You already know that these storms are uncharacteristic of the area.

\*\*\* Each step of the research branch, if successful, has a 10% chance of a complication \*\*\*

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| You want to monitor the weather patterns of these storms. | Perception | DC 10 | You notice these storms do not roll in or out. Rather, they form over Heartland City and disperse in a similar manner. |
| You want to compare the size and duration of these storms to typical storms in the region historically. | History | DC 12 | You notice these storms are much shorter and more sporadic than a typical thunderstorm but they are average in strength. |
| You want to see if these storms are genuine or some sort of conjuration. | Nature | DC 13 | These storms are genuine thunderstorms. |
| \*If failed above\* | Arcana | DC 15 | These storms are not conjured. |
| You want to see if these storms are effecting the world in any way. | Arcana | DC 17 | These storms don’t seem to have any magical effect on the world. |
| You want to see if you could sense any magic that could be the root cause of these storms. | Arcana | DC 20 | These storms are being caused by a divine source. |
|  | Perception | DC 20 | During your research you notice that these storms happen to coincide with some strange events in heartland city. |
| \*\*\* Research Branch \*\*\*\*  You want to see if you can find a similar event recorded in history. | Insight | DC 3 | You have the insight to go to the right section of the right library. |
| You want to find events recorded in this section. | History | DC 5 | You find some events that are similar. |
| You wish to determine which of these events is most likely to be re-occurring. | Intelligence | DC 6 | The event that is most likely re-occurring is “Simiel’s Mark” |
| You research Simiel’s Mark. | History | DC 9 | Simiel’s Mark was imprinted on the devil Phennex by Simiel. Simiel is an \_\_\_ Angel. |
| You research Phennex. | History | DC 11 | Phennex is a devil. Phennex has shapeshifting capabilities so he typically appears in the material plane as a humanoid. He attempts to ruin his victim’s life to a point where they have no choice but to “sell their soul” to him to fix it. |
| \*\*\* Religion Branch \*\*\*  You want to see if the local religions have stories or folktales relating to these events. | Charisma | DC 3 | You talk with a local priest and he mentions there is a story with similar happenings. |
| You attempt to join the local church to gain their trust. | Religion | DC 5 | You join the church and they invite you to a prayer session. |
| You attempt to ask about stories of storms to the highest priest. | Charisma | DC 7 | He agrees, and tells you a story of Simiel. He says the answer you seek may come from a prayer to him. |
| You attempt to pray to Simiel. | Religion | DC 9 | Simiel hears your prayer. |
| You ask Simiel about these storms. | Religion | DC 11 | Simiel tells you about his mark that he imprinted on Phennex. He warns you to watch out for people extremely down on their luck as they are probably being hunted by Phennex. |
| \*\*\* Arcana Branch \*\*\*  You attempt to solicit the service of a wizard to help you determine root cause of these storms. | Persuasion | DC 3 | The wizard agrees to help you. |
| You and the wizard want to catch the next occurrence of this storm as it’s forming in order to perform some tests. | Investigation | DC 5 | You successfully catch the next storm as it’s forming. |
| You attempt to perform the wizard’s magical test. | Arcana | DC 7 | The test is successful and you determine that the source of this storm is a divine mark. |
| You and the wizard attempt to locate the target of the divine mark. | Arcana | DC 9 | You locate the source of the divine mark. You notice it’s a small man walking into the Ventricle District Court House. This man is small, fare skinned, brown hair, and has ghostly blue eyed. |
| You and the wizard attempt to ascertain the true identity of this man. | Arcana | DC 11 | You see he is a shapeshifter. His true form is a devil. |
| If any of these branches are successful:  You attempt to find out how to defeat Phennex. | History | DC 14 | To reveal Phennex in his shapeshifted form, you must touch him and say his true name; Phennex.  When battling Phennex, do not use fire or poison as he is immune. He is resistant to all physical attacks from non-magical sources and cold damage.  He is not resistant to silvered weapons. |