The Freestyle RPG Basic Rules

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1. Introduction

Roleplaying games (RPGs) can be some of the most rewarding games to play. If you have the right mix of people, playing a RPG game can be a rich experience. Ideally, players will learn that teamwork pays and treachery leads to disaster (unless you are playing ParanoiaTM). If you do not have this experience, find a new game.

A RPG has two key sets of people: a game master (GM) who makes up the world and runs the session, and players who play characters in that world.

The Freestyle Role Playing Game is "skill based." With the GM's approval, the players can develop any skill they want. A player's attributes affect the players ability to perform a task. The rules are used determine the success and failure of a players actions.

The Freestyle RPG rules cover a number of different areas. Many are included to give the ability to have worlds that are mixed genre. For example, they employ magic and technology. The Game Master (GM) should pick and choose what they need.

The rules are broken up into sections. The first sections describe character creation, skill development, action resolution and combat resolution. The rest of the document provides rules and source material to cover fantasy campaigns through science fiction campaigns.

Within the combat sections the rules allows for a variety of levels of detail. This was done to allow the GM to conduct the game in a more flexible fashion.

1.1 Dice and Math

The Freestyle RPG is based entirely on 1D6 (regular dice) rolls. However, Appendix 2 provides several variations of the main Outcome Resolution Chart for 2D6, D100, and D20. All of these are workable variations on the system.

There is an attempt to use multiple statistics to determine the skill modifiers. This creates a little extra calculation, but makes for more game balance. The GM may want to simplify the process by using only the one statistic as a modifier. In this case, the **bolded** statistic should be used as a modifier and averaging ignored.

The combat resolution is the most complex of the rules sections, but a number of simplification suggestions are included.

1.2 Game Mastering versus the "Rules"

There are many "cinematic" sets of rules available. Most of these call for little reliance on rules at all and focus on character development and the GM deciding on the outcome of player action.

These rules are not as simplified as many free rules. Still, the rules rely upon the GM setting difficulty levels for tasks. As a rule of thumb, the GM should not rely on using the Outcome Resolution Chart (ORC). Ingenious playing should be

rewarded with generous bonuses on resolutions rolls or automatic successes.

1.3 Freestyle RPG Genres

The Freestyle RPG rules cover a variety of genre's from fantasy to science fiction by providing a number of ideas for game play. Some parts of the "rules" are only suggestions for the GM on how to handle various subjects.

When building a campaign, the GM should look at what elements they want to include in their campaign.

1.4 Some other RPG Rules to Read

I wrote these rules after spending time looking around for a free RPG. There are a number of good ones of varying detail available for free at the time of this writing: GEM (generic), GURPS™ Lite (generic), and Darker Days (quasi-cyberpunk) were some of my favorites. FUDGE™ and FUZION™ appear to have quite a following. I finally decided to write my own rules to capture the type of feel I wanted.

Dexterity (DX)

Charisma (CH)

Ability to use hands/hand-eye

2. Player Characters

Characters are built by allocating points to statistics and purchasing skills.

To generate a new character:

- Players receive base scores of 2 in all characteristics and can allocate an additional 50 points across their statistics. *OPTION*: Players may roll 2D6 for each primary statistic.
- Players get IQ/5 second languages (round down) at level 2.
- Players allocate 600 bonus points to their skills, which can also be used to buy skill packages.
- Players receive some amount of money to start the game that is representative of the game world. (e.g. 100gp) (Also see the Universal Price Guide)

Players make-up a history for their character. This may provide the characters with other items of value based on the player history and GM decision.

2.1 Statistics and Skill Modifiers

A characters innate strengths and weakens are governed by their scores on a variety of statistics. These scores range from 2-12 for human characters. Each set statistic has a series of associated skills and the level of the skill modifies the players chance of success.

The following table describes the levels.

| Statistic Score ¹ | Outcome/ Skill Modifier | Strength Damage Modifier | Description |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 2 | -5 | -2 | Feeble |
| 3 | -4 | -2 | |
| 4 | -3 | -1 | Low, weak |
| 5 | -2 | -1 | |
| 6 | -1 | -1 | |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | Average |
| 8 | +1 | +1 | · · |
| 9 | +2 | +1 | Strong |
| 10 | +3 | +2 | _ |
| 11 | +4 | +2 | Amazing |
| 12 | +5 | +3 | |
| per 1 | extra +1 | +0.5 | Beyond |
| | | | human |
| | | | levels |

¹ For most skills this will be the average of one or more statistics. All fractions are to be rounded up when determining bonuses.

2.2 Primary Statistics

Strength (ST)

Raw physical strength. Low strength individuals can barely carry a book bag, while the strongest individuals can lift hundreds of pounds. A characters strength damage bonus is ½ his the value of his Strength Skill Modifier rounded up. The damage bonus is applied to hand-to-hand combat attacks.

coordination. Very low dexterity people are literally "all thumbs." High dexterity people can juggle 5 balls, make great surgeons, etc. Agility (AG) General athletic ability. Low agility individuals are generally poorly coordinated. High agility individuals are great athletes. Health (HT) Physical fitness/robu stness. Low health individuals are always getting sick and are slow to recover. High health individuals are always ready to go and are fit and trim. A player's healing rates is equal to HT/3 points per day, rounding all fractions up. Intelligence (IQ) Reasoning ability and memory. Willpower (WP) Personal strength of character. A high will

power person is never subject to external influences. Players with 2-4 values of this should constantly be giving into their worst tendencies.

Personality and leadership skills.

Appearance (AP) Physical appearance. Basically looks and sex appeal.

Perception (PE) Instinctive ability to notice what is going on and identify details.

2.3 Secondary Statistics

Hit Points = (ST + HT + WP) + 10

Represent the amount of damage a player can take before going into shock and potentially dying. (Round all fractions up)

Combat Speed = (AG + PE) / 2

all fractions rounded up. Combat speed determines a players movement speed and actions per turn.

Magical Affinity (MA)= (WP + IQ + CH) / 3

All fractions rounded up.

This represents the players innate magical ability. Also it gives the max number of mana points that may be generated in a day to recharge Mana.

Mana Points = (WP + IQ + HT) + 10 + 2×skill level

This is the players total maximum number of spell points.

2.4 Non-Human Player Characters

A campaign may include various non-human characters (e.g. Elves, Dwarves, aliens, etc.). The GM may need to provide a minimum and maximum range of statistic values for that type of character. The player can then be provided statistics points to allocate. Section 17.3 contains a description of various non-humans.

2.5 Player Background

Players should be invited to provide a background for their character, based on GM approval. Otherwise the GM should provide some background.

Things important to players are connections, friends, enemies, and/or other significant facts. Players are welcome to add advantages to their the characters in this process. The GM should provide counter balances. E.g. Player has a rich uncle that can bail them out financially. However, the uncle usually asks a "favor" and the uncle is an underworld figure.

2.6 Skill Packages

Skill packages can be constructed for a certain type of character. A skill package will contain a set of related skills that would be consistent with someone who had spent several years in that profession. Section 9, 10, and 11 contains a number of example skill packages suitable for a fantasy, cyberpunk, and science fiction campaign. In general, a 10% reduction in total bonus points should be given for purchasing a skill package. Skill packages should cost 2/3 to ¾ of a players total initial bonus points.

2.7 Bonus Points for Adventuring

The GM should assign bonus points based on the player's adventuring. This can be allocated mid-session or at convenient times. Generally a single battle does not in and of itself warrant allocating bonus points. However, if the characters complete a scenario that what fairly extensive, bonus points should be allocated at that time.

The GM should take care with the total number of BP awarded as to maintain the balance of play. It is generally assumed most non-player characters will rarely have skill levels greater than 10 and most will be considered proficient in the 4 to 8 range.

A good range may 1,000 to 3,000 per session.

2.8 Advantages and Disadvantages

Some RPG games allow for the purchase of advantages (costing bonus points) or disadvantages (giving extra bonus points). The following are a list of possible advantages and disadvantages to consider using:

Advantages (Cost additional bonus points):

Ambidextrous (50 bp)

Ability to use both hands equally. Player suffers no off-hand penalties.

Connections (50 to 150 bp)

A connection is someone who can provide information or financial assistance in a pinch. Over using connections alienates the connections.

For 50 points, the player should have a good set of dependable contacts in his own area.

For 100 points, the player should have contacts in most major areas they have been before.

For 150 points, the player has ability to get connections in many areas.

Healer (50 bp)

Player heals at twice the normal rate.

Keen Senses (100 bp per sense)

Player has extra keen hearing, sight, touch, etc. This gives the player a +4 SRS modifier when that sense is used and a +2 observation SRS modifier when appropriate.

Natural Armor (50 bp)

Player is naturally and receives 5 armor points automatically.

Night Vision (75 bp)

Allows the player to see in the dark or near dark.

Reputation/Fame (50 bp to 200 bp)

This indicates the player has a positive reputation and will be recognized where they go, potentially receiving positive support from the general public.

50 points indicates they are known on a state level (in US standards)

100 points means they are known nationally, but the greatest in their local area.

150 points means they are known nationally and in most major cities throughout the world.

200 points means they are known just about everywhere.

Resistances (50 bp per resistance)

Various are possible, for instance, heat, cold, disease, etc.

Gives the player saving rolls that are 4 SRS levels higher than normal and the GM may rule the player is unaffected by minor levels of exposure.

Rich (50 bp to 300 bp)

Player has extra wealth, GM decision on amount

Social Status (50 bp to 200 bp)

Player is a higher social cast up to nobility, GM decision on level.

Special Power (20xSpell Level)

Allows the player to use one of the spells in appendix 1 without magical ability. GM should determine how many times per day the spell can be used.

Sixth Sense (50 bp)

Sixth sense is an innate ability to know when something is about to happen. It provides a +4 to observation SRS rolls that involve traps, ambushes, detecting living creatures, etc.

Disadvantages (Selecting these give extra bonus points)

Compulsive/Overbearing Behaviors (+50 to +150 bp per behavior)

These are behaviors such as gambling, endless talking, obsessive cleaning, depression, etc. that the player cannot control and rule a player's life. The number of bonus points is a function of the degree to which the player is affected:

- +50 points indicates a problem occurs once to twice a week
- +100 points indicates a problem can occur daily
- +150 points means two to three incidents happen per day

Dependents (+50 to +100 bp)

The player has a family or other dependents that he must care for.

Diminished Senses (+50 to +150 per sense)

A player with diminished senses have little or no use of the particular sense. +50 bp bonuses should affect daily life, but not require additional assistance. +150 bp should only be given for deafness or blindness.

Distinguishing Trait (Scar, etc) (+20 bp per trait)

Each trait makes the player more recognizable.

Object of Scorn or Obnoxious/Irritating Behavior (+50 to +100 bp)

There is something about the character that rubs other people the wrong way:

- +50 bp means they are simply disliked and all interaction rolls are affected with a -2 to SRS
- +100 bp means they annoy most people, people move away from them, they suffer many disadvantages
- +150 bp means they are truly despicable and intolerable. These individuals get beaten and routinely run out of town.

Outcast (+100 bp)

Player is a social outcast with no contacts and will suffer discrimination in most quarters.

Poor (+50 bp)

Player has little starting money and no credit line.

Sickly (+100 bp)

Player heals at ½ normal rate and suffers -2 SRS modifier on disease saving rolls

Susceptibility (+50 bp per type: heat, cold, etc.)

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Player suffers -4 SRS modifier when saving against the specified item. Also, may suffer from even minor exposure.

Wanted (+50 to +200 bp)

The law, enemies, or some other group is after the player:

- +50 bp indicates the group is local and not extensively common
- +100 bp indicates the group exists on a state level and in major cities. It should be common that the player gets into trouble.
- +150 bp indicates the group exists on a national level and the player can be in trouble in major cities through the world.
- +200 bp indicates the group exists across the entire planet and the player is "most wanted" or has a high price on his head.

3. Skills

3.1 Skills

Skills are associated with various statistics. Players become more proficient at skills by using bonus points to purchase higher levels of skills. The value of a players statistics modify the skill score. Amount a total skill score is changed depends upon is determined by the outcome modifier table (section 2.1) The total skill score (skill + statistic modifier) is the players base skill level. When evaluating an action based on a skill, the player subtracts the difficulty level from the characters total skill score to obtain the Skill Resolution Score (SRS) (see Section 4).

Example:

A player has a ST = 7 and AG = 10. The player has skill level 3 in Acrobatics (4 ST + AG). The statistics bonus for Acrobatics is determined by taking the average of ST and AG ((7+10) / 2 = 8.5, rounded to 9) and comparing it to the statistics modifier table. This player gets +2 bonus to his total skill score. Hence, the player's total skill score is 3 (skill level) + 2 (stat bonus) = 5.

Each skill has a basic difficulty level. This affects the cost of the skill when purchasing initial skills or advancing skills.

NOTE: Magic is a special skill that is discussed in Section 6.7

Many skills will have multiple contributing statistics that effect the skill bonus. When reading the skill chart, the first number in parentheses is the difficulty factor, the second shows the statistics to average (round all fractions up) when calculating bonuses.

NOTE: if you only want to use one statistic to determine skill bonuses instead of averages, use the bolded statistic.

NOTE: (H) Indicates a high technology skill that may not be applicable to fantasy campaign settings. (F) indicates this skill will be available in the future.

3.2 Skill Table

Falconry (3 IQ+WP) Observation (2 PE) Accounting (3 IQ) Acrobatics (4 ST+AG) (H) Finance (4 IQ+PE) Oratory (3 CH) First Aid (3 IQ) Acting (3 CH+WP) (H) Parachuting (2 AG) Agriculture (3 PE+IQ) Fishing (1 IQ+WP) (H) Photography (3 IQ+PE) Animal Lore (3 IQ) Fletcher (2 DX+WP) Pick Pocket (4 DX+IQ) Animal Training (3 IQ+PE) Foraging (2 IQ+PE) Pick Lock (4 DX+IQ) (F) Pilot (3 **DX**+IQ) Appraisal (3 PE+IQ) (H) Forensic Medicine (Spacecraft, Mechs, Artist (4 PE+WP) (4 IQ+PE) Forgery (4 DX+IQ) Planes, Hovercraft. Begging (2 CH) Blacksmithing (3 ST+IQ) Gambling (3 CH+IQ) Interstellar Spacecraft) (F) Powered Armor (2 AG) Boating (3 ST+PE) Haggling/Fast Talk (3 CH) Religion (4 IQ+WP) Herbal Lore (3 IQ+PE) Brewing (2 IQ+PE) Riding (3 ST+WP) Bureaucracy (3 IQ+CH) Hiding (2 PE+IQ) Ritual (2 IQ+CH) Calligraphy (3 DX) Interrogation (4 PE+IQ) Carpentry (3 IQ) Jeweler (3 **DX**+WP) Running (2 HT+AG) Seamanship (2 IQ+HT) Cartography (3 IQ+DX) (H) Journalism (3 IQ+WP+**PE**) (H) Security Systems Climbing (3 ST+AG) (4 IQ+PE+DX) Cooking (3 IQ+PE) Juggling (3 DX) Seduction (2 CH+AP) (H) Computer Hardware Jumping (1 ST+AG) Showmanship (1 CH+AP) (4 IQ+WP) Languages (3 IQ) Singing (2 CH+WP) (H) Computer Software Law (4 IQ+CH) Sleight of Hand (3 DX+IQ) (4 IQ+PE) (H) Law Enforcement Spelunking (3 HT+PE) Curing (2 IQ+WP) (3 IQ+CH+WP) Sports (3 varies) Dancing (2 AG) Mechanics (3 DX+IQ) Meditation (2 WP) Stealth (4 AG+PE) (H) Demolition (4 IQ) Mining (4 ST+HT) Streetwise (3 CH+PE) Direction Sense (2 PE) Swimming (2 HT+ST) Disguise (4 PE+CH) Musical Instrument (3 DX) (H) Military Science (4 IQ) Teamster (2 ST+WP) (H) Driving (3 DX+IQ) Tracking (3 **PE**+WP) (Auto, Motorbike) Navigation (4 IQ+PE) Trapping (2 IQ+PE) (H) Electronics (3 IQ) simple, (H) instrumental, or (F) astrological. Weather Sense (2 PE) Etiquette (2 CH+PE) Negotiation (4 CH+IQ) **Escape Artist** (5 AG+WP+DX) (H) Occult (3 IQ+WP)

| Sciences all IQ based: (H) Anthropology (3) Archaeology (4) Astronomy (4) (H) Biology (4) | (H) Botany (4) (H) Ecology (3) (H) Geography (3) (H) Geology (3) History (3) (H) Medicine (4) | (H) Meteorology (2) Philosophy (4) (F) Xenobiology (5) (H) Zoology (3) |
|--|--|--|
| Engineering (4 IQ+WP): (H) Aeronautical (H) Civil (H) Computer | (F) Cybernetics (H) Electrical (H) Industrial (H) Mechanical (F) Nanotechnology | (<i>H</i>) Nuclear (<i>F</i>) Robotics (<i>H</i>) Weapon |
| Combat Skills | | |
| Hand-to-Hand (2 ST+AG) Martial Arts (5 AG+WP) Bow/Crossbow (4 DX) Throwing Knife (3 DX) | Swords Fighting (4 DX+AG) Knife Fighting (3 DX) Clubs (2 ST) Stick Fighting (3 DX) Staff (3 DX+AG) | Nunchuks (4 DX) Wrestling (3 ST) (H) Pistols (4 DX) (H) Rifles (3 DX) (F) Laser Weapons (4 DX) (F) Particle Weapons (3 DX) |
| Two-Handed Fighting (4 DX) | Gunnery (3 DX) | |

3.3 Advancing Skills

Additional levels of skills can be bought with bonus points. The cost of advancing a skill to the next level is equal to 10x(skill difficulty)x(Next level). E.g. obtaining 3^{rd} level observation skill from 2^{nd} level skills cost 10x2x3 = 60 points.

The following table can be used to determine the total bonus point required to achieve the next level of a skill based on the skill difficulty:

| | | Skill Difficulty | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Lev | el 1 | Lev | el 2 | Lev | el 3 | Lev | el 4 | Lev | el 5 |
| | Level | Total | Level | Total | Level | Total | Level | Total | Level | Total |
| Level | BP | BP | BP | BP | BP | BP | BP | BP | BP | BP |
| 1 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 20 | 30 | 30 | 40 | 80 | 50 | 50 |
| 2 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 60 | 60 | 90 | 80 | 120 | 100 | 150 |
| 3 | 30 | 60 | 60 | 120 | 90 | 180 | 120 | 240 | 150 | 300 |
| 4 | 40 | 100 | 80 | 200 | 120 | 300 | 160 | 400 | 200 | 500 |
| 5 | 50 | 150 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 450 | 200 | 600 | 250 | 750 |
| 6 | 60 | 210 | 120 | 420 | 180 | 630 | 240 | 840 | 300 | 1050 |
| 7 | 70 | 280 | 140 | 560 | 210 | 840 | 280 | 1120 | 350 | 1400 |
| 8 | 80 | 360 | 160 | 720 | 240 | 1080 | 320 | 1440 | 400 | 1800 |
| 9 | 90 | 450 | 180 | 900 | 270 | 1350 | 360 | 1800 | 450 | 2250 |
| 10 | 100 | 550 | 200 | 1100 | 300 | 1650 | 400 | 2200 | 500 | 2750 |
| 11 | 110 | 660 | 220 | 1320 | 330 | 1980 | 440 | 2640 | 550 | 3300 |
| 12 | 120 | 780 | 240 | 1560 | 360 | 2340 | 480 | 3120 | 600 | 3900 |
| 13 | 130 | 910 | 260 | 1820 | 390 | 2730 | 520 | 3640 | 650 | 4550 |
| 14 | 140 | 1050 | 280 | 2100 | 420 | 3150 | 560 | 4200 | 700 | 5250 |
| 15 | 150 | 1200 | 300 | 2400 | 450 | 3600 | 600 | 4800 | 750 | 6000 |

3.4 Improving Character Statistics

Character statistics can be improved from their starting values through the expenditure of bonus points. The cost for obtaining a higher levels is 100x(Next Level). E.g. going from level 7 ST to 8 ST costs 8x60=480 bonus points.

The following table shows the points required to increase statistics:

| Characteristic | Points to Purchase |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Level | Next Level |
| 1 | NA |
| 2 | 200 |
| 3 | 300 |
| 4 | 400 |
| 5 | 500 |
| 6 | 600 |
| 7 | 700 |
| 8 | 800 |
| 9 | 900 |
| 10 | 1000 |
| 11 | 1100 |
| 12 | 1200 |
| 13 (beyond human levels) | 1300 |
| 14 | 1400 |
| 15 | 1500 |

(Suggested Optional Rule) Characters should not be allowed to increase a statistic more than 2 or 3 points from baseline. Humans should not usually be allowed to have levels beyond 12.

3.5 Adding Hit Points, Spell Points, and **Psionic Power Points**

Players may use BP to purchase additional hit points, magic spell points, and psionic power points. This makes them more likely to survive in combat. [Authors note: I missed this feature of D&D type games].

The following table shows the BP required to purchase additional D6 of hit points:

| Number of 1D6 of Hit Points | BP |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Purchases | Points to Purchase |
| 1 st D6 of HP | 250 |
| 2 nd D6 of HP | 500 |
| 3 rd D6 of HP | 750 |
| 4 th D6 of HP | 1,000 |
| 5 th D6 of HP | 2,000 |
| +1 D6 of HP | +1,000 per additional D6 |

The GM should probably consider a limit to the number of additional hit points.

3.6 Skill Descriptions

3.6.1 General Skills

Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ Accounting

> Accounting includes book keeping required for business and government. This includes basic writing skills in the character's own language. This skill is a good way to get a job.

Difficulty: 4 Statistics: ST, AG Acrobatics

> This skill covers complicated acrobatics and tightrope walking. Used by entertainers in traveling circuses, etc. Should be used as a modifier to climbing, jumping, etc.

Difficulty: 3 Acting Statistics: CH, WP

> Acting on stage. Also can be used to modify disguise, etc. However, a flare for the dramatic can also bring attention.

Difficulty: 3 Statistics: PE, IQ Agriculture

> Covers all sorts of information on farming and growing plants. Successful rolls affect harvest. A number of rolls may be required over a given growing season.

Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ Animal Lore

> Use this skill when determining whether a player will have some knowledge about an animal that is specific to your gaming world.

Difficulty: 3 Statistics: PE, WP **Animal Training**

> Used for training all sorts of animals: horses to war dogs to performing animals.

Difficulty: 3 Anthropology Statistics: IQ

> Knowledge of societies and evolution of culture. Usually only studied by scholars. Requires literacy.

Difficulty: 3 Statistics: PE, IQ Appraisal

> Successful use of this skill gives the player a knowledge of an item's material value. The player may get further information if they know enough to judge other areas of value: historical, religious, etc.

Archaeology Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ

> Knowledge of how to recover and restore artifacts. Usually only studied by scholars. Requires literacy.

Difficulty: 4 Statistics: WP, IQ Artist

> This covers the skill of producing art: paintings, drawings, sculpture, etc. Highly skill crafters can make large amounts of money if they obtain a

sponsor in one of the bigger cities.

Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ Astronomy

Knowledge of the stars, etc. Usually covers details of the immediate system. Usually only studied by scholars. Requires literacy.

Begging Difficulty: 2 Statistics: CH

Ability to appeal to people's better instincts to obtain cash, food, or simple jobs.

Biology Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ

Scientific knowledge of animals and animal families. Usually only studied by scholars. Requires literacy.

Blacksmithing Difficulty: 3 Statistics: ST, IQ

Ability to shape iron and bronze into various tools.

Boating Difficulty: 3 Statistics: ST, PE

Skills to handle small boats and rafts.

Botany Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ

Scientific study of plants. Usually only studied by scholars. Requires literacy.

Brewing Difficulty: 2 Statistics: IQ, PE

Skill in making beers and wines.

Bureaucracy Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ, CH

Ability to handle bureaucratic functions, including successfully interacting with such groups. Useful in government and large organized religions.

Calligraphy Difficulty: 3 Statistics: DX

Skill in writing used in various religious texts and governmental documents. Implies writing skill.

Carpentry Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ, ST

Ability to construct various things out of wood.

Cartography Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ, PE

Ability to read and construct detail maps.

Chemistry Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ

Knowledge of chemistry and chemical reactions.

Climbing Difficulty: 3 Statistics: ST, AG

Ability to climb walls, etc. Higher levels imply knowledge of technical climbing (use of pitons, ropes, etc).

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Cooking Difficulty: 2 Statistics: IQ, PE

Ability to cook food. Higher levels are renowned chefs capable of working in the best of cities.

Computer Hardware Difficulty: 4

Statistics: IQ, PE

Ability to diagnose and repair hardware problems.

Computer Software Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ, WP

Ability to program and use computer software.

Cybernetics Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ, WP

Ability to create and attach cybernetic replacement limbs, eyes, etc.

Dancing Difficulty: 2 Statistics: AG

Ability to dance. Lower levels include social dancing. Higher levels are used for special performers capable of earning a living in various areas.

Demolition Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ, PE

Knowledge of and ability to plant explosive devices.

Direction Sense Difficulty: 1 Statistics: PE

Ability to find one's direction in- and outdoors.

Disguise Difficulty: 4 Statistics: PE, CH

Creating and carrying off disguises. Can also be modified by acting skills.

Driving (by type) Difficulty: 3 Statistics: DX, PE

Ability to pilot or drive autos, motorbikes, planes, or helicopter.

Ecology Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ

Study of the environment. Requires literacy. Usually only studied by scholars.

Electronics Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ

Study of the environment. Requires literacy. Usually only studied by scholars.

Engineering Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ

Study of the structural or mechanical engineering. Allows for design of buildings, etc., at the technological level of the world. Requires literacy. Usually only studied by scholars.

Etiquette Difficulty: 2 Statistics: PE, CH

Knowing and performing proper etiquette. Lower skill levels help out when dealing with local customs. Higher skill levels are used by people in courts, dealing with non-humans, and in higher religious circles.

Escape Artist Difficulty: 4 Statistics: AG, WP, DX

Ability to escape from restraint and imprisonment. Can be used for entertainment and also for jail breaks. May be used to modifying climbing and other areas.

Fast Talk/Con Difficulty: 3 Statistics: CH

Ability to hustle people or quick talk around a guard, etc.

Finance Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ, PE

Knowledge of high finance and investing.

History

Interrogation

literacv.

Statistics: IQ

Statistics: IQ, PE

Difficulty: 4

Difficulty: 4

Knowledge of history of the world. User can

specialize for bonuses in a given area. Requires

First Aid Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ Providing simple first aid to common wounds, disease, etc. Success rolls can heal up to 1D3 hit points and mend simple wounds. Fishing Difficulty: 1 Statistics: PE, WP All sorts of fishing: by line, nets, and traps. Successful rolls affect amount of catch. Fletcher Difficulty: 2 Statistics: DX Ability to make arrows and crossbow bolts. Foraging Difficulty: 2 Statistics: PE, IQ Ability to find food on the land. Common skill among military types, explorers, and other outdoor types. Forensic Medicine Difficulty: 4 Statistics: PE, IQ Knowledge of medical detective techniques. Forgery Difficulty: 4 Statistics: DX, IQ Ability to forge documents. Gambling/Gaming Difficulty: 3 Statistics: WP, IQ Common games and gambling. Some specific games, such as chess, require specific skill. Geography Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ Study of the land, resources, and distribution of people. Requires literacy. Usually only studied by scholars. Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ Genetics Knowledge of genetics. Geology Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ Study of the minerals and geological forces at work in the world. Requires literacy. Usually only studied by scholars. Gunnery Difficulty: 3 Statistics: DX Ability to use heavy mounted weapons (MGs, cannons, missile launchers, energy weapons). Difficulty: 3 Haggling Statistics: CH

Ability to get information from an unwilling informant. Jeweler Difficulty: 3 Statistics: DX, WP Ability to make jewelry. Implies appraisal ability for jewelry. Often a form of a job. Statistics: IQ, WP, PE Journalism Difficulty: 3 Ability to investigate and report stories. Difficulty: 3 Juggling Statistics: DX A skill useful for traveling entertainers. Can be used to modify thrown attacks, catching, and quick draws. **Jumpina** Difficulty: 1 Statistics: ST. AG Ability to get jump higher and farther. Languages Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ Literacy in any language (including one's own) can be purchased for 20 bonus points at any time. Skill levels imply: Speak simply language Level 1 Speak with some skill Level 2 Level 3 Speak and write competently Level 4 Expert, but foreign Level 5 Speak as native Level 6 Expert Law Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ. CH Ability to interpret law and represent clients in courts. Statistics: IQ. CH. WP Law Enforcement Difficulty: 3 Knowledge of law enforcement procedures and the law in general. Difficulty: 3 Mechanics Statistics: IQ, DX General ability to diagnose and use tools to repair machines and other simple mechanical devices. Medicine Difficulty: 5 Statistics: IQ, PE, WP Ability to get a bargain in the market place. Modern medicine, but without the good tools and Statistics: IQ, PE drugs we have now. Combined with Herbal Lore, the individuals are very good at diagnosing and healing. Knowledge of medicinal plants and herbs. At lower Can set broken bones, etc. levels (1-3) this means finding herbs that do little more than settle upset stomach, etc. Mid skill levels Difficulty: 2 Meditation Statistics: WP 4-6 include mild hallucinogens and disease cures. Higher levels 7+ can also cure serious diseases Ability to meditate. Very important to magic-users as (difficulty depends on illness) and make simple success assists in regenerating mana points. curing potions (1D4 hit points max per person). Difficulty: 3 Meteorology Statistics: IQ Statistics: IQ, WP Scientific study of the weather. Requires literacy.

Military Science

Ability to hide from pursuers, etc.

Hiding/Camouflage Difficulty: 2

Difficulty: 3

Herbal Lore

Statistics: IQ

Difficulty: 4

Knowledge of military tactics and history. Mining Difficulty: 3 Statistics: ST, HT Ability to work in mines, assess mine safety, and dig safe mines. Musical Instrument Difficulty: 3 Statistics: DX. PE Ability to play a single instrument. Nanotechnology Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ, WP Ability to design and create nano-machines. Navigation Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ, PE Simple: use of stars, compasses, etc. to navigate on land/sea. Instrumental: skill for navigating planes, ships, with instruments. Astrological: skill in navigating interstellar travel. Negotiation Difficulty: 4 Statistics: CH. IQ Modifier to perceptions rolls. Observation Difficulty: 2 Statistics: --Modifier to perceptions rolls. Occult Difficulty: 2 Statistics: IQ, WP Knowledge of cults and occult materials. Oratory Difficulty: 3 Statistics: CH Ability to make stirring speeches and motivate crowds. Can be a form of entertainment via dramatic readings. Parachuting Difficulty: 2 Statistics: AG Ability to control a parachute and land safely. Philosophy Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ Study of major philosophies. Requires literacy. Usually only studied by scholars. Photography Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ, PE Ability to use photographic equipment and take photographs. Pick Lock Difficulty: 4 Statistics: DX. IQ Ability to pick mechanical locks. Pick Pocket Difficulty: 4 Statistics: DX, PE Ability to pick pockets. Note the level of success of a roll is used as a modifier on the perception roll of the target. In general, a roll to notice being pick

Powered Armor Difficulty: 2 Statistics: AG Ability to use powered armor. Psychology Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ, PE Knowledge of psychology. Note, level 4 is equal to a licensed professional. Religion/Ritual Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ, WP Knowledge of a religion and its rituals. Higher ranks are usually required for a character to advance to higher positions within a church. Riding Difficulty: 3 Statistics: ST, WP By animal, though there is 50% level carry-over to other creatures. This allows the character to control and command the riding animal. Robotics Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ, WP Ability to design, create, and maintain robots. Running Difficulty: 2 Statistics: AG. HT Assists in long distance and sprinting. Difficulty: 2 Seamanship Statistics: HT. AG Ability to serve as a crewman on a larger ship. Higher levels are usually required for ship officers. Security Systems Difficulty: 4 Statistics: IQ, PE, DX Knowledge of security systems and how maintain and by-pass them. Seduction Difficulty: 2 Statistics: CH, AP Ability to seduce opposite sex. Showmanship Difficulty: 1 Statistics: CH, AP Ability to be the center of attention of a crowd. Good for entertainers, public officials, and merchants. Difficulty: 2 Statistics: CH, WP Singing Ability to sing well. Sleight of Hand Difficulty: 3 Statistics: DX Ability to conceal items and perform sleight of hand illusions Levels of 4 and higher can entertain crowds for money. Spelunking Difficulty: 3 Statistics: HT, PE Knowledge of caving. Also can modify climbing. Technical climbing skills are available at higher skill Sport Difficulty: 3 Statistics: ST, AG, and/or DX Expertise in a sport. Statistics vary by sport. Stealth Difficulty: 3 Statistics: AG. PE

spacecraft.

Difficulty: 3

Pilot

pocketed is of level 4 difficulty for an unaware target.

Ability to fly spacecraft, mechs, and interstellar

Statistics: DX, IQ

Successful stealth rolls can avoid the possibility of perception rolls by enemies or reduce the chance of success.

Streetwise Difficulty: 3 Statistics: CH, PE

Knowledge of the underside of cities and "street etiquette."

Swimming Difficulty: 2 Statistics: HT, ST

Ability to swim.

Teamster Difficulty: 2 Statistics: ST, WP

Ability to control teams of animals, such as horses.

Tracking Difficulty: 3 Statistics: PE, WP

Ability to follow and track people or animals.

Trapping Difficulty: 2 Statistics: IQ, PE

Ability to construct and set effective traps.

Weather Sense Difficulty: 1 Statistics: IQ, PE

Ability to know weather and predict up to a day or

two in advance.

Xenobiology Difficulty: 5 Statistics: IQ

Scientific study of alien life. Requires literacy.

Usually only studied by scholars.

Zoology Difficulty: 3 Statistics: IQ

Scientific study of animal life. Requires literacy.

Usually only studied by scholars.

3.6.2 Combat Skills

Hand-to-Hand Difficulty: 3 Statistics: ST, AG

Ability to brawl without a weapon.

Martial Arts Difficulty: 5 Statistics: AG, WP

Martial arts skills. Allows sweeps, throws, kick, and

grapple attacks.

Wrestling Difficulty: 3 Statistics: ST, AG

Wrestling skill allows for grapple attacks.

Bow Difficulty: 4 Statistics: DX

Allows use of different bows. Implies ½ skill level in

crossbows.

Crossbow Difficulty: 4 Statistics: DX

Allows use of different crossbows. Implies 1/2 skill

level in bows.

Clubs Difficulty: 3 Statistics: ST, DX

Allows use of clubs, maces, axes, and other weapons that are primarily swung at the target with one-hand.

Swords Difficulty: 4 Statistics: AG, DX

Allows use of all swords.

Thrown Weapons (small) Difficulty: 3

Statistics: DX

Skill in the throwing of knives and shuriken.

Thrown Weapons (large) Difficulty: 3

Statistics: DX, ST

Skill in the throwing of spears and javelins.

Spears/Pole Arms Difficulty: 3 Statistics: ST, DX

Skill in use of spears, pikes, poleaxes, etc.

Staff Difficulty: 3 Statistics: DX, AG

Skill in use of the quarterstaff.

Two-Weapon Fighting Difficulty: 4

Statistics: DX

Modifier that allows the fighter use of a second

weapon.

Pistols Difficulty: 4 Statistics: DX

Allows use of pistols.

Rifles Difficulty: 4 Statistics: DX

Allows use of rifles.

Laser Weapons Difficulty: 4 Statistics: DX

Allows use to use laser pistols and rifles.

Particle Weapons Difficulty: 4 Statistics: DX

Allows use of particle weapons.

4. Action Resolution

4.1 Single Player Tasks

Most actions are resolved via a action resolution role using the Outcome Resolution Chart (ORC).

Steps to resolving an action are:

1. The GM decides on the relative difficulty of a task. The following chart gives a general indication of difficulties:

| Difficulty Level -8 | <u>Description</u> Trival. A person with no skill and no statistics penalty has a 100% of succeeding in the task. |
|------------------------|--|
| -4 | Easy. A person with no skill and no statistics penalty has a 75% chance of succeeding in the task. |
| 0 | Average. A person with no skill and no statistics penalty has a 50% chance of succeeding in the task. |
| 3 | Do-able. A typical task requiring attention typical of that type of action. E.g. Writing a simple program for an average programmer. |

- Hard. A task requiring extra effort, but generally doable. E.g. making a turn in a car when exceeding the speed limit by a reasonable amount.
- 5 Difficult. An action that would normally only be successful by a very skilled practitioner. E.g. Performing specialized surgery, decoding a program from binary state, etc.
- 6 Very Difficult. Something only normally done successfully on occasion by a highly trained professional. E.g.
- 7 Extremely Difficult. Only the very best succeed very often.

Only skilled persons can succeed at tasks more difficult than level 7.

- 8 Special Event.
 9 Mind Boggling.
 10 Virtually Impossible.
- 11 Impossible.
- 2. The player subtracts the difficulty level from his skill level plus any skill modifications to get a Skill Resolution Score (SRS). E.g. SRS = Skill Level Difficulty Level
- 3. The player rolls 3D6 against the outcome resolution chart.

Outcome Resolution Chart (ORC) - 3D6

| Skill Resolution | Critical | | | Critical |
|---------------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| Score (SRS) | Success | Success | Failure | Failure |
| -9 or less | NA* | 3 | 4-13 | 14-18 |
| -8 | NA* | 3-4 | 5-13 | 14-18 |
| -7 | 3 | 4 | 5-13 | 14-18 |
| -6 | 3 | 4-5 | 6-13 | 14-18 |
| -5 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-14 | 15-18 |
| -4 | 3-4 | 5-6 | 7-14 | 15-18 |
| -3 | 3-4 | 5-7 | 8-14 | 15-18 |
| -2 | 3-5 | 6-8 | 9-14 | 15-18 |
| -1 | 3-5 | 6-9 | 10-14 | 15-18 |
| 0 | 3-6 | 7-10 | 11-14 | 15-18 |
| 1 | 3-6 | 7-10 | 11-15 | 16-18 |
| 2 | 3-6 | 7-11 | 12-15 | 16-18 |
| 3 | 3-6 | 7-12 | 13-15 | 16-18 |
| 4 | 3-7 | 8-13 | 14-16 | 17-18 |
| 5 | 3-7 | 8-13 | 14-16 | 17-18 |
| 6 | 3-7 | 8-14 | 15-16 | 17-18 |
| 7 | 3-7 | 8-15 | 16-17 | 18 |
| 8 | 3-7 | 8-15 | 16-18 | NA |
| 9 or more | 3-7 | 8-16 | 18 | NA |

⁽optional) GM can allow a critical success on a 3 followed by second 3-10 roll on 3D6.

See Appendix 2 for variations of the ORC table for D20, D100, and 2D6

| Example: Treylock i

On a critical success or critical failure the GM provides some additional outcome that is commensurate with the level of the task. During combat this starts with double damage.

On GM discretion, many tasks can be tried multiple times. However, the difficulty should increase one level with each failure and jump 2 levels on a critical failure.

Treylock is determined to jump across a narrow chasm to escape some monsters. The GM declares the difficulty level to be Easy (-4).
Treylock has a Jumping skill of 2 and a statistics bonus of +1. This skill resolution score is 2 (skill) + 1 (bonus) - -4 (easy) = +7.

Treylock needs a 15 or less to suceed and rolls a 10. He succeeds in jumping the chasm landing on the other side.

He convinces Antoine that jumping is his only route of escape. Antoine has no skill and strength bonus of -1. His skill resolution score is 0 - 1 - -4 = +3. Antoine needs a 12 to succeed, but rolls a 14 and falls short of other side. The GM decides he luckily only falls 15' onto a narrow ledge and suffers only 1D6 damage.

4.2 Resolving Competitions

When two characters are in a contest that matches skills of physical traits, both players roll for success in the skill using all modifiers. The player making a success skill by the largest amount wins. Ties are ties.

Example

Two players are arm wrestling. The GM decides Arm Wrestling is an easy ST based skill. Jake has a ST of 9 (+2) and Sampson has a ST of 6 (-1). Neither player has additional modifiers aside from ST.

Jake has a +2 - 4 = +6 SRS value. He rolls a 9, 5 points better than the 14 required for success.

Sampson has a -1 --4 = +3 SRS value. He rolls a 10, 2 points better than the 12 required for success.

Jake has a better relative success score than Sampson and beats him in the match.

5. Combat Rounds

Combat is modeled after a turn based system.

5.1 Phases/Actions

During combat, turns are 6 seconds long and consist of 6 phases. Players may perform one to six actions per turn, depending upon their combat speed.

Players with the same combat speed take simultaneous actions, otherwise faster players resolve their actions first. A high combat speed is a significant advantage.

The order of the actions is as follows:

| | Combat Speed | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Turn Order | 13-15 | 11-12 | 9-10 | 6-8 | 4-5 | 2-3 | |
| 1 | Х | Х | Х | | | | |
| 2 | Х | Х | Х | Х | Х | | |
| 3 | Х | | | | | Χ | |
| 4 | Х | Χ | Х | Х | | | |
| 5 | X | Χ | | | Χ | | |
| 6 | Х | Χ | Х | Х | | | |

NOTE: if a player is defending and/or evading, their total actions for that turn are shifted down one column per action.

NOTE: the order of action is found by moving left to right for a given phase. So, faster players act before slow players within the same phase. Where players tie, e.g. have the same CS, there actions are assumed to take place at the same time.

SIMPLIFICATION OPTION: If you do not wish to keep track of combat turns: assume all players/NPCs/animals have a combat speed of 6 to 8. Then each player gets an action every 2 seconds. A higher combat speed should give a character initiative.

5.2 Movement

5.2.1 Total Movement Per Turn

The total distance a person moves per turn is determined by the following chart.

| | ½ Speed | Full Speed |
|---------------|---------|------------|
| Combat Speed: | | |
| 2-3 | 10m | 20m |
| 4-5 | 12m | 24m |
| 6-8 | 18m | 36m |
| 9-10 | 24m | 48m |
| 11-12 | 30m | 60m |
| 13-15 | 36m | 72m |
| Crawling | 5m | 10m |
| Swimming | 7m | |
| Other Speeds | | |
| 20 miles/hr | | 60m |
| 40 miles/hr | | 120m |
| 60 miles/hr | | 180m |
| 80 miles/hr | | 240m |
| 100 miles/hr | | 300m |

| 150 miles/hr | 360m |
|---------------|-------|
| 200 miles/hr | 400m |
| +100 miles/hr | +300m |

5.2.2 Movement per Phase

The total distance a person moves per action is determined by the following chart.

| Combat Speed | Actions | ½ Speed | Full Speed |
|--------------|---------|---------|------------|
| 2-3 | 1 | 10m | 20m |
| 4-5 | 2 | 6m | 12m |
| 6-8 | 3 | 6m | 12m |
| 9-10 | 4 | 6m | 12m |
| 11-12 | 5 | 6m | 12m |
| 13-15 | 6 | 6m | 12m |

NOTE: if a player is defending or evading, their total maximum speed per phase is ½ speed.

SIMPLIFICATION OPTION: assume each player can move 12m at full speed or 6m at half speed.

5.3 Modifications to Actions and Movements

A players combat speed is modified whenever their effective strength, agility, or perception are affected. The GM should rule on whether items or injuries encumber or affect an individual combat speed. In general, only Armor is accounted for in the rule set.

5.4 Actions

The following chart shows the costs of various actions.

Combat Actions:

| Dodge* Attack* Move more than ½ speed Reload Bow Reload Crossbow Reload Pistol/Rifle Draw Weapon* Aiming* Survey Action* | 1 action 1 action 1 action 1 action 4-8 actions 4 actions 1 action 1 action 1 action |
|--|--|
| Grapple/Lock* | 2 actions |
| Throw/Sweep* | 2 actions |
| Break Lock | 1 action |
| Stand Up | 1 action |

 $^{^{\}star}$ All of these actions can be done while move <= $1\!\!/_{\!\!2}$ players movement.

Some special actions have affect throughout an entire turn. The player declares he will use them throughout the turn and takes one fewer action during that turn. These actions are:

Defend reduce total actions by 1, movement at ½ speed only

Evade

reduce total actions by 1, movement at ½ speed only

5.5 Combat Resolution

Combat rolls are made as outcome resolution rolls.

5.5.1 Attacks

5.5.1.1 Hand-to-Hand

All hand-to-hand attacks are considered hard (e.g. level 3).

Modifiers:

Attacking in consecutive actions
-1/action after first, cumulative.

Off hand weapon use -2 Attacking with two weapons -2/each weapon (Negates using 2nd weapon defensively effect)

Attacker Moving on Foot (1/2 speed)
-1
Attacker Running on Foot (> ½ speed)
-3
Attacking from Behind
+2
Target ≤ ¼ Human size
Target > 1/4 to ½ Human size
-1
Target > 2x-4x Human size
+1
Target > 4x-8x Human size
+2

SIMPLIFICATION OPTION: Instead of using the Hand-to-Hand modifiers the GM can assign a relatively difficulty for hitting the target:

Easy (prone target, surprise, etc.) +3
Average (no modifiers) +0
Hard (defending, medium size) -3
Very Hard (small, skilled defender) -6
etc.

5.5.1.2 Missile Weapons (Crossbows, Bows, Guns, etc)

Missile weapon attacks are assumed to be under reasonable conditions: braced or in proper position. The difficulty of the attack rolls depends upon the range and other character actions:

| - 1 | | | |
|-----|-------------|------------|------------|
| | Range | Distance | Difficulty |
| | Point Blank | up to 3 m | +1 |
| | Short | 10% Range | +2 |
| | Effective | 60% Range | -2 |
| | Extreme | 100% Range | -6 |

Modifiers:

Aiming (costs 1 action)

¹ NOTE: Surveying Action is extremely important. The GM should determine the complexity of the setting. Players who burst into a room and start blasting can only notice the first thing in front of them. They must Survey Action to know the location of opponents, cover, etc. Each additional phase spent Surveying Action makes the roll 2 levels easier.

Scope (Effective and Extreme Ranges Only)

| · - | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Human Target Evading Target has Small Cover Target has Large Cover | varies -2 -4 |
| Attacker Moving on Foot (1/2 speed) Attacker Running on Foot (> ½ speed) | -1 -3 |
| Quick Draw Shot | -2 |
| Switching Targets Multiple shots in same phase | -1/switch -1/round |
| Offhand use | -1 |
| Target ≤ ¼ Human size Target >1/4 to ½ Human size Target >2x-4x Human size Target >4x-8x Human size etc. | -2 -1 +1 +2 |
| Vehicles, etc | -1/20 mph |

Fully covered targets cannot be hit, unless they are behind some penetrable object.

The adjusted chance to hit for any weapon attack can never go lower than -8 on the ORC table.

With full automatic weapons, players may switch targets in a single action but 1 shot must be lost between targets, and the penalty costs are cumulative. The targets must be within a 30 degree angle of each other.

SIMPLIFICATION OPTION: Instead of using the Missile attack modifiers the GM can assign a relatively difficulty for hitting the target:

| Easy (slow, big, close range.) | +3 |
|---|----|
| Average (short range, not fast) | +0 |
| Hard (light cover, faster) | -3 |
| Very Hard (very fast, small, heavy cover) | -6 |

5.5.1.3 Special Attacks

A grapple/lock causes the target to be held immobile until they break the hold. The difficulty is equal to the difference in (AG + ST)/2 between the two players + difference in skill of two parties - 2 - Defending Bonus. NOTE: all players may attempt a grapple/lock, but only wrestling and martial arts skills may be used as bonuses.

To break a hold requires a difficulty roll equal to the difference in (AG + ST)/2 between the two players + difference in hand-to-hand skill of two parties.

A sweep or throw knocks a target from their feet. The difficulty is equal to the difference in (AG + ST)/2 between the two players + difference in skill of two parties - 2 - Defend Bonus. NOTE: Only players with martial arts training can perform sweeps and throws.

5.5.2 Defending (Parrying)

A person who is defending/parrying subtracts his levels according to his weapon skill from all hand-to-hand attacks against him from the front and side.

Defending can be done in two ways:

- At the start of a round, the player can elect to defend the entire round by using one less action for that round.
- At any time during the round, the player can use his next action to initiate defending for the rest of the round.

Effect of defending is to subtract Weapon Skill/2 from the SRS of ALL attacks.

5.5.3 Evading

A person who is evading subtracts 1/4 his AG (rounded up) to all missile attacks against him.

5.5.4 Dodge

Dodging avoids a specific attacker. The attack must come during or after the players action phase. A person who is dodging subtracts a 1/3 his AG (rounded up) from the dodged attack.

5.5.5 Two Handed Fighting

Players may use two weapons at the same time. The second weapon can be used defensively (as a shield) at no cost. If two attacks are attempted in a turn, the first weapon attacks at a -2 and the second weapon attacks at a -4 (-2 for using two weapons and -2 for off-hand attack).

Players may only apply their weapon skill to the first weapon. They may apply their weapon skill to the second weapon up to the level of their the "Two-Weapon" combat skill.

5.5.6 Assessing Damage and Effect of Armor

5.5.6.1 Weapon Damage

(Optionally use Critical Hit Special Effects in place of this table).

Damage is based on weapon type. Critical success attacks do double damage and the GM should provide vivid descriptions of the effect.

| | Total Da (Based on Tota | mage from Si | | | |
|-----|----------------------------|--------------|--------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| <20 | 21-40 ² | 41-60 | 61-100 | 100-150 | Additional Effects |
| 1-3 | 1-6 | 1-8 | 1-12 | 1-16 | none |
| 4-6 | 7-12 | 9-16 | 12-24 | 17-30 | Lose 1-3 actions ¹ |
| 7-8 | 13-16 | 17-22 | 25-32 | 31-40 | Lose 1-6 turns ¹ |
| 9 | 17-18 | 23-26 | 33-38 | 41-48 | Knockout, Lose 1-6 turns ¹ |
| 10+ | 19+ | 27+ | 39+ | 49+ | Knockout 3D6 turns ¹ |

Players making a Level 3 WP roll suffer one less level of additional effects.

SIMPLIFICATION OPTION: Ignore additional effects above.

Armor Rules (Old Method):

Armor absorbs up 80% of all damage up to its maximum value, with fractions rounded. However, the other 20% of damage is still inflicted on the target due to the shock, etc.

The "old method" makes higher AR ratings more vulnerable than the "new" method.

To avoid any calculations, refer to the following chart to determine actual damage.

| | | | | Armor | Value | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----|-------|-------|----|----|----|
| Rolled Damage | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 17 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 9 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 11 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 13 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 15 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| 17 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 3 |
| +1 | +1 | +1 | +1 | +1 | +1 | +1 | +1 | +1 |

SIMPLIFICATION OPTION: Use the new method.

² Humans and player races with fewer than 20 hit point use this column regardless of their total hit points.

Armor Rules (new Method):

Armor absorbs a given % of all rolled damage. Armor ratings of more than 19 are not allowed.

Armor Table

| | | Armor Rating (AR) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----|----|--------|--------|--------|--------|----|----|----|-----|
| D | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
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| 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
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| 13 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 14 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 15 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 16 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
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| 25 | 24 | 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 30 | 29 | 27 | 26 | 24 | 23 | 21 | 20 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| 35 | 33 | 32 | 30 | 28 | 26 | 25 | 23 | 21 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| 40 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 32 | 30 | 28 | 26 | 24 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| 45 | 43 | 41 | 38 | 36 | 34 | 32 | 29 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| 50 | 48 | 45 | 43 | 40 | 38 | 35 | 33 | 30 | 28 | 25 | 23 | 20 | 18 | 15 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 5 | 3 |

^{*} D is the damage rolled.

The following table is used to determine the AR for layered armor. For more than 2 layers, use the table repeatedly.

Armor Layering Table

| | Armor Rating (AR) for First Layer of Armor | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|--|----|----|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 19 |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 18 | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 18 | | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 18 | | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 19 | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 18 | * | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 18 | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 18 | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 19 | | | |
| 12 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 18 | * | | | |
| 13 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 19 | | | | |
| 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 | * | * | | | | |
| 16 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 19 | * | | | | | | |
| 17 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | * | * | | | | | | | |
| 18 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | 19 | * | * | * ond I- | * | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

A2 is armor rating for 2nd layer of armor.
* Indicates AR 19 for rest of column.

Example: Justin is wearing a Cloak (AR 3) and Ring Mail Armor (AR 7), for a combined AR of 9.

5.5.6.2 Optional Critical Hit Special Effects

This table can be used to generated added special effects from weapons. Simply determine the Hit Location Roll and match the type of weapon to the value of the roll.

Hit Location Roll = 3D6 + Total Damage Modifier (<10 = -5, >20 = +5)

| | | Critical Hit by Type of Weapon | |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|
| Hit Location Roll | Blunt Weapons: Clubs, Stones, Thrown Rocks, | Slashing Weapons: Axes, Cutlass, Scimitar, etc. | Stabbing Weapons: Spears, Some swords, daggers, bows, crossbows, and guns |
| <2 | Bruising blow, -1 SRS to attackers next 2 actions | Deep cut to arm. Target -1 to SRS for next 2 actions | Flesh wound: Target -1 to SRS for next 2 actions. |
| 3-4 | Bruising blow, -2 SRS to attackers next 2 actions | Deep cut to leg, Target -1 to SRS and ½ movement for next 2 actions. | Flesh wound. Target -2 to SRS for next 2 actions. |
| 5-6 | Blow to the mid-section, opponent loses next action | Slash to torso, target loses next 2 actions. | Clean puncture wound to torso. Target loses next 2 actions. |
| 7-8 | Stunning blow to the side of the head, opponent loses next 1-2 actions and any defense bonus. | Cut to the side of the head and face. Nice scar. Opponent loses 1-2 actions and any defensive bonus during that time. | Blow to the shoulder. Target loses 1-2 actions and knocked back 1m. |
| 9-10 | Smash to leg, level 5 AG saving for target to avoid falling | Deep cut to leg. Target loses 1 additional hit points per turn for 1D6 turns due to bleeding. | Thigh shot. Target must make level 5 AG saving roll to avoid being knocked down. Wound causes -1 AG for remainder of battle. |
| 11-12 | Bone crushing blow to the leg, knock down opponent, -2 SRS for all attacks for next turn. | Artery hit in let. Target loses 2 additional hit points per turn for 1D6 turns due to bleeding. Level 5 AG roll to avoid falling and -2 SRS for all attacks in next turn. | Deep thigh shot. Target knocked down and loses additional 1 hit point per turn for next 1D6 turns due to bleeding |
| 13 | Bone crushing blow to the arm, level 7 difficulty ST saving to avoid dropping weapon2 SRS for all attacks for the next 2 turns. | Disarming blow. Weapon dropped. Also deep cut, target loses 1 hit point per turn for next 1D6 turns. | Blow pierces muscles in arm. Target must make level 7 ST roll or lose weapon2 SRS for all attacks for next 2 turns. |
| 14-15 | Rib snapping blow. Will take 3 weeks to heal2 ST and -1 AG while injured2 SRS for all attacks for remainder of battle. | Cut to the torso body. Painful damage causes -2 AG and -1 ST while injured2 SRS for all attacks for remainder of the battle. | Piercing blow to upper chest. Sucking wound causes 2 additional hit points per turn for next 1D6 turns2 ST for rest of battle and -2 SRS for all attacks. |
| 16 | Groin shot. Target must make level 3 WP saving to avoid fainting for 1D6 turns4 SRS for all actions for the next 1-3 turns. | Groin shot/artery hit2 SRS for all actions for next 1-3 turns. Target losses 3 hit points per turn for next 1D3 turns. | Piercing wound to lower torso. Sucking wound causes 2 additional hit points per turn for next 1D6 turns2 ST for rest of battle and -2 SRS for all attacks. Must make level 3 HT saving roll to |
| | | | avoid infection due to punctured intestines. |
| 17-18 | Head shot. Target must make level 7 WP saving roll to avoid be knocked out for 3D6 turns. Causes concussion. Target will be dazed for next 6D6 minutes (-4 SRS to all actions). Lose 1D6-4 teeth. | Head shot. Target must make level 3 WP saving roll to avoid being knocked out for 3D6 turns. Blood in eyes causes -4 PE roll modifier2 to SRS for all attacks for next 2D6 turns. | Head shot. Target must make level 5 WP saving roll to avoid being knocked out for 3D6 turns. Causes concussion. Target will be dazed next 4D6 minutes (-4 SRS to all actions). Lose 1D6-4 teeth. |
| 19 | Head shot. Lose 1D6-1 teeth. Knocked out 6D6 minutes. 0 Level HT saving roll or experience coma for 1D6 days. | Spine shot. Effective paralyzes one limb 1-4 leg, 5-6 arm. This can be cured by a healer. | Piercing wound to chest and lungs. Major bleeding. Wound causes 1D6 hit points per 2 phases for next 3D6 turns. |
| 20+ | Killing Blow: head crushed, larynx crushed, whatever | Killing blow to neck. | Thrust through the heart, killing blow |

All bleeding wounds can be stopped by bandaging or packing the wound with a first aid roll (Level 3 difficulty), medicine roll (Level 1 difficulty), but the work takes 3 turns. Heal spells will also mend such wounds.

SIMPLIFICATION OPTION: Ignore this table (it is considered optional anyway).

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5.5.6.3 Falling Damage and Other Damage

A player takes 1D6 damage per 3m they fall, after the first 3m. E.g. a character falling 6m takes 1D6 damage, a character falling 9m takes 2D6 damage, etc.

Players may also receive damage from fire, acid, electricity, or other causes. The GM should determine the level of damage and whether it is reduced by armor. For example, the damage from an electrical shock may be enhanced by metal armor.

The following gives some idea of some damage:

Damage Description
1D6 Minimal
2D6 Moderate
3D6 Heavy
4D6 Serious
6D6 Disabling
8D6+ Life Threatening

5.5.7 Example of Combat

Example:

Jansen is engaged in hand-to-hand combat with Iron Fist, a barbarian.

Jansen has a combat speed of 9 and is using a staff (bo) with weapon skill of 2, a statistic bonus of +1, and she has strength bonus of 0.

Iron Fist has a combat speed of 6 and is using a knife with and has a skill bonus of 2 and a strength bonus of +1. Iron fist is wearing leather which offers 3 points of protection, but no AG or ST penalties.

Because Jansen has a combat speed of 9, she gets 4 actions per turn, while Iron Fist gets 3 actions

In the first round, both decide to Defend, decreasing their total actions per turn by 1 column (e.g. 1 action).

In Phase 1, neither player gets an action.

In Phase 2, Jansen takes her action attacking Iron Fist. Her attack roll is equal to 2 (skill) + 1 (stat bonus) -3 (attack difficulty) -2 (Iron Fist defending) = -2. She rolls a 8 and hits. She rolls 5 on a 1D6 for damage. Iron Fist takes 3 points of damage based on the damage chart.

Also in Phase 2, Iron Fist attacks. His attack roll is equal to 2 (skill) + 1 (ST bonus) -3 - 2 (Jansen defending) = -2. Iron Fist rolls as 12 and misses.

Neither player has an action in Phase 3.

In Phase 4, Jansen attacks again. She rolls as 13 and misses.

In Phase 5, Iron Fist attacks again. He rolls as 7 and hits. He then rolls 4 damage + 1 for his strength bonus = 5 points. Not enough damage to cause extra problems for Jansen.

In Phase 6, Jansen attacks and rolls a 4 for a critical hit. Her damage is equal to 2x(6 on a 1D6) = 12 points. Iron Fist takes 10 points of damage.

Iron Fist fails to make a Difficult WP roll and loses his next 2 actions (2 on a 1D3 roll).

The next run starts.

Jansen sees Iron Fist is hurt. She quits defending and will get 4 attacks in the next turn. Iron Fist cannot defend this turn since he is currently stunned at the start of the turn. If he makes it to Phase 5 he will get an action then.

6. Magic and Psionics

"Magic" is the application of saved energies ("mana") that has been accumulated by an individual through meditation. The casting of a spell requires the correct series of mental/physical manipulations to release and form the energy as desired. Thus spell casting is triggered by physical and mental actions.

"Psionics" are essentially similar to magic, but spells originate from the power of the mind. With respect to game play, the same types of principles can be applied: mental power points versus mana, psionics skill versus magical skill, etc.. No psionic powers are presented here, though the "Mentalism" school includes spells that are supposed to be similar in vein to psionic effects.

(Optionally) Spells are broken into various schools. Each school contains a group of related spells. Players will dedicate themselves to a particular school of magic when they start training as magicians. Players can generally learn spells from all schools, however they get a bonus for using spells from within their school. Spells have used by a student of a particular school and are 3 levels of difficulty easier to cast. (In the World of Symmetry, all magic is learned through the various religions and certain schools are associated with different pantheons).

To perform cast a spell of a given level, the caster must have skill level equal to that of the spell.

Spells must be individually learned and training in those spells can be purchased through temples, from individuals, or other learned parties. Instructions may also sometimes be obtained from books and scrolls. The GM should set a price for a given spell.

To learn a purchased spell, individuals must also expend bonus points equal to 10x(level of the spell).

6.1 Spell Casting

To cast a spell, the spell caster must make a successful skill roll on the outcome resolution table.

All spells have an inherent starting difficulty and minimum difficulty. The starting difficulty indicates how hard it is to cast a spell in one combat phase. This number can be reduced by using additional combat phases to cast a spell, but to no lower than the minimum difficulty level.

The skill resolution score is calculated as follows:

Spell SRS = (Magical Skill + School Bonus) + MA modifier - Difficulty of spell + Phases spent casting the spell.

The GM might add other modifiers, such as getting hit in combat, etc.

An 18 is always a failure.

Example:

Barthos is casting an Ignite spell of difficulty 4, minimum difficulty of 1. He has a skill level of 3 and 0 attribute modifier. He can cast the spell in 1 phase with a SRS level of 3 + 0 - 4 = -1.

He decides to spend 2 extra phases preparing and raises the SRS from -1 to 1. He rolls a 14 successful igniting the bridge.

SIMPLIFICATION OPTION: allows the automatic success for spell casting.

6.2 Mana, Spell Points, and Regeneration of Spell Points

All spells have a spell point cost. This is subtracted from the spell caster's total spell points or mana. Once the mana level reaches 0, the caster can no longer cast spells.

Some spells have variable point amounts and the caster should specify before he attempts to cast a spell, how many points he or she will use.

Spells that fail to work only use half their spell point cost.

The number of spell points regenerated in a day are determined by whether the caster makes a successful meditation roll:

Critical success = 2 x MA mana points rejuvenated Success = 1 x MA mana points rejuvenated Failure = ½ x MA mana points rejuvenated Critical Failure = 0 mana points rejuvenated

SIMPLIFICATION OPTION: always give 1 x MA in mana points rejuvenated per day.

6.3 Critical Successes

If the spell caster rolls a critical success, they have the option of doubling one attribute of the spell. E.g. range, damage, or duration, etc.

6.4 Spell Books

A summary of basic spells appears in Appendix 1. These spells should be used as a starting point when creating new spells.

6.5 Saving Rolls Against Magical Attacks

All players receiving damage or subject to control from a magical spell are entitled to a ORS saving roll against the attack. The Magical Affinity (MA) bonus is used as a modifier. Base difficulty levels for the saving rolls should be indicated on individual spells.

6.6 Purchasing Magic Skill and Spells

Levels of magic skill above level one (1) can only be purchased with bonus points (not via training). The first level of magic skill costs 500 gold pieces (in the World of Symmetry) and requires 6 months of dedicated service to a master magicuser (skill level 7 or better).

Spells also require the expenditure of bonus points to purchase. A spell costs 10 bonus points per level of Spell Difficulty. New spells must also be learned from scrolls or books, invented, or purchased. This represents the time the magic user requires to master a new spell. Unperfected spells cannot be cast.

Spells learned from scrolls and books cost nothing, but take Spell Difficulty \times 2 days to learn.

Inventing spells costs nothing, but takes Spell Difficulty $\times\,4$ days to perfect.

Assuming such a person is available, spells training can be purchased from another magic-user with knowledge of the spell. This training costs 10 gold pieces \times Spell Difficulty and requires 1 day \times Spell Difficulty to perfect.

Magic users can study only one spell at a time. However, this training should not interrupt with travel, etc.

6.7 Magic-User Character Class Skill Package

This is included as an the example of a magic-user skill set. All magic-users on the World of Symmetry follow this skill class.

Magical training provides magical spells that correspond to the level of training in that religion. All magical training is considered Difficult with a x4 multiplier. Players are free to purchase as many levels as they wish on top of the base level.

Rituals and History provide background to the world through the eyes of the religion, which may be somewhat biased at times. Players should play this way, unless they are choosing to abandon their religion.

The following package cost 450 points.

Skills (Levels)

Magic (pick school) (1), Meditation (2), Religion (1), Ritual (2), Calligraphy (1), Etiquette (1), Observation (2), + 9 levels worth of spells (e.g. 9 first level or 5 first level + 2 2nd level, etc.).

No additional spells can be purchased at the beginning. Literacy is included for magic-users and need not be purchased separately.

Possessions: Dagger, Books and Paper, Writing Materials

6.8 Spells

Appendix 1 contains a number of example spells for a variety of schools. These can serve as an example to developing spells.

The following table shows some example diseases:

7. Diseases and Poisons

7.1 Disease

Players may be exposed to and contract diseases at various times. (My general tendency has not been to use diseases very often, because they don't seem much fun to roleplay). Once exposed to a disease, the player makes a saving roll to see if they contract the disease (modified by HT). Failing the saving roll means the player contracts the disease.

Once infected, the player is usually allowed to make recover rolls to overcome the disease (also modified by HT). Once a recovery roll succeeds, the disease is cured.

The GM should decide other details of the disease: what are its symptoms and side effects, what are the cures, how contagious is it, what at the difficulties of the recovery rolls, etc.

7.2 Poison

Poisons act the same as diseases except with no "Contraction" roll. Some poisons and diseases do not allow a recovery roll. Poisons may be very fast acting and used on blades in fighting. Common effects of points are paralysis, death, sleep, pain, internal organ failure, blindness, loss of feeling. Further, the effects of poisons are more likely to be permanent than the effects of disease.

| Disease | Difficult Level for Contract Saving Roll | Duration of Disease | Difficult Level of Recovery Roll | Vector/Effects |
|-----------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Common cold | 3 | 14 days max, recovery roll allowed daily after 6 days. | 2 | Spread mostly through shared objects. Usually cause fatigue, runny nose, watery eyes. |
| Common Food Poisoning | 5 | 12-48 hours, recovery roll every 6 hours | 2 | Spread through consumption of poisoned food. Causes vomiting and diarrhea. Reduces ST, AG, WP, and PE by 1 to 3 points for duration of disease. |
| Red Scar | 6 | Until recovered. Roll allowed once | 5 | Picked up from bug bites in the certain jungles. Reduces |

| every 7 days. | maximum hit points by 3 per week of infection, and reduces maximum ST by 1 points per week for duration of disease. If ST reaches zero, player is paralyzed, if hit points reach zero the player dies. |
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| | Leaves red colored scars. |

8. Overland Travel and Developing Encounter Tables

8.1 Overland Travel

The distance players can cover in a single day on foot depends upon the difficulty of the terrain and general health of the individuals. The GM will make a determination of the average distance that can be traveled without any special effort. The players may decide to push the distance by 25% to 50% or even 100%, but they must make action rolls (modified by the HT bonus) accordingly. For the whole group to advance, all players in the group must make a successful roll.

| | | Extra Distance Difficulty Levels | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| | Base | +25% | +50% | +100% | | | |
| Terrain | Distance | (Level 3) | (Level 6) | (Level 9) | | | |
| Person: | | | | | | | |
| Open/Roads | 20 mi/32 km | 24 mi/51 km | 30 mi/48 km | 40 mi/64 km | | | |
| Forest | 16 mi/26 km | 20 mi/ 32km | 24 mi/51 km | 32 mi/51 km | | | |
| Heavy Jungle | 8 mi/13 km | 10 mi/16 km | 12 mi/19 km | 16 mi/26 km | | | |
| Mountains | 12 mi/19 km | 16 mi/26 km | 18 mi/29 km | 24 mi/51 km | | | |

Horses can travel 50% farther and the roll for extra distance is one level easier than for humans.

8.2 Encounter Charts

A suggested method for developing "random" encounter charts is to create lists of monsters/groups likely to be observed in a particular area. This avoids incongruent encounters and can reduce GM planning time. For example, in the region near a border town, the GM might decide that the likely encounters are a bandit group, border guards, hunters, plus a few monsters.

The frequency of encounters should be based on the relative density of creatures.

Also, when traveling on roads and in known areas, there should be a number of locals (farmers, traders, etc.). In general, the players should have the option of engaging these folks or be given a general notion of how many people they are meeting when traveling.

9. Character Alignments

One element of play in AD&D™ is that players choose from a matrix of alignments: Good, Neutral, or Evil and Lawful, Neutral, or Chaotic. This player is then expected to RPG within that framework. In my experience, this has pluses and minuses for game play. One positive value is that this forces players to play characters that have actual values that they will not violate for convenience. Simply doing whatever one wants

when it does not make sense of the character rather than playing a character consistently will lessen the RPG experience, even if it means sacrificing a character.

At least two alternatives to the above system are:

- The GM should encourage the players to more fully develop the character background and beliefs.
- Develop religion or group beliefs to which the players must adhere. Some examples are: (a) the People of the Earth will never disturb a plant, (b) gang members always fight for one another

A good example of a gaming work where player's religion effects the play is Empire of the Petal Throne™. This type of world requires extensive background development.

10. Fantasy Player Skill Packages

Players may select to buy a package of skills during the creation of their character by using some of their bonus points. The packages represent player backgrounds and should be integrated into the player history.

The classes are also useful because they provide a description of various NPC types that the players are likely to see in a fantasy world.

NOTE: A character class for magic users is covered in the section on Magic.

NOTE: literacy in one's own language is not assumed, but can be purchased for 20 bonus points at any time.

Warriors, including Archers and Crossbowman

There are several backgrounds that can be chosen for players that want to highlight fighting experience. The larger states have organized fighting forces as do the various city states. Other fighters serve as body guards, caravan guards, etc. Most large forces are generally split between archers who have less armor and lighter hand-to-hand weapons and the more heavily armored foot soldiers.

The following skill package may be purchased for 410 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Main Weapon (2), 2nd Weapon (2), 3rd Weapon (1), Hand-to-Hand (2), Running (1), Foraging (1), Hiding (1), and Observation (1)

Cavalry are also used, though not commonly. Riding animals have high natural mortality rates on Symmetry. So, riding should be purchased as a independent skill.

Arena fighters often concentrate on a few weapon(s) with few other skills developed. They can purchase the following skill package for 460 initial skill points:

Skills (Levels)

Main Weapon (3), 2nd Weapon (2), Wrestling (2), Running (1), Jumping (2), and Observation (1)

Possessions: Leather Armor, Small Shield, 1 Large Weapon, Dagger

Scouts and Gameskeepers

Scouts are used by the military for intelligence gathering. Scouts operate in the wilderness areas observing the enemy troop movements, providing advanced warning, or tracking down people. Sometimes scouts are involved in more than offensive covert operations.

Gameskeepers are forest rangers for large family lands.

The following skill package may be purchased for 360 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Main Weapon (2), 2nd Weapon (1), 3rd Weapon (1), Jumping (2), Riding (1), Trapping (1), Stealth (1), Observation (1), Hiding (1), Tracking (1)

Possessions: Leather Armor, 1 Large Weapon, Dagger, Camping Gear

Rogues

A combination of fighter, thief, and spy. Rogues strive to be the master of any situation by a combination of skill and sheer guts. Rogues make their living by any job that does not require them to work too long. Any job may require robbery through completely honest work. It is up to the choosing of the Rogue.

The following skill package may be purchased for 420 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Main Weapon (2), 2nd Weapon (1), Hand-to-Hand (1), Jumping (1), Climbing (2), Stealth (1), Gaming (2), Fast Talking (1), Observation (1), Disguise (1)

Sailors/Pirates

The seas around the major continents are used for moving cargo and persons along the coasts. Being a sailor means putting to sea in a risky environment: pirates, sea creatures, bad weather, and less than ideal sea craft. Sailors will have knowledge of various ports and may have friends in a number of places.

The following skill package may be purchased for 430 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Main Weapon (2), 2nd Weapon (1), Hand-to-Hand (1), Boating (1), Climbing (2), Swimming (2), Gaming (1), Seamanship (2), 2nd Language (1)

Possessions: 1 Large Weapon, Dagger,

Thieves

Thieves may their profit by stealing from others. Thieves only thrive in the larger cities and not usually valued by most communities.

Additional skill selection should match a player's modus operandi: cat burglar, con-man, pick-pocket, etc.

The following skill package may be purchased for 450 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Main Weapon (1), 2nd Weapon (1), Jumping (2), Climbing (2), Stealth (2), Observation (1), Hiding (1), Disguise (1), Pickpocket (1), Pick Locks (1)

Possessions: 1 Large Weapon, Dagger, Simple Thieves Kit

Traders

Traders are important members of the fantasy world. They take care of the business transactions and generally make the world operate. Traders have a large knowledge of the various regions in which they operate and the value of goods. Traveling traders should have knowledge of multiple languages and at least one weapon skill.

The following skill package may be purchased for 475 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Main Weapon (1), 2nd Weapon (1), Riding (1), Gaming (2), Haggling (2), Etiquette (1), Fast Talking (1), Showmanship (1), Appraising (2), Observation (1), Accounting (1), 2nd Language (1) Possessions: 1 Large Weapon, Dagger, Horse or Gila. travel bags

Scholars

These are people who business is knowledge. Their motivation can be many fold. Scholars are well respected throughout the various lands of man. If they have high skill levels they may have significant reputations.

The following skill package may be purchased for 500 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Calligraphy (2), Musical Instrument (1), Meditation (2), Oratory (1), Animal Lore (2), Herbal Lore (2), 2nd Language (2), 3rd Language (1), Philosophy (1)

Possessions: Dagger, Books and Paper, Writing Materials

Players from other Backgrounds

Make one up. A high clan family or noble could have developed skill sets appropriate for adventure other than political intrigue, etc.

11. Cyberpunk/Present Day Skill Packages

Businessperson (Suits)

Suits are businessmen of various sorts. They are usually non-player characters, but sometimes it may be interesting for someone to play them. A suit can be someone that ranges from the head of a major corporation to a self-employed one-person operation. Suits tend to thrive in knowing about deals and getting the bureaucracy to work in their favor.

To compensate for their less flashy lifestyle, Suits should be given a few extra assets: a credit line (size determined by the GM), business connections (sources of info), and nice suits (fancy clothes than allows them to fit in).

The following skill package may be purchased for 410 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels) Accounting (1), Appraisal (1),

Bureaucracy (2), Etiquette (2), Finance (2), Fast Talk (2),

Showmanship (2)

Possessions: Celphone, Level 6 portable

computer, nice apartment, credit

line, 3x starting cash

Entertainer

Entertainers are individuals who are musical stars, actors, artists, television stars, immersion-program stars, etc. Depending upon the nature of their act and the fame, they may have a great deal of money and fans. The GM should usually start these at a

fairly restricted level. However, every entertainer has both some fan following (on which they can call) and an agent (on which they can also call, but is less loyal than the fans).

The following skill package may be purchased for 350 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Showmanship (3), Observation (2), Streetwise (2), Electronics (1), and one of Journalism (3), Musical Instrument (3), or Acting (3)

Possessions: Tools of the trade (e.g. an instrument), Cool clothes, leather armor.

Web-Jockey/Hacker

Web-jockeys are individuals who specialize in tracking stuff down on the web, breaking into systems, or guarding systems from other hackers. They are often in demand. Experienced web-jockeys may obtain a reputation that can get them into trouble with companies, enclaves, and individuals who they have burned before. Web jockeys may have agents that arrange work for them.

The following skill package may be purchased for 360 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Computer Software (3), Computer Hardware (2), Security Systems (1)

Possessions: Class 5 portable computer, class 3 software (all types).

Police Person/Private Investigator

Police are important members of a very complex society. These players should be played only by those who can play them as a force of good, since they carry the force of the law with them. Policemen are the day-to-day cops and investigators that protect the people on the street.

Police have the ability to call back-up and may have sources of information.

Private investigators are often ex-cops who put their services up for hire. They investigate private affairs, track down missing people, look into suspicious behavior, etc.

The following skill package may be purchased for 390 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Pistol (2), Hand-to-Hand (2), Observation (2), Law Enforcement (2), Streetwise (1), Interrogation (1), Fast Talk (1)

Possessions: Pistol, Hand-cuffs, and Light Kevlar

Politician

Politicians can range from city office holders to senators or even presidents. These are individuals who thrive on power, holding office, and making decisions. Politicians also swing from both extremes when it comes to actually looking out for the people.

Politicians have connections with other politicians, various political consultants, can use campaign funds, and call press conferences. If they are in office, they may have other resources.

The following skill package may be purchased for 370 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels) Bureaucracy (2), Etiquette (2),

Negotiation (1), Oratory (2), Fast

Talk (2)

Possessions: Celphone, nice apartment, great clothes, and 2x starting cash.

Reporters

Reporters are investigative journalists that work for web-zines, magazines, or television stations. They collect and report stories. Reporters can often get into some hairy situations.

Reporters may have some of the resources of entertainers. Most reporters will have good contacts and the ability to call on an editor

The following skill package may be purchased for 370 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Journalism (2), Streetwise (2), Fast Talk (2), Disguise (1), Observation (2), Stealth (1)

Possessions: Celphone, Class 4 Portable Computer, a few electronic listening devices, leather armor.

Street Punk

Street punks take many forms ranging from gang members to loners. Street punks usually have a number of local connections, some of whom will be very loyal to the street punk. Gang members may have extensive support, but they must live according to the gang rules.

The following skill package may be purchased for 400 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Pick Pocket or Pick Lock (1), Observation (2), Streetwise (2), Stealth (2),

and

Martial Arts (2) OR Hand-to-Hand (3) + 1 Difficulty 3 Weapon (1) OR 1 Difficulty 4 Weapon (2) + 1 Difficulty 3 Weapon (1)

Possessions: One weapon, cool clothes, leather armor, a few tools of their trade.

Soldier, Mercenary, Guard

Soldiers, mercenaries, and guards are in use throughout the cyberpunk world. They are used to dealing with things in a little more physical manner.

The available resource that such a player has available depends upon whether they have an association with a organized group. If so, they may have to serve their "company" and not have the same flexibility as a free-lancer.

The following skill package may be purchased for 400 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Rifle (3), Hand-to-Hand (2), Jumping (2) OR Jumping (1) and Parachuting (1), Demolition (1), Stealth (1), Observation (2), Military Science (1)

Possessions: One weapon, Light Kevlar armor, and combat gear.

Thief

Thieves are training robbers, B&E experts, pick-pockets, etc. They may their living by taking from others. While some may be modern day Robin Hoods, the law and the establishment does not look fondly upon thieves.

A thief will have some connections and someone who they can sell stolen goods through (usually at 10% of actual value).

The following skill package may be purchased for 400 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Pick Lock (2) or Pick Pocket (2), Climbing (2), Jumping (2), Stealth (2), Security Systems (2), Hand-to-Hand (1), 1 Difficulty 3 Weapon (1).

Possessions: One weapon, leather armor, and tools of the trade.

Spy

Spies are specially trained to

A thief will have some connections and someone who they can sell stolen goods through (usually at 10% of actual value).

The following skill package may be purchased for 430 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Disguise (1), Climbing (1), Pick Lock (1), Security Systems (2), Computer Software (1), Fast Talk (2), 1 Difficulty Level 4 weapon (2) OR 1 Difficulty Level 3 weapon (3).

Possessions: One weapon, fancy clothes, leather armor, and tools of the trade.

Scientist/Engineer

These are trained researchers and designers. They are often employed by large corporations, but can also be independent or part of small start-up companies.

Scientists and engineers may have access to laboratory equipment and research tools, depending upon their employment.

The following skill package may be purchased for 350 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

1 Science or Engineering Skill (3), Computer Software (1), Oratory (1), Bureaucracy (1), Observation (2).

Possessions: Class 5 computer and class 2 software (all types), neat pens and mechanical pencils.

12. Science Fiction Skill Packages

These character classes for science fiction campaigns. The cyberpunk character classes are also appropriate for use in science fiction campaigns.

Settler

Settlers are people trained for homesteading new planets. They usually have a combination of survival and technical skills.

Settlers in a community will be able to call on the resources of the rest of the community in many cases

The following skill package may be purchased for 390 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels)

Observation (2), Foraging (2), Weather Sense (1), Tracking (1), Trapping (1) AND

Science, Engineering Skill, Electronics, Computer Software, OR Computer Hardware (2) AND

1 Difficulty Level 4 Weapon (2) OR 1 Difficulty Level 3 Weapon (3)

Possessions: One weapon, light kevlar armor, and tools for technical skill.

Starship Trader

Starship traders complete interstellar trading missions.

The following skill package may be purchased for 370 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels) Haggling/Fast Talk (3),

Showmanship (2), Negotiation (1), Astrological Navigation (1), Electronics (2), Gambling (1),

Streetwise (1)

Possessions: Nice clothes, credit line, and 4x starting cash.

Starship Pilot

Starship pilots can drive all sorts of space vehicles.

The following skill package may be purchased for 360 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels) Pilot Spacecraft (3), Observation

(2), Astrological Navigation (1), Driving (1), Pistol (1), Electronics

(1), and Gunnery (1)

Possessions: Pistol.

Starship Mechanic

Starship mechanics are jack-of-all-trade repairmen for starships.

The following skill package may be purchased for 340 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels) Engineering (2), 2nd Engineering or

Computer Hardware (1), Computer Software (1), Electronics (2), Powered Armor (1) (used as EVA suit), Pilot (choice) (1), and Climb (41)

(1)

Possessions: Tool kit, Pistol, and connections for

ship parts at various space

stations.

Star Marine

Starship marines are combination marine/airborne troops that travel in spaceships to be dropped or delivered where the need arises.

The following skill package may be purchased for 390 initial skill points.

Skills (Levels) Rifle (2), Pistol (1), Powered Armor

(3), Hand-to-Hand (2), Foraging (1), Observation (1), Stealth (1)

Possessions: Kevlar, Pistol, Knife, and

connections to entertainment in

ports.

13. Weapons and Armor

13.1 Money

Depends upon the gaming world. For current games set in today it might be dollars. A fantasy game might use gold, silver, and copper coins.

For fantasy pricing, the following conversion rates are assumed:

1 gp (gold piece) = 20 sp (silver pieces) = 200 cp 1 sp = 10 cp (copper pieces)

Barter Units are provided for purposes of using with the Freestyle Fall of Darkness supplement.

13.2 Weapons and Armor

Hand-to-Hand Weapons

| | | | | | | Prices | |
|---------------|--------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | Barter Units |
| Weapon | Weight | Damage | ST ¹ | Accuracy | Fantasy | Current | |
| Axe | | _ | | | | | |
| Battle | 5 | 1D6+1 | 6 | -1 | 5gp | \$400 | 50 |
| Hand | 3 | 1D6-1 | 4 | 0 | 1gp | \$40 | 10 |
| 2-Hand | 8 | 3D6 | 9 | -3 | 15gp | n/a | n/a |
| Club | 2 | 1D3 | n/a | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Dagger, Knife | 1/2 | 1D3 | n/a | +1 | 10sp-1gp | \$10-30 | 3 |
| Flail | 5 | 1D6+2 | 7 | -2 | 10gp | \$600 | 40 |
| Mace | 4 | 1D6 | 6 | 0 | 5gp | \$150 | 20 |
| Pick | 4 | 1D6+2 | 7 | -2 | 2gp | \$40 | 15 |
| Harpoon | 10 | 2D6 | 9 | -3 | 8gp | \$200 | 30 |
| Morning Star | 8 | 1D6+1 | 8 | -2 | 12gp | \$700 | 60 |
| Lance | | | | | | * | |
| Jousting | 10 | 1D2-1 | 5 | 0 | 10gp | n/a | n/a |
| Light | 10 | 1D6+1 | 5 | -1 | 5gp | \$300 | 20 |
| Medium | 15 | 2D6 | 7 | -2 | 8gp | \$400 | 30 |
| Heavy | 20 | 3D6 | 8 | -3 | 12gp | \$500 | 50 |
| Polearms | | | | | | 7000 | |
| Pike | 10 | 2D6 | 7 | -2 | 10gp | \$200 | 30 |
| Bill | 8 | 2D6-1 | 6 | -2 | 15gp | \$300 | n/a |
| Glaive | 8 | 2D6-1 | 6 | -2 | 15gp | \$300 | n/a |
| Halberd | 12 | 2D6 | 8 | -2 | 30gp | \$600 | n/a |
| Fork | 6 | 1D6+2 | 6 | -2 | 8gp | \$350 | 40 |
| Quarterstaff | 4 | 1D6 | 5 | -2 | n/a | \$0 to \$50 | 0 to 3 |
| Sickle | 7 | 1D6-1 | 7 | -2 | 1gp | \$60 | 5 |
| Spear | 4 | 1D6+1 | 5 | -1 | 3gp | \$100 | 10 |
| Sword | | 10011 | 3 | | эдр | Ψ100 | 10 |
| Bastard | 6 | | | | 15gp | \$400 | 60 |
| One-Hand | | 2D6 | 8 | -2 | тодр | Ψ+00 | 00 |
| Two-Hand | | 3D6-1 | 7 | -2 | | | |
| Broadsword | 4 | 1D6+1 | 5 | -1 | 12gp | \$200 | 40 |
| Epee | 2 | 1D6-1 | 3 | -1 | 10gp | \$150 | 30 |
| 2-Hand | 10 | 3D6 | 8 | -2 | 25gp | \$500 | 100 |
| Katana | 4 | 300 | O | 2 | 20gp | \$300 | 50 |
| One-Hand | 7 | 2D6 | 7 | -2 | Zugp | ψουσ | 30 |
| Two-Hand | | 2D6 2D6 | 6 | - <u>-</u> 2 -1 | | | |
| Long Sword | 5 | 2D6 2D6 | 8 | -1 -1 | 18gp | \$400 | 75 |
| Rapier | 2 | 1D6 | 4 | -1 -1 | 12gp | \$400 \$200 | 75 50 |
| Sabre | 3 | 1D6+1 | 6 | -1 -1 | 12gp 10gp | \$200 \$200 | 40 |
| Scimitar | 4 | 1D6+1 1D6+1 | 7 | -1 -1 | ٥, | \$200 \$300 | 35 |
| Short Sword | 3 | 1D6+1 1D6 | 4 | 0 | 8gp 6gp | \$300 \$150 | 30 |
| | | | - | | mage per point of | | |

¹ Players not meeting the required ST subtract 1 from the SRS and damage per point of ST they are below the required level.

Ranged Weapons:

| | | | | | | | Range | | | Cost | |
|-------------|------|------|--------|-------|-----|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|--------|
| | Wt | | | Dam- | | | | | Fant- | | Barter |
| Weapon | (kg) | Ammo | ROF | age | Acc | Short | Eff | Max | asy | Modern | Units |
| Blowgun | 2 | 1 | 1 in 2 | 1D2 | -1 | n/a | 8m | 20m | 1gp | \$50 | 5 |
| Bow | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Comp. Long | 4 | | 1 | 1D6+1 | -1 | 12m | 48m | 120m | 90gp | \$300 | 60 |
| Comp. Short | 3 | | | 1D6 | 0 | 9m | 36m | 90m | 70gp | \$200 | 40 |
| Long | 4 | | | 1D6+1 | -2 | 12m | 48m | 120m | 70gp | \$500 | 50 |
| Short | 3 | | | 1D6 | 0 | 8m | 30m | 75m | 50gp | \$250 | 30 |
| Crossbow | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | | Range | | Cost | | | |
|-----------------|------|---------|--------|-------|-----|-------|------|--------|-------|---------------|--------|
| | Wt | | | Dam- | | | | | Fant- | | Barter |
| Weapon | (kg) | Ammo | ROF | age | Acc | Short | Eff | Max | asy | Modern | Units |
| Light | 4 | | 1 in 3 | 1D6 | 0 | 9m | 36m | 90m | 40gp | \$150 | 40 |
| Heavy | 6 | | 1 in 4 | 2D6-1 | -1 | 12m | 48m | 120m | 70gp | \$250 | 60 |
| Hand | 1 | | 1 in 3 | 1D3 | -2 | n/a | 6m | 20m | 80gp | \$100 | 40 |
| Thrown | | 1 | | | | | | | - Oi | , | |
| Axe | 4 | | 1 | 1D6 | -1 | n/a | 4m | 10m | see | see | see |
| Club | 2 | | 1 | 1D3 | -1 | n/a | 4m | 10m | above | above | above |
| Dagger | 1/2 | | 1 | 1D2 | -1 | n/a | 4m | 10m | | | |
| Knife | 1/2 | | 1 | 1D3 | 0 | n/a | 4m | 10m | | | |
| Javelin | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1D6 | 0 | 5m | 20m | 50m | 1gp | \$150 | 10 |
| Sling | 1/4 | 1 | 1 | 1D2 | -2 | n/a | 12m | 30m | 5cp | \$20 | 2 |
| Staff Sling | 4 | 1 | | 1D3 | -2 | 5m | 20m | 50m | 5sp | \$50 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pistols | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .22 | 1/2 | 2 | 2 | 2D6-3 | -2 | n/a | 4m | 10m | n/a | \$100 | 80 |
| .32 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2D6-1 | -2 | 8m | 32m | 80m | | \$200 | 120 |
| .357 Mag | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3D6-1 | -1 | 10m | 40m | 100m | | \$400 | 250 |
| .38 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 3D6-3 | -2 | 8m | 32m | 80m | | \$250 | 180 |
| .40 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 3D6-2 | -1 | 9m | 36m | 90m | | \$400 | 250 |
| .44 Mag | 3 | 6 | 2 | 4D6 | -2 | 10m | 40m | 100m | | \$500 | 300 |
| .45 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 3D6-1 | -1 | 9m | 36m | 90m | | \$400 | 220 |
| 9mm | 2 | 10+ | 2 | 2D6+1 | -1 | 9m | 36m | 90m | | \$350 | 200 |
| Rifles | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .22 LR | 3 | 1 to 10 | 2 | 2D6-2 | -1 | 20m | 80m | 200m | n/a | \$150 | 150 |
| 5.56 mm | 6 | 6 to 30 | 2, 4 | 3D6 | 0 | 45m | 180m | 450m | | \$500 | 500 |
| 7.62 mm | 7 | 6 to 30 | 2, 4 | 3D6+2 | -1 | 50m | 200m | 500m | | \$500 | 500 |
| 7.62 sniper | 8 | 20 | 2 | 3D6+2 | +1 | 90m | 360m | 900m | | \$1,000 | 1,000 |
| .30 carbine | 5 | 20 | 2, 4 | 2D6+1 | -1 | 30m | 120m | 300m | | \$350 | 300 |
| .303 | 7 | 1 to 4 | 2 | 3D6+2 | 0 | 45m | 180m | 450m | | \$400 | 350 |
| .375 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3D6+5 | +1 | 50m | 200m | 500m | | \$600 | 500 |
| .50 light fifty | 10 | 10 | 1 | 6D6 | -2 | 70m | 280m | 700m | | \$1,500 | 1,000 |
| SMG | | | | | | | | | | | |
| .32 | 3 | 20 | 4 | 2D6-1 | -2 | 10m | 40m | 100m | n/a | \$350 | 400 |
| 9mm | 4 | 30 | 4 | 2D6+1 | -1 | 15m | 60m | 150m | | \$400 | 500 |
| .45 | 4 | 30 | 4 | 3D6-1 | -1 | 15m | 60m | 150m | | \$450 | 600 |
| Shotgun | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Standard | 5 | 1 to 6 | 2 | 4D6 | 0 | 8m | 32m | 80m | n/a | \$350 | 500 |
| Sawed Off | 4 | 1 to 6 | 2 | 3D6+2 | +1 | 4m | 16m | 40m | | \$350 | 500 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Laser | | | | | | | | | , | Future: | , |
| Pistol | 3 | 50 | 2 | 1D6+3 | +1 | 30m | 120m | 300m | n/a | \$1,500 | n/a |
| Rifle | 10 | 100 | 2 | 2D6+3 | +2 | 200m | 800m | 2,000m | | \$3,000 | |
| Blaster | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Plasma Gun) | | _ | | 500 | | 00 | 0.0 | 000 | / | #0 000 | |
| Pistol | 3 | 8 | 2 | 5D6 | 0 | 20m | 80m | 200m | n/a | \$2,000 | n/a |
| Rifle | 7 | 40 | 2 | 5D6 | 0 | 100m | 400m | 1,000m | | \$5,000 | |

ROF indicates number of shots that can be fired per action.

Lasers fire focused light with the main advantage that they have a great range, suffer no shot penalty for each additional shot (though they suffer cumulative SRS decrease across actions), and large ammo supply.

Lasers do not inflict the 20% damage due to shock, etc. They only inflict damage that exceeds the armor points of the target.

Plasma guns fire blasts of extremely hot charged plasma and operate as modern ranged weapons.

Armor

| | | | Mod | ifiers | | Cost | | |
|---------|------------------|-------|-----|--------|-------|-------|--------|----------|
| | | Armor | | | Fant- | Mod- | Barter | |
| Time | Name | Value | ST | AG | asy | ern | Units | Comments |
| Fantasy | Padded | 3 | 0 | -1 | 4gp | \$80 | 20 | |
| | Leather | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6gp | \$200 | 40 | |
| | Hardened Leather | 5 | 0 | -1 | 15gp | \$300 | 50 | |
| | Ring Mail | 7 | -1 | -2 | 80gp | n/a | n/a | |
| | Scale Mail | 9 | -2 | -2 | 100gp | n/a | n/a | |
| | Chain Mail | 11 | -1 | -2 | 150gp | n/a | n/a | |
| | Banded Mail | 13 | -2 | -2 | 120gp | n/a | n/a | |
| | Plate Mail | 15 | -3 | -2 | 500gp | n/a | n/a | |

| | Full Plate | 17 | -4 | -3 | 2,000gp | n/a | n/a | |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----|----|------------|----------------|----------|----------------------------|
| | Buckler Large Shield | n/a n/a | 0 | 0 | 2gp 5gp | \$100 \$200 | 30 50 | Light Cover Heavy Cover |
| Modern | Light Kevlar | 7 | 0 | -1 | n/a | \$150 | 50 | • |
| | Reinforced Kevlar | 11 | -1 | -2 | n/a | \$500 | 150 | |
| | Body Armor | 15 | -2 | -3 | n/a | \$1500 | 1,000 | |
| Future | Ablative Armor | 7/14 ¹ | -1 | -2 | n/a | \$200 | n/a | Future only |
| | Reflective Armor | 7 ² | 0 | 0 | n/a | \$200 | n/a | |
| | Body Armor | 13 | -1 | -1 | n/a | \$2500 | n/a | |
| | (Advanced) | | | | | | | |
| | Powered Armor | 30 ³ | +10 | 0 | n/a | \$50K | n/a | |

Modifiers indicate AG and ST penalties incurred from wearing the armor.

1 14 against lasers and blasters, 7 against all other attacks.

2 7 against lasers only.

3 No 20% damage is experienced, only damage exceeding 30 points.

Powered armor has the equivalent of 10 structure points.

Powered armor experiences critical hit effects only for points exceeding 30.

14. Drugs

In fantasy campaigns, drugs take the form of medicinal plants, brewed potions, or some other concoction. In present day and future campaigns drugs are available as oral pills, patches or injections. Patches are usually more expensive than others, but also more handy.

Most powerful drugs cause addictions and can lead into psychosis if they are used too much and for too long. This is especially true with various combat drug, pain killers and healing drugs.

Poison Antidote/Reversing Agents
Strength Booster (5 minutes/dose)
Agility Booster (5 minutes/dose)
Dexterity Booster (5 minutes/dose)
Dexterity Booster (5 minutes/dose)
Healing Accelerators (twice healing per day)

\$100-\$500
\$300/dose/level
\$500/dose/level

| S300/dose/level |
| Intelligence Booster (1 hour/dose) | \$1000/dose/level |
| Perception Booster (1/2 hour/dose) | \$200/dose/level |
| Stimulants (12 hours/dose) | \$10/dose |
| Antibiotics (24 hours/dose) | \$10/dose |
| Antivirals (24 hours/dose) | \$50/dose |
| Recreational Drugs | varies

All boosters have rebound effects that last twice the duration of the drug, equal to the drug effect. E.g. a +2 strength booster used for 5 minutes has a -2 ST rebound lasting for 10 minutes.

All drugs have potential for addiction based on WP roll. GM must decide.

15. Cyberware

In futuristic campaigns, players may have access to various cyberware implants and modifications. These are available in cyberpunk of science fiction games.

Cyberware modifications carry various reductions in base statistics due to the psychological and physical impact of the implantation.

| Implant | Description | Impact | Cost |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Replacement eye | Standard | +1 PE, -1 AP, -1 WP | \$40,000 |
| Light amplifying | Allows night vision | | +\$8,000 up to 2 |
| Thermal | Allows infrared | | +\$8,000 additional |
| Camera | Simple pictures | | +\$4,000 effects max. |
| VCR | Video recording | | +\$8,000 |
| Telescope | x30 | | +\$12,000 |
| Microscope | x50 | | +\$12,000 |
| Flash blocker | Prevents blinding | | +\$6,000 |
| Replacement Hearing | Standard | +1 PE, -1 WP | \$15,000 |
| Amplifier | x3 amplification | | +\$4,000 |
| Filter | filters out noise | | +\$6,000 |
| Recorder | record sound | | +\$2,000 |
| Radio Receiver | | | +\$4,000 |
| Sound Dampening | prevents deafening | | +\$1,000 |
| Neurological | increase statistics by jumping | | |
| Strength Booster | system. | -1 WP and boosters have | \$5,000/level |
| Agility Booster | all statistics can be increased | rebound effect after they are | \$8.000/level |
| Dexterity Booster | up to 3 points, never past 14. | turn off equal to duration of | \$8,000/level |
| Perception Booster | | use. | \$3,000/level |
| | Stops pain. | -1 IQ, +1 WP | , |
| Pain Stopper | Like a drug. | +1 IQ, -3 WP | \$1,000 |
| Euphoria Device | | , | \$1,000 |
| | Allows web-jockey direct | -1 WP | , ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, |
| Direct Neural | input. | | \$5,000 |
| Input (DNI) | | | 45,555 |
| Muscle Implants | | | |
| Small | +2 ST, +1 AG | -1 WP | \$15,000 |
| Heavy | +3 ST, +2 AG | -1 DX, -1WP | \$25,000 |
| Armor Implants | | | |
| 3 points | implanted kevlar materials | -1 AP | \$10,000 |
| 5 points | , | -1 AP, -1 WP | \$15,000 |
| 7 points | | -2 AP, -1 AG, -1WP | \$20,000 |
| Artificial Hand | | -1 AP, -1 WP | \$30,000 |
| w/Razor Nails | | extra -1 WP | +\$2,000 |
| w/Tool Fingers | | extra -1 DX | +\$5,000 |
| w/Gun Implant | | extra -1 DX | +\$5,000 |
| Artificial Leg | +1 ST | -1 AP, -1 WP | \$30,000 |

Example After losing an eye in an accident, Mayfair gets an replacement with normal vision and optional light intensifying capabilities. This costs \$24,000. As a result of the implant, Mayfair adds to PE and subtracts 1 from WP and AP.

16. Cyberspace

16.1 Places in Cyberspace

Cyberspace is the virtual world inside computers. It is greatly enhanced and bigger than web we know today. There exists a whole virtual world (along the lines described by Stephenson) along with the basic business computing world (which is not a virtual interface).

16.2 Actions in Cyberspace

Players can take various actions beside interacting with people in cyberspace.

Actions in Cyberspace are similar to those in actual combat. Players may take one action every 30 seconds. If the players do not succeed at an action, they may try again at one higher level of difficulty.

In the Freestyle rules, the cost of software and computer hardware is high. It reasonable to allow the players to rent software/hardware in the future. (Just like you can rent game cartridges these days). However the GM might want to make the software and/or hardware cheaper.

Combat-type actions in cyberspace involve infiltrating computer systems, stealing files, and taking control of remote computer-operated systems.

Any time a player takes an action, he risks being detected. The GM will decide what action the NPCs takes upon discovering the illicit activity. The target of action automatically rolls a detection roll whenever he is the target of an action.

Players may take all of the following actions. The GM can modify the basic difficulty of the task based on the following table:

| Passive Actions (Programming Code) | Description | General Difficulty | Detection Likelihood |
|---|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Find other user (Find) | Locates the area of activity of another user. | -4 | 6 |
| Trace other user (Trace) | Once another user is located, this allows the web-jockey to trace there movement on the web. | -2 | 4 |
| Locate Access Point (Find) | Once another user is located, this allows the web-jockey to locate the physical connection. | 0 | 5 |
| Ease Drop on Other User (Trace) | Once a user is located, the web- jockey can monitor their activity. This action also applies to monitoring telephones, cameras, etc., after entering a site. | 4 | 3 |
| Find specify site (Find) | Locates a specific computer site | -6 | 6 |
| Find file/information (Find) | Locates information in a non- protected site | 0 on web, up to 7 if hidden. | 4 |
| Detect Intruder (Security) | Identifies intruder attempting to enter web-jockey's own system. | 3 | 5 |
| Block Intruder (Security) | Stops intruder, but only works if an system intruder has not by- passed the security | 3 | 2 |
| Detect Detection (ECM) | Allows web-jockey to check if he/she's being traced. | 3 | 3 |
| Elude Detection (ECM) | Allows web-jockey to shake a tracer. | 3 | 4 |
| By pass security (Infiltrate) | Allows entry into a secure site | 4 | 4 |
| Copy file/Read file (Remote OS) | Allows web-jockey to examine or download a file | 0 | 0 to 7, depends upon file size |
| Modify, Delete, or Edit file (Remote OS) | Allows web-jockey to alter a file | 2 | 3 |
| Execute or assume control of an application (Remote OS) | Allows web-jockey to run or assume control a program on a secure system. | 4 | 2 |
| Assume control of Operating System (Remote OS) | Allows web-jockey to taker over OS making all decisions about system. | 7 | 1 |
| Disconnect Other User (ECM) | Allows web-jockey to abruptly disconnect an offending user. | 6 | Automatic. |
| Disrupt Other User (ECM) | Allows web-jockey to disrupt current activity of the another user for 1D6 turns. | 4 | 2 |

The GM may modify the difficulty at any time. E.g. the webjockey already knows the location of a user's activity, etc.

Total SRS for web-jockey actions are found by

- Starting with the Computer Science skill of the Web-Jockey
- Adding the strength of the software (a computer must be of at least the same level of the software to run the application).
- Subtracting the difficulty level.

 Subtracting the defensive capability of the target. (Often none or Web-Jockey Skill + Defensive Software Value).

Detection actions are found by

- Starting with the Computer Science skill of the Target Web-Jockey
- Adding the stealth level of the software (a computer must be of at least the same level of the software to run the application).

3. Subtracting the software level and skill of the opposing web-jockey.

All software is rated for the strengths in any or all of the codes, stealth level, and resource use. NOTE, not all software does not have all operations. For example, an infiltration program might have ECM 3, Find 3, and Infiltrate 5, Remote OS 5.

A computer can run 10 times its level in programs at any one time. A program's resources is equal to the sum of its total capabilities. E.g. the program above uses 16 units of a computers power. Different programs can be closed and started every turn.

NOTE - software degrades every two months due to the constant upgrades ongoing in the world. So, strength 8 hardware one month has only 7 strength the next month.

Hardware degrades similarly every 6 months.

The GM should jazz up the actions/interaction as desired.

Software can be of any level, as well as can computers, but there are usually cost prohibitions and availability issues.

SIMPLIFICATION OPTION: The GM can simply abstract the whole process to one or two rolls based solely on player skill. For example, infiltrating the site and getting the data files is a level 2 difficulty task.

Example

Bert has located a site belonging to an enclave he has been trying to gather information on. He only has an old computer running class 4 infiltration software and he is of skill level 3. The host computer has 6 level security software and the night monitor only has a skill level of 3

On the first try to infiltrate the site, Bert has a difficulty level of 4 (software) + 3 (skill) - 4 (infiltrate action) - 6 (security software) - 3 (monitor skill) = -6. He will get into the system on a roll of 3-5. Bert rolls a 8 and fails to get in on this turn. The system user fails to detect Bert's infiltration attempt.

Bert can try again at a -7 resolution roll level, but decides he will upgrade his software rather than risk detection.

17. Monsters and Non-Player Characters

17.1 Designing Monsters and NPCs

This section lays out basic information that is required when designing monsters for the game. In general, the GM should decide how much information he will require. For NPCs, the GM should specify major skill levels.

Appendix 4 and Appendix 5 contain numerous fantasy monsters and undead.

Going through the steps presented in section 17.2 may also be useful.

The following provides a minimum of information:

Description: How the creature looks, its size, and

distinguishing traits.

Hit Points: Average number of hit points, number

of D6 of hit points, or a range of hit

oints.

Armor: Any armor, natural or otherwise.
Combat Speed: Number or range of values.
Movement/Action: Number of meters the monsters moves per turn (people usually

moves per turn (people usually average 6m/action).

Attacks/Damage Types of attacks and amount of

damage the cause.

modifiers associated with attacks.

Special Abilities This includes any special strengths or

weaknesses.

Example 1: A JackCat is a feline like predator brought to Symmetry. It lives in the jungles of Velox and travels in small packs of 2-4 animals. A JackCat weighs about 100kg and attacks with two claws in

a given round. Its attributes are:

Hit Points: 20+6D6 (Average 41)

Armor: 3 points natural Combat Speed: 9

Movement/Action: 8m/16m

Attacks: 2 claws per attack (1D6+2/claw) or 1 bite

or 2D6

Attack Modifiers: +2 with both claws or +4 with

one bite

Special abilities: Experiences 3xDamage from

Cold Attacks

Example 2: Town Guard: a typical small town guard on Symmetry. These types of soldiers are typically low paid and not well trained. The level of competency on borders or high risk areas will be higher.

Hit Points: 6D6*1.5 (average 32)

Armor: Leather (3) to Gila Leather (7), sometimes

with small shield Combat Speed: 7

Movement/Action: 6m/12m

Attacks: Spear (2D6) or Sword (2D6+1)

Attack Modifiers: Skill level 2 (no attribute bonus)

Special abilities: None

17.2 (Semi-)Random Monster Generation

Simply construct an animal by stepping through the chart, making a decision or rolling dice at any point in time.

1. Type (how the creature survives)

| Roll (3D6) | Туре |
|------------|---|
| 3-12 | "Herbivore" or any type of animal that does not eat other animals for food. For instance, living crystal creatures that gain life energy from star light would be considered in this class of creature. |
| 13-14 | "Carnivore" or any type of creature that survives off of other higher creatures. Wolves, vampires, T-Rex etc. |
| 15-18 | "Omnivore" or any type of creature that survives by using both methods. |

2. Size (Hit Points)

| | | | Base Movement | Max. Damage Multiplier (Used Below) |
|------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Roll (3D6) | Descriptor | Hit Points | per Action | , |
| 3-4 | Tiny | 1D6 | 4m | 2 |
| 5-6 | Small (<1/4 Human Size) | 2D6 | 6m | 4 |
| 7-8 | Medium (1/2 Human Size) | 3D6 | 8m | 6 |
| 9-10 | Human Size | 4D6 | 12m | 8 |
| 11-12 | Large (2x Human Size) | 6D6 | 16m | 10 |
| 13-14 | Very Large (4x Human Size) | 8D6 | 20m | 12 |
| 15 | 500 kg | 10D6 | 24m | 14 |
| 16 | 750 kg | 16D6 | 28m | 16 |
| 17 | 1000 kg | 20D6 | 36m | 20 |
| 18 | GM decision | ? | ? | ? |

3. Armor

Roll 3D6-7, round down to nearest odd number >3. Negative values = 0.

4. Legs, Arms, Tentacles, Wings, Etc.

Determining the distribution of limbs requires two rolls: (1) determine the total number of limbs, then the number of legs/arms/wings/feelers (GM decision on type). For water creatures legs = fins.

| Roll (3D6) | # of Limbs | Distribution of Arms (2D6) |
|------------|------------|---|
| 3-5 | None | NA |
| 6 | 1 | Always feeler, tentacle, or prehensile tail |
| 7-8 | 2 | 2-10 legs, 11-12 arms/feelers |
| 9 | 3 | 2 no arms, 3-11 2 legs, 12 no legs |
| 10-14 | 4 | 2-9 no arms, 10-12 2 arms |
| 15-16 | 6 | 2-7 no arms, 9-10 2 arms, 11-12 4 arms |
| 17 | 8 | 2-7 no arms, 9-10 2 arms, 11-12 4 arms |
| 18 | many | 2-8 no arms, 9-12 GM decision on arms |

5. Combat Speed

Roll 2D6 for non-carnivores and 2D6+2 for carnivores. GM can adjust as needed.

6. Movement Speed per Action

Larger creatures and creatures with more legs move faster. This formula can be used as a guideline to get Total Speed per action.

| | | Base Speed | | | | | | | | |
|------------|----|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| # of Limbs | 4m | 6m | 8m | 10m | 12m | 16m | 20m | 24m | 28m | 36m |
| No Legs | 2m | 3m | 4m | 5m | 6m | 8m | 10m | 12m | 15m | 18m |
| 2 Legs | 4m | 6m | 8m | 10m | 12m | 16m | 20m | 24m | 28m | 36m |
| 4 Legs | 5m | 8m | 10m | 13m | 15m | 20m | 25m | 30m | 35m | 45m |
| 6 Legs | 6m | 9m | 12m | 15m | 18m | 24m | 30m | 36m | 42m | 54m |
| 8+ Legs | 5m | 8m | 10m | 13m | 15m | 20m | 25m | 30m | 35m | 45m |

Optionally also adjust speed by

Combat Speed <6 $\times \frac{1}{2}$ Combat Speed >9 $\times \frac{1}{4}$

7. Attacks/Attack Skill Level

An animal may have multiple attack methods (roll 1D3 if desired).

First roll on this table to determine the type of attack (Carnivores get a +2 roll modifier):

| Roll (2D6) | Attack | Maximum Damage Multiplier | SRS Attack Level ¹ |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 | Kick | X½ | 1D6-1 |
| 3 | Trampling | x1¼ | 1D6-3 |
| 4-5 | Horns/Ramming | x1 | 1D6-2 |
| 6-9 | Bite | x1¼ | 1D6+1 |
| 10-12+ | Claw | x1 | 1D6 |

Carnivores +1 to +3 on GM decision.

Multiply the Max. Damage multiplier obtained above by the type of attack and convert to damage dice using the following table

| Maximum | Damage | Maximum | Damage |
|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| Damage | Dice | Damage | Dice |
| 1-2 | 1D3-1 | 13-15 | 2D6+2 |
| 3 | 1D3 | 16-18 | 3D6 |
| 4-5 | 1D6-1 | 19-21 | 3D6+2 |
| 6-7 | 1D6 | 21-24 | 4D6 |
| 8-9 | 1D6+2 | 25-30 | 5D6 |
| 10-12 | 2D6 | +6. | +1D6 |

8. Descriptors

The GM should pick these to fit the environment and animal.

Skin: Fur, Scales, Reptilian, Slimy, etc.

Intelligence: Primitive Actions are based entirely on programmed reactions. No random action is possible.

E.g. if they see food they must immediately pursue it.

Animal Typical animal reactions. Capable of working in packs and waiting for the best time to

attack. Will retreat if severely damaged or out numbered, etc.

Semi-intelligent Capable of communicating simple ideas and using simple tools.

Intelligent Human level intelligence or more, though may have only primitive technology or no

technology at all.

Aggression: Likelihood of engaging in combat.

Tail or no Tail

Carbon based (like us), energy based, silicon based, or other exotic life form.

Plant or animal or exotic.

Oxygen breathing or other

Hooves, hands, pads, etc.

Flight or no flight.

Range: water, swamp, desert, temperate, jungle, etc.

Modus operandi: loner or pack animal, uses stealth or strength or both, sets traps or pursues, scavenger, etc.

9. Special Attacks/Defenses

GM should pick logical items as they desire.

Burrowing Animal burrows into the ground as defensive measure or to obtain surprise in attacks.

Camouflage Animal has extraordinary ability to blend into its environment. Makes detection rolls 4-6

levels more difficult.

Climbing Excellent climber and/or tree dweller.

Cold Generation Capable of generating cold attacks and immune to such attacks.

Disease Carrier Touch or bite from this creature causes disease.

Energy Creature Does not have a body, but exists as energy. Immune to most physical attacks and can

go through walls, etc.

Extra Armor Has additional armor points. Usually will have hardened plates, tough skin, etc.

Extra Damage Does additional damage for its size.

Extra Speed Increases meters/phase or increased combat speed.

Extra Attack Skill Superior attack skill: added to SRS skill.

Fire/Heat Generation Can create heat or fire attacks and is immune to such attacks itself.

Flight Can fly.

Immunities While not having special attacks, creatures can be immune to poison, energy attacks,

cold attacks, slashing attacks, etc.

Magic Capable of using magic or resistant to magic.

Mimicry/Shape Changing Capable of changing shape and possibly impersonating the player. Also possible to be

like werewolves, changing into more dangerous forms.

Poison Poison attack.

Regeneration Regenerate hit points or limbs very rapidly.

Radioactive People around the creature suffer damage from radioactivity or energy emissions,

regardless of being attacked.

Special Attack Some special form of attack. Example: a barbed tongue on a giant frog.

Spray Animal sprays acid or scent to ward off attackers.

17.3 Non-Humans

Most science-fiction and fantasy RPGs are filled with other intelligent non-human species. Many of these can be played by players. This section details examples of human derived and non-human characters from Freestyle test campaigns.

Dwarves

Dwarves are stout hearty humanoids topping out around 4 feet tall. They live in caverns and tunnels they build. Dwarves are often master craftsmen, especially for metal working. Dwarves can see well in low light levels. They often have long beards.

Dwarves are notorious for their love of gold and gems.

Dwarves should receive PE bonuses in low light levels relative to humans.

Dwarves have a -1 modifier to MA. Dwarves get a +2 skill modifier on skills that involve mining, construction, digging, craftsmanship.

Range of Statistics for the Dwarves

| Statistic | Dwarf |
|-----------|-------|
| ST | 5-12 |
| DX | 2-11 |
| AG | 2-10 |
| HT | 6-12 |

| Statistic | Dwarf |
|-----------------|-------|
| IQ | 2-12 |
| WP | 3-11 |
| CH | 3-11 |
| AP | 2-12 |
| PE | 4-12 |
| Average: | |
| HP | 37 |
| CS | 6 |
| MA | 6 |
| SP ¹ | 34 |

¹ Excluding skill

Dwarves have no natural armor, but often wear heavy armor.

Elves

Elves are all tall slim humanoids. They have an affinity to magic and are generally good natured. They are less heavily built than humans, but faster and more agile.

Elves are often attuned to nature and natural environments. Elves tend to favor living in wooded areas and dislike extensive time underground.

Elves receive a +2 bonus to MA. Elves are skilled with bows and get a +1 SRS to all bow attacks.

Range of Statistics for the Elves

| Statistic | Mantrax |
|-----------------|---------|
| ST | 3-13 |
| DX | 2-12 |
| AG | 4-14 |
| HT | 4-9 |
| IQ | 2-12 |
| WP | 2-12 |
| CH | 2-12 |
| AP | 2-12 |
| PE | 2-12 |
| Average: | |
| HP | 34 |
| CS | 8 |
| MA | 7 |
| SP ¹ | 32 |

¹ Excluding skill

Halflings

Halflings are small humanoids no more than 3 feet tall given to being somewhat hairier than humans. They are stocky and hearty folk that prefer a quiet life.

Halflings can see well in the dark and get +2 PE modifier relative to humans in those settings.

Halflings are exceptionally quiet and get a +4 Stealth modifier. Halflings are not magically inclined and receive a -1 MA modifier.

Due to their size, Halflings move 4m less per combat phase than humans (2m less at half speed).

Range of Statistics for the Halflings

| Statistic | Mantrax |
|-----------|---------|
| ST | 1-8 |

| Statistic | Mantrax |
|-----------|---------|

| Average: | |
|-----------------|----|
| HP | 37 |
| CS | 6 |
| MA | 6 |
| SP ¹ | 34 |

¹ Excluding skill

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|-----------|---------|
| | |

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|-----------------|---------|
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| AG | 2-12 |
| HT | 2-12 |
| IQ | 2-12 |
| WP | 2-10 |
| CH | 2-12 |
| AP | 212 |
| PE | 2-12 |
| Average: | |
| HP | 24 |
| CS | 7 |
| MA | 6 |
| SP ¹ | 30 |

¹ Excluding skill

Humans

Humans are the most prevalent of the major intelligent races of in most game worlds. Humans, Brill, and Dru'upp were the original races involved in the terraforming of Symmetry. Various other reasons explain the partial dominance: breeding rates, favor from the Illuminated, and luck.

There are actually a number of human types on Symmetry. Genetic engineering became a big facet of life for over 3000 years. This has created plenty of variation in the standard human, but also some complete types of new beings. The few variations are:

Thralls - 7-8' giants of muscle. Thralls tend to be physically slow and non-aggressive, though massively strong. Thralls were modified for high gravity worlds.

Night Children - Adapted to low gravity worlds with low light conditions. They have night vision capabilities and improved agility/dexterity. Night Children are weaker and have poor endurance relative to normal humans.

Water Walkers - Adapted to work at sea, Water Walkers have 2nd eye lids, very large lungs, and webbed hands. They are excellent swimmers, but pay penalties for moving on regular land.

Range of Statistics in Humans

| | Standard | | Night | Water |
|-----------------|----------|--------|----------|---------|
| Statistic | Human | Thrall | Children | Walkers |
| ST | 2-12 | 9-14 | 3-8 | 2-12 |
| DX | 2-12 | 2-7 | 3-13 | 4-9 |
| AG | 2-12 | 4-9 | 2-12 | 4-14 |
| HT | 2-12 | 8-13 | 3-8 | 3-13 |
| IQ | 2-12 | 4-9 | 2-12 | 2-12 |
| WP | 2-12 | 2-12 | 2-12 | 2-12 |
| CH | 2-12 | 1-6 | 2-12 | 4-9 |
| AP | 2-12 | 3-5 | 2-12 | 3-9 |
| PE | 2-12 | 4-9 | 3-13 | 2-12 |
| Average: | | | | |
| HP | 32 | 44 | 27 | 33 |
| CS | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| MA | 7 | 5 | 7 | 7 |
| SP ¹ | 32 | 36 | 30 | 33 |

¹ Excluding skill

Thralls have a natural armor value of 3 pts for the hide like skin.

The Little Ones - Neutral to Man

The Little Ones had extensive contact with man prior to his achieving the ability for interstellar travel. Unfortunately, they were not always so respectful on their clandestine visits to Earth. The Little Ones reside alongside humans though some other races will not tolerate them. The Little Ones tend to not be good socially and can be rather inscrutable.

One strength of the Little Ones is that they are consummate traders and may possess useful information. They do not like to take risks themselves, but may join adventures is they desire some object or a big payoff is involved.

Range of Statistics in Little Ones

| | Little |
|-----------------|--------|
| | |
| Statistic | One |
| ST | 3-5 |
| DX | 3-13 |
| AG | 2-12 |
| HT | 4-9 |
| IQ | 2-12 |
| WP | 5-10 |
| CH | 4-9 |
| AP | 2-7 |
| PE | 3-13 |
| Average: | |
| HP | 24 |
| CS | 8 |
| MA _. | 7 |
| SP ¹ | 32 |

¹ Excluding skill

The Brill - Friendly to Man

The Brill are deep red skinned bipeds, very sociable, relatively handsome, and very intelligent. Larger than man and stronger, they usually seek the most diplomatic wait out of any fight (though they are capable fighters). The Brill are famous as bureaucrats, messengers, and entertainers. They keep long heads of black hair in dread-locs. Some are great magicians.

The Brill participate in human society in some nations. They do not generally keep separate enclaves unless desired, though they may have several houses together.

Range of Statistics for the Brill

| Statistic | Brill |
|-----------------|-------|
| ST | 3-13 |
| DX | 2-12 |
| AG | 2-12 |
| HT | 3-13 |
| IQ | 2-12 |
| WP | 2-12 |
| CH | 3-13 |
| AP | 2-12 |
| PE | 2-12 |
| Average: | |
| HP | 35 |
| CS | 7 |
| MA | 7 |
| SP ¹ | 33 |

¹ Excluding skill

Brill have 3 points of natural armor.

The Ethyril - Friendly to Man

The Ethyril are a plant people. The have 4 legs and 4 arms around stump like bodies which give them a spider like appearance. Their eyes and ears are on separate pods. The can unravel large leave structures to absorb energy from the sun. Slow in general, they are great farmers and are highly valued members of many communities.

The Ethyril are as intelligent as many other races, but remain aloof and slow to respond.

They can also communicate through pheromones and can be aware of very distance happenings (at least in a general sense).

Ethyril are very poor fighters and extremely susceptible to physical attack. They do not reside in northern climes.

Range of Statistics for the Ethyril

| | 1.11 |
|-----------------|--------|
| | Little |
| Statistic | One |
| ST | 3-9 |
| DX | 1-3 |
| AG | 1-3 |
| HT | 11-16 |
| IQ | 2-12 |
| WP | 7-12 |
| CH | 2-4 |
| AP | 1-3 |
| PE | 3-8 |
| Average: | |
| HP | 44 |
| CS | 4 |
| MA | 6 |
| SP ¹ | 45 |

¹ Excluding skill

Ethyril have no natural armor.

Katran - Neutral/Inimical to Man

The Katran consist of three varieties of lizard men. The first two are generally neutral and sometimes friendly to man. The desert variety is less common and smaller than the jungle Katran. They two species are quite different socially, though both possess good fighting skills. The Katran have a unique set of emissaries from the Illuminated and have a different relationship than do humans. There are Katran magic users and clerics as for humans. The jungle Katran are more war like and less interested in technology than the more nomadic desert Katran.

The last type are the Black Katran. This variety is more warlike than their brethen and hostile to man. They reside in various city states and enclaves. Some are fierce pirates. Their governments are generally family/clan based and they remember dark deeds done against them for generations.

Range of Statistics for the Katran

| Statistic | Common | Desert | Black |
|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
| ST | 4-14 | 2-12 | 4-14 |

| Statistic | Common | Desert | Black |
|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|
| DX | 4-9 | 4-9 | 4-9 |
| AG | 4-9 | 2-12 | 2-12 |
| HT | 6-11 | 2-12 | 6-11 |
| IQ | 4-9 | 2-12 | 4-9 |
| WP | 4-9 | 2-12 | 4-9 |
| CH | 3-8 | 2-12 | 3-8 |
| AP | 2-4 | 4-6 | 2-4 |
| PE | 3-8 | 2-12 | 3-13 |
| Average: | | | |
| HP | 35 | 32 | 35 |
| CS | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| MA | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| SP ¹ | 33 | 33 | 33 |

Excluding skill

Common and Black Katran have 5 points of natural armor.

Desert Katran have 3 points of natural armor.

Tras-al-Tran - Neutral/Inimical to Man

Insect, ant like creatures. They live in highly structured caste societies with many types of their Tras-al-Tran. Each caste consists of a different type of creature. Many are bipedal, but not all. They do have some specialized magicians. Tras-al-Tran worship any of the Illuminated, but do have arrangements to serve some of the Illuminated that do not usually associate my man. Colonies are not located close to human enclaves. The small continent of Yantar holds the main colonies of these creatures.

In general human kind and most of the other major races have limited contact with the Tras-al-Tran. The Tras-al-Tran are simply too alien to relate to humans. The Tras-al-Tran avoid living near humankind, but they have engaged in battle with humans before.

The greater good of the Tras-al-Tran takes precedence over all concerns.

Range of Statistics for the Tras

| Statistic | Worker | Warrior | Scout | Thinker |
|-----------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| ST | 5-7 | 8-10 | 5-7 | 3-5 |
| DX | 3-5 | 3-5 | 4-9 | 5-10 |
| AG | 4-6 | 5-7 | 8-10 | 3-5 |
| HT | 8-10 | 9-11 | 6-8 | 4-6 |
| IQ | 1 | 2-4 | 4-6 | 7-9 |
| WP | na-7 | na-7 | na-7 | 9-11 |
| CH | na-2 | na-2 | na-4 | 3-5 |
| AP | na | na | na | 1-3 |
| PE | 2-4 | 5-7 | 7-9 | 7-9 |
| Average: | | | | |
| HP | 33 | 39 | 31 | 30 |
| CS | 4 | 6 | 9 | 6 |
| MA | na | na | na | 7 |
| SP ¹ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 |

¹ Excluding skill

Worker and Scout Tras have 3 points of natural armor

Warrior Tras have 5 points of natural armor.

Thinker Tras have no natural armor.

Mantrax - Neutral to Man

The Mantrax are praying mantis like insects 7-9' tall. They are loners and wanders. Marvelous hand-to-hand fighters. Capable of flight and great leaps. They possess 4 legs and two arms. Highly intelligent and long-lived. The Mantrax are nomadic, and rarely stay together in groups larger than fifty to one hundred. They are actually vegetarians. It is not uncommon to find a long Mantrax on some mission or other.

Range of Statistics for the Mantrax

| Statistic | Mantrax |
|-----------------|---------|
| ST | 3-13 |
| DX | 2-12 |
| AG | 4-14 |
| HT | 4-9 |
| IQ | 2-12 |
| WP | 2-12 |
| CH | 2-12 |
| AP | 2-12 |
| PE | 2-12 |
| Average: | |
| HP | 34 |
| CS | 8 |
| MA | 7 |
| SP ¹ | 32 |

¹ Excluding skill

Mantrax have 5 points of natural armor.

The Dru'upp - Friendly to Man

The Dru'upp are lanky amphibian bipeds ranging from 4' to 7' tall. They possess a big head, large eyes, and are long limbed. The Dru'upp are great sailors and swamp dwellers (they do not abide in northern climes). They often possess enclaves close to human cities, but are usually not part of human society except as traders and workers. There are exceptions.

Range of Statistics for the Dru'upp

| Statistic | Dru'upp |
|-----------------|---------|
| ST | 3-13 |
| DX | 4-9 |
| AG | 2-12 |
| HT | 2-12 |
| IQ | 5-10 |
| WP | 5-10 |
| CH | 3-8 |
| AP | 2-6 |
| PE | 2-12 |
| Average: | |
| HP | 35 |
| CS | 7 |
| MA _. | 7 |
| SP ¹ | 33 |

¹ Excluding skill

Dru'upp have no natural armor.

Jappa - Inimical to Man

Now nomadic mammalian bipeds 4-5' tall. These thickish creatures are covered with rough fur. They were actually brought during the cleansing by one of the Greater Illuminated name Kafsu. The Jappa were promptly licked by the humans they encountered and have been harboring a bad grudge since then. Not technically or very magically inclined they make up for it in numbers. They have several strongholds with primitive and nasty feudal societies, from which they sometimes launch attacks on man. They survive well in all climates.

Range of Statistics for the Jappa

| 01-11-11- | 1 | | |
|-----------------|-------|--|--|
| Statistic | Jappa | | |
| ST | 2-7 | | |
| DX | 2-12 | | |
| AG | 2-12 | | |
| HT | 3-8 | | |
| IQ | 3-8 | | |
| WP | 3-8 | | |
| CH | 2-7 | | |
| AP | 3-9 | | |
| PE | 2-12 | | |
| Average: | | | |
| HP | 22 | | |
| CS | 7 | | |
| MA | 5 | | |
| SP ¹ | 22 | | |

¹ Excluding skill

Jappas have no natural armor.

Zern - Friendly to Man

Mucous skinned 6 legged - 2 arm creatures. They are up to 10' long depending upon age. They are great magic users and scholars. Generally not known for hand to hand combat. They exist along with man, participate in some religions, and can be very useful companions.

Range of Statistics for the Zern

| Statistic | Mantrax | | |
|-----------------|---------|--|--|
| ST | 1-6 | | |
| DX | 1-6 | | |
| AG | 2-4 | | |
| HT | 2-12 | | |
| IQ | 4-14 | | |
| WP | 3-13 | | |
| CH | 2-7 | | |
| AP | 1-3 | | |
| PE | 2-23 | | |
| Average: | | | |
| HP | 27 | | |
| CS | 4 | | |
| MA | 9 | | |
| SP ¹ | 37 | | |

¹ Excluding skill

Zern have no natural armor.

18. Buildings, Structures, and Damage

In some campaigns there is a need to destroy a building, knock down a door, smash a box, or do some other damage to the environment. This is not that easy to do unless you happen to be extraordinarily strong or have some big weapons at your disposal.

These types of tasks can be handled in two ways. For small things, like breaking down a door, the GM should simply assign a difficulty level and use the standard outcome resolution system. E.g. The old door is "easy" to breakdown and the roll is modified by ST only.

For larger structures the GM needs to assign a Structure Points, which are essentially hit points for a structure. The following table can give some guideline:

| Object | Structure Points |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Car | 5 SP per 2000lbs: |
| Small Car | 5 SP |
| Van | 5-10 SP |
| Sedan | 6-10 SP |
| Limousine | 7-12 SP |
| Small Truck | 10-15 SP |
| Large Truck | 13-18 SP |
| Motorcycle | 3 SP |
| Wood Wall | 3 SP |
| Brick Wall | 7 SP |
| Cinder Block Wall | 10 SP |
| Steel Wall/Door | 10 SP / ½" thickness |
| Shack | 2 SP |
| Two Room House | 5 SP |
| /Apartment | 6-11 SP |
| Medium House | 13-18 SP+ (large buildings |
| Large House | should have various parts). |

Not all weapons can create structural damage. For example, a dagger could be used to pry apart something constructed of steel, but the steel might be impervious to innumerable dagger blows.

The GM will have to rule about the ability of a particular weapon to cause structural damage.

For melee weapons that are judged to be able to cause structural damage (e.g. a rifle), 100 damage points can be taken to be roughly equal to 1 structure point.

When a target has been destroyed when reduced to structural points equal to zero (0). However, this only implies the item is no longer functioning as it was intended. Per GM ruling, the structure may still stand or remain in pieces. For example, a car gets hit with 50 rounds of 7.62mm gun fire and is reduced to 0 structure points. The car no longer runs, but the car is still present on the battlefield.

Larger structures should be constructed of various pieces, with each piece having its own structure points. For example, the wall of a fortress may have a metal gate, two wall sections, and two embattlements. Each will have different structure points and can be targeted separately.

Explosives, catapults, rockets, bombs, and other devices can cause structural damage (See Section 19).

19. Vehicular Combat

This section covers rules for numerous types of vehicular combat. These rules are intended for science fiction and current day campaigns. No real provision is made for fantasy campaigns. The rules are intended to represent individual vehicle level combat. The rules are actually somewhat detailed and we believe a GM should abstract vehicle combat whenever possible.

Vehicles take structural damage and player characters generally only receive damage if the vehicle is destroyed. The GM may have to make judgements about stunning and knockouts.

SIMPLIFICATION SUGGESTION: It is strongly urged that the GM abstract vehicle combat by (1) using relative distances (in range, not in range), (2) using the "easy" targeting rules, and (3) using relative time (soon, some time, etc.).

The following describes how vehicles are created:

- Vehicles consist of parts. Each part has its own structure point (SP) value.
- A hit location chart determines where an attack hits on a target.
- The effect of damage is dependent upon the type of vehicle and is covered in each section.
- Vehicles movement is executed every phase regardless of operator skill.
- The operator can perform attacks or special moves according the their combat speed (CS).
- Each vehicle has a top speed per phase and acceleration.
- Each vehicle has a number of heavy and light mounts. Heavy mounts are generally used for large weapons, light mounts are used for armor or defensive weapons. The player may design a vehicle if the GM gives permission, else the GM must provide customized vehicles.

19.1 Movement

Vehicles move every 1 second (every phase) regardless of a whether the drive takes an action. The other element of movement is that the faster a vehicle is moving, the smaller of turn in can make in a given phase. The following table can be used to convert vehicle speeds to meters/phase (rounded):

SIMPLIFICATION SUGGESTION: Use relative speeds like "faster," "slower," and "gaining" to keep the game moving.

| | | | Max degree | Phases to |
|-------|--------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Speed | Speed | Speed | turn per | Turn |
| (mph) | (km/h) | (m/phase) | phase ¹ | Around |
| 1 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 90 / 45 | 2/4 |
| 2 | 3.2 | 0.9 | 90 / 45 | 2/4 |
| 3 | 4.8 | 1.3 | 90 / 45 | 2/4 |
| 4 | 6.4 | 1.8 | 90 / 45 | 2/4 |
| 5 | 8.0 | 2.2 | 90 / 45 | 2/4 |
| 6 | 9.6 | 2.7 | 90 / 45 | 2/4 |
| 7 | 11.2 | 3.1 | 60 / 30 | 3/6 |
| 8 | 12.8 | 3.6 | 60 / 30 | 3/6 |
| 9 | 14.4 | 4.0 | 60 / 30 | 3/6 |
| 10 | 16.0 | 4.4 | 60 / 30 | 3/6 |
| 15 | 24 | 7 | 60 / 30 | 3/6 |

| | | | Max degree | Phases to |
|--------|--------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Speed | Speed | Speed | turn per | Turn |
| (mph) | (km/h) | (m/phase) | phase ¹ | Around ¹ |
| 20 | 32 | 9 | 45 / 22.5 | 4/8 |
| 25 | 40 | 11 | 45 / 22.5 | 4/8 |
| 30 | 48 | 13 | 45 / 22.5 | 4/8 |
| 40 | 64 | 18 | 45 / 22.5 | 4/8 |
| 50 | 80 | 22 | 30 / 15 | 6 / 12 |
| 60 | 96 | 27 | 30 / 15 | 6 / 12 |
| 70 | 112 | 31 | 30 / 15 | 6 / 12 |
| 80 | 128 | 36 | 30 / 15 | 6 / 12 |
| 90 | 144 | 40 | 30 / 15 | 6 / 12 |
| 100 | 160 | 44 | 30 / 15 | 6 / 12 |
| 110 | 176 | 49 | 30 / 15 | 6 / 12 |
| 120 | 192 | 53 | 30 / 15 | 6 / 12 |
| 130 | 208 | 58 | 30 / 15 | 6 / 12 |
| 140 | 224 | 62 | 30 / 15 | 6 / 12 |
| 150 | 240 | 67 | 30 / 15 | 6 / 12 |
| 200 | 320 | 89 | 20 / 10 | 9 / 18 |
| 250 | 400 | 111 | 20 / 10 | 9 / 18 |
| 300 | 480 | 133 | 20 / 10 | 9 / 18 |
| 350 | 560 | 156 | 20 / 10 | 9 / 18 |
| 400 | 640 | 178 | 20 / 10 | 9 / 18 |
| 450 | 720 | 200 | 20 / 10 | 9 / 18 |
| 500 | 800 | 222 | 20 / 10 | 9 / 18 |
| 600 | 960 | 267 | 20 / 10 | 9 / 18 |
| 700 | 1120 | 311 | 20 / 10 | 9 / 18 |
| 800 | 1280 | 356 | 20 / 10 | 9 / 18 |
| 900 | 1440 | 400 | 15 / 7.5 | 12 / 24 |
| 1,000 | 1600 | 444 | 15 / 7.5 | 12 / 24 |
| 1,200 | 1920 | 533 | 15 / 7.5 | 12 / 24 |
| 1,400 | 2240 | 622 | 15 / 7.5 | 12 / 24 |
| 1,600 | 2560 | 711 | 15 / 7.5 | 12 / 24 |
| 1,800 | 2880 | 800 | 15 / 7.5 | 12 / 24 |
| 2,000 | 3200 | 889 | 15 / 7.5 | 12 / 24 |
| 3,000 | 4800 | 1,333 | 15 / 7.5 | 12 / 24 |
| 4,000 | 6400 | 1,779 | 15 / 7.5 | 12 / 24 |
| 5,000 | 8000 | 2,222 | 10 / 5 | 18 / 36 |
| 10,000 | 16,000 | 4,444 | 10 / 5 | 18 / 36 |

Second number applies to sea ships only.

NOTE: Space craft have no maximum speed, only an acceleration rates.

Acceleration and maximum speed determine how a vehicle behaves. Acceleration is added before a vehicle is moved. Similarly, breaking is applied prior to the movement phase for a vehicle.

Acceleration/Breaking Chart (Change in meters per second)

| | Change in Speed | Change in Speed |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Acceleration | (per phase) | (per round) |
| 0-60 mph in 15 sec | 1.8 mps | 11 mps |
| 0-60 mph in 10 sec | 2.7 | 16 |
| 0-60 mph in 5 sec | 5.4 | 32 |
| 0-60 mph in 2 sec | 13.5 | 81 |
| 0-60 mph in 1 sec | 27 | 162 |
| ~1 G | 7 | 40 |
| ~2 G | 13 | 80 |
| ~3 G | 20 | 120 |
| ~4 G | 27 | 160 |
| ~5 G | 33 | 200 |
| ~6 G | 40 | 240 |
| ~7 G | 47 | 280 |
| ~8 G | 53 | 320 |
| ~9 G | 60 | 360 |
| ~10 G | 67 | 400 |

19.2 Types of Vehicles

There are two levels of combat for vehicles: ranged combat and close combat. These are handled in several different ways depending upon the type of vehicle.

The scale of vehicle combat varies by the location. In the case of cars and mechs, the distances are usually thought of in meters. However, if a playing board is used, the GM will need to pick a useful hex or square size. In space, the distances travel and weapon range is greater. The playing board should be adjusted accordingly.

19.2.1 Cars, Motorcycles, and Tanks

Cars and motorcycles are small vehicles driven by on roads or in science fiction settings they may appear as pods. They usually only carry a few passengers or perhaps a driver and a gunner. Cars travel much better on roads and going off the road can be quite disastrous for one not designed for off-road travel.

The type of map used for car racing depends upon how the cars are having combat. It might cover a region if the battles are set piece fights. However, the GM may want to give a overview of the road and terrain if the battle takes place on a highway or road.

Here are special car combat rules:

| Rule #1 | In science fiction settings, cars that have |
|---------|---|
| | extensive detection equipment and a HUD get a |
| | free observation roll every turn. |

Rule #3 Cars combat actions relate only to attacks and defensive maneuvers occur on the drivers action phases as determined by the following Action/Phase chart.

These are actions that the driver can take.

| = | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Combat Action | Effeat |
| Attack/Activate Systems | One attack or defensive system |
| Turns | This may be required depending upon the road. |
| Blocking | Defensive maneuver keeps cars from passing |
| Ramming | Slams vehicle from behind. |
| Slams (Side Swipes) | Slams vehicle side ways. |
| Jams | Slamming breaks in front of another car |
| Pass | Allows the driver to pass another car. |
| Dodge | Evades specific attack SRS by driver skill/3 |
| Evasive Maneuvering | Evasion action shifts CS over one column |

Resolving Attacks:

Slams

Attacks refer to the section on weapons.

Blocking means the player swerves his car from side

to side to keep another car from passing. A successful blocking action requires a ORC of difficulty 3, modified by driving skill. Success means that a pass maneuver in the next 3 phases is 4 levels more difficult.

Ramming means the player runs his car into another

car from behind. This can be done if the attacker has a faster car or the lead car losses speed due to a failed SRS roll (see Rule #5). A ram attack requires an ORC roll of difficulty 2, modified by driver skill. Damage = 1SP per 10 mph difference in speed - 1D6. This damage is done to both cars and should be rolled separately. Critical hits do 2SP per 10 mph difference - 1D6 to the defending car only. A successful attack temporarily increases the target car's speed by 10% and causes the driver to make a

level 3 control roll as described in Rule #4.

are done when cars are side-by-side. The attack can happen if (1) both drivers choose to drive side by side or (2) a car is performing a pass maneuver. NOTE: both cars are entitled to make a "free" slam attack during a pass, regardless of available actions.

On a slam, the attacker attempts to push the other car off the road. Two cars can simultaneously try slam attacks. A slam attack requires a ORC of difficulty 4. A successful attack reduces the target car's speed by 10% and causes the driver to make a level 3 control roll as described in Rule #4.

defending driver must make a level 3 control

Jams are done when a car throws it brakes on in front of another car. This attack is conducted the same as Ramming. A successful attack reduces the target's cars speed by 50% and the attackers car speed by 25%. The

roll as described in Rule #5.

Pass Drivers with cars of similar or faster speed can pass slower cars. The basic pass has difficulty level 2, modified by driver skill and Blocking (see above). While passing a pass,

either driver can execute a Slam.

The driver of a successful pass has the option of staying side-by-side with the car

being passed.

Evasive Maneuvering/

Dodging Allows the driver to swerve to avoid attacks.

This modifies all car-to-car attacks by driver

skill/3 rounded up for one round, but shifts the CS of the driver over one column.

Rule #4 Drivers are required to make SRS rolls to keep control of a vehicle when driving on certain kinds of terrain. Other SRS rolls are required when performing specific maneuvers.

Unless defined above, a control check is of difficulty level 0, modified by driver skill level.

The frequency of the roll depends upon terrain as follows:

| Terrain/ | | SRS | Outcome |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Move | Frequency | Modifier | Modifier |
| Road | Never | +4 | -3 |
| Clear | 1 / 20 rnds | 0 | -2 |
| Land/Grass | 1 / 5 rnds | -2 | 0 |
| Small Shrubs | 1 / 10 rnds | -1 | -2 |
| Water | 1 / 3 rnds | -3 | +1 |
| Light Woods | 1 / 5 rnds | -5 | +2 |
| Hvy Woods/ | every rnd | -2 | +1 |
| Jungle | every rnd | -2 | +2 |
| Swamp | 1 / 5 rnds | -1 | 0 |
| Steep Slope | every rnd | -2 | +2 |
| Turn actions: Easy Turn Med Turn Sharp Turn | | +1 0 -1 | -1 0 +1 |
| Jumps: Short Jump Med Jump Long Jump | | -1 -3 -5 | -2 0 +3 |
| Other Modifiers: Motorcycle Tracked per 20 mph | | -1 +2 -1 | +2 -4 +1 |

Outcome of Failure to Control the Vehicle

| Outcome of Failure | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 3D6 + amount of failed roll - driver skill + modifiers | | | | | | |
| Lose 1/5 Crash and | | | | | | |
| Speed Spin out Crash Roll | | | | | | |
| <8 | | | | | | |

Spin Outs cause the driver to lose 1-3 actions correcting the vehicle and lose 1/5 (20%) total speed. No attacks are possible for other crew members.

Crash causes the vehicle 1 structure point per 20 mph of speed minus armor.

Crash and roll causes the same damage as a crash, but the vehicle has a 50% chance of being on its side or top.

Rule #5 Vehicle Design

Cars have certain physical characteristics (these are only a guideline):

| | Car Size | | | | |
|------------------|----------|--------------------|---|--|--|
| Characteristic | Small | Small Medium Large | | | |
| Structure Points | | | | | |
| Wheels | 1 | 2 | 2 | | |
| Body | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| Front (Engine) | 2 | 3 | 4 | | |
| Rear | 2 | 3 | 3 | | |
| | | | | | |

| Max. Speed | 130 mph | 110 mph | 80 mph |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| Acceleration | 0-60 in | 0-60 in | 0-60in |
| | 5sec | 10sec | 10sec |
| Base Armor | 1 | 2 | 2-3 |
| Number of Heavy | 0 | 1 + 1 Light | 1 |
| Weapons Mounts ¹ | | or | |
| Number of Light | 2 | 2 Lights | 2 Lights |
| Weapons/ | | _ | |
| Defensive Mounts | | | |

Mounts indicate the number of unique or duplicate systems a car can carry.

Hit Location Roll (2D6)

Cars: 2 Wheels, 3-5 Front, 6-8 Body, 9-11 Rear, 12 Wheels Tanks: 2-3 Tracks/Body, 4-5 Turret, 6-8 Body, 9-10 Turret, 11-12 Tracks/Body

A part of the car is destroyed when its SP are reduced to zero (0).

If the particular location on a car is destroyed, it cannot be further damaged. Damage rolls to destroyed location are rerolled.

Effect of damage:

- A car is rendered immobile if is wheels/tracks get destroyed.
- A car cannot use its weapons if its body is reduced to 1 or fewer SP.
- A car will not function if its engine is reduced to zero points.
- A car will continue to function if the rear gets destroyed (though rear mounted weapons will not).
 All future damage to the rear is re-rolled.
- The GM may rule a player can get killed or seriously injured if the command unit of the car gets destroyed.

Finally, maximum car speed is affected by terrain. The following chart shows the effect of terrain:

| Terrain | Maximum Speed |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Road | 100% |
| Clear Land/Grass | 90% |
| Small Shrubs, Tall Grass, etc. | 75% |
| Water (Shallow) | 20% |
| Light Woods | 50% |
| Heavy Woods, Jungle | 30% |
| Swamp | 10% |
| Steep Slope | 50% |

Vehicles can accelerate to their maximum speed over a period of 3 rounds. This can be used to obtain acceleration rates.

19.2.2 Mechs

Mechs are giant armored robots that are used in the future for combat. Mechs can potentially carry all of the armament that a ship or spacecraft can carry. However, they are not of unlimited size.

Mechs can move very fast and the scale will of the combat field should be adjusted accordingly.

Here are special Mech rules:

| Rule #1 | because of the extensive detection equipment and HUD, the Mech pilot gets a free observation roll every turn. |
|---------|---|
| Rule #2 | Mech combat speed is a function of Mech Pilot skill: Combat speed = 1.5*Mech Pilot skill (rounded up). |
| Rule #3 | Mechs can move every phase regardless of driver skill. Mechs can always turn at least 45 degrees regardless of their speed. |
| Rule #4 | Mechs combat actions relate only to attacks and defensive maneuvers. For example a Mech Pilot with skill level of 7 has a combat speed of 7*1.5=10.5 rounded to 11. The Mech Pilot can take up to 5 combat actions per round. |
| Rule #5 | The GM may wish to disallow extra armor for a Mech. |

Rule #6 Mech Actions table

| Combat Action | Actions | Effect |
|----------------------------|---------|--|
| Attack/Activate Systems | 1 | Operate up to 2 systems ¹ |
| "Hand-to-Hand" Attack | 1 | See Mech table for damage |
| Dodge | 1 | Subtracts Pilot Skill/3 from attack SRS ² |
| Aiming | 1-3 | Adds cumulative +1/phase to attack SRS |
| Laser Locking | varies | Required for some missiles |
| Survey Action | 1 | Allows perception roll |
| Defend | 1 round | Subtracts Pilot Skill/3 from Hand-to-Hand ³ |
| Evade | 1 round | Subtracts Pilot Skill/3 from Ranged Attacks ³ |

¹ Only 1 system can be an offensive weapon

Mechs have certain characteristics that determine the behavior on the battle field (these are only a guideline):

| | Mech Size | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--|
| Characteristic | Light | Medium | Heavy | |
| Structure Points | | | - | |
| Leg | 20 | 40 | 60 | |
| Torso | 25 | 50 | 80 | |
| Arm | 15 | 30 | 45 | |
| Command(Head) | 10 | 20 | 30 | |
| | | | | |
| Maximum Speed | 50 mph | 40 mph | 30 mph | |
| Base Armor | 10 | 15 | 20 | |
| Number of Heavy | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Weapons Mounts ¹ | | | | |
| Number of Light | 2 | 3 | 5 | |
| Weapons Mounts | | | | |
| "Hand-to-Hand" | 4D6 | 5D6 | 6D6 | |
| Damage | | | | |

² Works against one specific attack (additive to Defend/Evade).

³ Operates for one whole turn, but ships CS down one column.

Mounts indicate the number of unique or duplicate systems a Mech can carry.

Hit Location Roll (2D6)

2 Command (Head), 3-5 Leg, 6-8 Torso, 9-11 Arm, 12 Command (Head)

A part of the mech is destroyed when its SP are reduced to zero (0).

If the particular location on a mech is destroyed, it cannot be further damaged. Damage rolls to destroyed location are re-

Effect of damage:

- A Mech is rendered immobile if is legs get destroyed.
- A Mech cannot use its weapons or commit hand-tohand attacks if its arms get destroyed.
- A Mech will not function if either its command (head) or its torso (power supply) get destroyed.
- The GM may rule a player can get killed or seriously injured if the command unit of the Mech gets destroyed.

Finally, Mechs movement is affected by terrain. The following chart shows the effect of terrain:

| Terrain | Maximum |
|---|---------|
| | Speed |
| Open, Clear, Small Shrubs, Tall Grass, etc. | 100% |
| Shallow Water (≤ ¼ Mech Height) | 75% |
| Deep Water (1/4 -1/2 Mech Height) | 50% |
| Light Woods | 100% |
| Heavy Woods, Jungle | 75% |
| Swamp | 50% |
| Steep Slope | 50% |

19.2.3 Ships and Spaceships

This section deals with ships that have large crew complements capable of acting on orders from a commander. These types of craft usually command very large arsenals of powerful weapons capable of striking at great range. This means that early detection, surprise, and stealth abilities are extremely important factors. Many battles will be won by the side with superior fire power and, hence, creating imbalances is important to winning wars and battles.

To adjust for slower speeds of ships, longer turns may be chosen. For example, use the combat speed chart, but let every turn equal 1 minute or 5 minutes, instead of 6 seconds.

Here are special ship combat rules:

Rule #1 Modern ships have extensive detection equipment and detect enemy ships using the Radar/Detector rules.

Rule #2 Ships move every phase.

Rule #3 Ships actions relate only to attacks and defensive maneuvers that occur on action phases 2, 4, 6. This is regardless of pilot skill.

> The GM should indicate how many offensive and defensive systems can be used at the same time. Even some modern warships can use only have 1 AA missile at one time.

These are actions that the driver can take.

| Combat Action | Effect |
|---------------------|--|
| Turns | Executes a turn |
| Ramming | Slams vehicles together. |
| Siding up | Brings ship along side for boarding. |
| Dodge | Evades specific attack SRS by pilot skill/3 (can only be used on smaller ships, GM discretion) |
| Evasive Maneuvering | Reduces maximum speed by 25% and reduces attack SRS of enemy by -1. |

Resolving Attacks:

Attacks refer to the section on weapons.

Ramming

means the player runs his ship into another ship. This can be done if the attacker has a faster ship or the target ship decides to allow the slower ship to close. A ram attack requires an ORC roll of difficulty 2, modified by pilot skill. Damage = 1SP per 10 mph difference in speed -1D6. This is damage is done to both ships. Critical hits do 2SP per 10 mph difference - 1D6 to the target ship only, with regular damage to the ramming ship.

All ramming damage is done to the hull.

Ramming in space very often results in the destruction of both vehicles due to the very high speed (velocity) of the ships.

Siding up

Faster ships can maneuver close enough to allow grappling. The basic siding up maneuver has difficulty level 3, modified

by pilot skill of both ships.

Dodge

Allows the ship to swerve out of the way. This makes attacks and siding up maneuvers more 4 levels difficult for the next 3 phases. A successful dodge is a level 4 difficulty maneuver modified by pilot

Evasive Maneuvering Reduces maximum speed by 25% and reduces all attack SRS of the

enemy by 1.

Rule #6 Vehicle Design

The formula for ships is different than other vehicles in that they are assumed to be of very large size. The GM or player should decide on the total SP points of the craft, then use the following table to determine SP of target components:

| Characteristic | Value |
|--|--|
| Structure Points Hull Command Center Engines Weapons Sensors | 0.8*SP 0.2*SP 0.3*SP 0.3*SP 0.1*SP |

| Speed/Phase | GM sets |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Base Armor | 0.1*SP |
| Number of Heavy | 0.02*SP |
| Weapons Mounts ¹ | |
| Number of Light | 0.04*SP |
| Weapons/ | |
| Defensive Mounts | |

For example, a light cruiser has 100 points total SP: 80 SP hull, 20 SP command and control, 30 SP engines, 30 SP weapons, and 10 SP for sensors. The base armor is equal to 10, the ship has 2 heavy mounts, and 4 light mounts.

Hit Location Roll (2D6)

2-3 Sensors, 4-5 Weapons, 6-8 Hull, 9-10 Engines, 11-12 Command

A part of the ship is destroyed when its SP are reduced to zero (0).

If the particular location on a ship is destroyed, it cannot be further damaged. Damage rolls to destroyed location are rerolled.

Effect of damage:

- A ship will sink/become inoperable if the hull is destroyed.
- For each 25% of total weapons damage, 25% of the weapons systems should be come inoperable.
 Determine randomly.
- For each 25% of engine damage, maximum speed is reduced by 25%.
- If sensors are destroyed then all long range detectors fail and all weapons that require those sensors will not function. For example, there is not ability to lock missile targets.
- If the command center is destroyed, the ship becomes inoperable. (Though it can be salvaged).

Rule #7a Sea Ship Movement

For ships at sea, maximum ship speed is affected by roughness of the water. The following chart shows the effect of water:

| | Maximum |
|--------------------|---------|
| Terrain | Speed |
| Calm or Light Seas | 100% |
| Medium Swells | 90% |
| Heavy Swells | 80% |
| Storm | 50% |

Rule #8 Speed

The GM may wish to set a top speed for a ship. This might be modified if it is a hovercraft or has a hydrofoil, etc.

Spaceships do not have a top speed, only acceleration rates rate in Gs.

19.2.4 Fighters and Fighter Spacecraft

Fighter planes and fighter spacecraft are small high performance vehicles capable of high speeds and breath taking maneuverability. This makes them more difficult to hit and also give the ability to engage in dog-fights.

These rules treat the long distance combat between fighters as for ships. When two or more fighters are close enough together, they can optionally engage is dog-fights. Dog-fights are handled abstractly.

When fighters are engaged in a dog-fight, attacks can only be launched when the attacker has previously made a roll to "lock-on" on target. This rolls is considered to be a difficulty (level 4) SRS roll against pilot or gunnery skill modified by the enemies skill level. E.g. Lock SRS = attacker skill - 4 - enemy pilot skill

Planes are engaged in a dog-fight as long as two or more fighters are within 3km (aerial fighters) or 6km (space fighters) of each other. As soon as fighters are outside of that range, normal engagement rules apply.

19.3 Detection

Being able to detect the enemy is of crucial importance. Detection rolls are made whenever an observation roll is made. Crafts with multiple detection methods get to use all methods when making a detection roll.

The GM is encouraged to make up difficulty rolls.

Visual Detection

Sighting of a craft is the most difficult method of detection. It is somewhat easier on land or sea, where the location of the target is primarily limited to two directions.

Fog, rain, or smoke can interrupt vision.

Visual sighting is generally considered Difficult (level 4) SRS modified by GM ruling based on target, size, range, speed, camouflage, etc.

Radar

Radar works by actively sending out a radar signal and watching for reflections. The range is affected by the sensitivity and the radar equipment, stealth technologies, and obstructing objects (like the curving earth, radar obstructing smokes, asteroids, etc.)

Radar provides a location and general size indication.

Sonar

Sonar operates like radar underwater, but is affected by thermoclines in the water, current, etc.

Sonar detects successfully on a level 3 SRS.

Like radar, sonar immediately gives away the location of the ship using sonar.

Futuristic Methods

There are two basic operating modes for detectors:

Passive detectors do not use a signal (like radar) and generally have a more limited range than active detectors.

Active detectors send some signal and wait for a response. These systems have a greater range and

information than do passive detectors, but they give away the location of the source of the signal.

Probes and drones are common in future settings. These devices send back information in a way that the location of the source cannot be identified.

19.4 Weapons and Attacks

Attacks are made using the Outcome Resolution Table. The difficulty of the basic attack depends upon the type weapon. Projectile and energy weapons generally behave as ranged weapons. However, missiles are generally homing devices and do not suffer different penalties and have different defenses.

Skill Resolution Scores are equal to Attacker Skill -4 + modifiers

Modifiers to Heavy Weapons Attacks

| Modifier | SRS Modifier |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Weapon Accuracy | varies |
| Range ³ : Close | -1 |
| Short | +1 |
| Effective | 0 |
| Long | -3 |
| Light Cover | -1 |
| Heavy Cover | -3 |
| Fired as Artillery | +3 |
| Aiming (1 Action) | +1 |
| Scopes/Advance Targeting | +1 to +6 ¹ |

| | | 5" . 0. ""/0 | |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| Target Evading | | - Pilot Skill/3 | |
| | | | |
| Switching Target | S | -1/switch | |
| | | | |
| Target size: | Car | -2 | |
| rargot oizo. | Truck | -1 | |
| | | = - | |
| | Mech | 0 | |
| | House | +1 | |
| | Building | +3 | |
| | Small Ship | +2 | |
| | Medium Ship | +3 | |
| | Large Ship | +5 | |
| | | +8 | |
| Huge Ship | | +0 | |
| Relative Speed: | | | |
| <50 mph | | $0/+1^{2}$ | |
| · · | | -1 / 0 | |
| 50-100 mph | | ., . | |
| >100-300 mph | | -2 / -1 | |
| >300-500 mph | | -3 / -1 | |
| >500-1000 mph | | -4 / -2 | |
| >1000-2000 mph | | -5 / -3 | |
| >2000-4000 mph | | -6 / -4 | |
| | -7 / -5 | | |
| >4000 | >4000 mph | | |

¹ Technology dependent.

Critical misses cause malfunctions or disabled function target for 1D6 actions in the effected area.

SIMPLIFICATION SUGGESTION: Use simplified hit modifiers as discussed in ranged weapon combat section.

19.4.1 Projectile Weapons and Energy Weapons

A basic weapons attack requires a difficulty 4 SRS, modified by the Section 5 combat rules.

² First number projectile weapons, second number is for missile attacks.

³ Close = <5% range, short 5-10% range, effective >10%-60% range, extreme = >60%-100% range.

| | | | | Damage/ | | |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Weapon | Mounts | Ammo | # of Rounds ⁶ | Round or Burst | Range ² | Accuracy |
| Light MG | 1 L | 7.62 mm | 1000 bursts | 1D6-5 | 500m | -2 |
| Heavy MG | 1 L | 12.5 mm | 500 bursts | 1D0-5 | 800m | -2 |
| | | | | 1D3 | | |
| 20 mm Cannon | 1 L | AP | 300 bursts | | 1000m | 0 |
| 30 mm Cannon | 1 L | AP | 200 bursts | 1D6+3 | 1300m | 0 |
| 100 mm Cannon | 1 H or | HE | 50 | 2D6 ⁴ | 1500m ¹ | -2 |
| | 2 L | AP | | 3D6 | , | |
| 155 mm Cannon | 2 H | HE | 35 | 3D6⁴ | 2500m ¹ | -1 |
| | | AP | | 4D6 | | |
| | | DPU | | 4D6+4 | | |
| | | Nuke | | special | | |
| | | WP | | 3D6 ³ | | |
| 210 mm Cannon | 3 H | HE | 25 | 4D6 ⁴ | 4200m ¹ | -2 |
| | | AP | | 6D6 | | |
| | | DPU | | 6D6+6 | | |
| | | Nuke | | special 4D6 ³ | | |
| | | WP | | 4D6 ³ | | |
| 320 mm Cannon | 4 H | HE | 18 | 6D6⁴ | 5000m ¹ | -3 |
| | | AP | | 8D6 | | |
| 400 mm Cannon | 4 H | HE | 12 | 8D6⁴ | 5500m ¹ | -3 |
| | | AP | | 10D6 | | |
| Rail Gun | 3 H | AP | 20 | 8D6 | 5000m ¹ | -1 |
| Light Laser | 1 L | | 200 | 2D6 | 6000m | 0 |
| Medium Laser | 1 H or 2L | | 150 | 3D6 | 7000m | |
| Heavy Laser | 1H | | 100 | 4D6 | 8000m | |
| Laser Cannon | 2H | | 50 | 5D6 | 9000m | |
| Particle Gun | 1H | | 100 | 4D6 | 7000m | 0 |
| Particle Cannon | 2H | | 40 | 6D6 | 9000m | |
| Plasma Gun | 1H | | 80 | 6D6 | 5000m | -1 |
| Plasma Cannon | 2H | | 30 | 8D6 | | |
| Flame Thrower | | | | | | |
| Small | 1L | na | 20 | 1D3 ⁵ | 50m | +1 |
| Medium | 1H or 2L | na | 30 | 1D6 ⁵ | 80m | +2 |
| Large | 1H | na | 40 | 2D6 ⁵ | 150m | +3 |

¹ Range 4x longer when used as artillery, see Mortars for artillery damage table.

Note, HE and WP rounds are usually chosen for anti-personnel missions.

Futuristic vehicles are assumed to have targeting computers and other conveniences. These ameliorate much of the of speed.

Lasers fire beams of focused light.

Particle Beams fire small accelerated particles at near light speed. These have tremendous range and accuracy, but do not pack enormous punch.

Plasma Guns fire hot plasma at bullet speeds. The plasma shots can set flammable materials on fire.

19.4.2 Mortars/Artillery Fire

Artillery and mortars can be used to lob shells into locations and lay down patterns of weapons fire. (Note that projectile weapons can be used in this manner if used as artillery). They generally do not cause tremendous vehicular damage, except when launching nukes.

The following gives ranges for artillery and area damage.

| Warhead Size | Artillery Range ¹ | Full Damage/ Radius | ½ Damage/ Radius | ¼ Damage/ Radius |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 82mm HE | 3000km | 1D6-1 / 2m | 1D6-3 / 4m | 1D6 - 5 / 6m |
| 100mm HE | 4500m | !D6 / 3m | 1D3 / 6m | 1D3-2 / 9m |
| 155mm/Mini missile | 7500m | | | |

² Range is 4x in space combat.

³ Will often ignite surrounding area and possibly vehicle.

⁴ HE explosive rounds cause ½ damage when used as artillery/area attack. Area of attack is equal to 5m/D damage. E.g. a 100mm cannon causes 1D6 SP damage to a 10m circle, a 155m HE round causes 3D6/2 SP damage to a 15m circle, etc.

⁵ Flame throwers usually cause fire to cling to a target for 1D6 turns causing and can ignite fires on vehicles and surrounding areas, and can cause control rolls and restrict vision of the target.

⁶ Ammo supply does not apply to ships or large spacecraft.

| HE | | 2D6-2 / 5m | 1D6 / 10m | 1D3 / 15m |
|---------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Nuke | | 16D6 / 30m | 8D6 / 60m | 4D6 90m |
| 210mm/Small Missile | 15,000m | | | |
| HE | | 2D6+2 / 10m | 1D6+1 / 20m | 1D3 / 40m |
| Nuke | | 20D6 / 40m | 10D6 / 80m | 5D6 / 160m |
| 320mm HE | 22,000m | 3D6 / 15m | 3D6/2 / 30m | 1D6 / 45m |
| 400mm HE | 24,000m | 4D6 / 20m | 2D6 / 40m | 1D6+1 / 60m |
| Medium Missile | 50km | | | |
| HE | | 5D6 / 25m | 3D6 / 50m | 1D6+2 / 75m |
| Nuke | | 30D6 / 500m | 15D6 / 1000m | 8D6 / 1500m |
| Large Missile | 100km | | | |
| HĒ | | 6D6 / 30m | 4D6 / 60m | 2D6 / 90m |
| Nuke | | 50D6 / 1000m | 25D6 / 2000m | 12D6 / 3000m |

Does not apply to missiles.

Optional Nuke rule: Nukes never cause less than ½ maximum damage. For example, a 30D6 nuke blast causes a minimum of 30*3.5 = 105 points of SP damage.

19.4.3 Missiles

Missiles carry warheads to targets. Missiles are used in a number of forms:

Missile Pods launch a number of unguided missiles at one time in the form of an artillery barrage. Attacks are resolved

Homing Missiles home in on a high-lighted target. The target is usually illuminated by radar or lasers.

Self Guided Missiles

guide themselves to the target. These are fire and forget weapons that are the pinnacle of missile technology. Science fiction settings may allow very sophisticated versions of these missiles that can search and destroy their targets at great distances. (Fire and forget).

Target Acquiring Missiles These missiles fly to a given location and then lock themselves onto the nearest target. Can be preprogrammed to wait at a given point in space or fly indirect routes. These are useful long-distance weapons when targets are too far away to lock on.

Missile targets are land based, aircraft, spacecraft, and ships.

The following two tables describe the use of missiles:

| Missile Type | Mounts | Range | # of Rounds | Damage |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|--------------------|
| Mini Missiles (Pods) HE AP | 1H or 2L | 3000m | 20 bursts | 3D6 5D6 |
| Small ¹ HE AP AA | 1H or 2L | 5000m | 20 Missiles | 4D6 6D6 4D6 |
| Medium ¹ HE AP AA | 2H | 50km | 10 Missiles | 6D6 10D6 6D6 |
| Large ¹ HE AP AA | 2H | 100km | 4 Missiles | 8D6 12D6 8D6 |

¹ These missiles can be self guided or homing missiles.

Mini missiles are resolved as projectile and artillery attacks.

19.5 Defense Measures

Defensive measures are fill mounts. They are classified as static if they operate at all times or active if they require activation and have limited duration.

19.5.1 Armor

Standard armor protects all attacks. The main disadvantage of standard armor is that slows the vehicle and reduces acceleration. The amount of armor a function of the total size of the vehicle, which is taken to be a function of total SP.

The following rule applies:

1 Mount = Armor SP equal to 20% of maximum vehicle SP and reduces speed by 10%

No more than 3 armor mounts may be taken.

E.g. A Medium Mech takes an armor mount. It provides 10 SP (50*0.2) of protection to the torso and reduces the overall speed of the Mech by 10% (50m to 45m).

19.5.2 Ablative Armor

Ablative armor works like regular armor, except is especially design to burn off and reduce laser hits. Ablative armor proves 2x standard protection against lasers, particle guns, and plasma guns, but only ½ standard protection against other weapons.

19.5.3 Reflective Coatings

Reflective coatings are designed to stop laser hits. Reflective coatings provide 2x standard protection against lasers, but offer no protection against other weapons. Reflective coatings take 1 mount, but do not effect vehicle speed.

19.5.4 Camouflage

Camouflage offers no armor protection, but makes all observation rolls against the target 2 levels harder.

Camouflage is generally only available to Mechs and off-road vehicles (tanks, APCs).

19.5.5 Smoke, Gas, and Sprays

Smoke, Gas, and Sprays operate by releasing materials that obscure the target or act to dissipate laser attacks. For purposes of these rules, they are all treated the same.

For effect on weapons attack SRS values is shown in the weapons modifier table.

Smoke launchers take 1 defensive mount and can be used 30 times each use lasts 5 combat rounds (30 seconds).

19.5.6 Energy Fields

Energy fields act to repel physical attacks. It is essentially a tractor beam turn away from the target.

Energy fields have two effects: the alter the SRS by -2 for all attacks and reduce the damage by 1D6 for all attacks.

Energy fields take 2 defensive mount and can be activated for up to 30 minutes (unlimited on ships).

19.5.7 Cloaking Devices

Cloaking devices are able to hide ships from normal detectors and visual detection. Cloaked vehicles can only travel at slow (sub-FTL) speeds and cannot use weaponry or other active defenses. This is like a submarine that is silent running.

Cloaking devices modify observation SRS values by -8.

Cloaking devices take 3 defensive mounts.

19.5.8 ECM

ECM (electronic counter measures) are jamming devices that disrupt radar and listening devices.

ECM devices modify observation SRS values for these detection devices by -4 and modify missile attacks SRS by -3.

ECM devices take 1 defensive mount.

19.5.9 Anti-missile Guns (AMG) /Lasers (AML)/Anti-Missile Missiles (AMM)

Anti-missile guns are coupled to automatic tracking radar that attempts to shoot down incoming missiles.

A hit by the gun will generally destroy a missile, but the guns tend to be less effective that anti-missile missiles.

AMGs and AMLs can fire once every phase at one target.

AMGs hit incoming missiles on a successful SRS roll of -4 and destroys it on a 1-4 on 1D6.

AMLs hit incoming missiles on a successful SRS roll of -2 and destroys it on a 1-3 on 1D6.

AMM missiles a launched against incoming missiles. The AMM explode spreading metal fragments into oncoming missiles, that generally destroy them.

AMGs hit incoming missiles on a successful SRS roll of -1 and destroys it on a 1-5 on 1D6.

Each system takes 1 defensive mount. 1 AMGs mount has 50 shots, 1 AML mount has 100 shots, and 1 AMM mount has 20 missiles.

19.6 Damage

Structural damage taken by a vehicle is to equal the rolled damage minus the armor.

Vehicles and building only take damage for hits that exceed their armor level.

For example, a medium Mech receives 12 points of SP damage from a 20mm cannon, but has 20 points of armor and receives no damage. The next phase it receives two hits: 15 SP hit from the 20mm cannon and a 35 SP hit from a missile. The Mech receives zero (0) points from the cannon file and 15 SP from the missile.

20. Space Travel

Most science fiction campaigns allow for space travel.. This section talks about a few issues in designing a science fiction campaign.

Space travel has the advantage is that it can offer numerous interesting settings: different planets, varying atmospheres, asteroids, moons, space stations, different types of stars, worm holes, etc. However that requires that the GM has to manage a much bigger universe.

A major decision in most science fiction campaigns is how interstellar space travel takes place. The GM needs to decide how this affects his campaign. Some common forms of interstellar travel are:

Faster than Light (FTL) In this type of campaign ships can

travel faster than the speed of light. For example, by using the warp

drive.

Hyperdrive/Hyperspace A variation on FTL travel that

allows a ship to travel faster than light in some other dimension OR perform jumps that immediate take a ship between star systems.

Worm holes These are short cuts through space.

Generation ships Large ships that traveling below the speed

of light big enough to allow several generations to pass while the ship travels between star systems. Note: ships traveling close to the speed of light experience time dilation: time passes more slowly for those traveling close to the speed of light. Hence years may pass for other people, but those on the ship might only experience a small amount of time passing (e.g. months or a few years).

The way the interstellar travel operates has an impact on the way people and cultures survive in a science fiction setting.

Another question is whether there is a FTL communications method. If not, then messages are limited to the speed of light or must be carried on a FTL spacecraft. Depending upon the method of travel, messages make take days or years to arrive.

21. Appendix 1 - Magic Spells

This section will be expanded as time goes on. This provides a list of spells that can be used as a starting place for the game.

The following abbreviations are used:

AOE = Area of Effect

L = Level, min = minute, ph = phase, act = action, r = round. SP = spell point

X = spell not associated with any family of spells

E = elemental spell S = shaman M = mentalism spell G = general magic spell N = necromany spell

Level 1 Spells

Breath(E,G) (Range 2m/L, AOE 1ft/L, Difficulty 1, 1 SP,

1 min)

This creates a light breeze, no stronger than required to blow out a candle or blow a few pieces of paper off a table. Range and maximum affected area increases with

the users level.

Calm Animals (S) (Range 0m, AOE 10m diameter circle,

Difficulty 2, 1 SP, varies)

Calms animals (Level 3 WP roll to avoid).

Catch Fish (S) (Range 0m, AOE 10m/L, Difficulty 2, 1 SP,

5 min)

Summons fish and gets them into a

feeding mode.

Clean (G) (Range touch, AOE 1 liter/L volume object,

Difficulty 2, 1 SP, instantaneous)

Cleans an object of obscuring dirt, etc.

Copy Words (G) (Range self, AOE self, Difficulty 2, 1 SP,

15 minutes)

Allows caster to exactly copy up to one page of text, though work must take place

within 15 minutes.

Detect Animal (S) (Range location, AOE 30m/L, Difficulty 2,

1 SP, instantaneous)

Gives caster impression of where animals

are located in area.

Dry Object (G) (Range touch, AOE 1 sq foot/L, Difficulty

2, 1 SP, 1 full round to act)

Dries an 1 square foot of surface area of

cloth or an object.

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Grow Plants (E) (Range 0m, AOE 10m diameter circle, (Range self, AOE self, Difficulty 1, 1 SP, Trance (M) Difficulty 3, 2 SP, instantaneous) up to 8 hours) Causes plant in immediate area to Puts the caster into a deep trance. She/he experience 1 months growth. Note, spell will appear dead at a quick glance. Uses can only be repeated twice. 1/4 oxygen to breath. Warm (E,G) (Range 2m, AOE 1 cubic foot/L, Difficulty Heal minor wound (E) (Range touch, AOE 3 in radius/L, Difficulty 2, 2 SP, instant) 2, 1 SP, instantaneous) Heals and sanitizes minor cuts and Raises the temperature in material by 30 infections. Up to 1D3 Hit Points. degrees. Ignite (E,G) (Range touch, AOE target, Difficulty 1, 2 Whisper (E,G) (Range 3m/L, AOE 1 person, Difficulty 2, 1 SP, up to 1 min) SP, 1 min) Ignites small flame (match size) on tip of Allows caster to whisper a message into caster's finger for duration of spell. the air that can be only heard at the location of the target, even across a Light (E,G) (Range 0m, AOE 2m/L diameter circle, crowded room. Difficulty 3, 2 SP, 1 hr/L) Level 2 Creates a light sufficient to illuminate circle. Light travels along with caster as Acid Ball (G) (Range touch, AOE 1 liter, Difficulty 3, 2 she/he moves. SP, instantaneous) Look of Death (N) (Range 2m/L, AOE 1 target, Difficulty 1, 1 Creates ball of acid out of thrown flask of SP, 2 min/L) water. A flask can splash over up to three humans. Also useful for destroying Caster gives a hideous look of death that inanimate objects. The acid burns for 1D requires a level 4 WP roll to avoid causing of damage for 1D3 turns. Destroys armor the target to want to get away from the before the target. caster (at least one or two rooms away). Available to Necromancers only. Another Voice (G) (Range self/touch, AOE target, Difficulty 3, 1 SP/hr, varies) Predict Weather (E) (Range location, AOE NA, Difficulty 5, 1 SP, instantaneous) Gives the target (which can be the caster) a different voice that is indistinguishable Allows the caster to accurately predict the from that of the real person's voice. upcoming weather. The stability of that weather may vary. (Range 3m/L, AOE location, Difficulty 2, 2 Audio Illusion (G) SP, up to 1 min/L) Sense Previous Presence (M) (Range 0m, AOE 5m diameter circle, Difficulty 4, 2 SP, instant) Caster than throw a sound or voice to a specific location. Gives caster a vision of a sense of anything passing the position in the last Battle Rage (S) (Range 0m, AOE 1m/L, Difficulty 2, 2 SP, couple of hours. E.g. Y/N, many or few, 6 rounds) big/small. Persons within spell range must make a Smoke (E,G) (Range 0m, AOE 1 cubic m/L, Difficulty 2, Level 2 Willpower roll or go into a fighting 1 SP, varies) frenzy for 4 combat rounds. A fighting frenzy means they attach nearest enemy. Creates a dense cloud of smoke of any Can be cast by Shamans only. color. Duration depends upon weather conditions ... a brisk wind will blow away Breeze (E,G) (Range 6m/L, AOE 2m/L, Difficulty 3, 3 the smoke rapidly. SP, 4 min) Stench of Death (N) (Range 0m, AOE 2m/L diameter circle, Creates a breeze capable of picking up dry Difficulty 1, 1 SP, 2 min/L) leaves, rustling branches, and blowing out unguarded candles, etc. Caster exudes a horrible stench that requires a level 4 WP roll to avoid causing Boil (E) (Range 0m, AOE 1 liter, Difficulty 3, 2 SP, the target to want to get away from the caster (at least out of the circle of smell). Available to Necromancers only. Brings one liter of water to a boil. Also causes 2D heat damage when cast on a Swim (E,M) (Range touch/self, AOE target, Difficulty 3, person/creature. 2 SP, 10 min) Burning touch (G) (Range 0m, AOE target, Difficulty 2, 2 SP, Allows target to swim at 4 times normal 1 min)

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Caster causes 1D of fire damage on a successful hand-to-hand combat strike.

Call Animal (S) (Range $\frac{1}{2}$ km/L, AOE NA, Difficulty 3, 2

SP, 2 hrs/L)

Caster summons an animal to complete a task within its physical capability. Cannot result in animals injury.

Clouded Thoughts (G) (Range 5m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 2, 2 SP, instantaneous)

Target becomes confused for next 1D3 rounds (including being unable to cast magic spells. Can be resisted with a WP roll or MA roll.

Dive (M) (Range self/touch, AOE target, Difficulty 3,

2 SP, 5 min)

Allows target to hold breath for up to 5 minutes, tolerate depths up to 150' and swim at 4x speed.

Divine Death (N,S) (Range touch, AOE target, Difficulty 4, 2

SP, instantaneous)

Only works on relatively new bodies, gives caster vision of what caused the body to

Detect Magic (X) (Range 0m, AOE 5m/L diameter circle,

Difficulty 3, 1 SP, 1 min/L)

Allows caster to detect the presence of

magic.

Distraction (G) (Range 0m, AOE 6m radius circle,

Difficulty 2, 2 SP, 2 rounds)

All people failing to make a WP roll against the casters skill level are distracted (until attacked) for duration of the spell. Does not work during combat.

Dust (E,G) (Range 6 m/L, AOE 3m diameter/L circle,

Difficulty 2, 3 SP, 2 min)

A shaking of the grounds surface that causes (if available) dust to rise 1-3m' into the air. Makes detection rolls 2 levels harder and requires a level 1 strength roll

to keep standing.

False Tongue (G) (Range 0m, AOE target, Difficulty 2, 2 SP,

2 min)

Makes lies told by the target 4 levels more

difficult to detect.

Fetch (M) (Range 10m, AOE small object, Difficulty

2, 1 SP, 5 rounds)

Fetches small item (up to 4-6 ounces)

using telekinesis.

Flash Fire (E, G) (Range 3m/L, AOE 1m/L diameter circle,

Difficulty 3, 3 SP, 1 min)

Ignites dry flammable materials a circular

area.

Follow Tracks (M, S) (Range self, AOE self, Difficulty 5. 4 SP. 1 hour/L)

Enhances the ability of the caster to follow tracks by 6 levels. Amount of starting information and time since the person/creature who is being tracked has passed adjusts chance of success. GM should decide on basic level of difficulty.

Grasp of Ice (E,G,N) (Range self, AOE touch, Difficulty 3, 3 SP, 1 rounds/L)

Touch from the caster cans 2D cold damage. The attack is as a standard hand-to-hand combat attack, using the casters magic level as a SRS modifier.

Hear (E,G) (Range 3m/L, AOE 1m radius circle,

Difficulty 3, 2 SP, 2 rounds/L)

Caster can hear any sound at a given location, even when surrounded by other

noises.

Mist (E) (Range 6m/L, AOE 3m/L diameter circle,

Difficulty 4, 3 SP, varies)

Creates mist that obscures vision making all perception checks 6 levels more difficult. 1 gallon of water per 3m diameter must be available.

Talk with Zombie (N) (Range 3m, AOE zombie, Difficulty 3, 2 SP, up to 1 min/L)

Able to talk with Zombie, this also causes them to pause any attack. Necromancers only.

Turn Zombie/Skeleton (N) (Range 2m/L, AOE 1 zombie/L,

Difficulty 2, 2 SP, instantaneous)

Causes Zombies and skeletons to flee the

caster.

Spray (E) (Range 6m/L, AOE 3m/L diameter circle,

Difficulty 4, 3 SP, 2 min)

In the presence of water, a spray is directed at the area making vision (4 levels) and movement more difficult (1/2

movement).

Sticky Earth (E) (Range 3 m/L, AOE 3m diameter/L circle,

Difficulty 3, 3 SP, 2 min)

Makes area of earth harder to cross. Requires level 3 ST roll or all movement

halved in the sticky area.

Suggest (M) (Range 2m, AOE target, Difficulty 1, 1 SP,

varies)

Ability to suggest an action to another. Must be subtle and not dangerous. GM should set the difficulty of the saving roll versus WP. Other examples are: "You are getting hungry, you should go for

food.." etc

Distorts air surrounding caster making all

SP, 2 min/L)

vision checks 6 levels more difficult to perform. Calm (S,M) (Range touch, AOE target, Difficulty 2, 3

> Calms target. They will not attack or engage in combat unless provoked.

Required level 4 WP roll to resist. Calm Waters (E) (Range 0m, AOE 10m/L radius circle, Difficulty 6, 3 SP, 5 min/L)

> Calms waters making them 1/4 as violent as before.

Cloak of Fire (E,G) (Range self, AOE self, Difficulty 3, 3 SP, 3 min)

> Surrounds the caster in flames that make him 2 levels harder to hit, plus the caster inflicts 1D+2 fire damage on a successful hand-to-hand hit.

Cook (E, S) (Range 0m, AOE 4 liter/L, Difficulty 1, 2 SP, NA)

Cooks food to 160 degrees F or causes 1D fire damage per level when performed

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as an attack.

Communicate with Ghost/Spirit (N, S) (Range self, AOE self, Difficulty 5, 3 SP, 5 min)

> Caster becomes able to communicate with ghosts, etc by traveling to their spirit plane (astrally).

Dazzle Armor (G) (Range 2m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 3, 2 SP, 5 min)

> Surrounds the target (usually the caster) with a shimmering light of color (single or multiple). Makes the target 3 levels more difficult to hit.

(Range self, AOE self, Difficulty 3, 2 SP, 2 Deflect Blows (E)

> Creates small shield around caster making all incoming attacks 3 levels more difficult.

Disappear (M) (Range touch, AOE small item, Difficulty 2, 1 SP, instantaneous)

> Makes small item disappear to "other plane" only accessible to caster. Must be retrieved within 24 hours or it is lost.

Detect Magical Power (G) (Range 3m/L, AOE self, Difficulty 3, 3 SP, 1 min/L)

> Allows caster to detect the use of magic or magical items.

Dispel (G) (Range 3m/L, AOE spell, Difficulty level of spell, equal to level of spell,

instantaneous)

Reduces spell strength by 4 levels or by 4 and negates it totally with a critical success.

Douse Fire (E) (Range 3m/L, AOE 2m/L diameter circle, Difficulty 3, 3 SP, NA)

> If water is available is can be applied to extinguishing a fire.

Enhance Attack (S) (Range touch/self, AOE target, Difficulty 3, 3 SP, 2 min)

> Makes targets attacks all 2 levels easier for duration of the spell.

Enrage Flames (G,E) (Range 6m/L, AOE 2m/L diameter circle, Difficulty 3, 2 SP, 2 min)

> Causes a fire to become enraged. A fire with become 10 times its original size using up 10 times the available fuel.

Extinguish (G,E) (Range 6m/L, AOE 1 cu foot/L, Difficulty 4, 5 SP, instantaneous)

> Creates a vacuum around a fire extinguishing the flames. Extremely hot fires can re-ignite.

(Range 6m/L, AOE 3m diameter circle, Fireball (E) Difficulty 3, 4 SP, instantaneous)

> An exploding fireball causing 2D fire damage to all in circle.

Grace of Cats (S,M)(Range touch/self, AOE target, Difficulty 3, 3 SP, 1 min/L)

> Improves AG by +6 for duration of the spell. Hence, enhances all AG related skills.

Heat Wave (G) (Range 5m/L, AOE 3m/L long wall, Difficulty 3, 3 SP, 1 min)

> Creates a moving wall of heat that causes 1D heat damage to cross and halves movement rate to cross. Wall starts at caster an moves 5m round to maximum range. Also makes all perception rolls through the wall 4 levels more difficult.

Ice (E) (Range 3m/L, AOE 3m/L diameter circle. Difficulty 4, 4 SP, instantaneous)

Freezes water into a 4 inch thick slab.

Leap of the Lion (S,M) (Range touch, AOE target, Difficulty 3, 3 SP, 2 min)

> Allows target to be able to leap up to 13m horizontally and 6m vertically.

Make Poison Antidote (G) (Range touch, AOE 1 flask/dose, Difficulty 3, 3 SP, instantaneous)

Creates a cure for poisons in liquid form.

Nullify Poison (E) (Range touch, AOE target, Difficulty 4, 2 SP, instantaneous)

Stops poison from working.

Purify Food/Water (E,S) (Range touch, AOE 1 cubic foot/L, Difficulty 5, 2 SP, NA)

Purifies contaminated or poisoned food.

Rain (E) (Range 6m/L, AOE 3m/L diameter circle,

Difficulty 4, 4 SP, 30 sec/L)

Condense water in air into a fine rain capable of damping out small fires. Dry air lessens the effect.

Release Skeleton/Zombie (N) (Range 5m/L, AOE 1 Zombie/Skeleton/L, Difficulty 4, 3 SP, instantaneous)

> Releases the controlling force of the zombie or skeleton thus destroying the creature.

Sense Thoughts (M) (Range 2m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 3, 2 SP, 1 min)

> Allows caster to sense, but not complete read the thoughts of the target.

Shield of Wind (E) (Range 2m/L or self, AOE one person, Difficulty 3, 3 SP, 2 min)

> Creates a small shield around the caster making incoming attacks 3 levels more difficult. Works only against one attack per phase and does not reduce damage.

Visual Illusion (G) (Range 3m/L, AOE location, Difficulty 3, 2

SP, up to 1 min/L)

Caster than create an image at a give location.

Water Cannon (E) (Range 6m/L, AOE 1m/L diameter circle, Difficulty 4, 5 SP, instantaneous)

> Blasts a column of water (if present) at a target. Does 2D damage, plus requires Level 4 AG roll to keep standing.

(Range 15m/L, AOE 6m/L, Difficulty 5, 1 Wind (E)

SP/6m radius, 5 min)

Creates a strong breeze, enough to blow dust and extinguish candles and torches. Does not extinguish covered lamps, etc.

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(Range 6m/L, AOE 5m diameter circle/L, Asphyxiate (E) Difficulty 4, 3 SP, 3 min)

> Creates a vacuum in an area where all persons in zone suffer 1D damage per turn until they leave the space.

Blade Master (S,M) (Range touch/self, AOE target, Difficulty 4, 4 SP, 2 min)

> Makes all attack rolls 4 levels easier for the target.

Camouflage (E) (Range touch/self, AOE target, Difficulty 6, 6 SP, 5 min/L)

> Creates a complete visual disguise. Requires a level 9 (IN+PE) roll to detect the disguise (or a detect magic), however can detect an imposter of a known person/friend with an level 1 (IN+PE) roll.

Charm (G) (Range 1m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 3, 2

SP, 5 min)

Charms target with respect to caster for 4 rounds. They will think the caster is their friend, unless attacked. Saving roll equal to level of caster plus MA bonus.

Command Animal (S) (Range 3m/L, AOE animal, Difficulty 2, 2 SP, varies)

> If animal fails level 6 WP roll it must do as the caster commands. Only a level 4 WP roll is allowed if the animal is instructed to do some very dangerous act.

Command Zombies/Skeletons (N) (Range 3m/L, AOE 1/undead/L, Difficulty 4, 4 SP, varies)

1 June 2000 Essentially gives programming instructions to a zombie or skeleton. Can overwrite existing instructions. Daze (G) (Range 5m/L, AOE 2m/L radius circle, Difficulty 4, 3 SP, 4 rounds) Dazes targets (targets can only defend) if they fail a WP roll at the casters level. Disguise (G) (Range touch/self, AOE target, Difficulty 6, 6 SP, 5 min/L) Creates a complete visual disguise. Requires a level 9 (IN+PE) roll to detect the disguise (or a detect magic), however can detect an imposter of a known person/friend with an level 1 (IN+PE) roll. Dispel Magic (X) (Range touch, AOE object, Difficulty 3+level of spell*, 3 + level of spell SP, permanent) * Difficult can never be lower than level of spell. Allows caster to break a previous enchantment or ward. Detect Lie (M,S) (Range self, AOE target, Difficulty 4, 2 SP, 5 min/L) Allows the caster to know whether the target is telling the truth or not. Enfeeblement (N) (Range 5m, AOE target, Difficulty 4, 2 SP, 1min/L) Target's strength is reduced by 6 for duration of spell. Only reduced by 3 with a normal level 6 saving roll and not at all with a critical success saving roll. Encrypt (G) (Range touch, AOE 1 scroll, Difficulty 3, 1 SP, 24 hours) Cast on paper, scroll, etc. makes it unreadable for 24 hours without a dispel magic spell.

Fortune Telling (G,S) (Range self, AOE target, Difficulty 6, 2 SP, varies) Allows the caster insight onto another

persons immediate future. Note, this spell is not reliable when the caster has a vested interest in the future. Cannot be cast on oneself or another in the party.

Freeze (E) (Range touch, AOE 1/2 kg/L, Difficulty 4, 4 SP, one phase)

> Allows caster to freeze item touched solid. Note this will freeze armor, etc. If bare flesh is touched, then 6D cold damage is suffered. See Grasp of Ice above.

Heal (S) (Range touch/self, AOE target, Difficulty 3, varies, NA)

Heals 1D of hit points per 1 SP used.

(Range 2m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 4, 2 Hypnotize (M) SP, up to 5 minutes)

Allows caster to put another under, even if unwilling (if failing a saving roll). While hypnotized the caster can implant suggestions or ask questions.

Induce Rain (E) (Range 0m, AOE 1km/L, Difficulty 10, 4 SP, varies)

> If clouds are present, they can be induced to rain. Roll actual 2D6 to judge amount 2-6 light, 7-9 medium, 10-12 heavy. Modified by cloud density and success level of the spell.

Insights (S) (Range touch/self, AOE target, Difficulty 3, 6, 30 min/L)

> Adds +4 to intelligence of caster for duration of spell.

(Range 6m/L, AOE 2m/L diameter circle, Rain of Rocks (E) Difficulty 3, 4 SP, instantaneous)

> If available gravel and small rocks are picked up and shot at the area. Those in the circle suffer 2D damage. A level 4 ST roll is required to avoid losing all movement and a level 2 AG roll to avoid falling.

Send thought/message (M) (Range varies, AOE target, Difficulty 8, 1 SP/10km, instantaneous)

> Allows caster to send messages via thoughts for great distances.

Shake the Earth (E) (Range 10m/L, AOE 3m/L diameter circle, Difficulty 4, 4 SP, 3 min)

> Causes the earth to shake, all standing must make a level 4 AG roll to remain standing. All travel is at half speed. All attacks are 3 levels more difficult.

Strength of Giants (M,E) (Range touch/self, AOE target, Difficulty 4, 4 SP, 1 min/L)

> Improves ST by +4 for duration of the spell. Hence, enhances all ST related skills and hand-to-hand damage bonus.

Telekinesis (M) (Range 3m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 4, 1 SP/kg, 30 sec)

> Allows caster to manipulate an object with their mind only..

> > Difficulty: 4, Spell Cost 4.

Telepathy (M) (Range 3m/L, AOE target/self, Difficulty 4, 3 SP, 30 sec/L)

> Allows caster to communicate with another target. Can be resisted with a MA saving roll equal to casters level + 3.

Walled Mind (M) (Range self, AOE self, Difficulty 4, 4 SP, 5 min/L)

> Caster seals off his mind from any telepathy, mind reading, for duration of spell.

Weapon of Power (G) (Range touch, AOE 1 weapon, Difficulty 4, 3 SP, 3 min)

Cast on a weapon, it makes hit rolls 3 levels easier and adds 1D damage on hits

Whirlwind (G,E) (Range 10m/L, AOE 2m diameter circle/L, Difficulty 4, 4 SP, 2 rounds)

Creates an intense blast of wind capable of picking up debris, etc. If small gravel is present, then targets must make a level 4 AG roll to avoid taking 2D blunt damage twice per round. Targets must make a level 1 ST rolls to stand each round and level 3 ST roll to advance against the wind in a round.

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Accelerate Magic (G) (Range 3m/L, AOE spell, Difficulty 5, 5 SP, instantaneous)

Spells reduces the duration of existing spells by a factor of 5. Causes a other dimensional drain on the mana invested in the spell.

Animal Messenger (E) (Range ½ km/L, AOE 1 creature, Difficulty 6, 3 SP, 1D6 days)

Caster summons an animal (determined by GM) to carry a message to someone else. The animal try to deliver the message in the number of days, otherwise it forgets the message. The detail of the message is limited to a series of thoughts and visions that are delivered to the recipient.

Animate Body (N) (Make Zombie/Skeleton) (Range touch, AOE 1 body/2 levels, Difficulty 8, 3 SP/body, indefinite)

Caster can animate 1 body per 2 levels. Zombies last 1-2 weeks before turning into skeletons. Necromancers only.

Beacon (S,G) (Range 1m/L, AOE NA, Difficulty 5, 5 SP, 5 min/L)

A powerful light erupts for the caster effectively as bright as a light house.

Charge (G) (Range touch, AOE 1 object, Difficulty 5, 5 SP, up to 10 minutes/discharge)

Attaches an electrical charge to any object. Lasts for 5 minutes. Next person or animal that touches the object gets 3d electrical damage. Item must be no bigger than 20 kg.

Cone of Frost (E) (Range 5m/L, AOE 2m/L wide cone at end, Difficulty 5, 5 SP, instantaneous)

Blasts a cone of cold causing 3D cold damage to all in its area of effect. The area starts at the caster and ends in a 2m/L wide line. The caster can thus concentrate the effect in a wide close blast or a farther blast.

Create Food (S) (Range 0m, AOE NA, Difficulty 6, 3 SP,

NA)

Creates a rich bread substance that feeds 2-12 people.

Divine Item (M) (Range self, AOE 100m, Difficulty 5, 3 SP,

5 minutes)

Allows caster to find item with 100 yards if they have a clear mental image of the

item.

Enthrall (G) (Range 2m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 5, 3

SP, 5 min/L)

Target becomes enthralled with caster for 5 minutes. Require level 6 WP roll to avoid effects of spell. They will think the caster is their friend or more.

Fire Ball (E) (Range 20m/L, AOE 3m diameter circle, Difficulty 5, 6 SP, instantaneous)

Caster blasts out a 6D6 damage fire ball that explodes on the target. Can also ignite objects.

Greater Illusion (G) (Range 20m/L, AOE 10m diameter circle, Difficulty 6, 4 min/L)

Caster can create a large illusion (small house size) with both visual and auditory features. This can be very complex with multiple movements and noises.

Rally Troops (S) (Range 0m, AOE 30m radius circle, Difficulty 8, 6 SP, 10 min/L)

Causes all those failing to make a level 6 WP saving roll to rally and regroup. Cancels Fright spells and broken ranks,

Read Mind (M) SP. 5 min/L) (Range 3m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 6, 4

If target fails a level 8 WP roll, the caster can read their mind.

Rock Blast (E) (Range 6m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 5, 5 SP. instantaneous)

A concentrated blast of energy through the earth that blasts a rock (assuming rock is available) at the target causing 5D damage. This acts like a regular attack at

the skill level of the caster.

Robe of Fire (E,N) (Range self, AOE 1m diameter circle,

Difficulty 5, 4 SP, 1 min/L)

Creates a robe of fire around the caster. Anyone attacking the caster in hand-tohand combat suffers 1D6 damage per attack (adjusted for armor).

Sickness (N) (Range 2m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 5, 4 SP, 1D6 days)

Causes target to become afflicted with symptoms equal to a severe virus within

1D6 rounds. Vomiting, etc. -3 to all attacks while sick. Level 4 saving roll against HT allowed.

Skin of Stone (E) (Range self/touch, AOE target, Difficulty 4, 5 SP, 3 min)

Describes toward with AA and different

Provides target with 11 additional points of armor, reduces AG by -2 and DX by -2.

Snow (E) (Range 5m/L, AOE 3m diameter circle/L, Difficulty 5, 4 SP, instantaneous)

Immediately creates a blast of snow (4 inches) light and fluffy into the target area. It will melt rapidly in hot weather. Good for extinguishing fires, etc.

Superheat (M,G) (Range touch, AOE object, Difficulty 5, 5 SP, instantaneous)

Causes an object to get heated rapidly. Causes 6D6 to touched object, with ignite flammable materials, and cause object to become too hot to handle..

Summon Spirit (S,N) (Range NA, AOE spirit, Difficulty 10, 6 SP, 1 min/L)

Summons spirit from the beyond. Spirit can depart if offended, etc., but can carry discussions, etc.

Tunnel (E) (Range 0m, AOE earth, Difficulty 6, varies, varies)

This spell creates a tunnel through rock (1m/3 SP) or earth (1m/1 SP) that is 3' diameter.

Viper's Strike (S,M) (Range self/touch, AOE target, Difficulty 4, 3 SP, 2 min)

Causes all hand-to-hand attacks from the target to do an additional 1D of damage per successful hit. (This is pre-adjustment for critical strikes).

Wind Shaft (E) (Range 3m/L, AOE 3m diameter circle, Difficulty 5, 4 SP, 2 min)

Creates a vortex of wind that carries anything up to 100 kg straight up into the air 2'/L of caster

Xenophobia (N,G) (Range 3m/L, AOE 3m diameter circle, Difficulty 5, 3 SP, 5 min)

Creates extreme sense of xenophobia in people of choice within target circle of effect.. Lasts five minutes and can induce fighting, etc. Requires Level 5 WP roll to resist.

Level 6

Bless Crops (S,E) (Range 0m, AOE ½ km square area, Difficulty 10, 20 SP, one season)

Causes crops to double production for a season (must be cast in spring).

Blink (G) (Range self, AOE self, Difficulty 6, 10 SP, instantaneous)

Allows the caster to instantly teleport 3m in any direction.

Circle of Protection from Demons (X) (Range 0m, AOE ½ m/L, Difficulty 6, 8 SP, 15 min/L)

Creates a protective circle that demons cannot cross.

Command crowd (G) (Range voice, AOE crowd, Difficulty 6, 10 SP, 30min/L)

Allows caster to foment crowd into action. Spells can be resisted with a level 5 WP saving roll.

Crumble Rock (E) (Range 8m/L, AOE 3cubic m/L, Difficulty 6, 8 SP, instantaneous)

Causes rock to effectively crumble to sand.

Cure Disease (S) (Range touch, AOE target, Difficulty 6, 4 SP, instantaneous)

Cures all diseases.

Disintegrate (M) (Range touch, AOE 1 liter volume/L, Difficulty 6, 5 SP, instantaneous)

Causes matter to disintegrate. This attack causes 8D damage if a successful hand-to-hand attack is performed when it is cast

Disease (N) (Range 2m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 6, 4SP, varies)

Afflicts the target with a host of possibly deadly, crippling, nasty diseases.

Doppelganger (G) (Range touch/self, AOE target, Difficulty 9, 6 SP, 1 hr/L)

Creates a complete visual and sound disguise that requires a level 9 (IN+PE) roll to detect the disguise (or a detect magic) even when disguised as a friend of the other characters.

Fire Storm (E) (Range 10m/L, AOE 4m/L diameter circle, Difficulty 9, 8 SP, instantaneous)

Brings a storm of fire on affected area causes 4D6 damage to all in circle and setting flammable materials on fire.

Inspire Battle Rage (S) (Range 0m, AOE 5m/L diameter circle, Difficulty 8, 6 SP, 5 min /L)

Creates a battle rage in targets. Resisted with level 5 WP roll. All in circle with attack at +2 on all attack rolls and never use the defend action.

Invisibility (G) (Range 0m/self, AOE target, Difficulty 6, 5 SP, 15 min/L)

A complete cloaking spell. Makes target invisible to sight for duration of spell.

Lightning (E) (Range 10m/L, AOE one target, Difficulty

6, 6 SP, instantaneous)

Blasts the target with an 6D6 lightning bolt. Can also ignite fires and causes those within 3m to make a level 4 AG roll or be knocked down.

Mind Meld (M) (Range touch, AOE target, Difficulty 10, 6 SP, 1 min/L)

> Allows caster and target minds to mend as one, permanently transferring some memories between the two people. This spell can, optionally, be resisted with only a Level 4 difficulty WP roll.

Minor Quake (E) (Range 0m, AOE 20m/L, Difficulty 5, 6 SP, 30 sec/L)

> Creates a magnitude 6 earth quake in the vicinity of the spell. Level 5 AG roll to stand and attack each round. Buildings may be damaged and fall based on quality of structure e.g. GM discretion.

(Range 3m/L, AOE 3m/L diameter circle, Poison Cloud (N) Difficulty 6, 5 SP, 2 min/varies)

> Creates a cloud of poisonous green gas that causes 1D the first round, 2D the second round, etc., up to a maximum of 4D per round. A HT saving roll is allowed and targets can move out of the gas. The

Summon Sea Storm (E) (Range 0m. AOE 1/2 km radius/L circle, Difficulty 6, 10 SP, 10 min/L)

> Raises rough seas and winds in the area of the spell. Smaller boats with flounder, while large boats will likely be damaged or out of control.

Turn Demon (X) (Range 3m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 6, 6 SP, permanent)

> Causes a demon to leave the area of the caster. Cannot return for at least 24 hours.

Wall of Stone (E) (Range 5m/L, AOE 3m/L (long) x 1m (wide) x 2m (tall) wall, Difficulty 6, 8 SP, instantaneous)

> Causes wall of earth to raise from the ground.

Wind Storm (E,G) (Range 10m/L, AOE 3m diameter circle/L, Difficulty 6, 6 SP, 2 rounds)

> Creates an intense blast of wind capable of picking up debris, etc. If debris is present, then targets must make a level 4 AG roll to avoid taking 3D blunt damage twice per round. Targets must make a level 3 ST rolls to stand each round and level 6 ST roll to advance against the wind in a round.

Level 7

(Range 10m/L, AOE one Dispel Elemental (E) elemental, Difficulty 7, 6 SP, permanent)

Allows caster to dispel an elemental.

Divine Use (G,S) (Range touch, AOE one item, Difficulty 10,

3 SP, instantaneous)

Gives caster knowledge of the use of a magical item and what the trigger word is.

Enchant Item (X) (Range touch, AOE one item, Difficulty 8, 3 SP+cost of spell, NA)

> Allows caster to store a charge of a spell in some appropriate item. To use the spell the holder of the item must issue the appropriate command. (Sometimes written on the item) or identified by a Divine Use spell.

Feed the Masses (S) (Range 0m, AOE NA, Difficulty

7, 12 SP, instantaneous)

Creates spell bread like food that feeds 1D6x100 people.

Flight (G) (Range touch/self, AOE one being,

Difficulty 8, 8 SP, 1 day)

Caster or target can fly 25 yards per melee turn in any direction.

(Range 100m/L, AOE one ship, Difficulty Sailing Winds (E) 8, 8 SP, 1 day)

> Allows caster to create a medium wind capable of propelling a ship for one day.

Summon Demon (X) (Range 0m, AOE target, Difficulty 10, 8 SP, 1 day/L)

> Causes a demon to materialize on this plane. Demons cannot leave unless permitted by the caster for the duration of the spell. This gives the caster bargaining power with the demon, since the demon is otherwise trapped at the given location by the summon demon spell.

Summon Familiar (X) (Range 1km/L, AOE one creature, Difficulty 10, 15 SP, permanent)

> Allows caster to summon an avian familiar. This animal will served the caster unto death. Casters can only have one familiar at a time and must wait 3 months before summoning another familiar, after losing a

familiar.

Level 8

Banish Demon (X) (Range 3m/L, AOE target, Difficulty 8, 10 SP, instantaneous)

> Banishes a demon from this plane for at least one month.

Bind Spirit to Item (N) (Range 0m, AOE target, Difficulty 8, 10 SP, varies)

> Binds a spirit to an object trapping in there. Usually it is a crystal or gem, etc.

Command Elemental (E) (Range 10m/L, AOE one elemental, Difficulty 6, 4 SP, varies)

Allows caster to give a command to an air elemental.

Level 9

Create Elemental (E) (Range 0m, AOE one elemental, Difficulty 12, 10 SP, permanent)

Allows caster to give a create an air elemental.

Level 10

Summon Weather (E) (Range location, AOE 1 km/L diameter, Difficulty 12, 10 SP, varies)

Allows caster to summon weather appropriate to time of year. E.g. summon a massive thunderstorm or snow storm. Calm sea storm, etc.

Dispel Elemental (X) (Range 10m/L, AOE one elemental, Difficulty 7, 6 SP, permanent)

Allows caster to dispel an elemental.

22. Appendix 2 - ORC Variations/Derivation

This appendix includes ORC tables for 1D100 and 2D6 (probably not recommended).

For those interested in the derivation of the ORC Table: The current ORC tables are based on a mapping of SRS scores to a normal probability table. To get the probability of overall success, a Z-score was calculated equal to SRS/4. Comparing this to the normal probability distribution provided a probability of success. Probability of critical success equals 0.2 x the overall probability of success. Probability of failure. A little fudging is done on very low and high scores.

The ORC tables map the probability of dice rolls the derived probabilities.

This system has the following features:

- A SRS of 0 gives 50% chance of success.
- Changes in SRS values around 0 have larger impact on chance of success.
- Very small and very large chances of success around extremes SRS values can be obtained.
 For this reason, the conversion to 2D6 does not work as well and is not recommended, by 1D100 should work as well as 3D6.

The ORC Tables

ORC Table for 1D100

| | Critical | | | Critical |
|------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| SRS | Success | Success | Failure | Failure |
| -9 or less | NA | 01 | 02-90 | 91-100 |
| -8 | NA | 01-02 | 03-90 | 91-100 |
| -7 | 01 | 02-04 | 05-90 | 91-100 |
| -6 | 01 | 02-07 | 08-91 | 92-100 |
| -5 | 01-02 | 03-11 | 12-91 | 92-100 |
| -4 | 01-03 | 04-16 | 17-92 | 93-100 |
| -3 | 01-05 | 06-23 | 24-92 | 93-100 |
| -2 | 01-06 | 07-31 | 32-93 | 94-100 |
| -1 | 01-08 | 09-40 | 41-94 | 95-100 |
| 0 | 01-10 | 11-50 | 51-95 | 96-100 |
| 1 | 01-12 | 13-60 | 61-96 | 97-100 |
| 2 | 01-14 | 15-69 | 70-97 | 98-100 |
| 3 | 01-15 | 16-77 | 78-98 | 99-100 |
| 4 | 01-17 | 18-84 | 85-98 | 99-100 |
| 5 | 01-18 | 19-89 | 90-99 | 100 |
| 6 | 01-19 | 20-93 | 94-99 | 100 |
| 7 | 01-19 | 20-96 | 97-100 | NA |
| 8 | 01-20 | 21-98 | 99-100 | NA |
| 9 or more | 01-20 | 21-99 | 100 | NA |

ORC Table for 1D20

| SRS | Critical | Success | Failure | Critical |
|------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| 0.10 | Success | Cusses | . andro | Failure |
| -7 or less | NA | 1 | 2-18 | 19-20 |
| -6 | NA | 1-2 | 3-18 | 19-20 |
| -5 | NA | 1-2 | 3-18 | 19-20 |
| -4 | 1 | 2-3 | 4-18 | 19-20 |
| -3 | 1 | 2-5 | 6-18 | 19-20 |
| -2 | 1 | 2-6 | 7-18 | 19-20 |
| -1 | 1-2 | 3-8 | 9-18 | 19-29 |
| 0 | 1-2 | 3-10 | 11-19 | 20 |
| 1 | 1-2 | 3-12 | 13-19 | 20 |
| 2 | 1-3 | 4-14 | 15-19 | 20 |
| 3 | 1-3 | 4-15 | 16-19 | 20 |
| 4 | 1-3 | 4-17 | 18-20 | NA |
| 5 | 1-4 | 5-18 | 19-20 | NA |
| 6 | 1-4 | 5-18 | 19-20 | NA |
| 7 or more | 1-4 | 5-19 | 20 | NA |

ORC Table for 2D6

| SRS | Critical Success | Success | Failure | Critical Failure |
|------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------------------|
| -7 or less | NA | 2-3 | 4-10 | 11-12 |
| -6 | NA | 2-3 | 4-10 | 11-12 |
| -5 | NA | 2-4 | 5-10 | 11-12 |
| -4 | 2-3 | 4 | 5-10 | 11-12 |
| -3 | 2-3 | 4-5 | 6-11 | 12 |
| -2 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 7-11 | 12 |
| -1 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 7-11 | 12 |
| 0 | 2-4 | 5-7 | 8-11 | 12 |
| 1 | 2-4 | 5-8 | 9-11 | 12 |
| 2 | 2-4 | 5-8 | 9-11 | 12 |
| 3 | 2-4 | 5-9 | 10-11 | 12 |
| 4 | 2-5 | 6-10 | 11 | 12 |
| 5 | 2-5 | 6-10 | 11-12 | NA |
| 6 | 2-5 | 6-11 | 12 | NA |
| 7 or more | 2-5 | 6-11 | 12 | NA |

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Name: Description:

| Statistic | Skill Modifier | Comments |
|--------------|-------------------|----------|
| ST | | |
| AG | | |
| DX | | |
| HT | | |
| IQ WP | | |
| PE | | |
| AP | | |
| CH | | |
| Hit Points | | |
| Combat Speed | | |
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| Skills | Level | Stats | Statistics Modifier | Combined Skill Level | Comments |
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|--------|----|-----|------|------|--------|----------|
| NA | PB | SHT | EFF | EXT | Damage | Comments |
| Weapon | 3m | 10% | 60% | 100% | | |
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Equipment:

24. Appendix 4. Animals and Monsters:

Ant, Giant

Giant ants. Ants are social creatures and generally will not attack unless adventurers attack them or cross into a nest or other area of interest. Ants attack with their huge mandibles.

| Stat | Worker | Warrior | Queen |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Hit Points | 3D6 | 5D6 | 20D6 |
| CS | 6 | 9 | 1 |
| Armor | 3 | 7 | none |
| Speed/Turn | 30m | 56m | 2m |
| Speed/Action | 15m | 14m | 2m |
| Attack | Bite (1,2D6) | Bite (4,4D6) | Bite (-3,6D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | | | |

Apetrix (World of Symmetry)

Apetrix are tree dwelling semi intelligent creatures. They can form very large colonies and will threaten groups that they out number. The elder Apetrix can sometimes be bought off with a few pieces of shiny metal. They are 3 to 4' tall.

| Stat | Apetrix | |
|--------------|----------------|--|
| Hit Points | 3D6 | |
| CS | 7 | |
| Armor | 3 | |
| Speed/Turn | 24m | |
| Speed/Action | 8m | |
| Attack | Club (2, 1D6) | |
| (SRS/Dam) | Arrow (0, 1D3) | |

Angel Teeth (World of Symmetry)

Flying animals about half human size. They have very large leather wings and long beaks full of sharp teeth. Can be fairly aggressive when in packs.

| Stat | Apetrix |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Hit Points | 2D6 |
| CS | 9 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 48m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Bite (2, 2D6-2) |
| (SRS/Dam) | · |

Bat, Giant

Giant bats travel in packs and have a good chance of carrying infections.

| Stat | Apetrix |
|------|---------|

| Hit Points | 1D6 |
|--------------|---------------|
| CS | 9 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 40m |
| Speed/Action | 10m |
| Attack | Bite (2, 1D3) |
| (SRS/Dam) | , |

Giant bats get a defensive bonus of -2 SRS to the attacker because of their innate ability to dodge.

Bear

Bears are generally solitary animals. They are particularly dangerous when defending young, but many bears will avoid humans. Cave bears and grizzlies are more likely to attack

| Stat | Black | Brown | Cave |
|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 | 10D6 | 12D6 |
| CS | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Armor | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 36m | 42m | 48m |
| Speed/Action | 12m | 14m | 16m |
| Attack | Bite (2, | Bite (4, | Bite (6, 4D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | 2D6) | 3D6) | |

Bird

Birds are found all over, but are generally not aggressive.

| Stat | Small | Medium | Large |
|--------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Hit Points | 1hp | 1D2 | 1D6 |
| CS | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Armor | none | none | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 60m | 80m | 100m |
| Speed/Action | 15m | 20m | 25m |
| Attack | Beak (0, | Beak/Claw | Beak/Claw |
| (SRS/Dam) | 1D6-4) | (3, 1D3) | (5, 1D3+1) |

Birds get a defensive bonus of -2 SRS to the attacker because of their speed when flying

Blue Men (World of Symmetry)

An intelligent race of humanoids. They are roughly human size and a deep blue. They dwell away from man and do not support large populations on Symmetry. It is unknown when the arrived, since they were not one of the original settling races. They are very inimical towards man. It is believed that they have a colony in Amer. They are often found near ancient remains and obviously use technological and magical devices.

There are several distinct types of Blue Men with the requisite skills: adventurers, explorers, soldiers, and magic users. Blue Women are also commonly seen. Blue men/women may have armor up to plate with alloy. The Blue men favor short katana or short swords.

| Stat | Blue Men |
|------|----------|
|------|----------|

| Hit Points | 6D6 | |
|--------------|-------------------|--|
| CS | 7 | |
| Armor | worn: 3 to 9 | |
| Speed/Turn | 36m | |
| Speed/Action | 12m | |
| Attack | Weapon (6, 1D6 to | |
| (SRS/Dam) | 2D6) | |

Boar, Wild

Boars are wild pigs with large tusks and dense hair.

| Stat | Boar | |
|--------------|-----------------|--|
| Hit Points | 5D6 | |
| CS | 8 | |
| Armor | 5 | |
| Speed/Turn | 45m | |
| Speed/Action | 15m | |
| Attack | Gore (2, 2D6) | |
| (SRS/Dam) | Kick (4, 1D6+1) | |

Brill (World of Symmetry)

Brill are 7' humanoids with red skin and dread locs. They are highly cultured and employed as diplomatics and traders. The Brill live along with humans in many cases. The Brill have are somewhat magically inclined. While not fast, their size makes them good fighters as well.

Brill have an insatiable appetite for good food, good entertainment, and good company. Brill can party all night without tiring.

| Stat | Brill |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 7D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | worn: 3 to 17 |
| Speed/Turn | 42m |
| Speed/Action | 14m |
| Attack | Weapon (2-8, +2 |
| (SRS/Dam) | Dam) |
| | Hands (3, 1D6+1) |

Brill receive a +1 to saving rolls against magic and +1 on HT saving rolls.

Carnivorous Ape

These apes feast on flesh rather than on roots, fruits, and insects. The travel in packs of 4-9 adults with one dominant leader. They attack with claws and bites.

| Stat | Warrior | Leader |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 | 10D6 |
| CS | 8 | 8 |
| Armor | 3 | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 36m | 42m |
| Speed/Action | 12m | 14m |
| Attack | Bite/Claw (3, | Bite/Claw (6, |
| (SRS/Dam) | 1D6+2) | 2D6+3) |

Cat, Mutated (World of Symmetry)

These house cats that have developed in the oversized (20 kg) aggressive hunters. The possess night vision and climbing as special skills. They are

generally loners, but sometimes appear in marauding packs of 3D6. However, even while in packs, they do not display pack behavior.

| Stat | Cat | |
|--------------|-------------------|--|
| Hit Points | 2D6 | |
| CS | 10 | |
| Armor | 3 | |
| Speed/Turn | 90m | |
| Speed/Action | 23m | |
| Attack | Bite (6, 1D6+2) | |
| (SRS/Dam) | Claw (3, 1D6-1)x2 | |

Centaur

Half horse/half human animals. Found in forested and plain regions. Intelligent creatures, but wild by nature.

| Stat | Centaur |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 9D6 |
| CS | 8 |
| Armor | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 54m |
| Speed/Action | 18m |
| Attack | Weapon (4,+2 Da) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Kick (2, 3D6) |

Crab, Giant

Sea creatures. Crabs attack with their huge claws. Usually they are loners, but may be found in numbers.

| Stat | Large | Giant | Huge |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 | 10D6 | 20D6 |
| CS | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| Armor | 7 | 11 | 15 |
| Speed/Turn | 36m | 48m | 60m |
| Speed/Action | 12m | 16m | 20m |
| Attack | Claws (2, | Claws (4, | Claws (6, |
| (SRS/Dam) | 2D6) | 4D6) | 6D6) |

Centipede, Giant

Giant centipedes can be found in dungeons, caverns, and jungles. The vary in size, but all have poisonous bites and large mandibles.

| Stat | Centipede |
|--------------|----------------|
| Hit Points | 2D6 to 6D6 |
| CS | 6 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 18m to 30m |
| Speed/Action | 6m to 10m |
| Attack | 1 to 3 (1D6-1, |
| (SRS/Dam) | 1D6+2, 2D6) |

Poison gets a Level 1 (small), 2 (medium), or 3 (large) saving roll versus HT. Effect is 1 (small), 2 (medium), or 3 (large) points per turn hit point damage for the next 1D6 turns.

Demons

Demons are magically creatures that come from other planes. Lesser demons are generally strong

creatures, but not necessarily intelligent or capable of using magic. Greater demons are highly intelligent and dangerous foes capable of magic and extremely dangerous in combat.

All demons should have various immunities and bonuses. For example, a fire demon should be immune to fire attacks, but suffer double damage from cold attacks.

| Stat | Lesser | Greater |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Hit Points | 10D6 | 2D6x20 |
| CS | 9 | 9 |
| Armor | 3-9 | 7-17 |
| Speed/Turn | 60m+ | 120m+ |
| Speed/Action | 15m+ | 30m+ |
| Attack | Varies (4-10, | Varies (6-12, |
| (SRS/Dam) | 2D6 to 4D6) | 3D6 to 8D6) |

Dog

Dogs are domesticated wolves. Wild dogs have a good chance of carrying disease, including rabies or can cause blood poisoning.

| Stat | Dog |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 1D6 to 6D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 0 to 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 24m to 48m |
| Speed/Action | 8m to 16m |
| Attack | 0 to 4 (1D3-1 to |
| (SRS/Dam) | 2D6-1) |

Doppleganger

These animals are shapeshifters that can take on the form of appearance of another animal or person. They may even be able to speak the language of the creature they mimic. They usually attempt to get into a party and systematically attack and kill individual members. Other times they may simply get into the party to gain entrance to a city or town, where they can feast regularly.

Dopplegangers turn up in cities, the country, and just about any place.

| Stat | Doppleganger |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 |
| CS | 8 |
| Armor | plus armor |
| Speed/Turn | 36m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Claw (4, 1D6+1) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Can be detected with a detect magic spell.

Dru'upp (World of Symmetry)

Tall long limbed amphibians are often employed as sailors on trading ships. Dru'upp are like upright standing frogs in appearance with large mouths, tongues that can snatch up small objects, and with large eyes.

| Stat | Dru'upp |
|------|---------|

| Hit Points | 6D6 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| CS | 7 |
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| Armor | armor (light) |
| Speed/Turn | 36m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Weapon (2-6, no |
| (SRS/Dam) | damage bonus) |

Dru'upp are amphibians, though there young are raised in special ponds.

Dru'upp have excellent night vision.

Dru'upp can swim at the same speed as their ground movement.

Dru'upp suffer double damage from fire attacks and cannot last in desert environments without being wrapped in wet cloaks, etc.

Dwarves

Dwarves are a short but powerful race of earth dwelling humanoids. Dwarves have a love of gold, silver, and gems. Dwarves are also have master craftspeople that will work for other races.

Dwarves have strong clan alliances. Dwarves like good beers and long sessions recalling past glories.

| Stat | Dwarf |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 4D6 to 6D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | armor (heavy) |
| Speed/Turn | 30m |
| Speed/Action | 10m |
| Attack | Weapon (2-10, +1 |
| (SRS/Dam) | damage) |

Dwarves get a +1 on ST and HT saving rolls.

Elementals

Elementals are spirits that animate various types of materials. The most common are water, air, fire, and earth elementals. Other examples are ice elementals and plant elementals. The GM can provide many others. Elementals usually have some capabilities to manipulate or travel within their type of material, but may be bound to it. For example, earth elementals can move within the ground, but cannot travel by air. Further, each may have different characteristics. Earth elementals may have heavy armor, but be slow while air elementals may travel fast, but not be able to cause much damage.

The GM should decide on how each operates. The following are examples of some elementals.

Air Elementals

Air elementals are essential air spirits. They can travel at high speeds to deliver messages of spy. They can attack by creating winds and blowing up materials, but do not possess the ability to strike a blow

Air elementals cannot be struck by regular weapons, but can be hit by magical weapons or magic spells.

Air elementals are immune to cold spells.

| Stat | Air Elemental |
|--------------|-----------------|
| | All Elemental |
| Hit Points | 8D6 |
| CS | 8 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 180m |
| Speed/Action | 60m |
| Attack | Freeze (4, 1D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Earth Elementals

Earth elementals are spirit that consist of animated rocks, dirt, or mud. Earth elementals can attack and be attached as normal creatures. Earth elementals can form into any shape they please and, hence, detection can be difficult without a detect magic spell.

| Stat | Earth Elemental |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Hit Points | 12D6 |
| CS | 6 |
| Armor | 17 |
| Speed/Turn | 30m |
| Speed/Action | 15m |
| Attack | Bash (4, 5D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Fire Elementals

Fire elementals are spirits that exist as fire. They are very dangerous because the tend to ignite organic materials on contact. They can only be hit by magical weapons, magic, or water covered weapons.

A spray of water or mist causes 1D6 damage per turn to a fire elemental. Fire elements cannot be harmed by fire balls or fire.

| Stat | Fire Elemental |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 |
| CS | 8 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 60m |
| Speed/Action | 20m |
| Attack | Burn (4, 3D6) + |
| (SRS/Dam) | ignite materials |

Water Elementals

Can only be summoned around water. Water elementals cannot be hit by regular weapons, but suffer double damage from fire balls and fire based spells.

| Stat | Water Elemental |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 10D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 45m |
| Speed/Action | 15m |
| Attack | Diluge (4,1D6+2) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Elves

Elves are a magical race. Elves are usually associated with living in forests and around plants. Elves are tall and lightly built, but fast and coordinated.

| Stat | Elf |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 3D6 to 5D6 |
| CS | 9 |
| Armor | armor |
| Speed/Turn | 48m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Weapon (2-10, -1 |
| (SRS/Dam) | damage) |

Elves get a +2 SRS bonus on all magic saving rolls.

Ents

Ents are living trees (hardwoods) capable of picking up and walking roots and all. They can grow to huge sizes and possess terrific strength.

| Stat | Brill |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Hit Points | 4D6 to 30D6 |
| CS | 6 |
| Armor | 5 to 17 |
| Speed/Turn | 12m to 40m |
| Speed/Action | 6m to 20m |
| Attack | Branches (2-10, |
| (SRS/Dam) | 1D6 to 8D6) |

Ethryl (World of Symmetry)

These barrel shaped plants with 2 to 6 sets of leafy tentacles are sentient creatures that often associate with man and other farming peoples. Ethryl are slow moving with no real offensive capabilities. Ethryl are great farmers and can help crops to grow beyond others capabilities. Hence, they obtain a sort of symbiotic relationship with farming peoples.

Ethryl can communicate with each other using chemical means over great distances (depending on the wind).

| Stat | Ethryl |
|--------------|----------------|
| Hit Points | 2D6 to 6D6 |
| CS | 2 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 2m |
| Speed/Action | 2m |
| Attack | Grapple (0, no |
| (SRS/Dam) | damage) |

Giants

Giants are super sized humanoids up to 6m tall. There range of sophistication and intelligence varies widely. Some giants may be as brutish as Ogres, while others may be as sophisticated as humans. Most are relatively solitary.

| Stat | Giant |
|------|-------|

| Hit Points | 10D6 to 20D6 |
|--------------|--------------------|
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 5 + armor |
| Speed/Turn | 60m to 90m |
| Speed/Action | 20m to 30m |
| Attack | Weapon (5, 2D6+4 |
| (SRS/Dam) | to 6D6 + 6) |
| , | Hands (6, 1D6+4 to |
| | 2D6+6) |

Goblins

Goblins are mean smallish green skinned humanoids that eat and steal whatever they can. Goblins are 3 to 4 feet tall and have longish arms with claws. They usually travel in gangs. Occasionally goblins are impressed by more intelligent species for war purposes (usually harassing the enemy).

| Stat | Goblin |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 3D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 30m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Claws (2, 1D6-1) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Golems

Golems are animated creatures that are created from a pure material. Golems can be made of any number of solid or semi-solid materials: rock, mud, wood, clay, etc. They possess characteristics of the material from which they are created. Golems obey the simplistic commands of their creators unto their own destruction. They are long on hit points and armor, but slow on intelligence and speed.

| Stat | Giant |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Hit Points | 12D6 |
| CS | 5 to 7 |
| Armor | 7 to 17 |
| Speed/Turn | 12m to 24m |
| Speed/Action | 6m to 8m |
| Attack | varies (4-8, 2D6 to |
| (SRS/Dam) | 5D6) |

Grey Ones (World of Symmetry)

Grey ones are the little green and grey aliens with large eyes. They live among the other races, but are stand-offish and generally not popular. However, they are tolerated as being useful traders and as skilled craftsmen.

Grey ones do not have a long history of good interactions with humans (at least in the World of Symmetry).

Grey ones favor low light conditions and usually avoid direct sun light.

| Stat | Grey One |
|------|----------|

| Hit Points | 3D6 |
|--------------|---------------|
| CS | 8 |
| Armor | armor (light) |
| Speed/Turn | 24m |
| Speed/Action | 8m |
| Attack | Weapon (2-8, |
| (SRS/Dam) | usually 1D6) |

Grey ones possess excellent night vision. Grey ones can be powerful magic users and are usually quite shrewd.

Halflings

These small hairy-toed humanoids are found of food, drink, and safe surroundings. However, they sometimes become more adventuresome. There small size allows them to be quite sneaky and their excellent dexterity can make them good thieves.

| Stat | Halfling |
|--------------|---------------|
| Hit Points | 3D6 |
| CS | 8 |
| Armor | armor (light) |
| Speed/Turn | 24m |
| Speed/Action | 8m |
| Attack | Weapon (0-6, |
| (SRS/Dam) | usually 1D6) |

Halfings get a natural additional -2 to their opponents SRS when defending in combat, due to their inherent ability to dodge.

Hobgoblins

Hobgoblins are the bigger meaner smarter brother of the goblin. These green skinned humanoids that eat and steal whatever they can. Hobgoblins are 5 to 6 feet tall and have longish arms with claws. They usually travel in gangs or as individuals with gangs of goblins, which they command. Occasionally hobgoblins are impressed by more intelligent species for war purposes.

| Stat | Hobgoblin |
|--------------|----------------|
| | <u> </u> |
| Hit Points | 5D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| CS | 1 |
| Armor | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 36m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Speed/Action | 12111 |
| Attack | Claws (4, 2D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | , , |
| (SNS/Daill) | |

Horse

Horse are standard human riding horses. Heavier versions are used for pulling. Trained war horses get a +3 to attack SRS rolls.

| Stat | Horse |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 12D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 90m |
| Speed/Action | 30m |
| Attack | Kick (3, 2D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Trample (1, 4D6) |

Humans

Humans can be anything from primitive to technically advanced, non-agressive to beserkers. They may constitute one of the most common type of encounter.

| Stat | Humans |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 3D6 to 8D6+ |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | armor |
| Speed/Turn | 36m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Hands (1-10, 1D3 |
| (SRS/Dam) | to 1D6+2) |
| | Weapon (0-10, -2 |
| | to +2 damage) |

JackCat (World of Symmetry)

A JackCat is a feline like predator brought to Symmetry. It lives in the jungles of Velox and travels in small packs of 2-4 animals. JackCats are extremely fast. A JackCat weighs about 100kg and attacks with two claws in a given round. Its attributes are:

| Stat | JackCat |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 |
| CS | 9 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 160m |
| Speed/Action | 40m |
| Attack | Claws (2, |
| (SRS/Dam) | 1D6+2)x2 or |
| | Bite (4, 2D6)x1 |

Katran, Lizard Men (World of Symmetry)

Katran are lizard men. They common in several varietys: Desert, Green, and Black. Desert Katran are lighter build and more magically oriented. Green Katran are the most common type and are range from friendly to inimical to man, though they are generally neutral. Black Katran are larger and more war-like than the rest of the Katran.

Green Katran are normally found only in jungles and swamps in the middle latitudes, since the prefer the hot weather.

Black Katran can be found anywhere. They are much less numerous, but more sophisticated technologically and magically than either desert or green Katran.

| Stat | Desert | Green | Black |
|--------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 | 7D6 | 8D6 |
| CS | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Armor | 3 + worn | 5 + worn | 7 + worn |
| Speed/Turn | 36m | 36m | 42m |
| Speed/Action | 12m | 12m | 14m |
| Attack | Weapon | Weapon | Weapon |
| (SRS/Dam) | (2-10, +0) | (2-8, +2 | (4-9, +3 |
| | | dam) | dam) |
| | | Claw (3- | Claw (4- |
| | | 8, 1D6+2) | 9, 2D6) |

Kobold

These small tailed orcish relatives are found various places. They are intelligent and manufacture various items, but are limited simple objects

| Stat | Kobold |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Hit Points | 1D6+2 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | worn |
| Speed/Turn | 24m |
| Speed/Action | 8m |
| Attack | Weapon (2, 1D6-1) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Lions, Tigers and Other Big Cats

Lions inhabit grasslands. They live and hunt in packs of 3-9. Tigers are larger big cats and generally solitary.

| Stat | Big Cats |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 12D6 to 16D6 |
| CS | 10 |
| Armor | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 120m |
| Speed/Action | 30m |
| Attack | Claws (2, 2D6)x2 |
| (SRS/Dam) | or |
| | Bite (4, 4D6)x1 |

Mantrax (World of Symmetry)

Mantrax are intelligent insect creatures. They have the head and forelimbs of a preying mantis, but the hind legs (4) are developed for jumping. Their wings no longer function for flight purposes.

Mantrax are generally solitary and quite intelligent. Mantrax are highly secretive and often on quests unknown to man. Mantrax often come across as monkish in their dispassionate approach.

Mantrax are welcome in human communities and will cooperate with humans in various quests. Mantrax are formidable fighters.

| Stat | JackCat |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 |
| CS | 10 |
| Armor | 9 |
| Speed/Turn | 80m |
| Speed/Action | 20m leap |
| Attack | Weapon (4-11, +0) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Claws (4-11, 1D6) |

Mechs and Bots (World of Symmetry)

There are a number of mechanical robots, cyborgs, and mechanized individuals around. Particularly in places surviving from the old times. Some of these can be dangerous to adventurers, especially given their high quality of construction. A few common types were: standards (semi-intelligent workers), bosses (intelligent workers), guards (armored semi-or intelligent robots), and intellects (programmed to provide some task like translation, etc.). With the exception of guards, most robots had to have been reprogrammed to initiate attack. However, all robots can act in self defense.

More extravagant and dangerous robots exist, such as highly armored and armed war robots. These possess power beyond the level of the current world and are very rare.

The common bots are noted in this table.

| Stat | Worker | Guard | Boss |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Hit Points | 50 | 100 | 60 |
| CS | 7 | 11 | 9 |
| Armor | 5 | 13 | 9 |
| Speed/Turn | 48m | 150m | 48m |
| Speed/Action | 16m | 30m | 12m |
| Attack | Weapon | Weapon | Weapon |
| (SRS/Dam) | (2, +4) | (8, +6) | (4, +2) |

Minotaur

Minotaurs are super-human sized humanoids with the heads of bulls. They often serve as guards to more powerful servants. They may use weapons or attack with their hands, relying on their great strength.

| Stat | Minotaur |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Hit Points | 9D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 7 |
| Speed/Turn | 54m |
| Speed/Action | 18m |
| Attack | Weapon (5, +3) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Charge (3, 4D6) |
| | Hands (5, |
| | 1D6+2)x2 |

Molds and Fungi

Molds and fungi are not individual animals, but growths. They generally do not move, but can serve as obstacles to explorers. Molds and Fungi generally become a problem when they are disturbed which causes a release of billions or trillions of spores. These spores can be poisonous, cause sleep, cause infection, cause hallucinations, cause aggression, cause passivity, induce hunger, etc.

Some examples are:

| Blue Mold | Causes temporary blindness for 3D6 turns. Requires level 3 HT roll to avoid inhaling. |
|--------------|---|
| Grey Mold | Causes aging disease. Player ages, losing 1 ST and 1 HT point per day until HT reaches zero. Disease can be avoided on a level 5 HT roll. A recovery roll is allowed every day with a level 5 HT roll. It takes 2 days to recover each point. |
| Rainbow Mold | The spores multi-colored mold cause euphoria that lasts 1D6 |

is addictive.

hours. A level 2 HT saving roll

the player has a penalty of -4

WP, but +2 PE. Rainbow mold

to avoid effects. While euphoric,

Itchy Balls

These small green puff balls release itchy powder spores. A level 5 AG rolls to avoid spores once released. Cause itching which causes -2 PE and -2 WP until players can wash off.

Orc

The eternal foe of man, these fanged, grey skinned, hairy, smelly, brutish beasts are always looking to become top of the heap. Rule by force is the rule of the Orcs and they have a tribe society.

| Stat | Orc |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Hit Points | 4D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | armor (light-med) |
| Speed/Turn | 30m |
| Speed/Action | 10m |
| Attack | Weapon (2-6, +0) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Ogres

Large, strong, dangerous, and dumb. Ogres are 8 to 10 feet tall and heavy limbed. Fangs jut from their bottom jaw. Ogres can wear armor and do associate with the other races. Particularly, Orcs may employ Ogres as guards. Ogres can wear armor, but don't make it for themselves. They usually carry oversize two-hand weapons and never both with shields.

| Stat | JackCat |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 12D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 5 + armor |
| Speed/Turn | 42m |
| Speed/Action | 14m |
| Attack | Club (4, 2D6+3) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Spiked Club (4, |
| | 3D6+3) |
| | Axe (2, 4D6+3) |
| | Hands (6, 2D6+1) |

Pegasus

A Pegasus is a winged horse. These can be trained to allow human riders in flight, with special riding gear.

| Stat | Pegasus |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 12D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 300m (flying) |
| Speed/Action | 100m (flying) |
| Attack | Kick (3, 2D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Trample (1, 4D6) |

Pix (World of Symmetry)

Annoying insect type creature ranging in size from cats to medium dogs. They possess 6 legs plus wings. Generally shiny purple and blue shells. They occasionally form packs (usually on the plains) that move in swarms devouring everything they meet. An

attack usually lasts 6-36 melee rounds before the swarm moves on with 0-3 Pixs joining the frenzy in any one round.

| Stat | Pix |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Hit Points | 1D6+1 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 48m |
| Speed/Action | 16m |
| Attack | Bite (0, 1D6-2) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Psion

These hideous creatures have a short torso with 4 legs. In place of a head, the Psions have 3-8 tentacles (the regenerate when lost). Psions use sounds like bats to locate foes and have no eyes.

Psions are intelligent evil forces. They command numerous psionic abilities, such as hypnotism, mind blast, fear, etc.

| Stat | Psion |
|--------------|------------------|
| Stat | Psion |
| Hit Points | 6D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 36m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Weapon (2-7, +0) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Psilator (World of Symmetry)

These smallish creatures are only 1½ to 2' long. Having 4 legs on each side. Psilators are bonish colored and have no fur. Psilators attack by dropping on unsuspecting foes or crawling onto them while they sleep and attaching. It takes 4-9 turns to get attached after which a 4-6 hour sleep takes place. The Psilator then lives as a symbiotic creature. Individuals controlled by Psilators retain thought and control, but to them the Psilator is the ultimate fulfillment and the Psilator can only be removed after the person is incapacitated. Whole communities have been engulfed by these creatures.

Death usually follows in six to eighteen months with a state of delirium.

| Stat | Psilator |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Hit Points | 2D6 |
| CS | 5 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 8m |
| Speed/Action | 4m |
| Attack | Bite (2, 1D6-3) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Rats, Giant

The standard nasty beasts that seem to inhabit the upper reaches of deserted dungeons and such. Rats carry diseases and wounds are subject to infection rolls 17% (1 in 6) of the time.

| Stat | Rat, Giant |
|------|------------|
|------|------------|

| Hit Points | 1D6 |
|--------------|---------------|
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 45m |
| Speed/Action | 15m |
| Attack | Bite (1, 1D3) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Slug, Giant

These slow moving creatures spit acid. They are so slow witted that once they start attacking they never stop. Easy to run away from, but dangerous if one is cornered.

| Stat | Slug, Giant |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Hit Points | 10D6 |
| CS | 3 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 8m |
| Speed/Action | 8m |
| Attack | Acid Spit (2, 3D6 + |
| (SRS/Dam) | 1D6 per/turn for |
| · | 1D3-1 turns) |

Slugs suffer double damage from fire attacks. Salt dissolves Giant Slugs.

Slurp (World of Symmetry)

Aquatic predators that can appear in packs (though they act independently). Slurps are slimy skinned amphibians of limited intelligence a little bigger than man with long sharp teeth. They are four legged with suction cups on feet, so they can climb the sides of ships. Usually strategy is to grab a victim and pull them overboard.

| Stat | Slurp |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 24m |
| Speed/Action | 8m |
| Attack | Bite/Grapple (3, |
| (SRS/Dam) | 2D6) |

Slurps can pull victims 2-4m per turn if they succeed in a Strength contest against the individual. Their strength is 7.

Space Spider (World of Symmetry)

The spider like creatures are carnivores with legs reaching 1m to 2m across. While they look like spiders, they do not spin webs and are covered with a tough skeleton.. At the center is a toothy mouth. They are not pack animals but are often found in large numbers. Space Spiders are immune to cold attacks, but suffer 2xdamage from fire attacks.

| Stat | Space Spider |
|--------------|---------------|
| Hit Points | 4D6 |
| CS | 9 |
| Armor | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 40m |
| Speed/Action | 10m |
| Attack | Bite (2, 2D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Slurps can pull victims 2-4m per turn if they succeed in a Strength contest against the individual. Their strength is 7.

Snake, Giant

Giant snakes and poisonous snakes pose a threat to adventurers. Snakes attack in several manners: constrictors and venomous bites. If constrictors succeed on a bite attack, the immediately wrap themselves around the target and squeeze the breath out of them. Venomous snakes attack strictly through bites (strikes).

| Stat | Snake, Giant |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Hit Points | 4D6 to 16D6 |
| CS | 8 |
| Armor | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 24m to 45m |
| Speed/Action | 8m to 15m |
| Attack | Bite (5, 1D6 to 4D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Constrict (NA, 1D3 to |
| 1 | 2D6/2 actions) |

Special constrictor attacks are automatic after an initial strike. To break an attack requires from a successful level 1 to level 6 ST roll to slip away from the snake. Constricted players may attack if they have a free hand(s) to do so.

Poison saving rolls range from level 1 to level 10. Poison should cause 1D3 to 4D6 hit point damage per turn.

Snowmen (Yeti)

Abominable snowmen are humanoids that live in the glacier areas of mountains of the frozen north.

| Stat | Yeti |
|--------------|----------------|
| Hit Points | 10D6 |
| CS | 8 |
| Armor | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 45m |
| Speed/Action | 15m |
| Attack | Hands (4, 3D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Snowmen are immune to all cold attacks.

Spider Giant

Giant spiders can be found above and below ground and can be poisonous or non-poisonous. Giant Spiders usually operate alone, but a whole area may be infested with them. Spiders have three basic operating modes:

"Web builders" build webs that can be used to capture prey.

"Trappers" wait in a hole, a tree, or other location and pounce on their prey.

"Stalkers" follow their prey until an opportune time to attack occurs.

| Hit Points | 1D6 to 10+D6 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| CS | 9 |
| Armor | 3 to 7 |
| Speed/Turn | 16m to 48m |
| Speed/Action | 4m to 12m |
| Attack | Bite (3, 1D3 to |
| (SRS/Dam) | 4D6) |

Spiders may have poison that paralyzes or causes hit point damage:

| - 1 | | | | |
|-----|---------|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| | Spider | HT Saving | | |
| | Size | Roll | Damage | Paralysis |
| | 1D6 | 1 | 1pt for 1D6 turns | limb only in 3D6 turns ¹ |
| | 2D6-3D6 | 2 | 1 pts for 2D6 turns | limb only in 1D6 turns ¹ |
| | 4D6-6D6 | 3 | 2 pts for 2D6 turns | body in 1D6 turns ¹ |
| | 7D6-9D6 | 5 | 2 pts for 2D6 phases | body in 1D3 turns ² |
| | 10+D6 | 8 | 2 pts for 4D6 phases | body in 1D6 phases ³ |

¹ Effects wear off in 1D6 hours or by cure disease spell.

² Effects wear off in 1D6 days or by cure disease spell.

³ Effects must be cleared up with a cure disease spell.

Spiders can shoot webs at a range of 6m/D6 size. Webs entangle on a failed AG saving roll equal to the size of the spider and cause -6 AG until cleared.

E.g. a 3D6 spider can shoot a web 18m that takes a level 3 difficulty roll to avoid.

Swamp Thing

Swamp things are plant monsters that inhabit swamps and jungles. They can relentless pursue targets for days and can travel underwater. Swamp things will basically lock on a target and attack till destroyed. They can follow a track that is even days old.

| Stat | Swamp Thing |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 12D6 |
| CS | 6 |
| Armor | 7 |
| Speed/Turn | 16m |
| Speed/Action | 8m |
| Attack | Hands (0, 1D6+3) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Swamp Things regenerate 1 hit point per hour. Only by burning a swamp thing can it be eliminated.

Trapper Plant

Trapper plants are large and aggressive versions of venus fly traps. They have the advantage that they can grow to match the surrounding foliage (a PE saving roll is allowed when passing these plants). When the detect a target in range they launch one of their 5-10 tooth, acid dripping, fronds at the target. Up to 2 fronds can attack per turn. They can grow quite large.

Once a frond hits, it will not let go, letting the acid eat away at the target.

| Stat | Trapper Plant |
|--------------|---------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 to 12D6 |
| CS | 6 |
| Armor | 7 |
| Speed/Turn | 0m |
| Speed/Action | 0m |
| Attack | Frond (1D6 to |
| (SRS/Dam) | 3D6+acid) |

Acid causes 1D6-2 points of damage per 3 phases. A level 5 ST roll is required to pry free from the frond.

Tree Walkers (World of Symmetry)

Insectoid creatures similar to very large walking sticks (~2m tall). They are intelligent and use primitive technologies (bows, simple spears, etc.) Live in small clans.

| Stat | Tree Walker |
|--------------|----------------|
| Hit Points | 5D6 |
| CS | 5 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 16m |
| Speed/Action | 8m |
| Attack | Weapon (2, -2) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Trogs

Trogs are pasty colored creatures with saggy leathery skin and dark eyes. They have a stooped shoulder walk. Trogs inhabit the upper regions of caverns and tunnels (infra-red vision) where they can scavenge above and below ground as necessary. They are semi-intelligent and usually have a pack leader. A pack will usually have 1 leader, 2-7 adults, and 2-4 children. Adults are up to 4 feet tall.

Only rarely are packs seen operating together.

| Stat | Trog |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 1D6 to 3D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 30m |
| Speed/Action | 10m |
| Attack | Claws (3, 1D3+1) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Club (1, 1D6) |

Trolls

Trolls are green to grey humanoids with lumpy warted skin, horrible breath, and a eternally difficulty disposition. Trolls would just assume tear an arm off, unless they can get something better.

Trolls can be found anywhere, but usually civilized folk attempt to drive them away when they can. They are very tough fighters, since they rapidly regenerate during the midst of combat. They can grow back limbs and even whole bodies, since they are magical creatures. A troll can only be complete killed by burning its head.

| Stat | Troll |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 10D6 to 16D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 9 |
| Speed/Turn | 45m |
| Speed/Action | 15m |
| Attack | Claws (6, 3D6+2) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Trolls regenerate 1 hit point every 2nd phase or 3 hit points per turn.

Tunnel Beetle (World of Symmetry)

Subterranean beetle that is found in tunnels and ruins. Aggressive hunter and tracker. Possesses 8 legs and high perception (+4 PS bonus). Beetles range in size from 2m to 4m long. Usually they are loners.

| Stat | Tunnel Beetle |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Hit Points | 8D6 to 14D6 |
| CS | 7 to 9 |
| Armor | 7 to 15 |
| Speed/Turn | 36m to 48m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Bite (2 to 6, 2D6 to |
| (SRS/Dam) | 6D6) |

Unicorn

Unicorns are magical horses with a single horn.
Unicorn horns, when ground to powder can be ingested to give 2D6 mana points per dose. A single horn has 4D6 doses once processed. Unicorns get a +4 bonus for saving rolls against magic.

| Stat | Unicorn |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 12D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 150m |
| Speed/Action | 50m (flying) |
| Attack | Kick (3, 2D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Trample (1, 4D6) |
| | Gore (5, 5D6) |

Velocitor (World of Symmetry)

A 3' to 6' high pseudo dinosaur. Velocitors travel on two legs at twice human speed. Developed by researchers on earth for exhibit only, these now roam free and dangerous on numerous continents. They are about as intelligent as dogs and travel in packs of 2-12. Highly aggressive hunters they will attack if they have at least half the numbers of a party. Usually they are content to get one or two prey and pull them away for food.

Velocitors primarily thrive in the jungles and southern forests. Sometimes they will move into the southern steppes.

| Stat | Velocitor |
|------|-----------|

| Hit Points | 2D6 to 8D6 |
|--------------|--------------------|
| CS | 9 |
| Armor | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 54m |
| Speed/Action | 18m |
| Attack | Bite or Rake (3 to |
| (SRS/Dam) | 6, 1D6 to 4D6) |

War Dog

Trained war dogs are descendants of genetically designed K9 troops. They are not found in the wild, but in the company of sentient creatures. War dogs are semi-intelligent and capable of following detailed instructions. War dogs have enhanced sense of smell (+3 observation SRS) and tracking skill (level 5 skill).

| Stat | War Dog |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Hit Points | 8D6 |
| CS | 8 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 100m |
| Speed/Action | 33m |
| Attack | Bite (6, 2D6+2) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Were-Beasts (Lycanthropes)

Were-creatures are beasts that can take human form and also transform into beasts. There is a big distinction in the manner in which transformation of were-beasts operates. Controlled transformation allows the beast to transform back and form by choice. Uncontrolled transformations are those that occur when a triggering event occurs: a full moon, the character is badly injured, etc. Generally uncontrolled were-beasts do not have full control of their actions when in animal form. In general, uncontrolled lycanthropes are more interesting.

| Stat | WereBat | Werebear | Wearboar |
|--------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Hit Points | 3D6 | 14D6 | 9D6 |
| CS | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| Armor | none | 9 | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 100m | 45m | 48m |
| Speed/Action | 25m | 15m | 16m |
| Attack | Bite (3, | Bite (5, | Hands (5, |
| (SRS/Dam) | 1D6-1) | 3D6) or | 1D6+2)x2 |
| | | Claws (7, | or |
| | | 2D6)x2 | Gore (7, |
| | | | 4D6) ¹ |

¹Only on a charge.

| Stat | Werelion | Wererat | Werewolf |
|--------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Hit Points | 10D6 | 4D6 | 8D6 |
| CS | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| Armor | 7 | 3 | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 80m | 36m | 64m |
| Speed/Action | 20m | 12m | 16m |
| Attack | Bite (7, | Bite (5, | Bite (6, |
| (SRS/Dam) | 4D6) or | 2D6) | 2D6+2) |
| | Claws (5, | | |
| | 2D6)x2 | | |

Players bitten by lycanthropes should have a 17% chance (1 in 6) of becoming infected.

Wolf

Travel in packs of 3-13 adults plus pups. Lone adult males will also be observed.

| Stat | Wolf |
|--------------|---------------|
| Hit Points | 9D6 |
| CS | 9 |
| Armor | 3 |
| Speed/Turn | 96m |
| Speed/Action | 24m |
| Attack | Bite (5, 2D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Worms, Giant

Various giant worms can be found below the earth. They live on molds, dirt, and the occasional adventurer. They vary in size.

| Stat | Giant Worm |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Hit Points | 2D6 to 10D6 |
| CS | 5 |
| Armor | none to 7 |
| Speed/Turn | 8m to 24m |
| Speed/Action | 4m to 12m |
| Attack | Bite (0 to 8, 1D3 to |
| (SRS/Dam) | 4D6) |

Will o'Wisp

Will o'Wisps are glowing balls of life. They attack via electrical shocks and cannot be hit be regular weapons, only magic and enchanted weapons. Will o'Wisps are bound to a specific location.

| Stat | Will o'Wisp |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 4D6 |
| CS | 10 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 160m |
| Speed/Action | 40m |
| Attack | Shock (6, 1D6+1) |
| (SRS/Dam) | · |

Armor offers no protection from the attack of the Will o'Wisp.

Wyvern

Large weathered winged lizards with toothy beaks. May travel in small packs of up to 6. Aggressive hunters.

| Stat | Wyvern |
|--------------|---------------|
| Hit Points | 10D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 7 |
| Speed/Turn | 180m (flying) |
| Speed/Action | 60m (flying) |
| Attack | Bite (6, 3D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Zern (World of Symmetry)

Zern are 6 limbed slime covered creatures that are pus colored. They are grotesque in appearance, but

friendly to man. They are highly magical and align themselves only with just causes.

| Stat | Zern |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 |
| CS | 5 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 16m |
| Speed/Action | 8m |
| Attack | Weapon (-2 to 0, - |
| (SRS/Dam) | 1) |

Prefer using magic.

25. Appendix 5: The Undead

The undead are animated corpses or various forms of creatures that live beyond their natural death. Undead are common in dungeons and the underworld, since they do not require sustenance. Common zombies and skeletons are lesser undead that do not have limited intelligence. Greater undead may have many powers.

Drowned Dead

These undead are animated by the lost souls who have drowned at sea. They are always trying to pull a few more bodies down for the other lost souls. Drowned dead are invariably water logged, pale, and often rotting.

Drowned dead usually attack in numbers.

| Stat | Drowned Deaed |
|--------------|----------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 |
| CS | 6 |
| Armor | none/worn |
| Speed/Turn | 16m |
| Speed/Action | 8m |
| Attack | Hit (2, 1D6+2) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Grapple |

On a grapple, drowned dead do no damage but grab the target. Once grappled, the target can be pulled 4m per action towards the side of the ship. A level 2 (ST+AG) roll is required to break away.

Ghost

Ghosts are souls of the dead trapped on this plane, generally against their will. Ghosts generally take on the appearance of the former bodies, though some may be invisible or appear only as lights. Ghosts cannot cause physical attacks and cannot be attacked except by magic.

| Stat | Ghost |
|--------------|---------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 or varies |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | none |
| Speed/Turn | 60m |
| Speed/Action | 20m |
| Attack | Special |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Special: Ghosts can only be hit by magical weapons.

Ghosts have the ability to casts the magical spells: stench of death and fear.

Ghoul

Ghouls are undead that survive on the flesh of the dead. They are often found around graveyards and battlefields. Ghouls have greenish flesh and disdain daylight, choosing to hide in caves or dark places.

| Stat | Ghoul |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 |
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 36m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Claws (3, 1D6+1) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Bite (3, 1D3+2) |

Special: Ghouls exposed to daylight take 1pt of damage per turn.

Ghouls attacks cause temporarily numbness.

Ghouls wounds have a 17% chance of carrying disease, which will require a saving role versus disease.

Skeletons

Skeletons are animated skeletons. They usually follow a limited set of "programmed" responses: attack all creatures, defend a crypt, attack if a creature crosses a certain spot, and other such rules. Skeletons can be made more dangerous by giving them additional special defenses if desired.

| Stat | Skeleton |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Hit Points | 3D6 |
| CS | 8 |
| Armor | worn |
| Speed/Turn | 36m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Weapon (2, 1D6 to |
| (SRS/Dam) | 2D6) |

Special: can use shields (-2 to -4 on attackers SRS).

Cannot be stunned or knocked out

Mummies

Mummies are ancient corpses preserved through curses or magic. Mummies may be malevolent or driven to attack others. Mummies are intelligent, but may not be able to process thoughts quickly. Mummies generally have great strength.

The touch of mummies can cause a rotting disease and they have a high magical resistance.

| Hit Points | 12D6 |
|--------------|----------------|
| CS | 7 |
| Armor | 5 |
| Speed/Turn | 24m |
| Speed/Action | 8m |
| Attack | Hands (5, 2D6) |
| (SRS/Dam) | , , |

Special: cannot be stunned or knocked out.

Touch of mummies can cause rotting disease.

For each hit from a mummy that exceeds the value of a persons armor, they must roll to see if they contract the "Mummies Rot":

Health Saving Roll Difficulty = 5

Duration of Disease = until death, recovery roll 1 per week

Difficulty of Recovery Roll = 10

Effects: Spreading rot removes -2 ST per week (at the end of each week) Death follows when ST is reduced to 0.

Can be cured with a cure disease spell.

Vampires

Vampires are immortal creatures whose after world is essentially this world. Vampires can be highly intelligent. Vampires draw extra mana and hit points by drinking the blood of the living, but they do not die for lack of this blood. Plus, it brings them great fulfillment, hence they do it often. Vampires can "infect" other individuals causing them to become vampires by biting them and drinking their blood.

Vampires have numerous special traits:

Vampires have great strength (usually 11+)

Vampires have a huge number of hit points

Vampires may transform to mist or other creatures

Vampires are destroyed by light or stakes through the heart

Vampires sleep during the day

Vampires have various powers and may be magic users

Vampires receive only half damage from normal weapons (non-silver and non-magical)

| Stat | Vampire |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 12D6 |
| CS | 10 |
| Armor | as worn |
| Speed/Turn | 48m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Hands (6, 1D6+2) |
| (SRS/Dam) | Weapon (6, +3) |

Special: Vampires may posses up to 6D6 bonus HP based on recent feedings.

Vampires can cast the following spells:

Level 2: Detect Magic, Suggest Level 3: Sense Thoughts

Level 4: Command Skeletons/Zombies

Level 4: Hypnotize Level 4: Send Thought

When a victim is hypnotized and bitten, they are exposed to "Vampirism":

Health Saving Roll Difficulty for contract Vampirism = 4

Duration of Disease = until cured

Difficulty of Recovery Roll = It takes 1-2 weeks to make the transformation, players are allowed saving rolls each two days at level a difficulty level of 10.

Effects: Player becomes a vampire.

Can be cured with a cure disease spell with difficulty level 10. Usually requires a high level magic user/cleric.

Wight

Wights are people or non-humans that survive as undead. They are created by powerful magic. They retain their intellect from this life and their body form, but their flesh is essentially dead. Wights may posses any number of skills as they did when they were alive. They tend to be fast.

| Stat | Wight |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 6D6 |
| CS | 9 |
| Armor | as worn |
| Speed/Turn | 36m |
| Speed/Action | 12m |
| Attack | Weapon and Magic |
| (SRS/Dam) | Touch (SRS=5) |

Special: cannot be stunned or knocked out can only be hurt by magical or silver weapons touch of a wight drains Strength (-2), Health (-2), and Agility (-2) and causes 1D6 damage, regardless of armor. Statistics regenerate at a rate of 2 per day.

Zombies

Zombies are recently animated corpses. They are similar to skeletons, but have more independent intelligence. Zombies have great strength and can sustain heavy damage, but are slow. Zombies usually moan and make hideous wailing sounds from the tormented nature of their souls.

| Stat | Zombie |
|--------------|------------------|
| Hit Points | 8D6 |
| CS | 5 |
| Armor | as worn |
| Speed/Turn | 12m |
| Speed/Action | 6m |
| Attack | Hands (1, 1D6+2) |
| (SRS/Dam) | |

Special: cannot be stunned or knocked out

26. Appendix 6. Other Items/Price Lists:

Barter units are used to determine relative value for Fall of Darkness campaigns.

For fantasy worlds 1 GP = 20 SP = 200 CP and 1 SP = 10 CP.

| | Prices | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Item | Weight (kg) | Fantasy | Current | Barter Units | Comments |
| Clothes: Rags Common/Cheap Work Clothes Good Clothes Fine Clothes | 2 3 3 2 2 | 5cp 1-2sp 5sp 1-3gp 20+gp | \$8 \$15 \$50 \$40-80 \$300+ | 1 5 8 10 20 | Fine clothes and |
| Designer Clothes Foot Gear: Sandals Cheap Shoes Good Shoes Gym Shoes Boots, Work Boots, Cheap Boots, Average Boots, Fine | 2 ½ 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 | n/a 3cp 1sp 2sp n/a 3sp 1sp 2-3gp 5+gp | \$1,000+ \$5+ \$10 \$50-200+ \$20-100 \$40 \$20 \$80 \$150 | n/a ½ 1 10 10 20 5 15 n/a | boots are more for show than wear. |
| Coats and Such: Cloak Coat, Light Coat, Heavy Rain Gear | 2 2 4 4 | 10+sp 8+sp 1+gp 10+sp | n/a \$30 \$80-200 \$80 | 10+ 8+ 20+ 15+ | |
| Fatigues Green/Beige Camouflage | 3 3 | n/a n/a | \$75 \$100 | 20 40 | |
| Cold Weather Outfit Food: | 10 | 20gp | \$200 | 100 | For arctic wear |
| Soft Rations/day Hard Rations/day MRE/freeze dried/day | ½ ¼ 1/8 | 5cp 1sp n/a | \$4 \$6 \$8 | 2 4 10 | |
| Meal Gruel Cheap Average Good Excellent | n/a n/a n/a n/a n/a | 2cp 5cp 1sp 4-10sp 1-5gp | \$1 \$3 \$10 \$20-40 \$50-100+ | 1/4 1/2 1 2-4 10-50 | |
| Beer Bottle Keg | ½ 25 | 5cp-2sp 5sp-3gp | \$1-5 \$30-50+ | ½ 20 | |
| Wine Bottle - Cheap Bottle - Average Bottle - Good Bottle - Fine Cask | 1 1 1 1 20 | 5cp 1sp 5-10sp 1-5+gp 2-20+gp | \$2 \$6 \$10-20 \$30-100+ n/a | 1 2 5 10+ n/a | |

| | Prices | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Barter | |
| Item | Weight (kg) | Fantasy | Current \$4-50+ | Units 2-10+ | Comments |
| Liquor | 1 | 1sp- 20+gp | \$4-50+ | 2-10+ | |
| Rooms/Night | | | ^ - | | |
| Bed Room | | 1cp 5cp-5+gp | \$5 \$20-150+ | 1/4 1 | For the "Current" column, prices in |
| Suite | | 2sp-5+gp | \$20-150+ | 5 | big cities may be |
| | | -1 - 31 | , | | 2x to 3x times |
| Room/Week Bed | | 5ср | \$20 | 1 | higher. |
| Room | | 2+sp | \$100+ | 4 | |
| Suite | | 5+sp | \$400+ | 10 | |
| Apartment | | 1+gp | \$400+ | 15 | |
| Room/Month | | | | | |
| Bed | | 1sp | \$40 | 5 | |
| 1 Room Small Apartment | | 5+sp 2+gp | \$200+ \$600+ | 10 20 | |
| Large Apartment | | 10+gp | \$800+ | 30 | |
| Small House | | 20+gp | \$1,200+ | 50 | |
| Large House | | 50+gp | \$2,000+ | 100 | |
| Board a Horse | | | | | |
| Night | | 5cp | \$10 \$50 | 3 | |
| Week Month | | 2sp 5sp | \$50 \$120 | 10 20 | |
| Transportation: | | | ¥:== | | |
| Horse: | | | | | |
| Riding | | 5gp | \$2,000 | 200 | |
| Team | | 10gp | \$2,500 | 250 | |
| War | | 100gp | n/a | 500 | |
| Horse Gear: | | | | | |
| Tack, reins, etc. | | 5sp | \$50 | 4 | |
| Saddle Saddle bags | | 2-20gp 10-20sp | \$200+ \$50+ | 20-40 6-10 | |
| Gaddle bags | | 10-203p | φοσι | 0 10 | |
| Cow | | 3gp | \$750 | 100 | For pulling a cart or wagon. |
| Cart | | 10+gp | \$1,500+ | 200 | |
| Chariot Wagon | | 10gp 15gp | n/a \$1,000+ | n/a 300 | |
| | | | | | |
| Canoe | | 5gp | \$300+ | 100 | |
| Kayak | | 3gp | \$300+ | 100 | |
| Row Boat: | | _ | # 222 | 400 | |
| Small (1-2 person) Fishing (6-8 person) | | 4gp 8gp | \$200+ \$400+ | 100 200 | |
| Large (16+ person) | | 20gp | \$3,000+ | 500+ | |
| , | | | | | |
| Sail boat, Trading Small | | 5gp | \$1,000 | 150 | |
| 6m | | 15gp | \$5,000 | 300 | |
| 10m | | 150gp | \$25,000 | 500 | |
| 20m 40m | | 500gp 1,000gp | \$100k \$1M | 2,500 10k | |
| | | | | | |
| Longboat | | 100gp | n/a | n/a | |
| Sail boat, Warship | | 50000 | n/o | n/a | |
| Small (10m) | | 500gp | n/a | n/a | 1 |

| | | | Prices | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|--|--|----------|
| | | | | Barter | |
| Item Medium (20m) | Weight (kg) | Fantasy 1,000gp | Current n/a | Units n/a | Comments |
| Large (40m) | | 3,000gp | n/a | n/a | |
| Modern Transportation | | | | | |
| Bicycle | | | \$100+ | 50-200 | |
| Motorcycle: Street Bike Dirt Bike | | | \$5,000+ \$3,000+ | 2,000 1,000 | |
| Auto Compact Small Sedan Luxury Van | | | \$10k+ \$15k+ \$20k+ \$30k+ \$22k+ | 2,000 3,000 5-7,000 15,000 8,000 | |
| Pick-up | | | \$16k+ | 5,000 | |
| Truck, Small Truck, Large | | | \$40k+ \$60k+ | 7,000 10,000 | |
| Moving Truck, Small Moving Truck, Large Adventure Gear: | | | \$30k+ \$100k+ | 8,000 20,000 | |
| Adventure Gear: | | | | | |
| Bag Leather Sack | 1 ½ | 1sp 4cp | \$50 \$5 | 10 2 | |
| Backpack Small Large | 1 3 | 4sp 10sp | \$40 \$100 | 8 40 | |
| Blanket | 2 | 4sp | \$20 | 20 | |
| Canteen | 1 | 5ср | \$5 | 10 | |
| Chain, 10m | 4 | 5sp | \$30 | 20 | |
| Climbing Gear | 5 | 10gp | \$200+ | 70 | |
| Digging Gear: Pick axe Shovel | 4 3 | 5sp 4sp | \$20 \$20 | 30 30 | |
| File, Metal | 1/4 | 5ср | \$5 | 1 | |
| Lantern, Oil | 1/2 | 2sp | \$15 | 20 | |
| Rope, 30m | 2 | 10sp | \$75 | 20 | |
| Saw Wood Hacksaw | ½ ½ | 5sp 5sp | \$15 \$10 | 30 30 | |
| Sleeping Bag | 4 | 8sp | \$80 | 40 | |
| Spikes and Hammer | 1 | 5sp | \$20 | 15 | |
| Torch | 1 | 5ср | \$3 | 1/2 | |
| Tent | | | | | |

| | | | Prices | Barter | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Item | Weight (kg) | Fantasy | Current | Units | Comments |
| 1 person | 4 | 5sp | \$50 | 30 | |
| 2 person | 8 15 | 10sp | \$80 \$200 | 40 60 | |
| 4 person 8 person | 50 | 1gp 4gp | \$200 \$400 | 150 | |
| 16 person | 100 | 20gp | \$ 7 50 | 400 | |
| To person | 100 | Zogp | Ψίσο | 400 | |
| Water skin | | | | | |
| 1 liter | 1 | 4cp | \$12 | 4 | |
| 4 liter | 4 | 1sp | \$20 | 8 | |
| 8 liter | 8 | 2sp | \$40 | 15 | |
| Whistle | n/a | 5ср | \$1 | 1/4 | |
| Kits: | | | | | |
| Fire Starter Kit | 1 | 1sp | n/a | 2 | Flint+steel |
| First Aid Kit | 3 | 1gp | \$80 | 30 | |
| Lock Pick Set | 1/2 | 20gp | \$175 | 50 | |
| Safe Cracking Tools | 2 | n/a | \$500 | 300 | |
| Modern Items: | | n/a | | | |
| Binoculars: | | | | | |
| Standard | 1 | | \$100 | 30 | |
| LI | 2 | | \$2,500 | 400 | |
| LI Goggles | 1 | | \$4,000 | 600 | |
| IR | 3 | | \$2,000 | 300 | |
| Cellular Phone | 1/4 | | \$5 | n/a | |
| Computer | 2+ | | \$1,000+ | 300+ | |
| Flashlight | 1/2+ | | \$10+ | 5 | |
| Gas Stove | 2 | | \$50+ | 20 | |
| Dadia | | | | | |
| Radio: Head set | 1/4 | | \$400 | 100 | |
| Hand Held | 1 | | \$200 | 80 | |
| Back Pack | 10 | | \$1,000 | 300 | |
| Specialty Items: | | | * ', ' ', ' ' | | |
| Specially Rollie. | | | | | |
| Spices | | | | | |
| Common | | 4cp | \$5 | 1/2 | price per ounce |
| Rare | | 5sp+ | \$50 | 2 | |
| Very Rare | | 5gp+ | \$100 | 10 | |
| Gems | | | | | |
| Semi-precious | | ½ cp | \$1 | 1/10 | price per carat |
| Common (Garnets+) | | 1gp | \$100 | 1/2 | |
| Rare (Sapphire+) | | 10+gp | \$300 | 10 | |
| Expensive | | 30+gp | \$1,000 | 25 | |
| (Diamonds, etc.) | | | | | |
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