | Broken <input type="checkbox"/> | Gear   | Broken <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |  |
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| Bonds                                  |                                 |        |                                 |  |  |  |
| Name                                   |                                 | Rank   |                                 |  |  |  |
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| How do you know X?                         | +1 rank to any Bond                            |
| Who is X allied with?                      | +1d6 when using X's alliance as leverage       |
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## Relief Arcs

Each arc is a small story with a **Setup**, **Conflict, Climax, and Resolution**. The costs and benefits are noted up front. You may complete each arc multiple times as long as you reach the resolution. You can:

- Learn a new Skill
- Form new or strengthen existing Bonds
- Change your Profession
- Acquire special Gear
- Earn greater Wealth
- Create new arcs to grow how you want

## Skill Arc

- (-1 Doubt) You're inspired to learn something new. What is it and why?
- (-2 Doubt, +1 Wound) You practice but just can't get it quite right. Mistakes are made.
- (-2 Doubt, -1 Bond) You dive into the topic but a relationship suffers. What happened?
- (-3 Doubt, +1 Skill) You have a breakthrough and everything clicks. What is your Eureka moment?

## Wealth Arc

- (-1 Doubt) Your life bleeds into your work. Who notices something is up? What happens?
- (-2 Doubt, +1 Wound) You have to make a tough call at work. What is that tough call?
- (-3 Doubt, +1 Wound) You calm down a bad situation and your boss sees. What went wrong and how did it resolve?
- (-3 Doubt, +1 Wealth, -1 Trauma) Your efforts are noticed. Management thinks you're ready for more responsibility. What are they?

## Profession Arc

- (-1 Doubt) You find a new opportunity in the classifieds. What is it and what do you think it will be like?
- (-2 Doubt) You have an interview. How does it go?
- (-3 Doubt, -1 Wealth, -Profession) You quit in a blaze of glory. How does it go down?
- (-3 Doubt, +1 Wealth, +Profession) First day at work. Who do you meet? How does it go?

## Memento Arc

- (-1 Doubt, New basic Gear) You rummage around your old things and find something special. What is it?
- (-2 Doubt) You do some research to find out more. It has a history. What is that history?
- (-2 Doubt) It has a soul and you commune with it. Describe what you experience.
- (-3 Doubt, Gear updated with special power) Its true power reveals itself. What is it?

## Bond Arc

- (-1 Doubt, +1 Bond) You formed a new Bond or have a special moment with an existing one. What was it like?
- (-2 Doubt, -1 Wound) You find comfort in their presence. How do you relax together?
- (-2 Doubt, +1 Wound, Roll Bond and gain 1 rank on 5 or 6) The stress of your life tests the relationship. What conflict arises?
- (Clear all Doubt, -1 Trauma, +1 Bond, can take no other Relief action this round) There's safety in vulnerability. You reveal what's really going on. What do you say?

## Notes

## Skills

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Juggling       | Skating            |
| Hacking        | Laser Tag          |
| Taxidermy      | Scouting           |
| Weightlifting  | Go-Karting         |
| Running        | Astronomy          |
| Acting         | Metal Detecting    |
| Model Rocketry | Backyard Wrestling |
| Artist         | Surfing            |
| Musician       | RC Car Racing      |
| Video Gaming   | Martial Arts       |
| Gardening      | Photography        |
| Stage Magic    | Deep Sea Fishing   |

## Gear

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| *Baseball Bat (1W) | Paintball Gun  |
| *Knife (1W)        | Golf Club      |
| *Pistol (2W)       | CD Player      |
| *Rifle (2W)        | Halloween Mask |
| *Shotgun (3W)      | Ouija Board    |
| *Grenade (3W)      | Chalk          |
| Skateboard         | Bag of Marbles |
| Rollerblades       | Dog Treats     |
| Car                | Instant Camera |
| AM/FM Radio        | Bicycle        |
| Walkie Talkie      | Screwdriver    |
| Pager              | Entry ticket   |

## Backgrounds

\*Special

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Voodoo      | Cultist      |
| Psychic     | Exorcist     |
| Oracle      | Abductee     |
| Witch       | Shaman       |
| Conjurer    | *Alien       |
| Medium      | *Possessed   |
| Occultist   | *Werewolf    |
| Alchemist   | *Vampire     |
| Druid       | *Selkie      |
| Necromancer | *Resurrected |
| Warlock     | *Draugr      |
| Wizard      | *Zombie      |

## Professions

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Fisherman     | Postal Carrier         |
| Line Cook     | Animal Trainer         |
| Housekeeper   | Esthetician            |
| Mechanic      | Lifeguard              |
| Custodian     | Airboat Captain        |
| Scuba Diver   | Paddleboard Instructor |
| Taxi Driver   | Toll Booth Operator    |
| Tour Guide    | Restaurant Server      |
| Bartender     | Golf Caddy             |
| Groundskeeper | Yoga Instructor        |
| Shopkeeper    | Garbage Man            |
| Telemarketer  | Welder                 |

# The World

- It's the 1990s on and near a tropical beach.
- Weirdness and mysteries are everywhere.
- PCs have a supernatural calling that shows what reality actually is.
- PCs can't hold down a job for more than a little while; their calling gets in the way.
- PCs care deeply about your community and are driven to keep it and everyone safe.
- PCs' friends and family keep them afloat.
- NPCs are often quirky, buzzed, and sandy.

# Principles

- Be curious about the world. Questions will help give it shape.
- Play to find out. Don't plan ahead, let the actions unfold naturally.
- Drive it like you stole it. Taking a chance is always more exciting.
- Make your adventures as silly as you want. Laugh or have drama. It's your story.
- Strong bonds shape the story. Relationships define the world, lean into them.
- Costs should present hard decisions about what really matters.

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# Weird Gear

- **Voodoo Doll + Personal item from your target** - Give one Wound. Target's personal item turns to ash after an attempt. Roll Doubt. On a 6, the personal item does not turn to ash and can be reused.
- **Skull Candle** - Allow a spirit to possess you until the candle melts through and goes out. Roll Resolve. On a 6, you can expunge the spirit whenever you want.
- **Tide Pod** - Take one harm, then go berserk with pure insanity. For some reason your clothes are now shredded into tatters. Roll Doubt. On a 5+ you take no harm. Life has done enough to you.
- **Gator Claw** - Merges with your hand for 1 week. Does 3 Wounds when attacking with bare hands. Roll Resolve. On 5+, you can take it off any time you want within that week.
- **Box of Void Crayons (3 in the box)** - Roll 1d6 to determine which one you pull out
  - **Red** - summons a creature when their name is written
  - **Orange** - draw a door that leads to a known location
  - **Yellow** - produces an invisible message only recipient can see and read
  - **Green** - writes the true name of a known creature
  - **Blue** - conjures what you need, not what you want
  - **Violet** - draw a circle to open a portal to an unknown plane of existence
- **Tamagotchi Phylactery** - Some dark spirit inhabits the device. If you feed it what it wants daily, it just might help you when you need it. Roll Doubt. On 5+ it tells you something you need to know, even if you don't want to.
- **Souvenir Shot Glass from Nowhere** - Says "Pompano Beach" but the imagery is definitely not Pompano Beach. If you drink rum from it and you remember a vacation you never took. The memories get more specific each time. Roll Doubt, Success = Your memories have another inhabitant who is telling you things relevant for today. Déjà vu. Fail or Cost = You take Wound "Drunk on nostalgia"
- **Blockbuster VHS Training Tape** - The Blockbuster in the video is of a liminal space with infinite rows of videos of films that never existed. The trainees know what film you should watch. Cannot be rewound.
- **Blockbuster Membership Card** - Member since '94. Lets you "check out" up to three memories from anyone you touch. You have to return them by touching the person within 48 hours or pay late fees in years of your life. Roll Resolve. Success = They are automatically returned via ephemeral rewind. Cost = Highest Bond loses 1 Rank, some of your own memories are rewound too.
- **Treasure Island Scratch-off Ticket** - When you receive it, it suspiciously expires in 5 minutes. Roll Resolve. On a 6, Wealth increases by 2.
- **Early Bird Special Menu** - Says "One item per customer" at the bottom. Instead of entrees, it's dark knowledge with a cost.
- **Bingo Ball Cage** - No matter how many balls are in it and what the numbers are, the number 8 is all it ever produces.
- **Splash Mountain Poncho** - Disposable. Makes you totally forgettable in the rain.
- **Polaroid of a Cryptid** - When you flap the photo back and forth while thinking of your target cryptid, it's revealed with enough information in the background to identify where its hiding place is. Roll Resolve. On 4+, you also find out exactly where it is at that moment.
- **I-4 Dead Zone Toll Receipt** - From the stretch between Orlando and Tampa where cell phones drop and accidents cluster. Burn it to create a zone of mechanical failure. Electronics die, engines stall, the modern world takes a coffee break.
- **Bingo Dauber of Fortune** - From a 55+ community bingo night. Dab it on any document to reveal what's hidden or redacted. Ink smells like cigarettes and desperation.
- **Stuck Emergency Radio** - Makes noise whenever danger lurks nearby. Roll Resolve. On 5+, a mysterious voice reveals an important detail about the danger.
- **Mood Ring** - Changes color based on the emotions of nearby entities, not you. When it turns black, something nearby is experiencing existential dread. The strongest emotion dominates.
- **The Walkman of Regrets** - Plays mixtapes recorded by your past selves in other timelines. Each tape reveals one decision you made differently. Rewind at your own risk.
- **AOL Free Trial CD** - Installing it connects you to a chatroom where something pretending to be people tries to learn how to be human.
- **Goldtone Sunscreen** - Reflects ultra psychic rays. You're a golden mirror.
- **Hoakley Sunglasses** - You can now see mysterious entities in your peripheral vision. Just a glance at what's following everyone's back.
- **Toaster oven** - Makes perfect toast for your meal no matter ear the settings are. Roll Resolve. On 3+, your toast mysteriously arrives with your favorite cheese melted on top.
- **Oven mitts** - Touch ghostly things without getting hurt
- **Instant coffee** - Get pepped. No sleep for 72 hours. So much time for activities. You know you're gonna crash hard when it wears off and take 1 Wound afterward. Roll Resolve. On 6, you to suffer no ill effects.
- **Photo frame** - When you place a picture in it, reveals the true form of the creatures in the photo