The Covetous Poet's ADVENTURE CREATOR AND SOLO GM GUIDEBOOK

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"We defy augury: there's a special providence in the fall of a sparrow. If it be now, 'tis not to come; if it be not to come, it will be now; if it be not now, yet it will come: the readiness is all"

---William Shakespeare. Or Hamlet. Depending on how you look at it.

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So thank you for caring, thank you for putting your hard earned money behind that care, and I hope you all find a lot of enjoyment and value in what follows...

Introduction

The Covetous Poet's Adventure Creator and Solo GM Guidebook is a resource meant to help roleplaying enthusiasts create their own brand new adventures, as well as to allow them to play their favorite group roleplaying games all by themselves. It doesn't provide any particular roleplaying system, nor rules for how to play. Instead it works in conjunction with roleplaying systems you already own: you'll be able to make up tales for your PCs to play through, and possibly even play those tales solo.



THE ADVENTURE CREATOR

You're still the author when you use the Adventure Creator to make up a roleplaying adventure, but you will have a very powerful friend helping you. The Adventure Creator guides you through the structure used by professionally written adventure supplements, and the Story Charts, found in the middle of this book, can provide you countless combinations of ideas to inspire you and beef up the ideas you already have. Once you've read through the chapter covering the Creator, you'll know all you need to know to go ahead and give adventure writing a try.

The chapter that comes after, Variations on the Act Structure will cover several different ways you can build your adventures beyond what you first learn with the Adventure Creator. One of the great things about every system presented in this book is that they are all modifiable and adaptable to whatever you want them to be. No one writes adventures the exact same way, or plays their games the exact same way, so you're always encouraged to make the book adapt to what you want it to be.

THE SOLO GM GUIDEBOOK

Using the Adventure Creator as its primary tool, the Solo GM Guidebook is a system that assists solo roleplayers in playing their games all by themselves. It will show you how to create your adventures as you play them, scene by scene, improvising everything as you go, playing both as the PCs and as the GM. Thanks to the framework provided by the Adventure Creator even improvised adventures can maintain a consistent and coherent narrative that, with a little practice, can be very much like playing with a prewritten supplement.

Besides the story of your roleplaying adventure, the Guidebook also has suggestions, tips, and charts to help you make PC personalities, NPCs, improvise conversations, create clues, devise mysteries, and more. Once you have read the chapter you can immediately begin adopting the tools you like to help facilitate your gameplay, and enjoy your favorite RPGs as a solo GM!





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The Adventure Creator

This chapter will provide you with a full guide on how to use the Adventure Creator to make up your own wholly original roleplaying adventures. You can use it for help with designing a fully pre-written adventure, to give you ideas for plots and story elements as a GM, or to improvise an entire adventure as you play it using the Solo GM System.

We'll spend the chapter going into the details, but let's start with an overview. The Adventure Creator works by providing you different story elements (like things, locations, and plot devices) to help spark your creativity, along with a story structure to work with, so that you can use all your ideas in a coherent and organized way. You'll create yourself a list of those story elements by rolling on the massive Story Charts provided in the middle of this book, and filling the results onto pre-made lists called Story Sheets. From there it will be up to you to use your results to get ideas and make a great roleplaying tale.

To start off with we are going to learn how to make an adventure using a three act structure. This is a pretty common structure utilized by professional RPG writers, and is easy to understand. I should note that we are writing roleplaying adventures here, not novels, or movies, or stage plays so while all of those things have a three act structure you may have heard of, they aren't exactly the same as the roleplaying adventure version covered in this book.

STORY CHARTS

In the middle of this book you will find a collection of different charts organized by genre (Fantasy, Horror, and Sci-Fi), which contain different elements that a writer would use to create a story. Specifically a story for a roleplaying adventure! You can look over these lists to get familiar with what all they offer, because they offer quite a lot, and should be useful in providing you lots of ideas to supplement your own. To use the Story Charts you roll dice as instructed by the chart (often a d1000, which of course is three d10s rolled to get the hundreds, tens, and ones) and then look up your result. Pretty easy!



STORY SHEETS

In order to provide you some organized space to write down all those Story Chart results, and to help keep your story on the right path, you will use the Story Sheets provided with this book while creating your adventure. There are four Story Sheets: one for the overall plot of the adventure and one for each of the three acts of your story. Just print (or scan and print if you're using a paper version of this book) off the forms to get started. You likely will only need one copy of each sheet provided for your first adventure, along with some additional scratch paper.

PRE-ROLLED LISTS

To make even one adventure requires quite a few rolls on the Story Charts to fill in all the results you need (assuming you fill in every available space on the Story Sheets, truthfully, you won't always have to do so). It may speed things along if you roll up all the results you will need from one particular list all at once, then move onto the next list and so on. It might also help if you take a piece of paper and roll up a list of 12 to 15 results for all the different story elements you will use in creating scenes before you start, and just fill them in to the appropriate prompts as you need them (see the Story Sheets for acts one and two to see what prompts they require for each scene). This can be especially useful if you are playing solo, as you can fill in Story Sheets and improvise ideas without the delay of opening up the Story Charts and making rolls in the middle of play.



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LET'S GET STARTED...

Now this chapter is going to guide you through the process of how to make up a brand new adventure for your game play using the Adventure Creator. As I stated in the beginning we're going to use a three act structure in this chapter, which will be explained in detail as we go along. And sample Story Sheets will be shown as we go too, allowing you to see just how they get filled in. So if you're ready, let's begin!

THE ADVENTURE SHEET

To begin you will need to make up an overall storyline or plot for your adventure. This is the reason all the events of your story happen, and in RPGs it often has to do with a villain causing trouble. The Adventure Sheet is for helping you create this overarching plot.



Fill in Your Prompts

As you can see in the example Adventure Sheet on the next page, there is a list of prompts to be filled in with results from the Story Charts. It's pretty self-explanatory, a prompt that asks for a Location should be filled in with a result from the Locations Chart, and so on.

You might notice there are two separate lists on the Adventure Sheet: the Plot Maker and the Story Background. The Plot Maker results should be used to help you figure out what the basics of the plot are, who the villain is, what their dastardly plot entails, what type of adventure will the heroes be going through, and so on. The Story Background provides additional results to allow you to fill in the background details of what has been going on since the villain or problem began their schemes, and help you create an initial context for the PCs to enter into at the start of the adventure.

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Once you have all those prompts filled in, look them over and begin brainstorming! If you have ideas of your own that you already know you want to utilize it may help to write them all down in the Notes section of the Adventure Sheet. You will have, or soon develop, your own favorite artistic process for brainstorming up a story, but to begin with I suggest you just consider possibilities for the first five or ten minutes, only writing down ideas when you need to so that you don't forget them. The first idea that pops into your mind may not turn out to be the idea you want, so give yourself freedom to explore different possibilities and consider multiple plotlines.

As you start getting ideas that click, write them down and begin forming a cohesive plot. It may not come out fully formed the first time or two. Feel free to get some extra paper and work through your ideas until you get what you want. If you're using the Adventure Creator in a solo game you probably won't want to figure everything out at this stage. Instead just give yourself a good setup for what the plot will be about (think of the blurb you might see on the back of a book describing what happens, with maybe just a little more detail). The rest can be worked over the course of your game.

Oftentimes it's not our first idea that would be our best idea. One of the most helpful tools a writer has is what is known as the "Rule of 10." The rule is when you need to create a good idea you come up with a list of ten ideas and then select the best one. Of course the list doesn't have to be ten items long, it could be three or five or twenty.

Once your mind has the chance to clear itself of the initial trite and cliched notions that inevitably pop up, you'll find yourself creating more novel and interesting solutions to your questions and problems. Oftentimes I don't manage to make it through all ten, about halfway through the list I get an idea so good I immediately want to run with it, but that's okay too.



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The Covetous Poet's Adventure Creator - Plot Sheet

STORY PLOT	Storylines
Adventure Type: _ Supernatural Mystery	storymes
Opposition: Cultists	1. Dear Heroes, Help Me! - A friend
Motivation: Unexplainable/Unknown	of the heroes asks them for help with
Theme: Power of Tradition	a problem that has got them in over
Action + Thing: Testify Demonic Pact	their head.
Action + Thing: Race River Travel	
Plot Device: Wealth and Power - A rich NPC uses his money to cover his deeds	
Plot Device: She's a Witch! - A person is accused or suspected of witchcraft.	2. On the River – Evil agents of a
	powerful demonic sorcerer are soon
STORY BACKGROUND	to arrive with a profane artifact
Complication: Confinement	which will allow him to complete his
Complication: Friend in Need	evil ritual.
Location: Townhouse	
Location: Luxury Goods Store	3. Town Pariah - Some unimportant
Location: Deep Forest	person knows the truth, or at least
Action + Thing: Observe Nobleman	has their suspicions, but no one will
Action + Thing: Inform Rumors and Hearsay	listen to them.
Action + Thing: Close Infestation	
Plot Device: I Thought You Were Dead - A character turns out to be alive.	
Plot Device: Official Cover-Up - The authorities are hiding something	4. Evil Demonic Sorcerer - Some rich
Notes :	nobleman, a part of the city's upper
10165.	crust and possessing some important
Starting with the Story Plot, I can see there's a great supernatural tale in the works	title, is really an evil warlock opening
here, complete with evil cultists, maybe some demons, and a socially powerful villain.	a portal to the demonic realms.
The motivation for their deeds in unexplainable or unknown, but they must be involved	
in some terrible scheme which threatens their city and maybe even their kingdom! But it	5. Where Did Our Friend Go? - The
also looks like there are some cracks in the scheme: my first action + thing is Testify	PCs friend is already missing by the
Demonic Pact and one of my plot devices is "She's a Witch!" That must mean some-	time the heroes arrive, is he dead, or
one at least has an inkling that something wrong is going on and is trying to tell people.	has he gone in the nearby forests for
But they must not be having very much luck perhaps their life is in danger, or perhaps	some reason?
they are considered crazy and must be slandering the name of a very important person.	
Now that I've at least got the story rolling, I'll move down to the Story Background.	6. Outside Troublemakers - The
One of the complications says I've got a Friend in Need, maybe that's the motivation	heroes will quickly find themselves at
for the characters to start the adventure and go to wherever it is taking place. My other	odds with the powerful forces of the
complication is Confinement, perhaps they've been thrown in jail! Or one of my plot de-	city if they are seen as a threat to
vices is "I Though You Were Dead," perhaps this character was in trouble and reached	the villain.
out to the heroes with their life in danger, but by the time they arrive has gone missing.	
I'm not sure which one I like more, but I can decide later. The character who is trying to	7.
blow the whistle on that evil, demon-pacting villain could be the same character as the	
PCs friend, but I'm going for a full sized three act adventure here, so I'd rather they be	
different people allowing for more problems to solve and provide a little narrative seren-	
dipity as well.	
Now I'll get back to the evil plot, there's the result Race River Travel, I'm going to take	
that to mean some evil agents are traveling down the river, maybe they've got some im-	8.
portant bit of loot, an artifact or rare magical ingredient which will allow the villain to	
complete their evil schemes. Also the plot device "Official Cover-Up" makes it clear the	
authorities and ruling powers must in some way be complicit, perhaps the villain at least	
has several powerful officials well bribed, even if they aren't cultists.	

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Storylines

Storylines are the plots and subplots that will feature in your story. Even the main plotline may have a variety of threads that weave together to create the entire story, different relationships, different plans, different battles that are all part of a greater whole. As you make up your story be sure to fill in summary descriptions of each important storyline you want to remember in the column provided along the front side of the Adventure Sheet.

NPCs, Locations, and Other Important Stuff

A story will need characters to fill it and places for it to happen in, so on the back of the Adventure Sheet there are columns provided to record down all your NPCs and Locations. You may go a step further by creating stats and skills for your NPCs depending on the system you are using, and perhaps maps and detailed descriptions for your locations. That will all be up to you.



THE FIRST ACT SHEET

Once you have a plot for your story you can move on to creating the first act. The first act is an introductory phase for the adventure, your PCs will be introduced to the story here so that later on they can get involved and hopefully save the day. The first act is a good time for the characters to spend some time doing their own thing: shopping, looking for work, seeing the sights, and so on. Once the second act comes around almost all the scenes will be centered on the main plot, but here in the first act you don't need to be so narrowly focused.

The beginning act is also the place you want to introduce your subplots should you have any. It's often a good idea to clue your heroes into lesser problems and plots that will need solved before they get fully ensnared in the events of the main plot, when they may not be as interested in hearing about new troubles. Of course they don't have to resolve these



lesser plots in the first act, but they should at least know about them.

If you're creating an adventure approximately the size of a pre-written adventure supplement you will want to make this act around ten to fifteen scenes long, though that is just a rough estimate. Long scenes may be worth counting as several scenes worth of time, and sometimes the characters will end up in situations requiring many little scenes all put together. So plan the number of scenes accordingly.

Creating Your Scenes

We call the scenes of the first act "Event Scenes." That is to say they are scenes that revolve around events that pop up for our PCs, not necessarily focused on the main storyline at all. The First Act Sheet has space for creating ten different scenes, with prompts to fill in using the Story Charts for each. The first prompt is for an "Event," so just roll on the Event Scene Chart and it will give you a result which provides a focus for the scene.

You may have noticed that the prompt lists for scenes include quite a few results, way more than you will likely need for any one scene. That's okay, they are designed to provide you more inspiration than you need, so you can pick and choose what results you would like to be inspired by. The first two results, the Event and the Action, are really the most important ones and likely can give you ideas for every scene. You of course don't have to follow the results you get, they are only meant for inspiration, and sometimes you will know exactly what scene you want to come next in the story based on the narrative.



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Also realize that you don't have to create a railroad journey of scenes, they are just numbered on the First Act Sheet for convenience. If you are making a pre-written adventure you may start by making a jumble of possible scenes and then later deciding what order they should go in, if any.

The Initial Oddity and the Inciting Incident

While the first act is a good time to let the characters do their own thing and maybe get involved in some subplots, the main plot of your story still needs to be introduced. To help you do this we are going to look at two story making elements involved with this: the Initial Oddity and the Inciting Incident.



The Initial Oddity refers to the concept that something in the world around our heroes must be a little bit off given the events of the main plot going on around them. Perhaps the people or rulers in the local area are acting different, maybe there are disruptive conflicts going on, there could be interesting news stories or pleas from those in need that pique the PC's interest. There is something not quite right about the world, and it should be present in some small form by at least the end of the first act.

The Inciting Incident is a crucial element within a roleplaying adventure, it refers to the point in the story when the heroes become hooked by the main plot, often at this point resolving (however implicitly or explicitly) to save the day and stop the villain or problem threatening the world. This event can come in a variety of ways: someone in desperate need of help can come to the PCs with evidence of terrible events going on, the PCs can discover the villain's plot or conspiracy themselves and realize they are the only ones who can stop them, or perhaps the characters are just hired or resolve to take an opportunity to get riches and fame.

Without the inciting incident the heroes of the story never become a part of the story, so you have to have one. It usually will come at the very end of The Inciting Incident can come at the very beginning of a story, and often does in mystery or detective style stories. In these instances the story of the mystery is a crucial part of how we experience the world it is set in, and we want to get to it right away. Also if we're dealing with characters who don't have very interesting or important lives to us as roleplayers then we have no reason to wait to give them a case to solve.

When we put the Inciting Incident at the front of the story then the first act is more involved with gathering clues and making sense of what is going on. The PCs will still need to do a lot of work to get a clear story as to what they are facing, before they can begin the second act where they actively try to solve things. The first act can end when the characters finally understand what it is they are facing and have a clear idea of what the adventure is about. There is still time for the PCs to have active lives as well, they just will happen in the context of also solving the case they are involved with.

the first act, so all that lesser action is out of the way. Once the heroes resolve to get involved they should have some vague idea of what their ultimate goal is, even if they don't know how they'll achieve it, and can begin to pursue that goal the best they know how.

Now Make That First Act

Once you have filled in your First Act Sheet you can brainstorm ideas for what scenes you want, events that can happen and so on. You may plan out a certain sequence of events based on what the heroes will be doing, if they're arriving in town you could make up scenes related to finding an inn, or scenes which introduce them to important locals. There could be fun events going on, local celebrations, places of interest, etc. Scenes in the first act which seem unrelated to the principal storyline can still pop up later in the story and provide NPCs, helpful resources, and other things which can assist the PCs and make the story richer.



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Inciting Incident: The PCs end up running into an NPC who knows that an evil cult is planning on destroying the city, brought together by the suspicions of that cult, who seem to confusedly think that the PCs were already his allies.

Act 1 Events	Ideas
1. Clearly the heroes come to the city by river and encounter the cultist agents right at the outset of the adventure. They must have a run in with them and suffer the abuse mentioned in the scene prompt. And maybe we get some glimpse of the object in question, the Chekhov's Gun that will go off before the end of the story.	Event : Something bad to a PC Action : Abuse Thing : River Plot : Chekhov's Gun
	Opposition : The System/Laws Location : Theatre/Stage
2. When the heroes get to the home of their friend, their wife can tell them she sus- pects he was kidnapped! Maybe he said something about secret societies or political intrigue before he disappeared. That'll set the heroes off in the right direction to foil this evil cult and their dastardly plans.	Event : Something bad happens to all PCs Action : Kidnap Thing : Swarms Plot : Intrigue Opposition : Secret Society Location : Ship
3. Before the heroes can really get started following up on clues they may get mis- taken for someone else by an NPC. Or maybe the PCs mistake an NPC for some- one they are looking to question. Perhaps he's a strange or eccentric NPC but he can still be of help to the adventurers in solving this story if they befriend him.	Event : A new NPC Action : Increase Thing : Backwardness Plot : Mistaken Identity Opposition : Yourself Location : Physician's Office
4. When the PCs begin to question around they could get seen by the cultists they quarreled with on the boat. Perhaps the cult begins to suspect that these people are onto them. They could even be in league with that crazy guy who tried to warn the authorities about them and their master. If the heroes aren't careful about ask- ing around, or maybe even if they are, they could attract the wrong attention.	Event : Ambiguous Event Action : Begin Thing : Ghouls Plot : Being Watched Opposition : Evil Mastermind Location : Nice Part of Town

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THE SECOND ACT SHEET

Once the PCs have been hooked in by the Inciting Incident the second act may begin. A second act is made up of "Challenges," these are the things which stand in the way of the heroes before they can achieve their ultimate goal. They can't just go to the villains house and punch him out, there needs to be some smaller steps along the way. What the actual challenges are depends entirely on your story.

A more investigative RPG may require the second act involve a lot of clue gathering, talking to witnesses, eliminating suspects, and so on. A fantasy RPG may require the heroes to travel to a dangerous land, handle combat encounters, do favors to gain the help they need, and things like that.

Many of the challenges you would like to put in your adventure may be obvious given the plot, so list out any that you think of on the Second Act Sheet. There will be obvious actions the PCs can take, likely places they will snoop around, and relevant people they will go question. You can still use the results from the Story Charts to flesh out these challenges, and perhaps give yourself an interesting twist to how you run those scenes.



Creating Challenges

You can fill out the Second Act Sheet much like you did the First Act Sheet. The second act uses results from the Challenge Scenes Chart, not the Event Scenes Chart, but otherwise it works the same way. It is a bit of a misnomer to call them Challenge Scenes, some challenges will take only a scene, others will be quite involved and require several scenes to accomplish. Given this, even in a full sized adventure you may only use four or five challenges, probably involving quite a few smaller obstacles to complete each one. Or perhaps not, instead a second act may use twelve or more challenges that occur over a single scene and are then resolved. It's all up to you.



Making the Second Act

Once you have your challenges for the PCs to go through all made up, you can organize events further, deciding the chronology, as well as adding extra scenes and events you feel are warranted. Sometimes you will want to add such little events to give the PCs clues or hints about what to do. And don't forget the villain and his henchmen are likely active during this part of the story, perhaps even trying actively to stop the heroes from achieving their goals along the way. Be sure to plan out any needed stats for NPCs and make maps for locations the PCs will be going through in order to get the job done.

The second act is a good time to let the heroes resolve any outstanding subplots they wish to do, assuming those subplots aren't tied to the main plot. Although sometimes it can work better to let the heroes resolve those lesser problems in the denouement at the end of the third act to better put a bow on the story. Fun or cute problems are better handled after the serious danger is over.

Once the characters have completed enough challenges to be able to finally confront the final problem then the second act is over. You may organize the challenges such that they have a specific one which will need to be handled last, in order to provide a tougher challenge to end the act on. Though remember that the PCs still have one more important confrontation to get through in the third and final act.



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The Covetous Poet's Adventure Creator - Act 2

Act 2 Challenges

1. The PCs must recruit an ally from among the city's upper crust in to find out what could be going on with this evil cult and their potential leader. But in order to do this they must ingratiate themselves at a fancy party.

2. The PCs must solve a related case, figuring out what happened for a local professor who has had his antiquities collection at university ransacked and many items stolen. It's too late to stop them but they can track down what happened and discover what purpose the artifacts were stolen for.

 The PCs must collect evidence of the cult's wrongdoing by going to their ritual gathering place where they commune with demons and perform terrible sacrifices. Of course once they get there they may find some cultist guards or even a sacrifawaiting their imminent use.

4. The PCs plan a clandestine late night meeting with their conspiratorially minded NPC friend and share what they've discovered. But before they get there they hear a scream! Their friend who knew the truth about this cult has been killed by a horrible summoned monster, and now it plans on running them down too...

5. The PCs get a letter from their disappeared friend they had presumed dead. Enlisting the help of some servants that their noble benefactor provides, they travel into the nearby forest in order to find him and the strange discovery he has made there.

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Challenge : Curry Favor Action : Pick-Up Thing : Family Plot : Party Interrupted Opposition : Hired Muscle Location : Staircase

Challenge : Convince Authorities Action : Solve Thing : Teacher/Professor Plot : Sea of Troubles Opposition : Ritual/Curse Location : Warehouse

Challenge : Collect Evidence Action : Summon Thing : Confinement Plot : Truce Opposition : Conspirators Location : Gathering Place

Challenge : Avoid Danger Action : Estimate Thing : Just End Plot : Strange Tracks Opposition : Deadly Monster Location : Town Square

Challenge : Find Help Action : Indulge Thing : Odd Servants Plot : Where's the Dingus Opposition : Local Ruler Location : Haunted Area

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THE THIRD ACT SHEET

The third act is not made up of a lot of different scenes, it is instead all about the final and greatest challenge the heroes will need to overcome in order to complete the story. The Third Act Sheet does not have any pre-made lists to fill in with the Story Charts, it is assumed by this point that you will know what you want the ending to be, and if you need any additional ideas can decide for yourself what Story Charts to roll on.

A Final Fight and Other Forms

The classic ending for an RPG is a huge fight against a very tough opponent. This should be the toughest fight or challenge the heroes have faced the entire adventure. And by completing the challenge the heroes should successfully save the day, vanquish the villain, and put things as right as they can.

Of course not all stories logically end in combat. In that case you should design a final challenge scene that still creates suspense and worry in the players, and requires work, good thinking, and perhaps a little luck in order to get through. Suspense can be created through non-violent obstacles which prevent the heroes from doing what they need to do, and precarious situations can involve uncertain social judgements or getting things accomplished just in the nick of time.



Once the PCs save the day they'll need a little time to bask in the glory. Or at the very least, they'll want to see all the loose ends tied up and the conclusion of the story realized. Perhaps rewards will be in order for the characters, NPCs can say goodbye and thank them for their help, and perhaps a final few lighthearted wrongs the PCs encountered can be put right.



AN ADVENTURE WELL DONE

And that's it. That's all it takes to create a brand new adventure from scratch using the Adventure Creator. If you were using the Adventure Creator to improvise a story as you played it, you'll probably be all done, unless of course you want to write out the events your exciting game session to share with others. If you were using the Adventure Creator to make a pre-written scenario than you may now want to create a final copy, more fleshed out and organized, so it can be run smoothly by yourself or others. Whatever the case, if you've successfully made your own adventure then congratulations on a job well done.



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The Covetous Poet's Adventure Creator - Act 3

<u>Finale</u>

The heroes now confront the evil sorcerer and his remaining bodyguards! Having smashed the statue of Lan Ryung they have already foiled the plan to open a portal to the hell dimensions and raise a demonic army by denying the villain this terrible artifact, but that doesn't mean he can't still exact some revenge by killing them and fleeing to less civilized lands to regroup. If the heroes manage to defeat the villain they will be able to prove what was going on to the city's rulers and will be hailed as heroes by all!

Notes / Sketches

-The villain can have one last trick up his sleeve and summon a powerful demon to help him fight the heroes once they have finished off his flunkies. That'll create a truly epic fight for the finale!

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Variations on the Act Structure

The Adventure Creator chapter showed you how to create an adventure using the three act structure, but it isn't limited to just that. Stories can be organized by many different act structures, all that matters is that you know how your story will progress, and what kind of scenes to use in each different act as you move forward from start to finish.

This chapter will present you several new options you can utilize when making your adventures, giving you plenty of structures to consider depending on your personal style, the game system you're using, and how long you want adventures to be. Here's a quick list of what we'll cover:

One Acts - This structure is good for short adventures, possibly playable in a single session. A problem will arise but there isn't a lot of leg work or complication along the way, so the action is resolved in around a dozen scenes or less.

Two Acts - A rival to the three act structure is the two act. It works by fitting two one acts together into a unified story, where the first act problem leads to an even bigger complication to be solved in the second act.



Modular Acts - Good for epic campaign adventures, the modular act structure is one where you stick together a group of related but self-contained acts for heroes to persevere through. This allows for large sandbox adventures where characters can choose where they go, or very long linear storylines where each leg of the journey presents its own self-contained scenario.

Television - You probably have seen a program or two of television in your life, in fact you may even be running an RPG based off a television show! This section covers how you can adapt the structures used by television writers to create show-like adventures. Five Acts - A popular staple of dramatic structure during different periods spanning thousands of years, the five act structure, though flexible, provides an excellent framework to help organize your most complex and character-centric storylines. In this section I will cover how to create a roleplaying adventure using five acts, primarily through the style of Shakespeare.

When switching from the three act structure to one of the other structures presented in this chapter you can still use the Adventure Sheets. Just decide what type of scenes you want during each part of your adventure and use either the first act sheet or the second act sheet to record down results from the Story Charts to build your scenes with. Once you have a clear idea of the structure you are using to build your story you will know what the tone and direction of your scenes should be during any given part of the story.

THE ONE ACT STRUCTURE

Composed usually of 4 to 12 scenes, the one act allows you to play a complete story in a single act. It's good for when you want to play a short adventure in a single session.

A one act can be thought of as a mini-three act. It has a beginning, often the first scene containing the inciting incident that gets the adventurers involved, a middle where the heroes will use several scenes to struggle through the problem, and an ending where the climactic final battle will be fought. The difference from an actual three act is that everything is condensed, the PCs learn of the situation pretty quickly, it'll only take a couple scenes to find out fully what's going on, then it's just a few scenes to deal with any challenges in the way of them confronting the overarching problem.



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Let's consider an example with a group of supernatural horror investigators, traveling through some Texas desertlands circa 1930. As the GM, I decide I just want a nice little stopover of a tale, so a one act will work perfectly. I want my trio of detectives to show up in town a little after sundown and decide to find a motel there. After that, I can use the Adventure Creator to flesh things out.

Filling out an Adventure Sheet can help give me an overall plot, then a First Act Sheet can help me create the initial three scenes or so, a Second Act Sheet can create challenges for the next three or four scenes, and then I'll create a finale scene or two so the characters can either save the day or die horribly.



The Story Charts inform me I have bullied locals and a possible werewolf in the area. I like that, the "local monster" is a pretty classic trope for horror RPGs. So we've got one or more were-creatures about, along with some locals who know a fair bit about what's going on, but aren't able to act on it. Maybe because they're bullied! Perhaps the local sheriff is in on it. Maybe he's the werewolf ring-leader himself!

The point is, I have my story now and can plan out my scenes to whatever depth I want, depending on whether I'm writing a full scenario for public consumption, sketching out ideas as a GM, or even playing the adventure solo. The first three or four scenes will be first act scenes and so should contain my initial oddity and inciting incident. Then I'll make two to four smallish challenges standing in the way of my heroes to make things difficult. And of course one big final battle scene to kill all them werewolves. A few final things to keep in mind when writing one acts: you are probably writing a short adventure so cut the non-plot related scenes and just stick to quickly getting into the action. Since you're only using a dozen or so scenes you'll probably want a relatively easy situation to figure out in the beginning, along with challenges which don't take a lot of real life playing time for the characters to solve. Stick to those basics and you'll have no troubles creating one acts you can play through in one evening.



THE TWO ACT STRUCTURE

Once you understand the one act structure, you can then use it to create the two act structure. That's because a two act adventure is really just two one acts put together. The first act will present a problem and allow heroes to quickly get on top of it, but their efforts only lead to a second, greater problem which must then be confronted and resolved in the second act. Both of those acts, again, being structured just like one act adventures.

The real innovation here is the ability to weave together the two acts, but there are many ways to do it. You can have just a single cohesive plot, but present it in two layers. Perhaps the heroes must first investigate a murder, but the discovery of the murderer leads to them realizing he was just a henchman of the true villain, who they must now track down and bring to justice.

Or it can be an adventure about two different but related quests. For example, the PCs can show up and stop a band of goblin marauders from burning the Fairy Queen's castle to the ground, only to find out that before they fled those evil goblins poured poison on the fairies' Sacred Fairy Oak, whose only hope now is a magic elixir hidden deep within the Dark Forest.

You'll be able to figure out what can glue your two acts together on your own pretty easily, but generally the point of two acts is that you have two smaller quests or adventures, and after solving the first one the heroes are met with a "thank you, but..." which leads to the second one.



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If you're trying to create an "full-sized" adventure, the size you'll find in a typically sized professionally written RPG supplement, the two act structure can provide an alternative to the three act structure. Each of the two acts can be between 15 and 20 scenes each, allowing you to flesh out the beginning, middle and end pieces.

Of course, one could conceivably continue to string together one acts for as long as they wanted, three, four, five acts or more, each one leading to the next to create an epically long campaign. That type of structure would be called a modular adventure.

MODULAR ACT STRUCTURE

If you are imagining creating a massive adventure, or a long, world spanning journey for your PCs to trek through you should consider making it a modular adventure. Assuming of course you don't want to just slice the thing up into a multi-adventure campaign. A modular act structure lets you create a small adventure for each leg of the journey, self contained enough to not let the story become sprawling and confused, but still connected to the overall whole. The best examples of such a structure are the large Call of Cthulhu adventure supplements like Masks of Nyarlathotep, Beyond the Mountains of Madness, and Horror on the Orient Express.

To create a modular story you're going to break your story into several one acts that will all go together when played back to back. It's that simple. You will have decide where you want to split your story up, but it should be pretty obvious. If your story takes place in many different locales than each one can have its own act. Or if your story is a long trek, the journey being most of the fun, you just split up each leg of the trip.

Put some thought into how you want to organize your individual acts. There's nothing wrong with using a similar pattern through them all if it works. For example, if your heroes are traveling to different fantasy cities, each stop over may start with some initial investigation, then have a few different traps and thugs getting in the way, and end with a fight against some terrible monster. As long as it makes narrative sense your PCs can enjoy it fully, and then move onto the next setup. If your story is about some long journey, on the other hand, you might decide each act will feature two or three encounters or disasters along the way which must be survived before moving onto the next part. Or maybe even feature three or four mini-adventures involving helping people along the way, spaced out by less eventful times. Just as a single good formula can work for creating your one acts, a lot of novelty and variation can work well too.



The beginning and ending acts of a modular adventure may require some special design to make them clearer or more climactic, respectively. The opening of a story doesn't need as many subplots, or twists and turns, since your players are busy learning what the story is all about. And you may want to be sure the last place your adventurers get to has the biggest or best confrontation of all waiting for them. Or maybe just use your best idea, so the story ends on a high note.



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TELEVISION

Now we go a little outside the norm to see some experimental styles of RPG structure. Perhaps you're running a system that you think will work well with the episodic structure of television. Television plots allow you to unravel long term storylines over many adventures while also focusing on a specific short term problem each individual adventure.

Hourlong dramas on T.V. have a variety of writing structures, but let's just focus on the nice, well proven four act. Here's a breakdown:

First Act - We meet up with our characters and delve into the lesser problems of their lives, such as relationships, school or work. But while that's happening, in the background there are rumblings of trouble...

Second Act - The villain/problem now strikes and the world gets tipped out of balance. The heroes may quickly find out what is wrong, or they may just gradually realize something is amiss in their lives once again. By the end of this act though, all hell should be breaking loose. This is really the antagonist's time to get ahead of the game.



Third Act - Once the heroes realize what's going on, and they definitely should by now, they can respond. Of course, they should already be on their back heel from the villain's initial moves against them, so it won't be easy to fight back.

Fourth Act - Now the heroes have evened the situation, leaving both sides a fair shot at winning the day for either good or evil.

So if you wanted to use the Adventure Creator to help make this up, you could use the Event Scenes Chart for the first act, the Interruption Scenes Chart for the second act, the Challenge Scenes Chart for the third act, and then treat the fourth act as the finale. Being sure to spice things up and mix around different types of scenes as you see fit to make your storyline work. It does not make a lot of sense to make these adventures incredibly long since we're emulating an hourlong television program, so I'd suggest around 6 quick-moving scenes on average for each act. That will keep the tempo up and the action flowing.

Also, don't forget television shows often make use of arcs over many episodes to set up long-term plots. Whether you have a major villain waiting to confront the heroes, leaving clues or sending lieutenants at them along the way, or some climactic event playing out in the background that will eventually explode into the lives of our heroes, be sure to introduce little clues or subplots each adventure to establish these future troubles.

FIVE ACT STRUCTURE

The five act structure could be thought of as a super-charged version of the three act structure. It works well for building "deeper" plots, at the least allowing you greater room for nuance in storytelling and in character development. This five act structure has been distilled from the works of Shakespeare, likely the most famous five act proponent of them all.

Let's get started by looking at a summary of each act:

First Act - We are introduced to the existing conflicts of our world and the main characters of our story. Some change is introduced during this act and it leads to an inciting incident for a protagonist.

Second Act - The protagonist has been incited to action and we see the immediate consequences of that action. People's lives may change, perhaps for the better, perhaps for the worse. Characters may begin to plan what they're going to do with these new situations on their hands.

Third Act - Now that a new normal has been forced onto the world of our story, we have new conflicts, new relationships to sort through. Characters may have changed because of what they have done or what has been done to them during the first two acts. Some may be unhappy about all these changes and resolve to take action to change things. This act ends with the third act climax, where the main character resolves as to what he needs to do in order to conclude the story and get whatever it is he or she wants.



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Fourth Act - All the subplots get resolved and things are setup for the final act where the story will be resolved.

Fifth Act - The story goes into its conclusion. Final events play out as the hero of the story proceeds to follow through with the commitment they made at the third act climax.



That summary probably doesn't sound like a very clear roleplaying adventure formula. But let's translate things over. The first act is just where we see some existing problem have a turn of events: the heroes find out about the villain's evil scheme, discover some horrible plot that someone must stop, or recover a treasure map that could make them all rich! It's not unlike the first act of a three act story, and ends with an inciting incident that gets our PCs on the trail of the story.

The second and third act contain most of our different challenges that will be standing in the heroes' way before they can get to their final goal. But those challenges are split into two different stages, the second act here just allows them to get their feet wet, uncovering more information, getting further and further entwined into the plot. It can include both Event Scenes and Challenges. The third act then is where the heroes are really in the thick of things, having some idea of what they need to do to save the day, and facing increasingly difficult or involving challenges. Once they get to the end of the third act the PCs should be given the information they need to know in order to finish off the villain or handle the ultimate problem.

The fourth act can be about resolving challenges which wrap up subplots and lesser events that have come up along the way. Maybe the heroes ran into some innocent NPCs who needed help, or have been having problems with lesser villains who can and should be dispatched before the final battle. Then we arrive at the end. Unlike the final act of a three act adventure, this fifth act can stretch the conclusion out over a few more scenes. Maybe that's as simple as busting into the villain's castle, with some scenes about handling a few groups of guards, or making several sneak and athletic rolls, before they confront the bad guy in a fight to settle it all. Or perhaps you have a more complex story to work through, and will use all your remaining loose strings to create the last challenges for the heroes before the big challenge at the very end.

The five act can create a rather large story with many scenes, without resorting to using a modular structure. By splitting up the mid-story challenges into two acts you can put a lot of complications in the way of the PCs, yet the story doesn't bog down because the narrative is still building in a progressive way that will make sense.

BUILD WHAT YOU WANT

As you can see it's easy to vary the structure of your adventures from the basic three act structure if you want to. It is just a matter of changing around the direction of your scenes. As long as things flow logically and you keep in mind the necessary dramatic payoffs (clues lead to problems, actions to solve those problems lead to saving the day) you should be fine.



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The Story Charts

T his chapter contains all the charts you will need to make your stories with. The first part contains general charts to make scenes and NPCs with. After that you will find the Fantasy, Horror, and Sci-Fi genre charts, which are filled with results specifically applicable to games using those settings.

How to Use the Story Charts

You've seen an example of how to fill in your Story Sheets while making an adventure in The Adventure Creator chapter, but let's go over it again to make sure it's clear.

The Story Sheets are filled with blank prompts you can fill in by rolling on the appropriate chart and finding your result. Just flip to the correct chart, roll either one, two, or three d10s as directed by the chart (for d10, d100, and d1000 respectively) and write down the result you roll. It's just that easy!



Pre-Rolled Sheets

Of course that's a lot of results you may end up rolling. And if you're rolling up results to help create scenes as you're playing it may also become rather disruptive to have to get the book out, find the right pages and start creating more results. In order to help with this, you can instead roll up batches of results in advance, record them all on a piece of paper, then just pull them off the list as you play, crossing them out as you go. Depending on how long your adventure will be you can do this once before you begin playing, or before each new act. You don't want the process of making pre-rolled sheets to become burdensome either, so feel free to split up the process only rolling 10 to 20 at a time for each chart needed.

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General Charts

Event Scene Chart

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- 2. Very unexpected turn of events.
- 3. PCs receive or overhear news or information.
- 4. PCs run into trouble.
- 5. Something bad happens to a PC.
- 6. Plot thread (pick one or create a new one).
- 7. PCs asked to help or see reason to get involved.

8. A new NPC.

9. Something bad happens to a PC.

10. Something bad happens to all PCs.

11. Something good happens to a PC.

12. Ambiguous or strange event.

Challenge Scene Chart

2d6

2. Collect evidence or recover items.

3. Spy on someone or do reconnaissance.

4. Curry favor or gain access.

5. Avoid danger or deal with threats.

6. Assist or save an NPC.

7. Survive an attack or incident.

8. Collect evidence or recover items.

9. Avoid danger or deal with threats.

10. Do research or find help.

11. Convince authorities or important NPCs.

12. Assist or save an NPC.

Mid-Scene Interruptions Chart

2d6

2. Very unexpected turn of events.

3. PCs receive or overhear news or information.

4. Something bad happens to all PCs.

5. A new NPC.

6. PCs accosted, attacked or run into trouble.

7. Plot thread pops up (pick a plot thread or make up a new one).

8. Something bad happens to a PC.

9. An NPC the PCs know shows up.

10. Something good happens to a PC.

11. PCs asked to help or see reason to get involved.

12. Ambiguous or strange event.



Clues Chart

2. Dead Body or Locked Room(s) 3. Diary/Personal Notes or Blood Stains 4. Dropped Note/Letter or Incorrect Official Account 5. Dirt and Grass Stains or Crime Tools 6. Diversion or Item/Possession Goes Missing 7. Deliberate Red Herring or Lack of Alibi 8. Book(s) or Crime Attempt 9. Hidden Passageway or Encrypted Message 10. Secret Door or Blackmail 11. Trap Door or Arranged Crime Scene 12. Hidden Room or Odd Behavior 13. Guarded Secret Area or Personal Effects Left Behind 14. Hired Thugs or Mysterious Injuries 15. Footprints or Mysterious Disappearance 16. Frame Job or Prophecy/Predictions 17. Good Alibi or Person Sent On an Odd Task 18. Letter with Plans or Missing Items 19. Letter with Backstory or Overly Dismissive Behavior 20. Letter Between Conspirators or Mutations/Physical Changes 21. Personal Item Left Behind or Secretive Behavior 22. Late Night Activities or Protected by Authority 23. Lost Items or Possessions or Trap Doors 24. Lying or Strange Smells 25. Strange Noise or Innocent Explanation 26. Plans by Villain(s) or Strange Accident(s) 27. Note with Instructions or Secret Safehouse/Lair 28. Villain Spotted or Magical Ingredients/Implements 29. Item/Possession Stolen or Rumors 30. Map or Test Results 31. Murder Weapon or Strange Jewelry/Clothing/Item 32. Poison or Strange Amounts of Money 33. Old Illness or Things Out of Place 34. Piece of Clothing/Jewelry or Sabotage 35. Odd Physical Trait or Strange Artifacts 36. Nervous Behavior or Things Left On/Near a Corpse 37. Moved Object or Secret Meeting Place 38. Overheard Conversation or Secret Motive 39. Murder Attempt or Records of a Visit 40. Snitch or Trap 41. Strange Sights or Warnings by Henchmen/Thugs 42. Shifty Behavior or Surrounding Area Effected 43. Secret Plans or Old Stories/Legends 44. Riddle or Written Warning (including symbols) 45. Secret Signs or Official Cover-Up 46. Strange Creatures or Witness to Evidence/Locations 47. Secret Hideout or Magical Warning 48. Secret Hidding Place or Writings (explaining some of the plot) 49. Things Left at Crime Scene or Incorrect Story 50. Revealed Motive or A Set-Up

d100

1. Contradictory Statements or Strange Attack(s)

51. Witness to Crime or Odd Behavior/Contradictory Statements 52. Unexplained Knowledge or Diary/Personal Notes 53. Uneasy Feeling or Dropped Note/Letter 54. Trap Door or Strange Jewelry/Clothing/Item 55. Letter with Plans or Strange Amounts of Money 56. Dirt and Grass Stains or Old Stories/Legends 57. Secret Door or Secret Plans 58. Hidden Room or Strange Creatures 59. Item/Possession Stolen or Trap Doors 60. Magical Ingredients/Implements or Sabotage 61. Prophecy/Predictions or Incorrect Story 62. Arranged Crime Scene or Things Out of Place 63. Person Sent On an Odd Task or Secret Hidding Place 64. Crime Attempt or Strange Accident(s) 65. Letter with Backstory or Strange Smells 66. Lack of Aliby or Trap 67. Plans by Villain(s) or Secret Hideout 68. Blackmail or Rumors 69. Late Night Activities or Warnings by Henchmen/Thugs 70. Mysterious Disappearance or Unexplained Knowledge 71. Letter Between Conspirators or Witness to Evidence/Locations 72. Piece of Clothing/Jewelry or Witness to Crime/Odd Behavior 73. Overly Dismissive Behavior or Magical Warning 74. Frame Job or Written Warning (including symbols) 75. Diversion or Attempted Murder 76. Protected by Authority or Writings (explaining some of the plot) 77. Hidden Passageway or Uneasy Feeling 78. Lost Items/Possessions or A Set-Up 79. Odd Behavior or Revealed Motive 80. Dead Body or Secret Motive 81. Nervous Behavior or Strange Noise 82. Item or Possession Goes Missing or Official Cover-Up 83. Missing Items or Records of a Visit 84. Hired Thugs or Secret Safehouse/Lair 85. Mutations/Physical Changes or Secret Meeting Place 86. Locked Room(s) or Things Left at Crime Scene 87. Footprints or Things Left On/Near Corpse 88. Incorrect Official Account or Strange Artifacts 89. Overheard Conversation or Snitch 90. Lying or Shifty Behavior 91. Strange Attack(s) or Secretive Behavior 92. Personal Item Left Behind or Secret Signs 93. Note with Instructions or Strange Sights 94. Blood Stain or Spotted Villain 95. Encrypted Message or Poison 96. Good Aliby or Murder Attempt 97. Mysterious Injuries or Moved Object 98. Crime Tools or Map 99. Murder Weapon or Odd Physical Trait 100. Book(s) or Personal Effects Left Behind

NPC Personality Chart

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d100 01-02 Aloof or Tough 03-04 Anxious or Vain 05-06 Arrogant or Foolish 07-08 Belligerent or Serious 09-10 Bigoted or Self-Righteous 11-12 Blunt or Guarded 13-14 Boisterous or Greedy 15-16 Boring or Squeamish 17-18 Bossy or Reasonable 19-20 Bright or Moody 21-22 Cagey or Timid 23-24 Callous or Paranoid 25-26 Cantankerous or Stoical 27-28 Careless or Polite 29-30 Charming or Snobby 31-32 Clever or Neurotic 33-34 Close-Minded or Kind-Hearted 35-36 Cold or Fast Talking 37-38 Confident or Rude 39-40 Cowardly or Self-Centered 41-42 Cranky or Disciplined 43-44 Cruel or Egotistical 45-46 Cultured or Rugged 47-48 Cynical or Strange 49-50 Dainty or Narcissistic 51-52 Deceitful or Wise 53-54 Diligent or Hedonistic 55-56 Dramatic or Stubborn 57-58 Droll or Romantic 59-60 Dumb or Whimsical 61-62 Easy-Going or Nosy 63-64 Evasive or Prim & Proper 65-66 Fearless or Snooty 67-68 Fiery-Tempered or Shy 69-70 Foolhardy or Talkative 71-72 Gregarious or Obnoxious 73-74 Grumpy or Smug 75-76 Haughty or Pleasant 77-78 Honorable or Nice 79-80 Humorless or Whiney 81-82 Humorous or Oafish 83-84 Impatient or Wicked 85-86 Intimidating or Merry 87-88 Judgmental or Sadistic 89-90 Juvenile or Reckless 91-92 Knowledgeable or Pompous 93-94 Lazy or Predatory 95-96 Leery or Spiritual 97-98 Pious or Suspicious

99-100 Shrewd or Vindictive



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Fantasy Genre Charts

The Fantasy Genre Charts are for roleplaying games featuring brave knights, terrible dragons, powerful arcane wizards and more! GMs using Medieval and ancient settings, along with sword and sorcery types of games should use these charts for developing their adventures.

Fantasy Adventure Types Chart

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1. Huge Event - Some great cataclysm or world changing event, such as war, plague, and so on.

2. Evil Group - A villainous organization up to no good threatens innocent lives.

3. Artifact Quest or Exploration - Some important artifact must be claimed, or some unknown place uncovered.

4. Evil Mastermind - Some singularly dangerous and effective villain causes trouble.

5. Isolated Area in Peril - Far from help, only the heroes stand between some place and its destruction.

6. Crime Solving - Challenging cases of murder, theft, and so on confront the heroes.

7. Supernatural Mystery - A hard to explain event threatens or puzzles the world in some way.

8. Intrigue/Interfighting - Adventures of politics, conspiracies, and small scale wars between rivals.

Oppressed Innocents - Innocent people having their lives or freedoms threatened by someone.
Odd Events - Strange circumstances and uncommon events ensnare our heroes.

Fantasy Opposition Chart

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001-002 Artifact/Powerful Object or Coup 003-004 Assassin/Hired Killer or Horde of Adversaries 005-006 Beastmen or Conspirators 007-008 Bounty Hunter or Ritual/Curse

009 Con-Man or Forces of Nature/Elements 010-011 Criminal or Deity/Religious Powers 012-013 Corrupt Officials or Cultists 014-015 Crazed Alchemist/Engineer or The System/Unfair Laws 016-017 Cult Magus/Religious Leader or Protectors/Guardians 018-019 Deadly Monster or Avenger 020-021 Demon/Demonic Forces or Foreigners 022-023 Demonologist or Starvation/Exposure 024-025 Dragon/Mythical Beast or Local Ruler(s) 026-027 Evil Cult or Disease/Plague 028-029 Evil Sorcerer or Close Friend 030-031 Evil Warrior or Foreign Powers 032-033 Footpads/Thieves or Machiavellian Villain 034-035 Gangs/Thugs or Your Own Employer/Mentor 036-037 Government/Noble Agents or Deluded/Insane Group 038-039 Greenskins (Orcs, goblins, etc.) or Agent of the Law 040-041 Heretic/Follower of Dark Gods or Blackmailer(s) 042-043 Hired Muscle/Mercenaries or Oppressive Ruler(s) 044-045 Huge Monster or Desperate Villain 046-047 Military/Military Officers or Profane Cult 048-049 Murderer/Serial Killer or Yourself 050-051 Mutants/Outcasts or Charismatic Leader/Demagogue 052-053 Necromancer/Liche or Misguided/Evil Locals 054-055 Noble/Lord or Infestation 056-057 Occult Group or Misguided/Former Hero 058-059 Ogres/Trolls or Impersonator/Doppelganger 060-061 Organized Crime or Societal Pressure/Custom 062-063 Pirates/Robbers or Villainous Family 064-065 Powerful Businessman/Merchant or Strange Creatures 066-067 Public Mob/The Masses or Conquering Forces

068 Ratmen/Lizardmen or Kidnappers/Slavers 069-070 Rebels/Terrorists or Lunatic 071 Religious Fanatics or Fugitive 072-073 Secret Society or Lack of Resources/Money 074-075 Shaman/Warlock or Marauders/Raiders 076-077 Spirits/Ethereal Undead or Criminal Kingpin

078 Spy/Saboteur or Cataclysm/Destruction 079-080 Strange Monster or Evil Mastermind 081-082 Traitor or Demi-Human Villain(s) 083-084 Treasure/Spoil Hunters or Tragic Villain 085-086 Unjust Magistrate/Witchhunter or Sorcerer/Wizard 087-088 Unnatural Creature or Political/Religious Group 089-090 Vampire or Guild/Organized Labor 091-092 Warband or Conspirators 093-094 Warlord or Prejudice/Intolerance 095-096 Wild Beast(s) or Invaders/Outsiders 097-098 Witch/Sorceress or Rival Group 099-100 Zombies/The Undead or Secret Enemy



Fantasy Motivations Chart

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001-002 A Big Damn Deal - Some very big disaster or calamity happens around the PCs, like regicide.

- 003-004 A Bribe is Customary The PCs must offer a bribe or are offered a bribe.
- 005-006 A Dungeon of Errors The PCs must help rectify a situation that has gotten out of hand due to miscommunication and erroneously hurt feelings.
- 007-009 A Ga-Ga-Ghost! The PCs must go through a haunted area or deal with dangerous spirits.
- 010-011 A Great Debt Someone owes on a loan of some kind, and it's time to pay up or pay the penalty. Whether that penalty is a
- life sentence in debtor's prison, or getting stuffed into a weighted sack and thrown into a river is up to you.
- 012-014 A Large Reward Someone offers a large reward for something being done.
- 015-016 A Likely Story! No one believes the PCs or an NPC about something important.
- 017-018 A Liking To One of the PCs gets a romantic or platonic admirer they can't lose.
- 019-020 A Lucky Break A witness or snitch comes forward with helpful clues.
- 021-022 A Matter of Faith The PCs must deal with divine occurrences such as visions.
- 023-024 A Very Special Adventure A PC or NPC is hooked on some drug or other substance.
- 025-026 A Wise Decision Someone or something provides a test whereby the heroes must choose the right item or thing. The consequences for choosing wrongly may be severe.
- 026-027 ABCD&D Murders Strange murders have been occurring with some obvious, though possibly deceptive pattern.
- 028-029 Accidents Happen An NPC is killed or seriously injured in some freak accident.
- 030-031 Ace in the Hole The PCs are involved with a gambler, who has swindled many.
- 032-036 Adventurers Wanted Some patron is hiring adventurers for a job/expedition.
- 037-038 Agents of the Apocalypse A villain is doing his best to bring about the end times by whatever means he can, be it a portal to a hell dimension, raising some blasphemous God, or using an eldritch power to rend the planet in two, and he's getting closer. 039-041 All's Well That Ends Well - The PCs or NPCs partake or are asked to partake in an incredibly dangerous quest.
- 042-043 Altdorf Times Bestseller The PCs come across some important book, magical or popular.
- 044-045 An Offer You Can't Refuse Organized crime shakes down the PCs or NPCs.
- 046-047 Ancient Prophesy Is somehow involved.
- 048-049 And I Would Have Gotten Away With It Too Someone is trying to drive another off their own land.
- 050-051 And Then There Were None The PCs find themselves in a confined area as people around them are murdered/disappear one by one.
- 052-054 And Why Should I Help You? Some local noble/ruler has the power to get the PCs what they want, but refuses to do so.
- 055-056 Any Port in a Storm the PCs duck in somewhere for cover but get more than they're expecting...
- 057-058 Anything for Family A PC's family member is involved in the plot.
- 059-060 Arranged Marriage Some young person belonging to an important family has been promised in a marriage, or has been pressured into some match chosen by their parents, and isn't at all happy about it.
- 061-062 As the Warhammer World Turns The PCs or NPCs run afoul of, or are, jealous lovers.
- 063-065 Assassination! Someone very important is assassinated.
- 066-067 At Every Turn A villain trails the heroes and tries to stop/injure them at every turn.
- 068-069 Backstabbing Friend Some trusted ally will betray the PCs!
- 070-071 Bad Influence A loveable rogue drags characters into some wrong doing they should really avoid. But they have fun doing it.
- 072-073 Battle Masters A battle, large or small, occurs with the PCs around.
- 074-075 Battle of Champions Someone must face someone's champion or greatest warrior in combat.
- 076-077 Be Nice A character who needs to work with others just can't stop being nasty long enough to make it seem worthwhile.
- 078-079 Beauty of Nature The PCs must contend with some dangerous natural flora or fauna.
- 080-081 Being Watched Someone is watching you man.
- 082-084 The Belly of the Beast The PCs must travel into the heart of an enemy city/country.
- 085-088 The Best Security System is a Dragon The PCs must recover something guarded by a fearsome beast.
- 089-090 Better Late Than Never The PCs arrive just after the villains are done marauding.
- 091-092 Big Dumb Object Some large thing of intense power features in this story.
- 093-094 Big Speech Someone must deliver a public address of some kind, even if they aren't feeling very confident about it.
- 095-096 The Big Ticket The PCs or NPCs have tickets to an awesome theatrical or sporting event.
- 097-099 Bite Your Tongue Some poor comment or insult causes major problems.
- 100-103 Blackmail Someone is being blackmailed to do something.
- 104-106 Blighted Area Some terrible thing has blighted/cursed this area.
- 107-108 Blinded By Love An important character is so struck by his love that it's making him act rather different, maybe even inattentive to his responsibilities elsewhere. 109-110 Body Switch - Someone has been unknowingly replaced. Well, they may know, but nobody else does!
- 111-112 Boil, Boil... One of the PCs receives a worrisome prediction of doom or misfortune.
- 113-114 The Boss is Actually the Villain It was your boss all along, playing you!
- 115-117 Brawlers the PCs are involved in a fistfight.



- 118-119 Breaking and Entering The PCs must get in someplace secure to achieve their goals.
- 120-121 The Bridge Is Out The local bridge, or road, or way out is impassible.
- 122-124 Bubble Wrap Something vital but very fragile, like a baby or a flimsy object, travels with the PCs.
- 125-126 Bucketlist A person in the story discovers they don't have very long to live due to reasons natural, assisted, or supernatural.
- 127-130 Bungling Authorities The local authorities couldn't be of less use if they tried.
- 131-132 Case of Amnesia Someone can't remember who they are and other important stuff.
- 133-134 Cathayan Fire Drill! Fire besets our adventurers or the place they're at.
- 135-136 Ceremony/Party Interrupted The villain launches his attack during an official ceremony.
- 137-139 Chase Scene a scene involving horses or carriages or wolfriders chasing each other.
- 140-141 Chekhov's Gun An important/powerful item is foreshadowed for the ending.
- 142-143 The Chosen One Some child or otherwise unassuming person is believed to be very important by some groups.
- 144-145 City Defenses The city or town has had its defenses compromised and is helpless.
- 146-148 Clear the Hex The innocent surrounding area is afflicted by some hex or blight which must be fixed.
- 149-150 Climactic Battle The only way things are going to be put right is if the good guys bring full-scale battle to the enemy! Preferably creating an exciting conclusion to the story.
- 151-153 Coming Siege An army of marauders or a similar threat is approaching!
- 154-155 Confessional A once villainous NPC now sets to atone for his wrongdoings.
- 156-158 Conspiracy Theory Some higher ups are orchestrating this whole thing!
- 159-161 Corrupting Influence Some evil religion/magical power has been spreading through the people of this area.
- 162-163 The Count of...Where Were You From Again? Someone returns many years after a harrowing experience and has developed the skills necessary to get their revenge, or other desired outcome.
- 164-168 Covetous Dragon Some great beast, like a dragon, guards a place, treasure, or secret location.
- 169-170 Credulous Supporter The heroes find much needed help from a powerful NPC who just really buys into their stories and thinks they're up to some very worthy causes.
- 171-173 Crime to Cover Real Crime A diversionary tactic!
- 174-176 Criminal Mastermind The PCs must face a masterful nemesis, smarter than they are.
- 177-178 Crying Dogs Something has been causing animals to act irritated or frightened.
- 179-180 Curse of the Gods An angered God curses or threatens someplace with destruction.
- 181-182 Curse You! An NPC is dealing with a curse or curses the PCs.
- 183-184 Cursed Artifact This thing is cursed, man.
- 185-187 The Dame Was Trouble Some NPC is causing havoc, drama or fights between others.
- 188-190 Dark and Stormy The adventure is beset with bad storms and rainy weather.
- 191-193 Day Late, Shilling Short The PCs arrive too late for whatever they were headed to.
- 194-196 Dead Body With Hooks! A dead body has adventure hooks/clues all over it! Hurrah!
- 197-198 Dead Villain The villain here is orchestrating things from beyond the grave.
- 199-202 Deal With the Devil Someone is forced to make a deal with an evil group.
- 203-204 Death Cult Some evil group is getting innocent civilians involved under false pretenses.
- 205-206 Deathtrap The villain catches the PCs in a deadly situations, explains his plan, and leaves them to die.
- 207-208 Debased Followers Creatures of some kind, perhaps with supernatural powers, have convinced some locals to worship them and do their bidding as part of a secret cult.
- 209-212 Degenerate Area A hex/poison/pox/dark power or perhaps the deleterious effects of inbreeding have really turned someplace into a dump.
- 213-215 Delta Orcs The PCs problems involve dealing with a very elite, well armoured group.
- 216-219 Demi-Humans Some non-human group of elves, dwarves, orcs, etc. get involved.
- 220-221 Demonic Influence The PCs runs into a demon or demon-possessed item or person.
- 222-223 Desperate Measures The locals or NPCs are resorting to desperate, suicidal measures.
- 224-227 The Devil Is In the Details The PCs task gets immeasurably more complex.
- 228-229 Devious Spirit Some creature, be it a naughty spirit, a pranksterish gnome, or even an animal who can talk, is causing problems for the PCs or other characters using all the devious means available to them.
- 230-231 Did That Use to Be There? Someone suffers an unforeseen mutation due to some curious reason.
- 232-234 Did You Hear That? Someone or something creeps past the adventurers at night.
- 235-236 Dirty Dozen or Close to It Someone intends to use a raid against their enemies, be they the good guys or the bad guys, and must assemble a crack squad to do it.
- 237-238 Disappeared Off the Map! Something that is big (town, caravan, island, etc.) has mysteriously gone missing.
- 239-242 Discredited Witness Nobody believes what they saw or experienced.
- 243-244 Discretion Required The PCs can't use violence or can't be obvious in their actions.
- 245-246 Disgraced Someone's family is disgraced by some news or rumor.
- 247-248 Divine Guidance Some good deity is protecting or guiding the PCs or good NPCs.
- 249-251 Divisive Law The rulers of the area have passed a law which many find downright offensive. Whether it's a law banning treasure hunting in dungeons, restriction the consumption of ale, or requiring people to be nice to elves, it's inspiring open sedition.



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252-253 Divisive Politics - Two political groups are at each other's throats, ignoring what's best for the people. Of course supporters on each side take the division quite personally as well...

254-256 Don't Go Out There - Some nearby area is mysteriously dangerous, especially at night.

257-258 Don't Trust Anyone - Several highly powerful NPCs are suspects to a crime, and some may want to help or hinder the PCs.

259-260 Drama Queen - An important NPC the characters must deal with has quite a way with words, and overindulges this ability any chance they get, particularly when complaining about how hard life is for them.

261-262 Dread Apparition - Some ghost, spirit, or demon provides a character a warning, or perhaps even a task.

263-265 Eavesdropping - Important information is obtained by listening in.

266-268 Eldritch Powers - Some ancient beings are involved in the storyline.

269-270 Epic Fail - Someone planned a massive event and it all went sour on them. Possibly leaving them with debts, detractors, or just a lot of humiliation.

271-274 Escort Service - The PCs must transport someone or something somewhere with great difficulty.

275-277 Evil Influence - The powers of evil Gods or dark magicks are involved in these troubles.

278-279 The Exorcism - An innocent person has been possessed by a demon and must be saved.

280-282 Expensive Goods - Some rare luxuries, important plans, or priceless artifacts have been stolen.

283-285 Expository Character - The PCs run into some helpful outside character who can explain things.

286-287 Extra Muscle - Mercenaries or thugs are available for the PCs to hire/volunteer in order to save the day.

288-289 Eye of Newt - An NPC or the PCs need or are looking for hard to find magic ingredients.

290-292 Fake Setup - A fake letter, meeting, or setup of some kind is used to trick someone.

293-294 Fake Victim - A guilty party makes it look like he's the victim here.

295-296 False Friend - Someone befriends the PCs, as some part of larger plot to commit evil.

297-298 Family Ties - A family is split apart or is feuding over some matter.

299-300 Father Knows Best - A father of some power is making his child go through with his plans for them, and that's that!

300-302 Faustian Bargain - Someone sells their soul for something. Something nice hopefully.

303-305 Fence Painting - Someone tricks the PCs into doing their work for them.

306-310 Find the MacGuffin! - Some very important object needs recovered fast.

311-313 Finders Keepers! - The PCs find something of value, or have something of theirs found...

314-316 Flat Tire - The PCs means of conveyance breaks down in some way and must stop for repairs.

317-318 Flying Contraption Ehh? - An NPC or villain has access to unnatural flight.

319-320 Foolish, Fond Old Man - A father disinherits his child or children.

321-324 Fools' Gold - What the PCs thought was valuable turns out not to be.

325-326 Forbidden Love - Two people are in love or having an affair, when they shouldn't be.

327-328 Fording the River - The PCs must cross a river without a bridge, or maybe suffer an accident on the water.

329-331 Foreign Embassy - The adventure involves a foreign diplomat or important diplomatic message.

332-334 Foreign Warriors - The PCs must help or face exotic foreign warriors or travelers from distant lands covered in your expansion books.

335-336 Foreknowledge is Power - The PCs must solve some dangerous riddles or navigate a heavily trapped area and the only possible way to succeed is to first find out what they'll face and how to defeat it.

337-339 Formal Dress Required - The PCs are not quite classy enough for this event/environment.

340-341 Freed Man - An NPC was formerly the captive or slave of the evil forces, ratmen, etc.

342-344 Friend in Need - A good friend is in trouble and needs saving/help.

345-346 Friend Me! - The PCs make a new friend who is actually useful to them.

347-348 Friendly Game of Tennis - Someone proposes some game or fun activity, intending to use it as a chance for murder or other serious crime.

349-350 Friendly Scamp - Some child/orphan/scamp can help the PCs.

351-352 Gaining Influence - The only way to complete the mission is to gain the ear of some very important figure, and the only way to do that is by tortuously winning the support of many of those closest to him or her.

353-355 Get Rich Quick - The PCs or an NPC finds an unlikely scheme to make a considerable fortune, assuming it works.

356-357 Go Ahead Punk... - The PCs or NPCs get caught with a powerful ballistic weapon pointed at them.

358-360 The Golden Rule - A desperate and poor NPC requires the PCs assistance and can't pay.

361-362 Gone Too Far - An important character, perhaps even a formerly good one, takes one step too far in fulfilling their ambition/ sense of justice/needs and former allies turn against them-with mortal implications!

363-370 Gopher For Me - People won't help until the PCs help them first.

371-372 Gordian Knot - The PCs must find an outside the box way to solve an unsolvable puzzle.

373-374 Grave Robbing - Someone has set off disturbing events by disturbing the dead.

375-377 Great Escape - The PCs are imprisoned somewhere and should probably get out.

378-380 Great Evil Ritual - The PCs must thwart or deal with a huge evil ritual.

381-382 Grisly Scene - The PCs come across or investigate a gruesome murder/massacre.

383-384 Guru - A mystical leader who claims to bring his followers higher understanding enters the plot.

385-386 Halt! - The PCs come across a military patrol looking for a band of criminals.

387-388 Hammer of Witches - A witchhunter is active in the area and finding evil everywhere.

389-391 The Hangover - An epic bar crawl or bender is required for this tale.



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- 392-393 Hanz and Franz The PCs befriend or must deal with an immensely strong character(s).
- 394-396 Happy Holidays A major holiday or yearly festival is approaching.
- 397-398 Hatfield v. McCoy Two families (noble/powerful/middle class/yokel) begin a serious feud.
- 399-402 He's Not Seeing Anyone Some important or necessary NPC refuses to see the PCs.
- 403-405 Heard the News? Larger events are happening in the realm.
- 406-407 Hell Hath No Fury Some villain or NPC has been scorned, humiliated, or is jealous.
- 408-410 Help Is On the Way The PCs must rescue/relieve their allies/friends.
- 411-412 Herr Doktor The PCs or an NPC requires an intensive medical procedure.
- 413-414 Hidden Base The PCs uncover the secret HQ for an evil group doing some evil.
- 415-416 The Horror The PCs must go through a deeply disturbing, insanity point giving area.
- 417-418 Hostages The bad guys have hostages for leverage.
- 419-421 How Ironic Just as something good is finally happening to the PCs something bad interrupts.
- 422-423 How the Other Half Lives The adventurers must befriend upper crust NPCs.
- 424-426 I Beg Your Pardon? The PCs are attacked or menaced by some people for unclear reasons.
- 427-428 I Didn't Know You Were in Town The PCs run into somebody they know by pure coincidence.
- 429-430 I Must Be Going Crazy A tragic character sees or experiences something so horrible during the course of the adventure they go insane.
- 431-434 I Need a Detective The PCs are hired to investigate something for a private client.
- 435-436 I Spy The PCs are being spied on, perhaps even helped or guided.
- 437-438 I Thought You Were Dead! I was! Somebody comes back to life, storywise.
- 439-440 I'll Make a Fortune Someone has a get rich scheme through the market, arcane treasure, or other inventive means.
- 441-443 I'll Say Good Day to You Sir! A PC or NPC accidentally insults the honor of some overly dramatic but important character.
- 444-445 I'll See You in Court! This adventure involves two litigious groups in court.
- 446-447 I'm Gonna Find You, and When I Do... The villains kidnap or threaten the lives of close friends or family of the PCs.
- 448-449 I'm Hereby Banishing You A character, perhaps one of the PCs, is banned from a city or some other place, even though they have really, really important business to do there.
- 450-452 I'm Rich! One of the PCs' friends suddenly comes into money, or an excellent position.
- 453-454 I'm Seeing That You Had a Past A mystic or soothsayer helping out is a fraud.
- 455-459 Illegal Studies An NPC is involved in illegal alchemical/sorcerous/monstrous research.
- 460-463 Impending Celestial Event Is happening or will be happening.
- 464-465 In the Army Now The PCs must help soldiers or an army in some way.
- 466-468 Inn Attack! A place the PCs are staying at is attacked for some plot-related reasons.
- 469-470 Interrupted On the Way A pivotal event finds the PCs as they are going somewhere.
- 471-472 Into the Volcano You Go Some evil thing or group demands sacrifices, or perhaps just gold, or else!
- 473-474 Intrigue Two groups within an organization are fighting for control or power.
- 475-476 Invulnerable to Steel The villain is invulnerable to normal weapons and will require some special means, or perhaps legendary weapon, in order to be defeated.
- 477-478 Is Anybody There? Someone tries to kill a character while they sleep.
- 479-480 Is That Contagious? Some terrible disease is present and threatening the PCs.
- 481-482 Isn't He Cute??? One of PCs gets a pet of some kind, however permanent.
- 483-484 It'll Go Off With a Bang Something is blown up with explosives! (Or other means of blowing stuff up.)
- 485-486 It's a Free Meal The PCs are invited to discuss a business proposition over dinner.
- 487-488 It's Abandoned... The PCs come across a totally abandoned boat/inn/farmstead.
- 489-490 It's All a Lot of Heresy Religious authorities get a little too broad in their mandate to reign in unconventional thoughts and practices.
- 491-492 It's All About Logistics The locals need some heroic PCs to organized their lazy/dimwitted/clueless selves so that they can confront their problems.
- 493-494 It's All Greek to Me A clue or important item in the story is written in a language or cipher nobody around can read.
- 495-496 Just Like in the Book! An NPC seems to be obsessed with a tale or legend, or perhaps is even convinced that our heroes will be heroes just like the ones in their favorite fairy stories.
- 497-498 Kidnapping Somebody has been kidnapped!
- 499-500 King Without a Throne Some potentially/formerly important NPC needs the PCs help.
- 501-502 Kung Fu Fighting The PCs receive help from or must deal with NPCs possessing renowned martial art abilities.
- 503-504 The Last Guys A group of PC-like characters already tried and failed, maybe providing a life-saving clues through their failure.
- 505-506 Launched a 1,000 Ships Some beautiful face has several would-be lovers at each other's throats.
- 507-508 Least Likely Suspect It's always the least likely suspect.
- 509-511 Led Into a Trap The PCs are tricked right into a waiting attack.
- 512-513 Legendary NPC A famous/legendary NPC is involved with this adventure.
- 514-515 Lester and Eliza A rival group of PC-types are competing with our heroes!
- 516-517 Let Us Go! The PCs are detained by some powerful though neutral group for whatever reason.
- 518-519 Let's Dig Him Up! A corpse has something important in his grave or must be exhumed.



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- 520-521 Let's Make a Deal Someone offers the heroes a bribe to get off their case/do them a favor. And likely they expect them to take it.
- 522-524 Likeable NPC Slain Horribly Some likeable NPC will be needlessly slain to piss the PCs off.
- 525-526 Likeable Villain This bad guy is kinda likeable, or maybe just misunderstood.
- 527-528 Lipstick on the Collar Some very rash character discovers evidence that their spouse/lover has been cheating on them, and is quite likely to do something about it. Unless someone intervenes.
- 529-531 Locked Room All the characters are stuck somewhere together.
- 532-533 Long Journey To get there will require the PCs go on a long journey.
- 534-535 Look Alike A PC or important NPC looks just like someone else.
- 536-538 Look Behind the Portrait The PCs can find a safe full of clues and treasures!
- 539-540 Look What I Almost Stepped In! The PCs find strange residue or odd items/materials around the scene of a crime.
- 541-542 Look, Don't Touch The PCs are on reconnaissance, but cannot be discovered.
- 543-544 Lost All Your Gear The PCs end up stripped of their stuff or resources.
- 545-546 Lost at Sea Someone, perhaps even the heroes, end up deserted on an island or unknown land.
- 547-548 Love Potion Someone (or even someones) is abruptly and unnaturally struck by a deep and passionate love for another person.
- 549-551 Made an Example A character, perhaps a PC, has so displeased someone of power than they intend to make a very grue
 - some, or at least unpleasant, example out of them.
- 552-554 Made of People! The PCs discover some strange or terrible official secret.
- 555-556 Magical Artwork Plot events revolve around some mystical piece of artwork, whether it contains some evil wizard's soul, is possessed by a demon, is a window to another dimension, or something else, it's important.
- 557-559 Magical Forest The PCs meet a mythical woodlands creature like a treeman, unicorn, etc.
- 560-561 Man I'm Famished! The surrounding area is afflicted by famine and people are starving.
- 562-564 Manhunt Someone or something needs found, recovered, or captured.
- 565-566 Marryin' Up A PC or NPC has a chance to romantically befriend a noble or rich daughter.
- 567-568 Masquerade The PCs must pretend to be someone or something they are not.
- 569-571 Mexican Standoff Two groups stand off, each equally capable of killing the other.
- 572-573 Mind Control Some villainous force is controlling the minds and actions of otherwise innocent locals and they're unable to resist.
- 574-576 Mission Impossible Characters have to break into a secure and likely well-guarded location to complete their mission.
- 577-578 Mistaken For Marauders The PCs are taken to be brigands or marauders on accident.
- 579-581 Mistaken Identity A PC is confused for someone else, leading to hilarity/death.
- 582-583 Mixed It Into Your Pudding! Some villain is secretly poisoning or tainting people.
- 584-586 Most Peculiar Some bizarre or supernatural thing is going on around here.
- 587-588 Mother Nature The divine powers of nature are doing something here.
- 589-590 Motivated Outsiders A side group enters the story and has their own agenda.
- 591-592 The Mouse trap - The PCs must contend with or are helped by a noteable detective.
- 593-594 Mr. Ambassador The PCs are selected to be someone's representative or envoy.
- 595-596 Murdered Exposition The guy who could have explained things just died or is about to.
- 597-598 My Great Uncle Left Me a Mansion! The PCs come into possession of a property or item that becomes more trouble than it's worth.
- 599-600 Mysterious Benefactor Some unknown person is helping you.
- 601-602 Mystical Protection Some character has divine or magical protection over them, protecting them from some ordinary means of harm or death. Of course, there's always a weakness.
- 603-604 National Import This adventure has larger political ramifications and is a delicate matter.
- 605-607 Natural Wonders Deadly, oversized creatures try to make a meal of the PCs.
- 608-610 New Leadership The villain plans to have leaders in whatever hierarchy replaced, preferably with him or his agents and followers, through some scheme.
- 611-613 Ninja-Style Our heroes must slip into some heavily guarded place without getting seen.
- 614-615 No Way Around Some natural and formidable barrier stands in the way of the PCs.
- 616-617 No Witnesses Someone who has committed an evil deed now seeks to eliminate anyone who may lead others back to them, even friends and colleagues.
- 618-619 Nothing Between Friends Several groups/persons try to curry favor with the PCs, but why?
- 620-622 Now It's a Party! A big formal gathering, party or ball is a center point of adventure.
- 623-624 Off With Her Head! Someone the PCs possibly know is going to be executed.
- 625-628 Official Cover-Up The authorities are lying about something the heroes know to be otherwise. But why?!
- 629-630 Oh God No! People in the surrounding area keep bursting in flames, turning into ghouls, being attacked by killer bees, or some other suitably horrible occurrence.
- 631-632 Old Flame An NPC or PC runs into/deals with an old crush/ex-girlfriend/estranged wife.
- 633-634 On the Outside Looking In Any plot device with the PCs as the secondary characters to events.
- 635-637 On the Trail The PCs are already following some wanted NPC/villain.
- 638-640 On Your Best Behavior The heroes must attend a social event above their raising, all while not embarrassing themselves! Activities may include many course meals with a dozen pieces of silverware to choose from, esoteric discussions about art, history, or philosophy, and of course dancing!



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- 641-643 Open Up! It's the Secret Police Some overly authoritarian ruler has formed a group to spy on his populace, monitor for thought crimes, and generally make his lands a restrictive police state.
- 644-647 Oppressive Noble Some evil local lord or government has really got to be stopped.
- 648-649 Ounce of Prevention The PCs are tipped off to some evil group about to do something evil.
- 650-651 Our Hero! The surrounding area has reason to believe one of the PCs is a dashing hero.
- 652-653 Pain in the You-Know-What Some vain, noble, insufferable (though perhaps highly competent) NPC is thrust onto the PCs. 654-655 Pandora's Box Someone has messed with something they shouldn't have.

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- 656-657 Pay the Toll The PCs cross a bridge or travel a road with a pricey toll, official or not.
- 658-660 Peripeteia A character suffers a sudden reversal of character or fortune.
- 661-662 Personal Journal The PCs get information about some amazing/horrifying story from a deceased NPC's journal.
- 663-664 The Pimpernel! Some talented villain/brigand/hero is being hunted by the local authorities.
- 665-666 Pit Fighting Animal fights or human pit fights are involved in events.
- 667-668 The Power of Faith A challenge that revolves around a PC's or NPC's faith must be overcome. (Think Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade.)
- 669-671 Power of the Dark Side An NPC/PCs actions leave them vulnerable to the slow corruption of the dark side/Chaos/evil.
- 672-673 Powerful Demagogue A possibly crazy and definitely paranoid demagogue has whipped local masses into a hysteria, possibly putting lives at risk through riot, impromptu show trials, etc.
- 674-676 Protect the Innocents The PCs must protect some innocent people while they do their job.
- 677-678 Pushy Family Member Someone has a particularly pushy family member, be it a spouse, parent, or sibling, who guides them into some scheme they would have been better off avoiding.
- 679-681 Quicksand The PCs run into a natural danger, like a tarpit, quicksand, or bloodhedge.
- 682-683 Rabble Rouser Someone has got the local peasants in a state of real anger over recent events.
- 684-685 Race Relations Racial tensions are involved in problems or impeding progress.
- 686-687 Rags to Riches Someone discovers a large amount of treasure, which isn't theirs.
- 688-689 Rare Artistic Genius An NPC so gifted in some way (artistically, magically, spiritually) that few can comprehend what he sees.
- 690-691 The Readiness is All An NPC realizes he must give his life in order to save the day.
- 692-693 Reading the Necronomicon Out Loud Someone accidentally sets off a spell or curse of some kind, perhaps triggering it by reading a scroll or grimoire they should have left alone.
- 694-696 The Real World The PCs are starting to get on each other's nerves.
- 697-699 Recent Ruins Someplace the PCs arrive at has just been destroyed.
- 700-701 Recognize an Old Friend A PC recognizes someone as an old friend in a strange place.
- 702-704 Recurring Villain We've seen this foil before!
- 705-706 Reichenbach Falls Someone miraculously manages to survive a deadly event.
- 707-708 Remember, Remember Someone, likely the villain, plans to blow someplace important sky high.
- 709-710 Restricted Access The PCs work allows them access to a rare area, like a wizards college or royal palace.
- 711-714 Retrieve the Artifact Someone wants some ancient object recovered.
- 715-716 Revenge The PCs or an NPC is desperate for revenge against some villain.
- 717-718 Revenge is a Dish... Someone goes to great lengths to get revenge on someone they absolutely despise, whether they actually bake their loved ones into a pie is up to you, but it should be something suitably awful and extensive.
- 719-721 Riddle of Steel The villain has a group of fanatically blind followers.
- 722-723 Rising Hostilities Events cause two groups to come blows or military action.
- 724-727 Robbed Blind The PCs or an NPC is robbed of all their money or perhaps holdings.
- 728-729 Robin Hood Some local brigand is causing troubles for his own personal reasons.
- 730-732 Running the Gauntlet The PCs must survive travelling through some dangerous area.
- 733-734 Sadistic Choice The PCs must decide between getting the bad guys, saving children, etc.
- 735-736 Safari The PCs must track some thing into its own wild/dangerous environment.
- 737-738 The Sandman A character receives dreams either haunting him with terrors or providing him with clues (or both!).
- 739-741 Save the VIP! An important NPC is helped/saved by the PCs and can help them in turn.
- 742-743 Scammed Scammers welcome the PCs but try to separate them from their money.
- 744-745 Score One For the Home Team The PCs must partake in some competition.
- 746-748 Scoring One For the Other Team You are duped into helping the villain.
- 749-750 Sea of Troubles The PCs aren't asked to solve the main problem, but instead to help in some other way.
- 751-753 Second Son An NPC became the family patriarch thanks to murder/black magic.
- 754-756 Secret Order The PCs seem to draw the attention of a shadowy group of NPCs who seemed alarmed at what they are investigating, though for what reasons, no one knows.
- 757-759 Sentenced to Join the Watch The PCs or forces of justice must rely on the help of a convict.
- 760-761 Shadowing Group Behind the Scenes Pulling the strings!
- 762-764 She's a Witch! A townsperson is accused and arrested for witchcraft, but are they guilty?
- 765-766 Shiny Black Rock Raw magical material is nearby, possibly causing severe troubles for any who come into contact with it. 767-768 Sick Day One of the PCs or NPCs is just too sick to be adventuring or helping out.



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769-770 Sign My Scroll! - The PCs meet someone famous!

- 771-772 Sleeping Draught The PCs or some other character makes good use of knock-out potion, whether to eliminate someone from interfering for a few hours, feign death, or some other inventive reason.
- 773-775 Snoop Some character, not necessarily even one of the bad guys, takes it upon himself to spy and eavesdrop on the PCs to find out what nonsense they are up to.
- 776-779 Something's Not Right Here The PCs suspect something is very, very wrong after arriving.
- 780-781 Staged Death Someone just pretends to die.

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- 782-784 Star Crossed Lovers Two lovestruck individuals find their love blocked by some obstacle.
- 785-786 Stay Away Some place holds a terrible creature, curse, or haunting and going in could mean certain death.
- 787-789 Strange Bedfellows Two types of evil villains team up to cause trouble.
- 790-792 Strange Tracks Related to some other mystery, the heroes discover unnatural/inhuman tracks which lead them to more clues.
- 793-795 Stumble Upon The PCs stumble across dead bodies/remains with clues and/or artifacts.
- 796-797 Suicide Mission Someone or someones are sent on an unsurvivable mission.
- 798-799 Surprise Party One of the PCs has a birthday or other celebration coming up.
- 800-801 Survivor's Tale The stories of some survivor of a terrible horror feature prominently in this adventure.
- 802-803 Sweet Weapon An NPC the PCs meet has or offers an awesome weapon, like a gun. A really sweet gun.
- 804-805 Take That Windmill! An NPC the PCs meet is near pathological in his self-aggrandizing tales.
- 806-808 Take Them Unaware The PCs must try to attack someone while they're sleeping or otherwise unprepared.
- 809-810 Take This Riverboat to Zhufbar! The PCs crowded conveyance is hijacked.
- 811-812 Taken Ill An important NPC or friend is suffering prolonged illness or weakness.
- 813-816 Tall Tale Someone comes to the PCs with a hard to believe story.
- 817-818 Teachable Moment The PCs run into a valuable NPC mentor or tutor.
- 819-820 Terrible Accommodations As usual the PCs must stay someplace filthy and unsanitary.
- 821-823 That Isn't Irony Just when the PCs do something good, they cause something worse.
- 824-825 That Moon Winked at Me! The moon or stars are acting weird.
- 826-827 Thing of Beauty Some very beautiful/attractive/popular NPC is involved in the center of events.
- 828-830 This Is a Stickup! The PCs or NPCs are confronted by highwayman, footpads, or robbers.
- 831-832 This Is Personal Some hidden event emotionally sets off a PC or NPC who has a strong backstory.
- 833-835 This Town Ain't Big Enough for the Two of Us Somebody dislikes one of the characters so much, he thinks he should leave the area entirely, or else...
- 836-838 This Whole Thing Is a Setup The task the adventurers are given is nothing but a fraud.
- 839-840 Three Days 'Til Retirement A watchmen or soldier is unfairly slaughtered by villain, perhaps setting off a firestorm.
- 841-842 Ticking Clock The PCs need to complete a task or challenge before it's too late.
- 843-846 Too Good to Be True The PCs get involved in an offer or situation which turns out to be just that!
- 847-849 Town Pariahs The heroes are for some reason labeled troublemaking outsiders and are subject to violence, threats, mean stares, and occasional fruit pelting by the local population.
- 850-851 The Tracks Go Off the Road Here The heroes discover the remains of a waylaid coach or other traveling party on or near the road. Perhaps with the attackers still in the area.
- 852-853 Tragic Character An NPC everybody hates even though he didn't do anything to earn it, features in this story.
- 854-855 Traitor at Court A noble benefactor has a treacherous advisor leading him or her astray.
- 856-857 Traitor! A group has a powerful traitor in their midsts.
- 858-859 Travelling Menace Some demonic force, evil supernatural monster, dastardly black wizard, or crazy killer moves from one location to the next, inflicting their own unique brand of terror on locals before moving on to the next town.
- 860-862 Treasure Map There is a map and an X and a big pile of gold.
- 863-865 Troublemakers Somebody or somebodies are making trouble and must be rounded up.
- 866-867 Truce An agent of the villains comes to the PCs or authorities with an offer.
- 868-869 Turncoat A trusted lieutenant turns to the other side either for money or personal reasons.
- 870-871 Turned Me Into a Newt! An NPC is (or claims to be) the victim of black magick, strange supernatural events, or other weird forces.
- 872-874 Uncharted Waters PCs must explore and map or discover some unknown area.
- 875-877 Under Arrest The PCs are arrested for violating or maybe violating some law.
- 878-879 Under Siege And this time, it's personal! The heroes must protect a place, however fortified, from evil forces arrayed to break in and raze the whole thing to the ground.
- 880-882 The Underdogs A group of rag-tag, underdog scrappers must defeat a superior force.
- 883-884 Unlikely Alliance PCs are forced to join forces with an enemy to survive.
- 885-887 Unrest! A local population is very perturbed toward their rulers about something.

888-890 Unwanted Attention - The PCs or an NPC has raised the suspicions of some secret and dangerous group who is now following them. 891-893 Unwanted Law - The local area has passed a law, or perhaps emergency ordinance, that somehow severely restricts a particular group, much to their

annoyance. For example: wizards must turn in all spell related items to the authorities, or elves may only walk the streets during daylight hours.

894-897 Useless Friends - The NPCs surrounding the PCs are too cowardly or rude to help.



- 898-899 Vermin Infestation Some kind of vermin or pest is infesting the local area.
- 900-901 Villainous Patronage The villain or his allies has sway over lower groups of people, like dock workers, or local militiamen, and uses them to discourage the heroes from further efforts.
- 902-903 Visiting Friends Friends of the PCs show up, either in a planned or impromptu visit, and lend a hand.
- 904-905 Vulnerable to My Charms A villain is so charming or perhaps seductive that one or more of the heroes may have a hard time wanting to fight them.
- 906-907 Vvvelcome to My Home The PCs are welcomed in the home/castle of a creepy NPC.
- 908-910 Wages of Sin Some NPC's vices lead to trouble or possibly even his death...
- 911-914 Wanted! Someone, possibly a PC, is wanted by the law, and must not get caught!
- 915-916 Warm Welcome The PCs arrive at some friendly house/place that puts them up.
- 917-918 We All Wear Disguises Someone isn't who he appears.
- 919-920 We Didn't Save Her The PCs or other characters try their best to save someone from the villains or other deadly forces, but in the end they can't.
- 921-924 We Have to Go In There? The PCs must travel into someplace dirty, smelly, or dangerous.
- 925-926 We're All Gonna Die Here! The characters are all trapped someplace with some potent danger.

927-928 We've Been Framed! - The villain frames the PCs to give himself more time.

- 929-930 We've Given Mob a Bad Name A group seeks to atone for its previous actions or misdeeds.
- 931-933 Wealth and Power A rich NPC uses his money and power to cover his misdeeds.
- 934-935 Well That Was Torture An NPC is tortured by authorities or villains to gain information.
- 936-937 The Wendigo Crossing a serious line/taboo has supernatural consequences for the offender.
- 938-940 What a Coincidence! The PCs just happen to run into the person or thing they need.
- 941-942 What a... Shrew The characters must deal with a particularly volatile woman, who is quick to anger and sometimes violence.
- 943-944 What Have We Done? The locals believe the Gods caused their predicament or troubles.
- 945-946 What Is This Place? Some or all of this adventure occurs in some extraordinary/unusual environment.
- 947-949 What's Eating Me? Some evil/bestial group is eating or feeds on locals/hostages.
- 950-951 Where'd Ya Go? People keep disappearing, one at a time.
- 952-954 Where's the Dingus? Some well defined area contains something everybody wants.
- 955-956 Wild Orc Burial Ground Some area such as a graveyard, haunted bog, or magical cairn features in the adventure.
- 957-959 Witching Night Today is a mystical and likely terrifying day on the calendar.
- 960-961 Witchsight There is something very, very odd looking about this place to a wizard.
- 962-963 With Great Power... A character has been entrusted with power, but is struggling to ethically use it.
- 964-965 Yes, Mother A character is still dominated by the directions his mother (frequently) gives him.
- 966-967 Yokel Baiting Someone is nastily starting fights with random people, and may even have somebody else finish them.
- 968-969 You Called the Wolf? A powerful outsider or agent is hired to solve an NPC's problems.
- 970-972 You Didn't See Anything A powerful group or NPC demands the PCs not reveal what they know.
- 973-974 You Lucky Dog! A strange amount of good luck seems to surround one of the PCs.
- 975-976 You Rapscallion The PCs, or their friends, tick off some vain local noble.
- 977-978 You're Crazy Man An important NPC or friend is certifiably insane.
- 979-980 You're Goin' Downtown One of the PCs friends, or a helpful NPC is thrown into jail.
- 981-985 You're Hired! The PCs are hired by local authorities to fix some problem they can't.
- 986-987 You're Not From Around Here The locals/yokels/watch don't take kindly to the PCs.
- 988-989 You're Not the Same The villains has a scheme to replace someone with a look-alike, doppelganger, or just a plain replacement in order to further his schemes.
- 990-992 You're Nothing But a Bully! The PCs must deal with some kind of powerful bully.
- 993-996 You're Off the Case The local authorities try to run off the PCs or forbid them from being involved.
- 997-998 You've Been Warned Our heroes are repeatedly warned by locals to stay away and do not mess with some terrible place or group.
- 999-000 Your Horse is Smarter Than You! The PCs receive help from a particularly bright, talented, or perhaps flying animal.



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Horror Genre Charts

The Horror Genre Charts are for roleplaying games featuring horrifying monsters, insane villains, mind-shattering revelations and more! GMs using horror and supernatural settings, or also investigative-type games should use these charts for developing their adventures.

Horror Adventure Types Chart

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> > 1. Uncover the Evil Plot - A nefarious group works in the shadows committing terrible horrors.

2. Stop the Monster(s) - A gruesome force must be stopped or eliminated before it kills again.

3. Discover Ancient Mysteries or Explore Remote Lands - Exotic adventures await your heroes.

4. Recover the Powerful Artifact - An item of terrible power must be recovered.

5. Solve Horrible Crime - Some crime investigations lead to more than just a guilty party.

- 6. Foil the Evil Mastermind A worthy nemesis challenges the heroes with his evil schemes.
- 7. Clear Away the Evil Malignant forces or monsters haunt and disturb an area and can only be stopped through the intervention of brave heroes.

8. Odd Occurrences - Bizarre forces from the realms beyond spill into our world in all manner of strange ways.9. Investigate the Haunting - The heroes must solve a supernatural mystery of some kind.10. Save or Find a Valuable Person - Someone is missing for any number of reasons.

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067 Necromancer or Aquatic Monsters 068-069 Occult Group or Starvation/Exposure

070-071 Plague/Disease or Fugitive 072 Poltergeist or Close Friend 073-074 Powerful Ghost(s) or Traitor 075-076 Powerful Villain or Deluded Group 078 Rats or Terrible Showman 079 Ritual/Curse or Pirates 080-081 Secret Society or Infestation 082-083 Serial Killer or Animated Objects (e.g. Dolls) 084-085 Spirits/Ethereal Undead or Cursed Artifact Terrible Fairy/Fey Creatures or Horde 086 087-088 Terrorists or Misguided/Evil Locals 089 Thieves or Human Collaborators 090-091 Transdimensional Beings or Cosmic Entity 092-093 Undead or Magical Cult

- 094-095 Unnatural Creature or Insanity 096 Vampire or Magical Familiar
- 097 Wild Beast(s) or Summoned Monster
- 098 Witch or Elemental Creature (Bog Monster, Fire Monster, Fog Monster) 099-100 Zombies or Shaman



Horror Motivations Chart

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461-468 Love or Commit Evil 469-476 Loyalty or Appease Evil Gods/Masters 477-485 Lust or Control 486-494 Mastery or Feel Superior 495-502 Meaning or Get Paid 503-510 Misguidedness or Cause Suffering 511-518 Money or Manipulation 519-526 Mortality or Feel Superior 527-535 Nourishment or Status 536-544 Novelty or Revenge 545-552 Obligations or Unexplainable/Unknown 553-560 Order or Cause Suffering 561-568 Patriotism or Take Power 569-576 Peace or Destroy the World 577-585 Personal Growth or Anger 586-594 Philanthropy or Wantonness 595-602 Please Authorities or Take Control 603-610 Pleasure or Feel Strong 611-618 Prejudice or Gain Promotion/Office 619-626 Pressured or Land/Holdings 627-635 Pride or Power 636-644 Property or Get Paid 645-652 Protection or Cowl/Repress Others 653-660 Prove Oneself or Cause Chaos 661-668 Rage or Gain Promotion/Office 669-676 Reached Your Limits or Cause Trouble 677-685 Rebel or Greed 686-694 Recognition or An Important Object/Artifact 695-702 Redemption or Knowledge 703-710 Religion/Superstition or Control 711-718 Reputation or Start Discord 719-726 Resources or Harm Enemies 727-735 Respect or Commit Evil 736-744 Responsibility or Complete Terrible Plot 745-752 Rest or Knowledge 753-760 Safety or Advanced Evil Plans 761-768 Search For Beauty or Advanced Evil Plans 769-776 Security or Cowl/Repress Others 777-785 Self-Awareness or Get Paid 786-794 Self-Esteem or Harm Enemies 795-802 Self-Improvement or Revenge 803-810 Self-Sabotage or Gain the Upper Hand 811-818 Shake Things Up or Domination 819-826 Share Something or Unexplainable/Unknown 827-835 Shelter or Take Power 836-844 Social Cohesion or Commit Evil 845-852 Spontaneity or Immortality (Literal or Figurative) 853-860 Stability or Appease Evil Gods/Masters 861-868 Support Family or Upset Authorities/Rulers 869-876 Support Friends or Control 877-885 Survival of Others or Cause Chaos 886-894 Take Power or Take Important Possession 895-902 Teach/Mentor or Commit Sabotage/Corrupt 903-910 The Opposite Sex or Wantonness 911-918 Title/Office or Unexplainable/Unknown

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001-002 A Confused Mob - The locals have had enough of it and formed a mob. Whether they are actually a violent mob, or a cowardly mob, or another kind of mob is up to you.

003-004 A Forbidden Area - Some shunned area (a forest, a town, mountains, anywhere) seems to be the site of unnatural events or home to some terrible beings. All who go there risk their lives.

005-006 A Full Moon - Celestial events seem to bring on bizarre circumstances here on Earth.

007-009 A Haunting Past - Some character is troubled, psychologically or perhaps supernaturally, for their actions in the past.

010-011 A Hidden World - Some other dimensions, alternate realities, or hidden beings become available in this adventure.

012-014 A Likely Story! - No one believes the PCs or NPCs about some important tale.

015-016 A Liking Too - One of the PCs gets a romantic or platonic admirer they can't lose.

017-018 A Little Jealousy - An NPC uses a character to make their significant other or a potential suitor madly jealous.

019-020 A Need for Revenge - Someone seeks terrible revenge, perhaps from beyond the grave.

021-022 A Predator - The area is terrorized by some naturally predacious being, perhaps a totally silent stalker, or inescapably ferocious killer. 023-024 A Real Nice Guy - A really nice person, innocent child, or likeable hero isn't what they seem to be!

025-026 A Scoop - An author or journalist character is determined to write a story about some place or event and the terrible history behind it.

026-027 A Strange Land - PCs or NPCs come across some unknown land, an island, a remote corner of the Earth, or some other dimension even.

028-029 A Well Respected Man - Some powerful, rich, or connected person is really a villain or hiding a dark secret.

030-031 Abandoned - A ship or place is discovered with all it's occupants missing or killed in some bizarre manner.

032-036 Abandoned Asylum - Some local place or building is so dreaded that no one who knows about it will go in or likely near it, even the police. 037-038 Abandoned Church - A large building has been repurposed, perhaps long ago, to be used by an evil cult, or minions of some great villain for their needs. 039-041 ABCD&D Murders - Strange murders have been occurring with some obvious, though possibly deceptive pattern.

042-043 Abductions - Some people claim to be undergoing strange events outside of their control.

044-045 Accidents Happen - An NPC is killed or seriously injured in some freak accident.

046-047 Accursed Sound - Some sound, be it music, a wail, a nursery rhyme, etc., causes troubles every time it can be heard. 048-049 Agents of the Apocalypse - A villain is doing his best to bring about the end times by whatever means he can, be it a portal to

a hell dimension, raising some profane God, or using an eldritch power to rend the planet in two, he's getting closer.

050-051 All in the Family - Some evil or degenerate family seems to just keep to themselves and do whatever it is they do...

052-054 An Adversary From Beyond the Grave - A villain or NPC is still orchestrating events while dead, perhaps with an eye to coming back.

055-056 An Eternity - Some character is driven to do anything necessary to gain immortality or bring someone back to life.

057-058 An Expedition - Someone wants to or already has mounted an expedition to some far-off land.

059-060 An Offer You Shouldn't Refuse - Organized crime shakes down the PCs or NPCs.

061-062 An Unresolved Past - Someone or some group engaged in some terrible activities in the past and were either killed or fled what they did without ever fixing it.

063-065 Ancient Enemy - Someone, a villain or hero, must contend with an ancient rival who now threatens them.

066-067 And Then There Were None - The PCs find themselves in a confined area as people around them are murdered one by one. 068-069 Animated Objects - Something in the adventure seems to allow inanimate objects to attack and kill, things such as large and vicious looking knives. 070-071 Another Level of Horror - Once the evil scientist/warlock/nice brother is dispatched, the horror they've made or kept hidden finally makes itself known. 072-073 Answer Me! - Characters are asked a difficult, and likely dangerous, question concerning their mission, and may not be sure of how to give the right answer. 074-075 Appropriate Sacrifice - A very specific sacrifice must be found, presenting some difficulty to the villains, unless the heroes have taken to sacrificing people. 076-077 Are You Just Gonna Stand There? - The heroes actively witness an act of abuse, oppression, or immorality by a powerful person or group. 078-079 Assimilation - Some terrible force seems to infect and remake the living into something else...

080-081 At Every Turn - A villain trails the heroes and tries to stop/injure them at every turn.

082-084 At Its Weakest - Due to the time of year, celestial events, or some other reasons the barrier between this world and others is becoming easily permeable. 085-088 Authorities Have Given Up - The local police or even greater authorities don't want to deal with the problem or have even abandoned the area completely. 089-090 Avoid the Temptation - Characters are provided opportunities for easy vice, but little do they know who is watching.

091-092 Awakening Ancient Evil - Someone threatens to do something which awakens an ancient and terrible power.

093-094 Barricade - Characters must barricade themselves in somewhere to stay alive.

095-096 Be Careful What You Wish For... - Someone makes a deal or is granted a plea, which in turn begins to change the world around them, affecting everyone. 097-099 Beasts of the Woods - Strange behavior by packs of a certain animal seem to be following events.

100-103 Beauteous Appearance - Some dread thing uses a guise of great beauty to lure victims, either with a proxy servant, a glamour, or its true appearance. 104-106 Being Watched - Someone has raised the suspicions of some secret and dangerous group who is following what they do.

107-108 Beyond Knowing - Some incomprehensible entity causes troubles, creates disasters, or leeches the life out of people.

109-110 Biblical - Signs of apocalypse, or something close to it, are befalling the area or characters.

111-112 Birth Celebration - The birth of some horrible entity is cause for some evil group to hold an event for it.

113-114 Bizarre Cult - Some cult involved in bizarre activities, however horrific, to get what they want, is involved in this adventure.

115-117 Bizarre Travels - A character finds a way to travel to impossible places such as other worlds or dimensions.





- 118-119 The Black Seal This adventure features supernatural creatures or powers that sound or are commonly thought to be benign or cute, but are instead surprisingly horrific.
- 120-121 The Black-Magicks Market This adventure involves characters who have sold important and possibly illicit goods necessary for evil magic, such as rare books and spell ingredients. Or worse.
- 122-124 Blacklisted Property An owner or occupant is driven to their wits end by odd or terrible events that seem to happen around their house or property and want help finding an explanation.
- 125-126 Blackmail An NPC is blackmailed into do something important for the villain.
- 127-130 Blood From the Walls A poltergeist-like haunting is afflicting some place, with banging doors, blood running down walls, and other appropriately horrifying effects.
- 131-132 Bloody Letter An evil character taunts, threatens, or terrorizes a victim with letters, phone calls, or some other means of indirect communication.

133-134 Body Double - Can you trust that NPC is who you think it is? Or are they an impostor?

- 135-136 Body Part Snatching Some person or thing takes certain body parts of interest from unwilling donors.
- 137-139 Body Swapper Someone has discovered the ability to take control of bodies and minds outside their own.

140-141 Break In - Some legitimate place, like a museum, holds an important artifact or clue that the PCs need, but can't get access to without breaking in and swiping. 142-143 Breaking and Entering - The PCs must bust into a secure location to achieve their goals.

144-145 Bring Out the Sacrifices - Some town or group has made a deal in exchange with terrible beings, likely giving sacrifices as repayment.

146-148 Bring the Evidence - Someone tricks an NPC into giving over evidence of misdeeds or strange happenings.

149-150 Bungling Authorities - The local authorities couldn't be of less use if they tried.

151-153 Burglarized the Wrong House - Robbers, mischievous children, or other intruders get far, far more than they bargained for by trespassing into the wrong place. 154-155 Buried Alive - Someone is buried alive, or trapped somewhere underground or underwater.

- 156-158 Buried Secrets Hidden deep under the earth, or perhaps buried under arctic ice, lie terrible secrets or artifacts which someone is going to uncover.
- 159-161 Burn It Down An important building catches fire, perhaps with the characters still inside.
- 162-163 Burning Down the House Someone, probably a not very nice person, tries to burn the heroes alive.
- 164-168 Cabin Fever Characters end up stuck someplace too long, and their sanity is beginning to fray...
- 169-170 Can You Trust Them Paranoia features strongly in this adventure as characters discover reasons that it isn't safe to trust one another, perhaps one not being who or what they claim to be.
- 171-173 Cannibalism Some group engages in cannibalism, either due to degeneracy or some desire for committing excessive evils.
- 174-176 Changing Facts Things which shouldn't change seem to be changing! Either past events, the location of things, the contents of books, something is changing and it's insanity!
- 177-178 Charade Institution A business, a group, even an entire town is really just some charade put on by evil people or beings.
- 179-180 Chasing the Dragon A character has a surreal experience through the use of psychotropic drugs, but it seems like more than just the mundane fantasies of the human mind.
- 181-182 Check the Fairytales Some demonic force, evil supernatural monster, dastardly black wizard, or crazy killer moves from one location to the next, inflicting their own unique brand of terror on locals.
- 183-184 The Children Children are somehow connected to events, either they have a special ability to see what's going on or are the evil itself.
- 185-187 Church Investigation Clergy have become involved trying to solve the strange matters at hand.
- 188-190 Collaborators Weak willed people have made a deal with a malevolent force who they believe they can cut a deal with and not suffer the fate awaiting others.
- 191-193 The Collector Some wicked person or more terrible entity is collecting something, be it people, victims, souls, or body parts.

194-196 Common Scum! - An unlikable character can't help but express their disdain for lower classes, and their belief that they are less human than they are. 197-198 Communing with the Devil - Someone receives instructions from an evil power.

- 199-202 Competitive Evil The characters run afoul of two separate villainous groups who also dislike each other.
- 203-204 Connected to Evil A character has somehow become connected to a powerful evil, perhaps a psychic connection, or they are a necessary ingredient for an important spell.
- 205-206 Connection A character has some mental or spiritual link with a strange, perhaps terrible, being.

207-208 The Coverup - Someone has begun a vicious cycle of violence and murder in order to cover up their increasingly heinous acts.

209-212 Creepy Intermediary - The PCs deal with some creepy henchman or spokesperson for some evil or frightening group.

213-215 Crossing the Wrong Person - Someone now faces a terrible fate due to some past mistreatment.

216-219 Crying Dogs - Something is causing animals to act irritated or frightened.

220-221 Cursed Ancestry - Some character comes from a cursed lineage, perhaps because of evil ancestors or from the wrath of some powerful creature. 222-223 Cursed Artifact - A powerful object is also cursed.

224-227 Cursed Ground - Some area such as a graveyard, bog, cairn, or something built over such things features in the adventure.

228-229 Cursed Jewel - A character swipes or disturbs a sacred object, unleashing negative consequences.

230-231 Cursed Portrait - Some piece of visual art, a portrait, a fresco, a mural, whatever, contains black magics.

232-234 Cursed Wishes - Someone is given a way to be granted their wishes, but the device or magic is no more than a trap which uses your wishes against you.

235-236 Curses! - An NPC is dealing with a curse or curses the PCs.

237-238 The Dame Was Trouble - An NPC causes havoc, trouble or fights between others characters.

239-242 Dangerous Truth - Some item contains a dangerous truth that people aren't ready for, and must be contained or destroyed.

243-244 Dark and Stormy - The adventurers are beset with bad storms and rainy weather.

245-246 Dark Holiday - This adventure occurs around a holiday relating to the dead or supernatural events.



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247-249 The Dead Body - A dead body is found with clues all around...

250-251 Dead Villain - The villain is orchestrating things from beyond the grave.

252-253 Deadly Ground - An area of land is cursed, possessed, or suffers from some strange supernatural effect to the point that simply going there puts characters in mortal danger. 254-256 Deadly Passerby - Some NPCs seem to die just walking down the street and bumping into someone.

257-258 Deal With the Devil - A character is forced to make a deal with an evil group.

259-260 Debased Followers - Creatures of some kind, perhaps with supernatural powers, have convinced some locals to worship them and do their bidding as part of a secret cult. 261-262 Degenerates - The characters face some degenerated people or creatures, perhaps servants to some dark power.

263-265 Demon Spawn - Through some unsavory means a woman has become pregnant with the child of a demon/god/horrible entity. 266-268 The Devil's Gold - Someone gains a tremendous amount of wealth, success, or good fortune under strange and likely paranormal circumstances. 269-270 Did You Hear That? - Someone or something creeps past the adventurers at night.

271-274 Disloyal Igors - Some underling or protege of a powerful sorcerer or other being defects either out of horror or just to get ahead. 275-277 Don't Disturb Anything - The PCs stumble across a dead body with clues and possible exciting items.

278-279 Don't Go In There - Some room or an entire building holds a terrible creature, curse, or haunting, and going in could mean death. 280-282 Don't Go Out There - The surrounding area is mysteriously dangerous, especially at night.

283-285 Don't Read This - Some terrible book should not be read at all, and definitely not out loud. Though someone may.

286-287 Don't Stay Past Dark - In some area or town people seem to disappear and never come back if they stay past sundown.

288-289 Don't Trust Anyone - Several highly powerful NPCs are suspects to a crime, and some may want to help or hinder the PCs.

290-292 Dread Apparition - Some ghost, spirit, or demon provides a character a warning or perhaps even a task.

293-294 Dread Ghost - Some terrible ghost-like entity, a headless horseman for example, haunts the local area.

295-296 Drones - NPCs seem to be enthralled under the direction of some hideous evil, against their own will!

297-298 Drug to Hell - Some character risks being taken or kidnapped into some hell dimension or reality.

299-300 Earth-Shattering Discovery - Someone finds or finds out about something which shatters their (and maybe all of humanity's) worldview. 300-302 Ego-Check - The characters must put up with an egotistical, dominant NPC who seems reflexively focused on keeping every-

one's status below his, even when more important matters are at hand.

303-305 Eldritch City - A city or colony of some inhuman beings features in this adventure.

306-310 Endangered Your Family - Someone has caused villains to get back at them by getting to their family.

311-313 Enthralled - A villainous being gains control of the mind or passion of an otherwise innocent person.

314-316 Era of Terror - Terrible events seem to be happening with greater frequency, whatever their nature, signalling some current or impending supernatural event.

317-318 Eternal Life - Some NPC or villain is responsible for events due to their quest for longer, perhaps infinite, life.

319-320 Everything You Want - Some villain promises exactly what people want to get something in return, or perhaps trap them in an illusion they don't want to leave.

321-324 Exclusive Club - A club of powerful, perhaps supernaturally powerful, individuals, all pursuing some common goal toward more power, features in this adventure.

325-326 The Exorcism - An innocent person has been possessed by a demon and must be saved, or at least dealt with.

327-328 Expand Your Mind - Some drug or magic allows people to see beyond the reality they exist within.

329-331 Experts - NPC experts on whatever bizarre phenomena are going on feature in this adventure.

332-334 Fables - Old stories of supernatural or horrible events feature in this story.

335-336 Fairy-Folk - Some fairy beings of legend, their full horror perhaps neglected in previous accounts, show up in this story.

337-339 Far Flung Tales - Some NPCs may be able to relate tales of horror and the supernatural from their travels to strange lands and meetings with exotic peoples. 340-341 Faustian Bargain - A foolish character sells their soul for dark promises.

342-344 Feds on the Case - Government agents or agencies are somehow involved in the story, likely bungling things up, and being confused as to what's going on. 345-346 Fence Painting - Someone tricks the PCs into doing their work for them.

347-348 Find the MacGuffin! - Some very important object needs recovered fast!

349-350 Find You in Dreams - Some being locates characters in their own dreams, giving messages, gaining access to one's mind, or even threatening them physically back in real life.

351-352 Flat Tire - The PCs' means of conveyance breaks down in some way, necessitating they stop for repairs, or perhaps leaving them stranded!

353-355 Follow These Directions Precisely - Characters are given exceedingly precise directions in order to accomplish something, and failure to obey direction can have unfortunate consequences.

356-357 Follower That Car! - Characters become involved in a white knuckle chase scene.

358-360 Fools' Gold - What the PCs thought was valuable turns out not to be.

361-362 Forbidden Studies - An NPC is involved in terrible alchemical/sorcerous/monstrous research.

363-370 Foreknowledge - Someone knows things before they will happen, or secret things about events which they never witnessed.

371-372 Foreknowledge is Power - The PCs must solve some dangerous riddles or navigate a heavily trapped area and the only possible way to succeed is to first find out what they'll face and how to defeat it.

373-374 From Beyond - Some person or group's researches open up a portal to dimensions best left undisturbed, as well as the beings there.
375-377 Front Operation - Some supernatural group or evil cult operates a business only has a front for their activities, or perhaps as a sick game.
378-380 Get Me Outta Here - The PCs run into a character looking desperately for help, likely help getting out of this terrible place.
381-382 Ghoulish Poisoning - An evil-doer takes to tainting food, not with straight poison, but with something that causes terrible

magical or degenerating effects on the victim.

383-384 Gopher For Me - NPCs won't help until the PCs help them first.

385-386 Gordian Knot - The PCs must find an outside the box way to solve an unsolvable puzzle.

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- 387-389 Government Intervention In a rare twist of events, the authorities have become aware of what's going on and are seeking to, or already have intervened to fix things.
- 390-391 Grave Robbing Someone has set off a disturbing series of events by disturbing the dead.
- 392-393 Great Evil Ritual The PCs must thwart a gigantically evil ritual before it is completed.
- 394-396 Grisly Scene The PCs come across or investigate a gruesome murder or massacre.
- 397-398 Guard Dogs Someone makes use of dogs to protect their property, possibly ending in a savage attack!
- 399-402 Guru A mystical leader who claims to bring his followers higher understanding enters the plot.
- 403-405 Half the Fun An adventure finds the PCs as they are going somewhere else more important.
- 406-407 Half-Human Child A seemingly human child is born of suspect parentage, though they retain traits of whatever hidden force that sired them.
- 408-410 Hannibal A villainous person or being has a way to control the minds of those they spend time with.
- 411-412 Hate to Interrupt The PCs come across a great ritual as part of their investigations in this story.
- 413-414 Haunted Past An NPC has experienced something so terrible they can't quite piece together what happened to them, though they may wish to.
- 415-416 The Help of a Big Strong Man The characters are called to aid an innocent or helpless victim, but may discover down the line that things were not as they has been set-up to seem.
- 417-418 Hey Bonesy! A corpse has something important in his grave or must be dug up.
- 419-421 Hidden Crypt Some underground crypt, catacomb, temple rests underneath someplace the PCs are investigating.
- 422-423 Hidden Reality This story involves strange dimensions intersecting our own, and the strange creatures or horrible powers who dwell within them.
- 424-426 Hidden Treasures Those who ally themselves with ruinous powers are rewarded with cash and treasure.
- 427-428 His Old Diary Some dead or incapacitated NPC has left clues behind in his personal diary.
- 429-430 Holed Up and Alone Some character or group of characters is stuck in somewhere unable to leave for the danger all around them. 431-434 Horrible Works of Art - Some deranged artist uses real living or formerly living people to create his artwork, be they gallery pieces or live performance.
- 435-436 Horrific Artwork An artist, perhaps possessed by some strange new inspiration, creates a horrifying work.
- 437-438 Hostages The bad guys are using hostages for leverage or to lure the heroes into a trap.
- 439-440 House Secret Some weird or evil individual seems to be trying to keep whatever is going on in his house or property a secret.
- 441-443 The Human Ingredient Someone or someones are captured and prepared for use in some twisted scheme, be it a ritual sacrifice, a killer's trophy, or something else. 444-445 I Can't Even Describe It - Characters deal with a villain or force that people can't or won't even fully fill in the horrible back-
- ground details of. Since they're just too horrible.
- 446-447 I Know That Face A PC or NPC is confused for someone else.
- 448-449 I Need a Detective The PCs are hired to investigate something for a private client.
- 450-452 I Need an Old Priest and a Young Priest Someone is looking to hire those who can "fix" haunted/cursed places.
- 453-454 I Thought You Were Dead! A character thought dead reappears...
- 455-459 I'll Say Good Day to You Sir! A PC or NPC accidentally insults the honor of some overly dramatic but important character. 460-463 I'm Not Leaving - Someone won't depart from their home or other beloved thing despite the danger.
- 464-465 Identity Switch Some villainous person or being has taken on an innocent person's identity.
- 466-468 Impending Doom Someone receives ghostly predictions of their impending doom, with no knowledge of what to do about it.
- 469-470 Impending Invasion Some malevolent force has bigger plans in the works for the near future, a mass assault of some kind on the world.
- 471-472 Impossibly Gruesome Murder Someone has been killed, but by means involving seemingly impossible strength or supernatural abilities.
- 473-474 In Service to Dark Powers Some character must do some bidding for greater powers, because of a deal, a threat, or just because the consequences of refusing would be unimaginable.
- 475-476 In the Water Something is infecting people and causing changes, perhaps through the water they drink, the air they breathe, or something else they put in their bodies!
- 477-478 In-Transit Horror The characters may face a horror while on a boat, train, or other constraining means of conveyence.

479-480 Industry of Evil - Evil beings or aliens have got a full-fledged manufacturing or other enterprise going to further their evil ends. 481-482 Infection - Some strange or supernatural disease infects people, changing them into something dangerous.

483-484 Inhuman - Some person in the area probably isn't a person at all, though it's not entirely obvious.

- 485-486 Insanity Causing Some book or other work of art seems to drive those who see it and understand it insane.
- 487-488 Insurance Scheme Someone tries to orchestrate a crime or supernatural event in order to cash in.

489-490 Into the Wilderness - Characters are required to go into remote places where strange beings may still exist, unknown to the world. 491-492 Invisibility - Whatever horror is threatening the area is, you can't see it.

493-494 Invisible Friend - Some being has contact with someone with a vulnerable mind, but through whatever means, is never seen or heard by anyone else.

495-496 Is Anybody There? - Someone tries to kill a character while they sleep.

497-498 Is That Contagious? - Some terrible disease threatens characters.

499-500 Isolation at Its Worst - Characters find themselves far from civilization or help, as a situation develops.

501-502 It Was Here! - Someone saw some terrible thing, except it's not there anymore and no one believes them.

503-504 It Was Old Man Henry All Along - Someone pretends supernatural or horrific events are going on in order to manipulate others, perhaps getting them to leave. 505-506 It's Abandoned... - The PCs come across a totally abandoned boat/house/farmstead.

507-508 It's All Greek to Me - A clue or important item in the story is written in a language or cipher nobody around can read.

509-511 It's All Your Fault - A character is blamed by another party for being responsible for some wrong, perhaps necessitating outside protection. 512-515 Jenny Greenteeth - Some place like a river, lake, or cliff has a terrible reputation for people killing themselves there.



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516-521 Join Us - Some creatures/powers/cult wishes for a PC or NPC to join with them.

522-524 Just Flat Out Left - A character is distraught over the disappearance of a loved one who left for some unknown reason, perhaps asking for help. 525-526 The Keys Are in the Shed - Some precious item or person is outside of safety, and someone must risk their lives by going out there. 527-528 Kidnapping - Someone has been kidnapped for their knowledge, ability, or to further some scheme.

- 529-531 Killing Spree Some group of twisted individuals takes to murder as a pasttime.
- 532-533 Laboratory of Horrors Some evil or misguided NPC has created a laboratory, modern or dungeon-like, filled with horrific creatures, experiments gone wrong, and worse.
- 534-535 The Last Guys A group of PC-like characters already tried and failed, perhaps giving the current PCs some direction on how to succeed. 536-538 Lector A villain with incredible abilities of manipulation is involved with this adventure.

539-540 Left Alone - Some characters get abandoned in some dangerous and spooky place.

541-542 Legions of Terror - Large numbers of terrible beings, demons, zombies, flesh eating sprites, etc., are unleashed!

543-544 Legitimate Business - Some shop, club, or other business is being used as a front by evil doers.

545-546 Let Me Lure You Out Here - Characters are convinced by some villain to come out to a remote area...

547-548 Let Us Go! - The PCs are detained or interrupted by some powerful though neutral group for some reason.

- 549-551 Let's Blow It Up Characters resolve that some evil place should just be wiped off the map, though someone or something may stand in their way.
- 552-554 Local Warlock Some powerful local man or woman has aroused the suspicions of others due to their possible supernatural activities. 555-556 Local's Trap - PCs or NPCs must deal with a prepared trap to take advantage of them, perhaps a false guide, wrong informa-

tion, an attractive young female, etc.

557-559 Lock of Hair - Some villainous power can harm other people terribly with some great magics, possibly requiring certain hard to get ingredients or means. 560-561 Locked In - Characters have been locked into someplace, perhaps with dangerous beings or just few supplies with which to survive. 562-564 Locked Room - All the characters are stuck somewhere together, danger and death likely joining them.

565-566 Look What I Almost Stepped In! - The PCs find strange residue or odd items/materials around the scene of a crime.

567-568 Looking for Trouble - Characters decide to look for evidence of the paranormal or alien by going somewhere that turns out to be more trouble than they can handle.

569-571 Lost Account - Some diary/journal/account of past events which could explain things to the heroes is lost or missing.

572-573 The Lottery - A town all seems to be in on something really creepy and disturbing.

574-576 Made Into a Meal - Someone is going to be used to feed some horrible creature or creatures.

577-578 Made of People! - The PCs discover some strange or terrible official secret.

579-581 Magic Mirror - Some bewitched mirror features in this adventure, perhaps opening portals to other worlds, or containing the spirit of a demon or other terrible creature.

582-583 Magic Vulnerability - Due to the nature of some evil beings existence or power, they are quite vulnerable to a specific spell or form of magic.

584-586 Magical Artwork - Plot events revolve around some mystical piece of artwork, whether it contains some evil wizard's soul, is possessed by a demon, is a window to another dimension, or something else, it's important.

587-588 Malevolent Lands - Some area seems to not only be haunted or afflicted by evil, but itself seems to turn on travelers and lure them to their doom. 589-590 Manhunt - Someone or something needs found, recovered, or captured.

- 591-592 Many Guises Some unholy creature can take many different appeareances of forms (or is a shapeshifter itself), making it hard to locate or recognize. 593-594 Mass Delusion - Some mass hypnotism or delusion must be afflicting a town for them all to be acting this way...
- 595-596 Medium Some evil force seems to move through an unnatural medium, water, power lines, astral planes hidden within right angles, etc.
- 597-598 Mental Breakthrough A crazed character claims to discover a way to improve the human mind in some strange way through drugs, surgery, or something even more bizarre.
- 599-600 The Metamorphosis The PCs cannot solve the main problem, but can help in some other, likely lesser, way.
- 601-602 Mind Control Some villainous force is controlling the minds and actions of otherwise innocent locals and they're unable to resist.

603-604 Missing Bodies - Bodies, perhaps already buried, perhaps not even yet dead when last seen, keep disappearing.

- 605-607 Moby Dick A character is obsessed with getting even with, finding evidence of, or perhaps has some other need for a monstrous, strange, or completely unnatural being.
- 608-610 Monster on the Loose Forget playing it low key, some terrible creature is having its way destroying and killing in the area.

611-613 The Moral of the Story - Someone or someones have received a horrible fate as a result of their immoral actions.

614-615 More Chanting! - A grand ritual must be completed to enact the villains evil plans, with all the pomp and circumstance you'd expect from a blood sacrifice!

616-617 Movement in the Night - Characters can tell something outside is going on or some beings are moving around.

618-619 Mutations - Something turns people into monsters. At least on the outside. Probably on the inside too.

620-622 My Great Uncle Left Me a Mansion! - The PCs come into possession of a property or item that becomes more trouble than it's worth. 623-624 My New Helper - A character finds a new assistant, follower, sycophant, or even sacrifice, perhaps rescuing them from difficult circumstances.

- 625-628 My Precious An important and likely powerful item is desired by a variety of evil and dangerous individuals or groups,
 - letting them get it could prove disastrous.

629-630 Mysterious Benefactor - Some unknown person is helping you out, but why you don't know.

- 631-632 Mysterious Cube A foreign seeming item causes strange mental or physical maladies to those who are around it or look at it, perhaps as a trap, or perhaps it's just brimming with evil power.
- 633-634 Necronomicons For Sale One or more important occult items are being sold, perhaps by a clandestine dealer or perhaps even in an auction or newspaper listing.



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635-638 Never Speak of This - Some group, a family, a cult, a town of people, are ordered to never talk about the really spooky stuff they've experienced. 639-641 New Life - A dangerous character obsesses over bringing life back to the dead, or experimenting and reviving corpses for whatever odd purposes. 642-643 Night of Horror - The adventure features the time right as something horrible is happening, be it an age of coming evil that

unleashes monsters, or a terrible necromantic emergency where zombies roam en masse across the countryside.

644-647 No Power - The electricity is out, or some other resource valuable to characters in scary situations is taken away.

648-649 No Way Out of Town - Somehow the PCs find themselves quite stuck wherever they are.

650-651 Nobody Goes in There - A place is rumored or known to be so terrible, it's left entirely alone by locals, who won't even tear it down.

652-653 Noisy Magicks - Someone has been attempting rituals or other supernatural acts, but their efforts have not gone unnoticed by neighbors, family members, locals.

- 654-655 Not as Cute as You'd Think Some people believe strange or magical creatures are in the area or behind events.
- 656-657 Obtuse Genie Someone is granted a wish or special request, but the giver takes their request too literally, or otherwise just wrong, and gives them what they don't want.
- 658-660 Odd Newcomer A mysterious NPC is new to town, and something about them is not quite right.
- 661-662 Odd Spirit the local town or area seems to be affected by some unknown power, either through subtle means, like a growing dysthymia, or overt means like physical ailments.
- 663-664 Official Cover-Up The authorities are lying about something the heroes know to be otherwise. But why?!

665-666 Oh God No! - People in the surrounding area keep bursting in flames, turning into ghouls, or being attacked by killer bees, etc. 667-668 On a Long Journey - This adventure requires, or is all about, a long journey to some far off place.

669-671 One of Us! - A PC or NPC faces the prospects of turning into some kind of terrible creature or person. Naturally or forcibly. 672-673 Ounce of Prevention - The PCs are tipped off to some evil group about to do something evil.

674-676 Out of the Mists - Some horror seems to appear from the thin air, then walk right back into it when the deeds are done.

677-678 Pandemonium - A marked increase in horrible acts of violence, crime, and insanity seems surround the PCs.

679-681 Pandora's Box - Someone has tampered with powers beyond their comprehension and now opened the door to greater dangers. 682-683 Past Secrets - Some character seeks to discover the dark secrets of past family members or fellows.

684-685 The Perfect Time to Settle Scores - Amazing and deadly events give someone the chance to get revenge or settle scores with unrelated parties.

686-687 Personal Items - Something, perhaps magical, once possessed by some powerful or evil character features in this story.

688-689 Personal Journal - The PCs get information about some amazing/horrifying story or event from a deceased NPC's journal and notes. 690-691 Pet Monster - Some evil villain has a monster of some kind available to do his bidding or serve some other purpose.

- 692-693 The Place Just Disappeared Somewhere, a room, a house, a woods, even a whole city has disappeared from existance. And only some may even remember that it's gone.
- 694-696 Pocket Dimension Some small space of other reality is involved heavily in events here.

697-699 Portal to Another World - Someone finds a way to open a portal to another world, likely filled with horrific nightmare creatures. 700-701 Possession - A character is possessed by an evil spirit, an alien entity, or the Devil himself.

702-704 Powerful Artifact - Some very powerful artifact, likely cursed, and almost certainly only useful for committing evil is involved in this adventure.

705-706 Promising Dupes - Some powerful or rich characters are fooled into helping the forces of evil in exchange for some rewards.

707-708 Protect the Innocents - The PCs must protect a group of innocent people in addition to completing their mission.

- 709-710 Psychotic Danger A character is so delusional and paranoid that they conspire to harm others as a part of the strange narrative they believe they are a part of.
- 711-714 Pulled Into the Sky Lately NPCs seem to have been seemingly disappearing, by whatever means, into the air.

715-716 Put a Quarter In - A mystic or soothsayer helping out characters is nothing but a fraud.

717-718 Put Together Your Team - Someone assembles a team of experts in order to handle some tough problem.

719-721 Quest for New Life - Someone is on a quest to find a way to bring back a dead loved one or other close person.

722-723 Rare Artistic Genius - An NPC so gifted in some way (artistically, magically, spiritually) few can comprehend what he sees.

724-727 Rare Texts - A character requires the use of some very rare and likely ancient texts in order to enact their plans.

728-729 Re-Animation - Either through alchemical or ritual means someone has discovered a way to re-excite the life back into dead tissue. 730-732 Recurring Villain - He's back! And this time it could even be personal.

- 733-734 Refugee A person or animal is found, the last survivor of some strange or terrible event.
- 735-736 Removed Consciousness Some character has found a way (or has been forced) to remove their consciousness from their body, perhaps by removing their head or brain, or by more advanced means.
- 737-738 Resurrections Someone has been tinkering with or accidentally discovered the means to bring back the dead, whether wholly living or something a bit less.

739-741 Revolutionary Find - Someone believes they have uncovered some scientific or metaphysical knowledge that will turn over everything.

742-743 The Right Page - Some character requires a specific part of a specific, hard to find book.

744-745 Ritual Killings - People are being dispatched in terribly gruesome and torturous ways.

746-748 Ritual Murder Investigation - The police begin investigating ritual murders or disappearances, perhaps even arresting those responsible. 749-750 Rosemary's Baby - Some terrible birth will be used by evil doers to further their demonically wicked plans.

751-753 The Rules - Some creature or character is beholden to certain specific, possibly odd, rules, despite being otherwise powerful and capable.

754-756 Sabotage - The characters find themselves trapped or nearly killed due to sabotage, likely to their means of travel.

- 757-759 Sadistic Choice The PCs must decide between stopping the bad guys evil plan and saving children, or saving only one of two different friends, and so on.
- 760-763 Samhain Today is a mystical and likely terrifying day on the calendar for some reason.



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764-765 Screams in the Night - Some terror seems to have descended on a town, people are unnaturally worried and screams ring out from dreamers all night long.

766-769 Secret Lever - The characters find (or can find) a secret entrance to a secret room or secret passage leading to even more secrets! 770-774 Secret Order - The PCs seem to draw the attention of a shadowy group of NPCs who seemed alarmed at what they are inves-

tigating, though for what reasons, no one knows.

775-777 Secrets of the Pharoahs - This adventure features the supernatural secrets and doings of ancient peoples.

778-781 Seeing Pan - Someone is driven to insanity be seeing something horrible or beyond the normal world.

782-784 Shiny - The effects of some evil place or entity can cause a person to lose their minds, perhaps violently so.

785-786 Show Off - Someone commits heinous acts of violence in order to satisfy the demands of a group they belong to or work for. 787-789 The Signal Man - Visions of future deaths, including possibly their own, haunt a character.

790-792 Skeptics - Disbelievers actively try and thwart the efforts of heroes in stopping some supernatural horror, perhaps to satisfy their own unspoken fears. 793-795 Small Town Plot - something terrible is going on, and everybody in the community is complicit somehow.

796-797 Something in the Walls - The occupants of a house or building note there seems to be something haunting all the unseen areas of the location. 798-799 Something's Not Right Here - The PCs notice something is very amiss after arriving in a new location.

800-801 Squabbling Behind Barricades - Two characters or groups holed up, or otherwise stuck together, are arguing so much they may just kill each other. 802-803 Staged Death - An NPC pretends they die, perhaps spectacularly.

804-805 The Stars are Aligning - Some ancient power or deity finds its power or life force returning to it.

806-808 Steal Higher Powers - An NPC makes some plans, however realistic, to steal or share the powers of a supernatural being, perhaps a demon or even a god. 809-810 Still in the Loony Bin - Some character important to the adventure is currently in an asylum for mentally ill.

811-812 Storms - Terrible storms or perhaps other natural events such as fires or earthquakes surround the story due to evil forces.

813-816 Strange Coma - A character has fallen into a strange coma, perhaps after other strange events afflict them.

817-818 Strange Dreams - A character receives dreams either haunting him with terrors or providing him with clues (or both!).

819-820 Strange Footprints - Characters discover clues that do not appear to have been left by a normal human being.

821-823 Strange Mummy - The preserved body of some long dead individual has some strange qualities or items hidden on it.

824-825 Strange Zoology - Animals of some kind seem to be changed, perhaps radically so, and are causing trouble.

826-827 Suicide Cult - Some evil group recruits innocent civilians to join into their plans, perhaps costing them their lives, their homes, or their souls.
828-830 Summon Greater God - This adventure features or perhaps requires characters getting in touch with some insanely powerful, godlike entity.
831-832 Summoning - Some villainous force plans a large ritual to summon some kind of terrible monster or even an army of undesirable creatures.
833-835 Super Gaslighter - A being or person with what almost seems like possibly supernatural abilities, can talk people into doing horrible acts, or commit suicide.

836-838 Supernatural Harassment - Beings or events dog travelers, be it sinister creatures or unexplainable bad luck that causes constant danger.

839-840 Supernatural Order - Some group of supernatural beings have formed an order or a cult to further their ends and perhaps train themselves to great levels of deadliness.

841-842 Superstituous Idiots - Some characters may confidently dismiss the beliefs and fears of dummy locals.

843-846 Surround the Cabin - Some remote homestead is surrounded and assaulted by terrible creatures or powers.

847-849 Survivor's Tale - The stories of some survivor of a terrible horror feature prominently in this adventure.

850-851 Swarms - A swarm of rats, insects, or other assorted beasts is involved in this adventure.

852-853 Symbol of Doom - People claim to see a strange creature or symbol that supposedly foretells impending disaster.

854-855 Symbols - Recurring strange symbols or methods of building may be spotted by the PCs or other characters

856-857 Take It Back! - The heroes must find the item or person who has cursed a victim, before it is too late.

- 858-859 Take the Job Some character takes a job that sends them far off from their normal contacts and regular life.
- 860-862 Taken! An otherwise likeable NPC has been kidnapped!

863-865 Tall Tale - Someone comes to the PCs with a hard to believe story, but asking for their help.

866-867 Terrible Choices - The villain tries to put the heroes in predicaments where they must choose between one bad outcome or another bad outcome.

868-869 Terrible Pieces of Lost Antiquity - Some artifact revealing facts of a horror from centuries or millennia ago features in this adventure.

870-871 Terror Grips the Headlines - A town or city is being terrorized by some murderer or worse being, and the public is nearing outright panic.

872-874 Theological Differences - Some group of likely lunatics has made some alterations to the local church's operations. Perhaps

involving magics, contact with terrible beings, and almost certainly plenty of human sacrifices.

875-877 They're All Involved - Even the local authorities are in on the evil plot.

- 878-879 They're Coming For You Someone who has fiddled with eldritch powers or cutting edge sciences now must worry about dangerous groups finding them.
- 880-882 This Is *******!!! The characters discover after doing some important or nasty work that no appreciates what they've done, or believes their stories.
- 883-884 Ticking Clock The PCs need to complete a task or challenge before it's too late.

885-887 Transformative Elixir - Some alchemical potion transforms those who take it, maybe to their desires, maybe not, but always causing trouble. 888-890 The Trap - Some supernatural horror, or psychotic person has set-up a trap that brings innocent people into their clutches.

891-893 Trapped Souls - Some powerful magic or incomprehensible science traps the souls of the deceased, for who knows what foul purposes. 894-897 Trying the Latch - A character is disturbed in their sleep by someone attempting to find a way into their room...

898-890 Twisted Experiments - A person is subjected to torturous behavioral experiments, perhaps permanently scarring their minds. 891-892 Unbelievable Recording - An NPC has managed to capture the sounds or perhaps a blurry photograph of the terrible forces at work here.



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- 893-895 Under the Sphinx Some famous or historical site also contains a secret, and likely horrifying mystery!
- 896-898 Underground Civilization Some group has created an entire society in a hidden or underground land.
- 899-901 Unholy Child A woman gives birth to a child that seems to have been conceived under strange circumstances and who isn't quite right. 902-903 Unnatural Change - Some character has begun to seem rather different, disturbingly different.
- 904-905 Unnatural Surgery A crazed mind performs strange vivisections on living subjects (animal or human) in order to change or "improve" them in abominable ways.
- 906-908 Unreliable Narrator The PCs hear a tale of supernatural events, except the teller cannot quite be believed.
- 909-912 The Unrestful Dead The ghosts, or whatever presence left behind, of some dead individuals bring horror to the area.
- 913-916 Until the Devil Knows You're Dead A dead entity seeks to regain life or continue their schemes.
- 917-918 Unwanted Sights Characters catch glimpses of terrible things, bodies that disappear, creatures that are gone in an instant, and so on. 919-921 Unwanted Visitation A character receives a visit by a terrifying spirit, monster, alien, or devil.
- 919-921 Unwanted Visitation A character receives a visit by a territying spirit, monster, anen, or devil.
- 922-925 Vivasection Some terrible scientist or beings are remaking people or experimenting in replacing body parts.
- 926-928 Vixen Some girl or woman seems to have an easy way with men, perhaps through less mundane means than their good looks! 929-930 Vvvelcome to My Basement - A character finds themselves trapped in a prison created by some twisted villain, and likely
 - wants out before things get worse.
- 931-933 Wave of Vampirism Some creature seems to be attacking local denizens and drinking their blood or eating their flesh.
- 934-935 We Don't Need You Locals or local authorities don't want the PCs around, maybe for good reason, or maybe they actually are doomed without them.
- 936-937 We Gotta Beat It! Characters decide that getting out of here, despite guards, lurkers, etc. would be the best course of action.
- 938-940 We Have to Go In There? The PCs must go into someplace dirty, smelly, or unpleasantly dangerous.
- 941-942 We'll Take the Help The heroes are hired by local authorities to solve a problem they can't.
- 943-944 We're All Gonna Die Here! The characters are all trapped someplace in a very perilous situation.
- 945-946 We've Got to Go Out There The only way to get some necessary item or resource is by going out into the very danger you're trying to avoid.
- 947-949 Weird Powers Some person, perhaps with emotional struggles, is given some strange new powers...
- 950-951 Were-Creatures Someone must deal with the fact that they are transforming into a ravenous and evil bring, every now and again.
- 952-954 What the Dog Saw Animals seem to be aware of some terrible thing that humans do not sense...yet.
- 955-956 Who Wouldn't Like Her? An character has a terrible suspicion about an otherwise likeable or perhaps simply desirable outsider. 957-959 Who's This Guy? - Some traveler, perhaps from a far off land, seems kind of odd and probably evil.
- 960-961 The Witch Blade A spirit or sorcerous villain is impervious to normal means of causing harm, and can only be stopped through the use of a special object or weapon.
- 962-963 Witch Hunt Some powerful local figure has taken to executing wrongdoers as an extreme but necessary means to contain evil. At least according to them.
- 964-965 Witch Sight Someone can see things others cannot, perhaps driving them mad or putting them in danger.
- 966-967 Won't Stay Shut For some strange reason a door, window, gate keeps opening on its own.
- 968-969 Working at the Latch Someone or something decides to find the characters at night, while they lay in the dark.
- 970-972 Yes Mother A character is still under the thumb of their domineering mother or other maternal figure.
- 973-974 You Can't Outrun Your Past A character who has committed past transgressions finds themselves in present trouble, physical or supernatural, because of what they've done.
- 975-976 You Didn't See Nothin' A powerful group or NPC demands the PCs not reveal what they know.
- 977-979 You Have Something I Want a jealous character covets something about another person, a talent, their appearance and body, or a possession and plans to either take it or ruin it.
- 980-982 You Know Too Much A character's life is imperiled because they know too much about the workings of some evil character or group. 983-984 You're a Doll! - Some creepily life-like doll is around the adventurers, and some may wonder if it's really an inanimate object.
- 985-987 You're Crazy Man An important NPC or friend is certifiably insane.
- 988-989 You're Goin' Downtown One of the PCs friends or assistants is thrown into jail.
- 990-992 You're Not From Around Here The locals/yokels/watch don't take kindly to the PCs.
- 993-996 You're Off the Case The local authorities try to run off the PCs or forbid them from being involved.
- 997-998 You've Been Warned Our heroes are repeatedly warned by locals to stay away and do not mess with some terrible place or group. 999-000 Zombie Potion - Someone has a way of making drones or slaves out of other people against their will.



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Sci-Fi Genre Charts

The Sci-Fi Genre Charts are for roleplaying games featuring space ships, advanced worlds, explorations through the distant cosmos and more! GMs using space-age settings and games taking place in futuristic worlds should use these charts for developing their adventures.

Sci-Fi Adventure Types Chart

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> > 1. Huge Event - A great cataclysmic event threatens to ruin worlds and exterminate whole peoples.

2. Villainous Group - A villainous organization that's up to no good threatens innocent lives.

3. Exploration - Heroes must adventure through unknown expanses, in pursuit of their mission.

- 4. Evil Leader Some singularly dangerous and effective villain causes trouble.
- 5. Place in Peril Far from help, only the heroes stand between some place and its destruction.
- 6. Crime Solving Challenging cases of murder, theft, and so on confront the heroes.
- 7. Space Mystery A hard to explain spatial event threatens or puzzles the heroes in some way.
- 8. Intrigue/Interfighting Adventures of politics, conspiracies, and small scale wars between rivals.

9. Oppression - Innocent people are having their lives threatened by some oppressively evil force. 10. Strange Events - Tales that don't even require a villain, but rather strange or highly important events come to pass which ensnare our heroes.

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001-002 Alien Horde or Mad Scientist 003-004 Alien Monstrosity or Invaders/Outsiders 005-006 Alien/Space Commando(s) or Rival Group 007-008 Artifact/Powerful Object or Coup

009-010 Assassin/Hired Killer or Cyborgs/Androids 011 Bestial Aliens or Space Guild/Organized Labor 012-013 Bounty Hunter or Evil Aliens

014 Con-Man or Forces of Nature/Elements 015-016 Conquerors or Conspirators 017-018 Corporate Forces or Impersonator/Doppelganger 019-020 Corrupt Officials or Cultists

021 Corrupt Villains or Kidnappers/Slavers 022-023 Criminal or Religious Powers 024-025 Deadly Monster or Avenger 026-027 Evil Cult or Disease/Plague 028-029 Evil Empire or Secret Enemy 030-031 Evil Soldiers or Foreign Powers 032-033 Gang/Thugs or Your Own Employer/Mentor

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 038-039 Huge Monster or Desperate Villain
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 042-043 Mercenaries or Oppressive Ruler(s)
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 046-047 Murderer/Serial Killer or Yourself
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001-002 A Bad Name - The PCs or their organization have a bad reputation in this area of space, perhaps because of false rumors or through framing them. 003-004 A Bribe is Customary - The PCs must bribe another character in order to get, or get out of, something.

- 005-006 A Confused Mob The locals have had enough of it and formed a mob. Whether they are actually a violent mob, or a cowardly mob, or another kind of mob is up to you.
- 007-009 A Crack Squad Someone assembles a team of experts or heroes in order to save the day.
- 010-011 A Fallen Spacelord Someone used to cavalierly traveling the stars is now grounded due to their poor fortune.
- 012-014 A Friend in Need A good friend of the PCs is in serious trouble.
- 015-016 A Hidden World Some other dimensions, alternate realities, or hidden beings become available in this adventure.
- 017-018 A Hot Welcome Characters seem to enjoy a friendly reception upon arriving in a new location, but there is more going on behind the scenes concerning them...
- 019-020 A Likely Story Characters have a hard time getting others to accept their important claims.
- 021-022 A Million Spacebucks A character suddenly comes into much desired wealth.
- 023-024 A Real Nice Guy A really nice person, innocent child, or likeable hero isn't what they seem to be!
- 025-026 A Scoop An author or journalist character is determined to write a story about some place or event and the terrible history behind it.
- 026-027 A Stitch in Time The PCs discover or are told of some terrible events that will occur in the future if they do not stop them.

028-029 A World in Trouble - Some planet is in mortal danger and can only be saved with assistance from more advanced or able groups. 030-031 Abandoned - A ship or place is discovered with all it's occupants missing or killed in some bizarre manner.

032-036 Accidental Firing - Two groups misunderstand each other on first meeting, and hostilities have resulted.

037-038 Accidents Happen - An important NPC is killed or seriously injured as the result of a freak accident.

- 039-041 Acquired Technology Some villainous NPC has access to strange and advanced technology, perhaps given in a deal, or stolen from some advanced race. 042-043 Advanced Ship A.I. - Someplace with a computer system is intelligent and can interact with characters, perhaps using a hologram or proxy body.
- 044-045 Alien Ruins Explorers come across the lost remnants of an alien stronghold or outpost.
- 046-047 Aliens, Aliens Everywhere Aliens feature heavily in this adventure.
- 048-049 An Expedition Someone wants to or already has mounted an expedition to some far-off location.
- 050-051 An Offer You Can't Refuse Organized criminals tangle with the characters, perhaps making demands.
- 052-054 An Offworlder The locals don't take kindly to the characters.

055-056 Ancient Powers - The powers of some incredibly powerful force, ancient civilization, god-like space being, or something else features heavily in this adventure. 057-058 Android Rights - Androids or other cybernetic beings face discrimination or other atrocities.

- 059-060 Angry Mother Nature The forces of nature cause troubles for the PCs, perhaps even weather disrupting weapons are involved!
- 061-062 Appeasement Some species or planet has important rituals or sacrifices based around keeping some space entity or species happy. 063-065 Are You Human? - A test that ensures people are really people features in this story.
- 066-067 Armageddon Device Some evil, or perhaps just untrustworthy, group has built or acquired a device that can destroy whole worlds! 068-069 Assimilation Some terrible force seems to infect and remake the living into something else...
- 070-071 Astral Charts The characters may need a map to a hidden or secret place, or navigation charts in order to get through a specific part of space. 072-073 Astronomical Trouble - Some astronomical event threatens a planet or space facility.
- 074-075 At Every Turn A villain trails the heroes and seems to be ready to try and kill or trap them every place they go.
- 076-077 At the Arena Some villain puts the characters' lives in acute danger by having them fight for their lives as the entertainment of others, or perhaps just having them fed to some monster.
- 078-079 Authorities Have Given Up The local authorities, or even greater powers, don't want to deal with a problem and have abandoned solving it completely. 080-081 Avoid it Like the Space Plague - Some terrible disease or virulent force is involved in this story.
- 082-084 Back and to the Left An assassination has occurred and there's more to it than the obvious clues.
- 085-088 Banned Xenos Goods This adventure involves characters who are selling or trying buy banned technology, outlawed either because it's too dangerous, too easily exploited for crime, or just for encouraging bad behavior by our youth.
- 089-090 Being Stalked PCs or NPCs may find themselves in difficult or unfamiliar terrain while being followed...
- 091-092 Being Watched The characters are being spied on, perhaps by a villain, or perhaps by someone who wishes to assist them without being seen. 093-094 Bio-Enhancement - An NPC with genetic or bionic upgrades features heavily in this story.
- 095-096 Bite Your Tongue! Characters get into a verbal altercation, leading to further trouble or a fight.
- 097-099 Blackmail Someone is blackmailed into doing something for villains.
- 100-103 Blade Runner Much needed supplies could save millions, billions, or even trillions of lives, but are unable to be delivered for some reason (blockade, crashed ship, etc.)
- 104-106 Blockade Runner A ship brings contraband through a restricted area, carrying needed goods, illegal black-market items, or perhaps something even worse.
- 107-108 Blood Relations A PC or NPC's family member is involved or threatened by the events of this adventure.
- 109-110 Blood Sport Society or the government runs games of a deadly sport to placate the people.
- 111-112 Boarding Action A ship has, or attempts to, overtake another ship to capture what is aboard.
- 113-114 Boarding Villain Someone gets aboard a spaceship, either obviously in battle, or perhaps stealthily infiltrating for some nefarious purpose.
- 115-117 Body Switch Someone has been unknowingly replaced. Well they may know, but nobody else does!

118-119 Bonus! - The remains of a highly advanced spaceship, military installation, or other such facility are discovered, offering a wealth of new technologies to the finders.

120-121 Brain Slug - Some being has the ability to control another being's thoughts and actions.

- 122-124 Break In Some legitimate place, like a museum or technology company, holds an important artifact or piece of equipment that the PCs need, but can't get access to without breaking in and swiping.
- 125-126 Bring All the Backups Someone tricks characters into giving over evidence of misdeeds or strange happenings.

127-130 Bungling Robocops - The local authorities are useless to the PCs.

131-132 Buzz Lightyear - The PCs must help soldiers or other galactic peace keepers in some way.

133-134 Bygone World - This story involves an ancient planet that was once home to a civilized race. Perhaps its remnants are still there, with buried or ruined cities and so on.

135-136 Can't Remember - Some event or perhaps villain is hard to remember clearly for unknown reasons.

137-139 Cantina Brawl - Characters get themselves into a large fistfight.

140-141 Captain's Log - The heroes get information about some terrible/fascinating story from a deceased characters journal.

142-143 Censored Newsfeed - Characters come across a gruesome murder, massacre, or otherwise terrible event.

- 144-145 Charming Villain Some evil doer, or secret evil doer, is so charming or seductive that characters have a hard time believing they could be that bad.
- 146-148 Clumsy Exposition The PCs meet a helpful character who can explain everything going on from an insider's perspective.

149-150 Communication Differences - For whatever reasons the heroes must communicate with others whose language or method of communication they do not understand. 151-153 Communicator Tap - Important information is gained through eavesdropping.

154-155 Containment - The PCs and perhaps other characters are all stuck somewhere together.

156-158 The Contents of a Mind - A villainous force looks to gain the information, or perhaps the entire mind, contained in someone important's brain.

159-161 Cosmic Morality - The PCs must choose between stopping or capturing the villains, and saving innocent people or worlds from destruction. 162-163 Crack in Spacetime - Some anomaly has cracked open the very fiber of the universe! How dangerous will this prove and where will it end? 164-168 Crash Landing - Survivors of a crash landing feature in this story.

169-170 Crossing the Wrong Person - Someone now faces a terrible fate due to some past transgressions against the wrong person or organization.

171-173 Crossover - Two types of villains join up to cause even more trouble than normal.

174-176 Cryogenics - Characters have been or are about to be, frozen in cryogenic suspension for a long time.

177-178 Dangerous Truth - Some information contains a dangerous truth that people aren't ready for, and must be contained or destroyed.

179-180 Daring Escape - The villain, or perhaps the heroes, uses a scheme to make a daring escape!

181-182 Dead Vessel - Characters come across a ship with no crew or at least no living crew.

183-184 Deal with the Robot Devil - Someone sells out to the enemy or villains in exchange for something.

185-187 The Death Card - Prophetic visions of future calamity and death trouble a character.

188-190 Death World of Death! - The PCs must track or avoid some incredibly dangerous being through its own wild habitat.

191-193 Debt Over Your Head - A character owes on a loan of some kind of and it's time to pay up or pay a severe penalty.

194-196 Defector - A member of a foreign military has defected over to another side.

197-198 Desperate Situation - Due to malfunction, sabotage, or battle a ship or facility in a harsh atmosphere has lost life support capabilities. 199-202 Destroyer of Worlds - Some powerful force travels from place to place, causing havoc and destruction.

- 203-204 The Devil is in the Details The PCs' task gets immeasurably more complex after it first seemed pretty easy.
- 205-206 Devourer A powerful probe or ship begins to strip the resources of a solar system where such an action threatens the life or future of those who live there.
- 207-208 Diplomatic Impasse A ruler, commander, diplomat or other important person is completely unwilling to compromise rationally.

209-212 Disgraced - A character or entire family is publicly disgraced by some news or information.

213-215 Distant Trouble - Reports of piracy, raiding, or unsanctioned military actions in a distant part of the galaxy requires attention, though large forces likely can't be spared. 216-219 Distress Signal - Characters receive a meaningful call for help from someplace.

220-221 Do Not Exterminate - Characters are sent on a mission to capture but not kill a villain, or resolve a problem without resorting to any violence.

222-223 Dodge the Lasers - The PCs must break into some very secure place in order to get what they want.

224-227 Doom Ray - Some big object of immense, and perhaps unnecessary, power features prominently in this story.

228-229 Doomsday Clock - The heroes must complete their mission before time runs out, for whatever reason.

230-231 Doomsday Device - Some evil or irresponsible power has developed a weapon that could destroy worlds.

232-234 Draconian Measures - Characters run into trouble due to a planet or people's extremely harsh measures of justice, perhaps even over trivial infractions.

235-236 Drones - NPCs seem to be enthralled under the direction of some terrible evil, against their own will!

237-238 Drunk on Duty - Some NPC is inattentive to their duties due to addiction or similar causes, perhaps leading to great trouble.

239-242 E.T. Phone Home! - Characters desperately need to send a signal, perhaps for backup, perhaps for rescue, or perhaps for something else.

243-244 The Einstein of Crime! - The PCs must contend with an unbelievably intelligent criminal mastermind.

245-246 Elder City - A city or colony of some ancient alien beings features in this adventure.

247-248 The End of the World - Some villain is doing their best to bring an end to an entire world, or even more.

249-251 Engage Cloaking Device - The characters must deal with an enemy or enemy ship that is hard to see, lock-on to, or generally detect. 252-253 Engine Don't Like It! - A malfunction or spatial anomaly disrupts the engines leaving you stuck in space.

254-256 Engine Trouble - A mechanical malfunction or other trouble requires you to stop for parts or waste time on repairs.

257-258 Engineering a Solution - A character figures out a clever, though tricky and perhaps very improbable, plan to save the group from some calamity they have gotten themselves and their ship into.



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- 259-260 Epic Fail Someone who planned a massive event had everything go wrong for them, leaving them humiliated, discredited, and possibly deep in debt.
- 261-262 Erasing All Records Someone who has committed some evil deed now seeks to eliminate anyone who may lead the authorities back to them. 263-265 Escaped the Orphanarium The PCs run into some trouble making or helpful little scamp.
- 266-268 Exclusive Club A club of powerful, perhaps supernaturally powerful, individuals, all pursuing some common goal toward power, features in this adventure.
- 269-270 Expand Your Mind Some drug or neurological technology causes people to see, or think they see, more of the universe or reality than is normally possible.
- 271-274 Exterminatus Characters resolve that some evil place should just be wiped off the star map, though someone or something may stand in their way. 275-277 Extra Muscle - Mercenaries or hired guns are willing to help the PCs, at a price.
- 278-279 Facial Recognition Match Confusion occurs due to a character close resemblance to someone they're not.
- 280-282 Fake World Some group or individual is living in a totally contrived reality, made for them, likely without their knowledge. 283-285 Faked Death A character fakes their own death in order to further their plans for good or ill.
- 286-287 Fall Into the Wrong Hands A device or plans for one are at risk of falling into the hands of villains who could use them to devastate worlds.
- 288-289 False Evacuation Some villain or group pretends a cataclysmic event is impending in order to manipulate others, perhaps getting them to leave valuable territory.
- 290-292 False Flag A ship or unit is convincing people they belong to an organization they do not belong to.
- 293-294 False Friends Someone befriends the heroes under false pretenses.
- 295-296 False Information One side of a conflict has purposefully let bad information fall into the hands of their enemies, perhaps leaving them completely convinced they now have the upper hand.
- 297-298 Fancy Duds The PCs must pretend to be someone they're not, or move through a group they don't belong to.
- 299-300 Feds on the Case Government agents or agencies are somehow involved in the story, likely bungling things up, and being confused as to what's going on. 300-302 Fence Painting Someone tricks the characters into doing their work for them.
- 303-305 Finders v. Keepers Someone finds or recovers something of great value and intends to keep it.
- 306-310 First Contact Characters encounter a new species during the course of their adventures.
- 311-313 The Fixer A powerful character is called in to someone's problems, perhaps using illegal means.
- 314-316 Fool's Gold What the PCs thought was valuable turns out not to be.
- 317-318 Foreigners' Gold Someone gains a tremendous amount of wealth, success, or good fortune under questionable circumstances.
- 319-320 The Fortress An important person (to the PCs at least), has been taken and is being held in a very secure/impossibly secure location. 321-324 Free Gopherbots Typical NPCs refuse to help out the PCs until they do something to help them first.
- 325-326 Front Operation Some villainous group operates a business or organization only as a front for their activities.
- 327-328 Futuristic Age Mysticism There are strange cosmic powers, or at least a belief in those powers, involved in this adventure.
- 329-331 Galactic Bazaar The PCs may need to go through or haggle for goods at a collection point for different space cultures all mixed in together. 332-334 Galactic Importance - This adventure features larger political ramifications and disaster may strike if the delicate matters involved are not handled properly.
- 335-336 Game Over Man... Game Over! The characters are trapped someplace with some great danger.
- 337-339 The Genesis Device Some character manages to miraculously survive a deadly event.
- 340-341 Genetic Modification The characters may face or deal with NPCs who have been genetically modified into superhumans.
- 342-344 Genocidal Desires A villain wishes to see an entire species or distinct group wiped from the universe permanently.
- 345-346 Get Rich Quick Characters discover or become involved in an unlikely scheme to make a considerable fortune.
- 347-348 Go Ahead Cyberpunk... The characters find themselves staring down the barrel of a large weapon.
- 349-350 Gone Too Far A powerful character takes one step too far in fulfilling their mission and their fanaticism turns former friends and allies against them.
 351-352 Good Help Is Hard to Find The robotic servitors, android assistants, or helpful computer systems have gone into disrepair, or perhaps are just suffering severe disloyalty.
- 353-355 Gordian Knot The PCs must find an outside the box way to solve an unsolvable problem.
- 356-357 Hacked In Someone takes control of the systems of a space ship, military base, etc., locking out the rightful controllers.

358-360 Handle with Care - The PCs must transport something very fragile and precious someplace else without anything bad happening to it.

- 361-362 Happy Holidays A major festival or holiday is occuring.
- 363-370 Haunted Past An NPC has experienced something so terrible they can't face what happened to them, though they may wish to. 371-372 Haunting Figures Someone's past actions come back to haunt them, perhaps due to someone they've harmed.

373-374 He Was a Cool Guy! - The villains murder some likeable NPC or friend of the PCs.

- 375-377 He's a Very Busy Man The PCs have an impossible time getting in to see an important and necessary NPC.
- 378-380 Heavy Surveillance Certain places, maybe even inside domiciles, are watched at all times.
- 381-382 Helping the Shadows Some character is doing the bidding for evil powers, as part of a deal.
- 383-384 The Hidden Planet A planet or station purposefully hidden from the galaxy is discovered or comes looking for attention.

385-386 Hidden Planet - The characters stumble upon a lost or hidden world...

- 387-388 Higher Consciousness Someone has found a way to copy, or even remove, their consciousness from their body, and contain it within something else (perhaps a giant fighting robot or massive consciousness network).
- 389-391 Hijackers Some group of NPCs attempt to steal a spaceship in order to perform an important mission.

392-393 Hitchhiking the Galaxy - Characters need to rent a ride on a spaceship, perhaps to get to an illegal location or through a blockade.



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394-396 Hive Mind - Some being controls its minions from afar, as a single puppetmaster.

397-398 Holographic Fantasy - Characters deal with an artificially created place, which could be any sort of strange and anachronistic setting. 399-402 Horribly Strange Aliens - This adventure features aliens so bizarre and unhumanlike that people have a hard time being around them. 403-405 Hover Bikes - Characters must partake in an important chase scene!

406-407 Hypergate - A character finds a way to travel to impossible places such as other worlds or dimensions.

408-410 I Can't Remember! - A character suffers amnesia about important events, and perhaps the rest of their life as well.

411-412 I Have One of Them Faces - A PC or NPC is confused for someone else, perhaps a secret agent or other important, and endangered, person.

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413-414 I Haven't Seen You in Forever - The PCs run into an old acquaintance by pure chance.

415-416 I Need a Detective - The PCs are hired to investigate some trouble or mystery.

417-418 I Put a Tracking MacGuffin on the MacGuffin - Some important object is fought over by many who wish to possess it.

419-421 I Will Be Revenged - A character is desperate for revenge against another who has done him wrong.

422-423 I'll Make a Deal - A villain offers the heroes or authorities a deal in exchange for their safety or something else.

424-426 I'm Gonna Find You, and When I Do... - The villains kidnap or threaten the lives of those close to the characters.

427-428 I'm Not Leaving - Someone won't depart from their home or other beloved thing despite the danger.

429-430 I'm Not Welcome Here - A character on the run from the authorities or society needs the help of those willing to see past their differences.

431-434 I'm the Victim Here - A villain successfully makes it looks like he's the victim here. Even though he isn't!

435-436 Ignorance Is Bliss - Characters get involved in a situation that is too good to be true...

437-438 Illegal Researches - This adventure features research or study into a forbidden topic, such as alien technology, outlawed genetic enhancements, and so on.

439-440 Impending Invasion - Some malevolent force has bigger plans in the works for the near future, a mass assault of some kind on the world.

441-443 Important Artifact - Some object or device of incredible cultural importance, or perhaps incredible destructive power, is involved in this story. 444-445 Impossible! - No one will believe a desperate character's claims or respond to their pleas for help.

446-447 In Earth Years - One of the characters is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion.

- 448-449 Inferior Models In a distant future, those who haven't received the benefits of technological modification can be seen as inferior and discriminated against.
- 450-452 Infiltrators Some alien or foreign group has infiltrated a city/planet/ship for some unknown purpose using whatever means they could.

453-454 Inhuman - Some person in the story isn't quite as human as they appear or claim to be.

455-459 The Initiative - Groups vie with each other to harness the strange, perhaps paranormal, powers of some remote place. Possible leading to prolonged violence.

- 460-463 Innocent Space Civilians The PCs must protect or save innocent people while completing their mission.
- 464-465 Insurgency A conquered people fight back and throw off the bonds of some invader.
- 466-468 Invisibility Whatever villain or monster is threatening the area, you can't see it.

469-470 Is Anybody There? - Someone attempts to kill a character while they sleep.

471-472 It's a Setup! - A manipulative character uses a fake meeting, evidence, etc. to trick the PCs or authorities.

473-474 It's a Trap! - The characters are lured into the clutches of the enemy thinking they have the upper hand.

475-476 It's All Greek to Me - A clue or important item in the story is written in a language or cipher nobody around can read.

477-478 It's in the Jefferies Tubes! - Characters, or perhaps bizarre space creatures, must make use of the maintenance tunnels and ventilation corridors. 479-480 Join Us! - The villain possesses a group of fanatically blind followers.

481-482 Just Because You're Paranoid... - Several highly powerful NPCs are suspects to a crime, and some may want to help, hinder, or betray the PCs. 483-484 Knock on Wood - Just when something good happens to the PCs, something bad interrupts.

485-486 The Kwisatz Haderach - Some child or person is believed to be very important.

487-488 Lab Rats - The characters may begin to feel as if the events or troubles they are facing are nothing but tests put on by some powerful force.

489-490 Least Likely Suspect - Is the one whodunnit! Or someone suspects they were.

491-492 Let's Blow This Thing and Go Home - The PCs face tough odds to destroy something.

493-494 "Like" My Conspiracy! - Powers higher up are manipulating events for their foul purposes.

495-496 Local's Trap - PCs or NPCs must deal with a prepared trap to take advantage of them, perhaps a false guide, wrong information, an attractive young female, etc.

497-498 Look Into the Warp - This adventure involves the alternate dimensions intersecting our own, and the strange creatures or horrible powers who dwell within them.

499-500 Look, Don't Touch - The characters must engage in reconnaissance, but cannot be discovered or engage with the targets.

501-502 Lost Doomsday Device - Characters must contend with terrorists or villains who plan to use a weapon of mass destruction on innocent people.

503-504 Lost in Space - Characters have suffered a problem with their means of space travel, perhaps ending way up off course, stuck in some trans-dimensional rift, or other unhappy predicament.

505-506 Lost in Translation - Language differences between two groups make typical translation attempts completely worthless, perhaps leading to misunderstandings or hostility.

507-508 Lost Luxury - Some luxury, perhaps common in the past, such as a type of animal or food like real meat or butter, features in this adventure. 509-511 Loveable Rogue - The characters must deal with a likeable villain, or troublemaker.

512-513 Luxury Liner - Travelling through the air or space becomes a very pleasant journey, as a luxury space liner or barge is involved in this adventure.

514-515 Made Into a Meal - Someone is going to be used to feed some horrible creature or creatures, perhaps as entertainment for others!

516-517 Made of People - Characters discover the truth behind some terrible official secret.

- 518-519 Madison Cube Garden The characters have tickets to an awesome or important sporting or theatrical event.
- 521-522 Marooned Characters find themselves stuck someplace, a planet, moon, island, or somewhere else.





523-524 Mars University - The heroes may need to visit or enlist the help of a futuristic, and perhaps quite different institution of higher learning. 525-526 Mass Panic - A city or area is being terrorized by some impossible terror, and the public is nearing outright panic. 527-528 Mech-Warriors - Large, mechanized battlesuits may prove to be a problem, or a boon, for characters in this adventure.

529-531 Mechanized World - A planet that has been given over fully to harsh manufacturing and construction, a policy which has totally annihilated the natural ecosystem of the world, features in this adventure.

532-533 Medical Coma - Someone has been so badly injured or is suffering from a terrible disease and is only alive thanks to advanced medical technology or even being put into stasis.

534-535 Merciless Enemy - A villain who is incapable of empathy or compassion features in this adventure.

536-538 Mind Control - Some evil force is controlling the minds and actions of otherwise innocent people.

539-540 The Missing Prophecy - Some character requires a specific part of a specific, hard to find tome, record, or ancient carving.

541-542 The Moral of the Story - Someone or someones have received a horrible fate as a result of their immoral actions.

543-544 Mr. Space President - The PCs must protect the life of some very important character or characters.

545-546 Murderous Robot - A.I. created by organic beings decides it's creators continued existence doesn't seem like a high priority. 547-548 My Lucky E.T.'s Foot - A character has a streak of exceptionally good luck.

549-551 Mysterious Benefactor - Some unknown person is providing you assistance or clues, but why?

552-554 Never Tell Me the Odds! - A desperate conflict against impossible odds is necessary, if only the underdogs can figure out some small or secret advantage... 555-556 New New York Sewers - The PCs must travel into someplace dirty, smelly, dangerous, and foul.

557-559 No Power - The electricity, or some other important resource, is out, leaving the characters in a very tough situation.

560-561 No Signal - An outpost or other ship/device has stopped sending regular updates for unknown reasons.

562-564 No Synthohol - Characters find themselves on an epic bender, perhaps with troubling results.

565-566 Now It's a Party! - A big formal party or ball features in this adventure.

567-568 Off Course - Due to accident or purposeful sabotage a ship has just gone a long way across space to wind up in the wrong location. 569-571 Official Investigation - Characters come under suspicion of investigators looking into some disaster or past trouble.

572-573 Oh Barnacles! - Someone, possibly a villain, has secretly stuck something (probe, mine, droid, landing party, etc.) onto a vehicle, ship, building, or other structure.

574-576 Omega Cache - Somewhere there is a collection of some of the most advanced or fantastic pieces of technology in the known universe. 577-578 On a Long Journey - This adventure requires, or is all about, a long journey to some far off place.

579-581 On the Run - Some person or group must continuously flee across space in order to stay ahead of a dangerous pursuer. 582-583 On the Trail - The PCs follow some wanted villain.

584-586 One of the Infected - Characters seem to become infected or mind controlled through some horrific means, even if those means aren't obvious to anyone around them. 587-588 Organized Space Crime - A powerful criminal interjects themselves into events due to outside business arrangements.

589-590 Our Space Coupler is Fried! - The PCs means of conveyance breaks down and they must stop over someplace, and perhaps encounter surprise adventures as a result. 591-592 Out of Water - A ship must go out of their way to grab resources from some available source.

593-594 Overstepped Your Programming - Some A.I. system is doggedly pursuing its programmed goal, not realizing that it should stop. 595-596 Pandora's Box - A powerful or dangerous thing is contained within some sort of holding device, be it a cell, shields, a quarantined planet, or even a box. 597-598 The Pandorica - Some strange, probably alien, thing is disturbed when it should have been left alone.

599-600 Paranoia - Members of a group suddenly feel like they just can't trust everyone around them has their best interests in mind. 601-602 The Perfect Prison - A group devises an inescapable prison or trap with which to catch someone or something.

603-604 The Perfect Time to Settle Scores - Amazing and deadly events give someone the chance to get revenge or settle scores with old enemies. 605-607 Peripeteia - A character suffers a sudden reversal of character or fortune.

608-610 Person or Property - Androids, clones, or other beings given an artificial hand in coming to life may be treated like non-people by a society, or it's asked if they should be.

611-613 Picard to Enterprise! - The PCs are stuck or imprisoned someplace and probably should find a way to escape.

614-615 Plotter's Allies - The PCs or NPCs are asked to help someone gain power over a distant planet, space ship, orbital base, etc.

616-617 Possession - Some cosmic entity of great power has the ability to control the minds, or temporarily take over the body of lesser beings.

618-619 Predator - The area is terrorized by some naturally predacious being, perhaps a totally silent stalker, or inescapably ferocious killer.

620-622 Preferable to Anarchy - Some contained population on a planet or colony suddenly sees a major uptick in violent crime or insanity.

623-624 Primitives - Characters deal with a pre-space age/non-technologically advanced species or society.

625-628 Probability Cube - The PCs deal with a gambler who has swindled many.

629-630 Professor Emeritus - The PCs meet a very knowledgeable character, perhaps one who can serve as a mentor.

- 631-632 Psychic Corps Some space government uses the powers of the psychically gifted, or otherwise special, in order to make sure they retain power and keep things running.
- 633-634 Pulled Into the Sky NPCs suffer strange abductions and may not even return.
- 635-637 Puppet Master Some shadowy villain or group manipulates events going on around the PCs.
- 638-640 Quarantine A ship or facility must deal with trying to lock down certain portions for fear of microbial agent, poison, or some horrible or troublesome creature.
- 641-642 Raft Tipped Over The PCs lose their most important gear, possessions, or weapons.
- 643-644 Rare Genius An NPC possesses such a rare genius for art, science, or something else, that few can comprehend what he sees or makes.



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645-647 Recurring Villain - Is up to his old tricks!

- 648-649 Remote World Some remote world, space station or outpost features heavily in this adventure.
- 650-651 Repair Systems A ships emergency repair systems are still trying to fix things long after it's too late to save the crew, and perhaps cause trouble or put other ships in danger.
- 652-653 Replacement Eyeballs A character must find a way to change their appearance, or otherwise avoid advanced detection systems.

654-655 Resurrection - Advanced, or even profane, technology gives a mad genius or their villain employer the ability to raise or recreate the dead. 656-657 Revolutionary Find - Someone believes they have discovered or uncovered some scientific knowledge that will change society.

- 658-660 RoboGuards Someone or place uses advanced and highly deadly security measures to protect what they have.
- 661-662 Robotic Spy Robots are able to infiltrate someplace by appearing as a normal person, being small, or other crafty means.
- 663-664 Rogue Trader Characters need to enlist the help of untrustworthy types who have the skills or capabilities they need to complete their mission. 665-666 Rollerball League MVP - Someone stands up to a repressive government or group.
- 667-668 The Rules Some creature or character is beholden to certain specific, possibly odd, rules, despite being otherwise powerful and capable. 669-671 Running Out of Air Someone must contend with limited oxygen reserves.
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- 672-673 Rustics The PCs find themselves in a place where people lack the technology they are accustomed to.
- 674-676 Sabotage The characters find themselves trapped or nearly killed due to sabotage, likely to their means of travel. 677-678 Sabotage Is Our Best Option - An immensely powerful ship or device must be disabled from the inside or by underhanded means.
- 679-681 Safety Protocols The outbreak of a virus, nanobot plague, or simply unstoppable enemy in a certain place, like a ship or
- planet, means it will soon be annihilated to remove the threat.
- 682-683 Salvage Something important can be found in some space wreckage.
- 684-685 Sardaukar This adventure includes elite, enhanced, or fanatically loyal soldiers.
- 686-687 Scorched Earth Some villain or threat is so potent that forces wish to destroy wherever they are found rather than face them individually. 688-689 Search and Rescue - An important ship or group has been lost and saving them is a top priority.
- 690-691 Second Thoughts A villain decides he no longer supports the evil side he has been working for.
- 692-693 Secret Corruption Some villain or villainous group poisons, releases chemicals, or uses other advanced means to change, control, or corrupt a population.
- 694-696 Secret Mission Characters have been dispatched on a secret mission, perhaps of a military nature, perhaps one that violates important treaties and laws.
- 697-699 Secret Plans Secret tactical or technological plans have been taken.
- 700-701 Seems a Little Xenophobic A group or individual demands an extremely harsh policy for dealing with other species in the universe, perhaps even a genocidal one.
- 702-704 Send Assistance Some authority or allied government has dispatched forces to assist.
- 705-706 The Shadows The powers or influence of some evil space force is involved in the troubles of this adventure.
- 707-708 Shapeshifting Some alien or robotic creature has the power to assume the shape of other people.
- 709-710 Ship Graveyard A strange place in space is home to many dead and floating ships.
- 711-714 Side Group Some troublemaking third party creates problems for the heroes in this adventure.
- 715-716 Since Back at Academy The PCs recognize an old friend by coincidence during their adventures.
- 717-718 Sleeper Agent An NPC, be they human, android, or alien, is really under the control of a powerful organization, though they may not realize it at all.
- 719-721 Sleeper World Citizens of some world have had their minds secretly turned to assisting the evil efforts of some villainous force, and could go off at any point.
- 722-723 Soma The authorities or some group is utilizing unnatural means to control the local population.
- 724-727 Space Amazons The story involves a planet or group that consists of entirely one gender.
- 728-729 Space Bandits Characters are robbed of their possessions or money.
- 730-732 Space Being Some creature or entity that lives in space, and is perhaps very dangerous, features prominently.
- 733-734 Space Benedict Arnold! A general, admiral, or warlord decides he has plans of his own for the forces he is commanding, which may even involve the elimination of the ruling government he serves.
- 735-736 Space Duel PCs or NPCs use a futuristic way to, perhaps lethally, settle their differences.
- 737-738 Space Folding A ship is transported a vast distance in a seemingly impossible amount of time due to anomaly, experiment gone wrong, or some powerful force.
- 739-741 Space Horror Some destructive and swarming force, biological, robotic, or otherwise, threatens to destroy life as people know it, and probably all the people with it.
- 742-743 Space Jihad A religious movement based around a leader or idealized future spreads across space.
- 744-745 Space Nobles This adventure finds the PCs around extremely wealthy or powerful NPCs.
- 746-748 Space Opera The characters must put up with an excessively dramatic and whiny character.
- 749-750 Space Piracy Eventually even pirates will make it into space.
- 751-753 Space Salvage Characters come across a lost ship with potentially valuable cargo on-board.
- 754-756 Space Search Characters must deal with probes discovering their location or threatening lives.
- 757-759 Space Slime The PCs find strange residue or odd clues (like metal being chewed through) at the scene of a crime.
- 760-761 Space Tycoon An extremely wealthy and powerful villain uses his resources to cover his evil deeds.
- 762-764 Space-Psychosis A character has lost their mind.
- 765-766 Special Police A group of officers have a special task outside of normal law enforcement, hunting down certain individuals or preventing a specific type of crime.
- 767-768 Squabbling Behind Barricades Two characters or groups holed up, or otherwise stuck together, are arguing so much they may just kill each other.

769-770 Stalemate - Multiple powers surround something valuable, or face off against each other waiting to make the first move.

772-773 Star Crossed Lovers - Two in-love characters find themselves blocked from each other by some obstacle.



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774-775 Stay Out of Our Way - The local authorities forbid the PCs from being involved in an important case.

776-779 Stealing Our Power - Some beam/device/creature is stealing the power reserves from your ship/weapons/planet, innocently or maliciously. 780-781 Stowaway - An NPC, or even the PCs, stows away on a ship to get where they need to be, but of course must not be caught. 782-784 Strange Coincidences - Characters continue to deal with strange coincidences that stretch the credulity of even the skeptical. 785-786 Strange Coma - A character has fallen into a strange coma, or suffers from some other unexplained neurological condition. 787-789 Strange Distortions - Everyone has problems with sensors or other detecting abilities.

790-792 Strange Dreams - A character is plagued by strange lucid dreams about a place or event.

793-795 Strange Inventor - An NPC has an amazing genius for mechanical engineering, likely he or she is an odd character obsessed with their continuing levels of invention. 796-797 Strange Locals - The characters must travel to a planet or land where the locals are primitive, strange, or disruptive in some way.

798-799 Strip Mining - Someplace habitable has been slated for destruction in order to gather resources.

800-801 Suicide Mission - In order to complete a mission characters seem to face impossible odds and extremely dangerous tasks.

802-803 Super Soldiers - Characters who have been remade to serve as super soldiers feature in this story.

804-805 Super Suit - A highly advanced robotic suit helps/is needed in order to perform a special job.

806-808 Superstitious Primitives - Characters confidently dismiss the non-rational beliefs and fears of simpleton locals.

809-810 Survivor's Tale - The stories of some survivor of a terrible tragedy or attack feature prominently in this adventure.

811-812 Swarms - A swarm of creatures, insects, or alien beasts feature in this adventure.

813-816 Swarming Horror - Some bestial alien horde threatens civilized society somewhere as they wildly spread across a planet or even across the stars.

817-818 Take the Job - Some character takes a job that sends them far off from their normal contacts and former life.

819-820 Taken - A character is kidnapped!

821-823 Tales of Distant Stars - An NPC relates tales of strange and amazing places and species seen during their travels to far off locations.
824-825 Technologically Outmatched - Characters are stuck in a conflict with an enemy whose technology makes defeating them directly virtually impossible.
826-827 Test Cases - Some group of innocent people are being used as test subjects: for a drug or chemical, a strange new environment, or perhaps just to see what they'll do in the face of some danger.

828-830 Testing Trouble - During routine tests/drills/examinations a ship finds itself in an emergency, perhaps unable to cope without help. 831-832 Thanks for the Help - Well meaning characters are duped into helping a bad guy.

833-835 That Is Illogical Captain! - The PCs must decide if they will risk their lives, and perhaps their mission, to do the right thing. 836-838 That's Good Steak - The PCs are invited to discuss something over dinner.

839-840 That's Heresy! - Close minded authorities have become extreme in their views and unwillingness to consider outside reason.

841-842 That's Not on the Astral Map - The characters end up in a strange or unknown area, and must contend with the surprises it throws at them. 843-846 They're Adapting! - This adventure features villains who have an amazing ability to adapt to handle successful strategies by the heroes.

847-849 This Doesn't Make Sense - PCs discover a pleasant or idyllic situation that simply doesn't add up or is quite impossible.

850-851 This is Personal - Events set off the backstory of a character that has a strong personal mission.

852-853 Time Anomaly - Characters must work through difficulties caused by a rare time anomaly, perhaps leading to multiple versions of their future, their selves, or something even more strange.

854-855 Timeloop - Some time distortion causes problems, trapping people within it, allowing the past to be changed, etc.

856-857 Tinfoil Hat - Some place or device can control or change people's minds, perhaps with strange rays, psychic control, or brain nanobots. 858-859 To the Escape Hatch! - Characters have escaped a ship using escape pods or space lifeboats.

860-862 To the Lifeboats! - A ship faces impending destruction, or already has and now characters drift through space in escape pods. 863-865 Too Powerful Weapon - A weapon possessing such great power or ability means many wish to see it never used, even in the face of a terrible enemy. 866-867 Traitor! - There is a traitor in the midst of some government or powerful group.

868-869 Transspace Portal - Some ancient device seems to allow instantaneous travel across vast distances of space... if it can be trusted. 870-871 Tron - An NPC realizes he must sacrifice himself in order to save the day.

872-874 Trouble in Paradise - Characters discover an idyllic setting has unexpected problems or life threatening dangers.

875-877 Unchecked Psychic Powers - Someone has powers that they cannot control and are causing trouble.

878-879 Underground Civilization - Some group has created an entire society in a hidden location such as underground, in a cloaked planet, or within a pocket dimension. 880-882 Unlikely Galactic Alliance - The PCs are forced to join forces with their enemies or rivals in order to survive or succeed.

883-884 Unofficial Operation - This adventure features some unlicensed space operation, perhaps on a distant planet or meteor belt. There may be a threat of government interference.

885-887 Unresolved Past - Someone or some group engaged in terrible activities in the past and were either killed or fled what they did without ever fixing it.
888-890 Unstoppable Mind - Some individual is important to the government due to their incredible mental abilities, be it their genius for military strategy, psychic powers, or something else.

891-893 Unthaw Mr. Burns - A dying, or perhaps already dead, person seeks to regain or vastly prolong their life.

894-897 Unthinking Masses - An alien/robotic menace threatens others in an endless race to conquer more.

898-899 Villainous Patronage - The villain is an important local figure and has sway over lower groups, such as laborers, militiamen, or law enforcement. 900-901 Virtual Sentience - A character has been copied as, or is a virtual construction of an organic being, such as an android, projection, computer simulation, etc. 902-904 Wages of Sin - An NPC's vices lead to his death or downfall.

905-906 Wanted! - The PCs or an NPC is wanted by a certain planet/government/people for their actions, be they good, bad, or just misunderstood. 907-908 Wanted by the Alliance - An NPC possessing some secret or power, or even secret power, is wanted by the evil authorities.



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- 909-910 Wanted Alien Menace There is a manhunt (or alienhunt) on for some very wanted person.
- 911-914 Warning Satellite Some place is so terrible no one will go there, not even the authorities.
- 915-917 Warp Factor Nine! Characters decide that getting out of here is the only way to survive the situation.
- 918-919 We Didn't Save Her The heroes fail to save an innocent victim.
- 920-921 We Don't Need You Locals or local authorities don't want the PCs around, maybe for good reason, or maybe they actually are doomed without them.
- 921-924 We Have Hostages! Villains try to buy themselves negotiating leverage with hostages, whether the authorities care or not...
- 925-927 We'll Be There in a Few Parsecs The PCs must transport important characters or items someplace.
- 928-929 We're Connected A character has a psychic connection with some powerful or terrible alien being.
- 930-931 We're on Route Pivotal events find the characters on their way to someplace, which they must stop to deal with.
- 932-933 We've Been Framed! The characters are framed by the villain.
- 934-936 Weird Powers Some person, perhaps having emotional struggles, discovers strange new powers...
- 937-938 Welcome to My Megacorp This adventures features an NPC who runs a powerful organization such as a futuristic corporation, guild, or even an army or space fleet.

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- 939-942 Well Thanks for Nothing Just when the PCs do something good, they unintentionally cause something bad.
- 943-944 Well That Was Torture A character is tortured by villains or authorities.
- 945-946 What Did You Call My Mother?! A PC or NPC accidentally insults an important character due to a misunderstanding or mistranslation.
- 947-950 What Is That? A strange monster, if it is a monster, threatens our characters.
- 951-953 Where Are We? This adventure includes some strange or extraordinary environment.
- 954-956 Where Is It? Some place, a city, a moon, a planet, even an entire galaxy has disappeared from existence.
- 957-959 Where Is This Place? Characters must search out clues, individuals, or items in remote, forgotten corners of the galaxy.
- 960-961 Who Wouldn't Like Her? An character has a terrible suspicion about an otherwise likeable or perhaps simply desirable outsider.
- 962-963 Will Live in Infamy! Someone launches a devastating surprise attack, causing great worry, and perhaps leaving whole planets defenseless in the face of a deadly enemy.
- 964-965 Wooo-Hoooo! The PCs or NPCs get help with the unexpected arrival of their friends/compatriots.
- 966-967 Wormhole A wormhole, channeling between two areas of spacetime, features in this adventure.
- 968-969 You Dare Challenge the Prophecy? An ancient or revered prophecy is involved in this story.
- 970-972 You Didn't See Nothin! A powerful group demands characters not reveal information about a sensitive topic.
- 973-974 You Got No Right to Keep Me Here! The PCs are detained for some reason.
- 975-976 You Have Offended My Honor! A character, unknowingly, violates the social rules of a strange culture, and ends up in a bad situation.
- 977-978 You Have Something I Want A jealous character covets something about another person, a talent, their appearance and body, or a possession and plans to either take it or ruin it.
- 979-980 You Know Too Much A character's life is imperiled because they know too much about the workings of some evil character or group. 981-985 You're a Galactic Hero - A character gains great (perhaps extreme) political or symbolic value to a group or cause after a well publicized success.
- 986-987 You're Hired The PCs are hired by local authorities or corporate powers to fix some problem for them.
- 988-989 You're No Ewoks The PCs find themselves surrounded by useless NPCs who are too cowardly or selfish to help.
- 990-992 You're Not Helping The PCs are joined some unhelpful, annoying, and generally useless NPC.
- 993-996 You're on Space Drugs! A character deals with their addiction to drugs or substances.
- 997-998 Youth in a Bottle Someone searches/experiments for a way to reverse the effects of age or perhaps some other deleterious condition. 999-000 Z'ha'dum The PCs must travel to the heart of enemy territory to complete their mission.

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Event Scene Prompt

Event :

Action :

Thing :

Plot Device :

Opposition:

Location :

Event Scene Chart

- (2d6)
- 2. Very unexpected turn of events.
- 3. PCs receive or overhear news or information.
- 4. PCs run into trouble.
- 5. Something bad happens to a PC.
- 6. Plot thread (Pick one or create a new one.)
- 7. PCs asked to help or see reason to get involved.
- 8. A new NPC.
- 9. Something bad happens to a PC.
- 10. Something bad happens to all PCs.
- 11. Something good happens to a PC.
- 12. Ambiguous or strange event.

Challenge Scene Chart

- (2d6)
- 2. Collect evidence or recover items.
- 3. Spy on someone or do reconnaissance.
- 4. Curry favor or gain access.
- 5. Avoid danger or deal with threats.
- 6. Assist or save an NPC.
- 7. Survive an attack or incident.
- 8. Collect evidence or recover items.
- 9. Avoid danger or deal with threats.
- 10. Do research or find help. 11. Convince authorities or important NPCs.
- 12. Assist or save an NPC.

Three Act Structure

Act One - Event Scenes

The first act introduces the heroes to the events of the plot and hooks them into solving the story. By the end of the first act the characters should know enough about the plot to generally understand what they need to do in order to save the day.

Act Two - Challenge Scenes

Before the heroes can get to the ending and face the ultimate villain or obstacle and resolve the story for good, they must go through a series of smaller challenges. Only by defeating these lesser obstacles can the heroes get to the ending of the story.

Act Three - Finale

The final act is the big confrontation with the story's villain. If the heroes defeat this final challenge then they will have successfully completed the adventure and saved the day!

Personality Table

(d50)1. Aloof or Tough 2. Anxious or Vain 3. Arrogant or Foolish 4. Belligerent or Serious 5. Bigoted or Self-Righteous 6. Blunt or Guarded 7. Boisterous or Greedy 8. Boring or Squeamish 9. Bossy or Reasonable 10. Bright or Moody 11. Cagey or Timid 12. Callous or Paranoid 13. Cantankerous or Stoical 14. Careless or Polite 15. Charming or Snobby 16. Clever or Neurotic 17. Close-Minded or Kind-Hearted 18. Cold or Fast Talking 19. Confident or Rude 20. Cowardly or Self-Centered 21. Cranky or Disciplined 22. Cruel or Egotistical 23. Cultured or Rugged 24. Cynical or Strange 25. Dainty or Narcissistic 26. Deceitful or Wise 27. Diligent or Hedonistic 28. Dramatic or Stubborn 29. Droll or Romantic 30. Dumb or Whimsical 31. Easy-Going or Nosy 32. Evasive or Prim & Proper 33. Fearless or Snooty 34. Fiery-Tempered or Shy 35. Foolhardy or Talkative 36. Gregarious or Obnoxious 37. Grumpy or Smug 38. Haughty or Pleasant 39. Honorable or Nice 40. Humorless or Whiney 41. Humorous or Oafish 42. Impatient or Wicked 43. Intimidating or Merry 44. Judgmental or Sadistic 45. Juvenile or Reckless 46. Knowledgeable or Pompous 47. Lazy or Predatory

- 48. Leery or Spiritual 49. Pious or Suspicious
- 50. Shrewd or Vindictive

Challenge Scene Prompt Challenge: Action : Thing : Plot Device : **Opposition**: Location :

<u>Answer Oracle</u>

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Yes/No Table

Chances of Being True	Yes	No
Extremely Likely	1-95	96-100
Very Likely	1-75	76-100
Even	1-50	51-100
Very Unlikely	1-25	26-100
Extremely Unlikely	1-5	6-100

Conversation Chart Unfriendly Friendly Stranger Acquaintance Failed Social Check Successful Social Check (2d6)2 Credulous Disagreeable 3 Friendly Evasive 4 Short Truthful 5 Unhelpful Agreeable 6 Disinterested Interested

7 Skeptical
8 Disagreeable
9 Evasive
10 Truthful
11 Agreeable
12 Interested

Mid-Scene Interruption Chart

- (2d6)
- 2. A very unexpected turn of events.
- 3. PCs are given news or overhear information.
- 4. Something bad happens to all PCs.
- 5. A new NPC.
- 6. PCs accosted, attacked, or run into trouble.
- 7. Plot thread pops up. (Pick a plot thread, or make up a new one!)
- 8. Something bad happens to a PC.
- 9. An NPC the PCs know shows up.
- 10. Something good happens to a PC.
- 11. PCs asked to help or see reason to get involved.
- 12. Ambiguous or strange event.
- Roll a Mid-Scene Interruption When...
- -You roll doubles on the Yes/No Table.
- -Roll a 2 or 12 on the Conversation Chart.
- -When your PCs enter a new location, or anytime you feel it's appropriate for the scene.
- -The second you feel stuck or confused about where a scene should go next.

Hired Jobs/Requests/Quests Chart

- (2d6)
- 2. Help to heal someone by finding a cure or the materials to make it.
- 3. Do work, such as moving, driving, constructing, or household chores.
- 4. Help rescue someone in danger.
- 5. Deliver a message or item to someone.
- 6. Work as bodyguards, hired muscle, guides or scouts.
- 7. Help solve a crime of some kind.
- 8. Figure out a mystery, like why a strange occurance is happening.
- 9. Help someone do something dangerous or difficult.
- 10. Help retrieve some item or possession, or find a way to acquire it.
- 11. Gather up something in sufficient quantity.
- 12. Take care of something or someone for a time, making sure nothing bad happens.

Interruption Prompt Interruption : Action : Thing : Plot Device : Opposition : Location :

Helpful

Friendly

Short

Credulous

Unhelpful

Disinterested

<u>Job Prompt</u> Job Type : Action + Thing :

Opposition : Location : 00010100

The Solo GM System

If you're into solo roleplaying then this chapter is for you! As a solo roleplayer it can be hard to run a game all by yourself and get any satisfaction out of it, particularly if you don't use any special rules or techniques to help facilitate the process. The Covetous Poet's Solo GM System, on the other hand, provides a clear system you can use and personalize to play RPG sessions all by yourself using any roleplaying game you want.

What Is the Solo GM System?

The Solo GM System isn't a roleplaying system itself, like Dungeons and Dragons or Call of Cthulhu, instead it goes overtop of such systems and provides you with rules so that you can easily play them solo. With the help of the Adventure Creator you learned about previously, the system will help you create adventures, run scenes as both the game master and the player characters, and have a fun time doing it.

You're the Solo GM

The first rule of the Solo GM System is that you're the GM! These rules do not emulate a game master or provide some kind of book based A.I. to run your games with. In the solo roleplaying adventures you are about to play, your primary identity will be as the GM, then your secondary identity will be as the player characters. (Your third identity is up to you! I suggest being someone rich and famous.) Because of this your judgement as to what happens in the game is paramount, there is no chart or idea prompt that commands you around your adventure, it's entirely in your hands to control the game.

That, however, doesn't mean you're doing all the work. Think of the different parts of the Solo GM System as your support staff, giving you ideas, providing you random outcomes, and helping you keep the tension and suspense alive by allowing you to never quite be sure what will come next. You are the one running the show, but it's a show put on for your benefit.

USING THE ADVENTURE CREATOR

If you've already read the chapter on the Adventure Creator then you have some basic idea of how to use it and how to make up your own new story. The Solo GM System uses the Adventure Creator to guide your sessions along, allowing you to know the basics of the plot (or at least to think you do!) while still keeping the specifics a secret until you get there in your play.

The most important thing to keep in mind when using the Adventure Creator for solo play is to provide yourself with a good setup. Whether it's for the entire adventure or a single scene, give yourself enough detail to be able to improvise with. At the least know where your PCs are, and what they, and possibly other characters, think is going on. Or at the most you can completely work out exactly what is going to happen in the scene and then let the excitement come from how the PCs decide to handle it and how their resolution rolls go.



It is important to note that the system is designed for you to work out whatever works best for you and your gaming style. Some solo GMs will have the best games with barely any setup, just making nearly everything up on the fly. Other ones will have more fun if they are deliberate in their planning and create a full story to play through before they begin. And most will fall somewhere in between. Just realize that you can take whatever approach works best for you and that the system will support it.



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Setting Up Scenes Solo

When you use the Adventure Creator for solo games you can create the setup for each scene right before you play it. Fill in the appropriate scene prompt with whatever information you feel might help inspire your creativity (and it might differ heavily from RPG system to RPG system), then make up the outline for your scene.

Sometimes the action of the adventure will carry you right through into the scene—you'll know what needs to happen next thanks to the logic of the story—in which case you may not even bother to use the results on the scene prompt to create ideas, or you'll just use them minimally to guide the overall mood or some minor details. On the other hand, you might come to a point in the story where you have no idea what should come next, or you think it's time to shake things up and spring a surprise on the PCs. In those cases you might really brainstorm with the use of the scene prompt, and maybe even extra rolls on other Story Charts, in order to make up an exciting new twist in the storyline.



While you're busy making up your scenes, one very important thing to keep in the back of your mind is to not get bogged down. And you'll know when you're getting bogged down because you'll start to feel frustrated. As mentioned above, everybody has their own style, you might really like to plan out a scene in immense detail and you have fun doing it, but if you're feeling frustrated, bored, or upset at the process that means you're likely trying to do too much. Err on the side of doing things lightly, making up ideas quickly, and focusing on having fun rather than finding the perfect idea. Remember: you're the GM, you're always right!

HOW TO PLAY THROUGH SCENES

So once you've got your scene setup, you're ready to play through it. This is the real meat of the Solo GM System, the actual play. Most scenes will run through improvisation, you as the Solo GM will guide events off the cuff according to your plans and tentative knowledge of where the story is going. And since you've already got a plot for your adventure, a setup for your scene, and knowledge of who all your characters are, you're pretty well off to start improvising.

You do have the multiple identities of GM and PCs to play as, so be sure to let yourself do both. As a player character you have the ability to take action as you want, roleplay your character's personality and quirks, and advance the story through their contributions as one of the main protagonists. It shouldn't all be about the Story Sheets and scene setups, the characters should be one of the main sources of twists and turns that move the story forward, and with the Adventure Creator helping you along there is never any need to railroad your own adventures.

Once each scene is over you'll probably find it useful to record down what happened and note any important events that might influence things down the road. Assuming you aren't actively taking down copious notes during the scene! Which is also an option, especially if you enjoy solo roleplaying for its literary side. With a good record of what has happened you can leave your game and come back to it later, without losing anything important.

The Answer Oracle and Story Charts

Your go-to best friend as a solo GM is the Answer Oracle. The Answer Oracle is a reference sheet containing several charts to help answer questions that may come up during play. All you have to do is keep the Answer Oracle nearby and solutions will only be a roll away.

In addition to that, all the Story Charts should constantly be considered at your disposal. During the course of play it is likely you will find yourself in need of some random result, so flip to the appropriate Story Chart, roll up something, and keep on playing. Charts such as the Clue Chart were made exclusively for this purpose, so don't forget to use them!



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Yes/No Questions

Quite possibly the primary tool on the Answer Oracle is the Yes/No Question Chart. It's also quite simple to interpret as it provides only two possible answers, "yes" or "no." Anytime a yes or no question comes up during your game play that you don't want to arbitrarily decide yourself, just look at the chart, decide what you think the odds of the question being "yes" are, then roll a d100. And the Yes/ No Chart will tell you yes or no.

It's possible to rely on this tool heavily during gameplay to guide the action. As the solo GM you can use it to shape scenes and events, every time you have a question about what might be true concerning something, just roll on the table. That answer might bring up more questions or may just allow you to move onto the next relevant fact to discover about the scene



For example, if the PCs are breaking into a building, you could ask if the place had guards, if it was heavily guarded, if the guards were very alert, and so on. Or if the characters are examining a crime scene you could ask if there were shoeprints left behind, fingerprints, a weapon or lost possessions, all of which could help break the case open. You can also even use yes or no questions to function as a resolution mechanic. Does an NPC notice the heroes are asking them leading questions, or does a character manage to make the leap from the staircase to the chandelier can be decided with a straight yes or no instead of relying on a system's resolution mechanics.

But like every other tool, you may choose to ignore it completely and never bother asking a single yes or no question. That's fine too!

Conversations

One of the most important and recurring elements of narrative roleplaying is conversations with NPCs. Pre-written adventures tend to provide pret-



ty explicit instructions as to how an NPC will respond to the characters, and even different responses for different things they say or do. And without at least a little guidance improvising every character can become frustrating, or at least repetitive and cliched.

Fortunately the Solo GM System provides a little guidance thanks to the Conversation Chart and the NPC Personality Chart. The Conversation Chart is a 2d6 chart which will provide you with an immediate conversational stance for any NPC your characters begin talking to. There are two columns for both friendly or unfriendly NPCs so that you can get a likely result for either. To use the charts just roll on one of them whenever a PC begins chatting away with an NPC and utilize the result to shape how they respond back.

The NPC Personality chart lets you quickly identify the most prominent personality note for minor (or even major) NPCs, by rolling on the chart and selecting one of the two options presented. As with all "Or" Charts, this option is designed to allow you to have a useable and narratively realistic option available to choose with every result possible, whether you are creating the personality of a little girl or a barbarian warlord.

Of course once you get to know an NPC, their personality might become as common to you as any of your PC heroes, and you'll be able to roleplay them straight through any conversation without rolls. It's all up to you.

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Mid-Scene Interruptions

Your game might get a little too predictable if scenes just play out straight from the beginning setup without any unexpected twists and turns. Fortunately mid-scene interruptions can be used in the middle of any on-going scene to spice up the action. To create a mid-scene interruption just roll up results for the mid-scene interruption prompt, which you'll see is just like event or challenge scene prompts, except you use an interruption instead of an event or challenge. Look over the results you create for the prompt, brainstorm a few seconds, and then add the new narrative events you've come up with to the scene. Perhaps to the great surprise of your heroes!

You might wonder just when is the right time to interrupt the action, so there are some guidelines provided. But it should be stressed that these are just suggestions, just like everything else in the Solo GM System you'll want to individualize it to you and your game. Here are the four basic reasons for introducing a mid-scene interruption:

-You roll a doubles on the Yes/No Table.

-You roll a 2 or 12 on the Conversation Chart

The Solo GM System is meant to be customized to your needs and style as a player-GM. It's not meant to be complicated or difficult, just take what you like and use it!

Although the system is pretty open ended and easy going, if you want it to be more rigid and create an experience more in line with you vs. the game, that's possible too. Just decide on the rules beforehand and stick to them. It really depends on the system you're playing with and the story you're telling, but you could decide that every time you get a mid-scene interruption it means the PCs get attacked by villains, or some other terrible thing happens. And just resolve fights and difficult challenges with the rules of your system and don't give yourself any breaks. -Anytime your PCs enter a new location, or anytime you feel it's appropriate for the scene.

-The second you feel stuck or confused about where the scene should go next.

The mid-scene interruption is a powerful tool against the dreaded feeling of being stuck. Don't sit there for even one second longer than you have to should you get that feeling, immediately roll on the mid-scene interruption table and give yourself some direction!

Also you might imagine that if you don't use the Yes/No Table or the Conversation Chart then you won't cause many interruptions with them. Or maybe you use them a lot and cause too many. That's why these are just beginning recommendations, use your own judgement to decide what you would like to set off mid-scene interruptions, and how often they do so, assuming you even want to use them. And also, don't forget your rules system may have some mechanic, like critical rolls, which you can integrate into the overall solo experience, letting them set off interruptions and so on.

Unexpected Scenes

In many pre-written roleplaying campaigns the PCs will be set upon by unexpected events they had no idea were coming. Some examples would be scenes where the PCs are confronted by some danger when they least expect it, suffer some random misfortune which slows them down or prevents them doing what they want, or even some previous storyline popping right up in their faces after they had forgot all about it. You'll probably want to include the same unexpected events in your adventure. How you do that is up to you but there are some obvious options.

The easiest way is to just assume one out of every three or four scenes will be unexpected, so you can regularly throw one in there. Maybe just when you feel like it, or even like clockwork, every fourth scene is an unexpected scene. Or perhaps you don't even try to put a number on it, just whenever you as the GM feel like it would be appropriate you spring an unexpected scene onto the session, not worrying about when or if it happens.



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The Mid-Scene Interruption Chart works great for making up new unexpected scenes. Just use it like you do the Event or Challenge Scene Charts.

You can even create a separate sheet for unexpected scenes like you do with the different acts. For adventures that feature a lot of the unexpected, you can then think up interesting possibilities and dangers that may happen to the heroes as they do their job. Of course you just roll randomly to choose one when needed, some won't be used, which can add suspense to the game if there's a particularly nasty surprise possibly waiting in the wings!

It is also possible to have a more definite system, say before each scene you roll a d6 and on a one you will insert in an unexpected scene. Some games may just feel a little more wild and random, making it seem appropriate to have it be more likely there will be an unexpected scene, while others feel very direct and controlled and you can make it less likely. It's all very easy to control by just deciding the odds you want on the dice you want to use.

Unexpected scenes definitely have a place in the first and second acts of an adventure, especially the second act where the villain can be aware of the heroes interference and may be routinely trying to do away with them. Feel free to control at what points of the journey you allow unexpected scenes, and when they become more likely. You may not want an unexpected scene if you are about to do the inciting incident scene of the first act, or the final climactic scene of the third act, yet a second act with no surprises, fights, or traps may feel totally boring. Adjust it to suit yourself and your game.

Improvisation

Even though you have an adventure setup and a scene setup, there's still a lot to be resolved in scene. And as stated above, the principal way you will accomplish this is through improvisation. Many GMs even in multiplayer RPG games will utilize a lot of improvisation to make things work, so it's hopefully nothing too new. With that said, there are some tips you can use to make your improvisation work better and more smoothly. This section presents a few of them for you to consider, and if they help make your games run better, use them!

Yes, and...: The basic rule of improv theatre is called "Yes, and...", which is to say, whenever you come up with an idea that you decide to use, then that idea is set in stone, so accept it and then build on it. If you decide on a certain fact during gameplay, what the location of the scene is, what NPCs are there, etc. you shouldn't go back five minutes later and second guess yourself. If you want to modify the facts (and you should!), then build upon the ones you've already laid out, make them richer. Of course it's not against the law to realize after deciding on something that you made a mistake and that's just not what you or the story wanted. In which case, if it's genuinely important enough go ahead and change it. Just be aware, doing that very often slows your game down, breaks the mood, and can kill your creativity. So in all but the most special circumstances, get used to agreeing with yourself.



Be Specific: One skill that really can make a solo game more enjoyable right away is being specific with your ideas. Whenever you create something new give yourself permission to get specific with it. Don't just send your characters to a restaurant, send your characters to the hottest new seafood fine dining spot in Kingsheim, with beautiful copper braziers on the wall, impeccable service, and a famously eccentric, profanity spewing foreign chef from Winelandia, and his ever present, pipe smoking, halfling sous-chef sidekick who personally designs the tasting menu every day. Don't just let your characters crash land on an undeveloped planet, have them land on a forest planet, with low oxygen that makes it hard to exert yourself or to fly through the air, and has lots of carnivorous plants with some animal-like intelligence. It's more fun for you to play the game with specific ideas, and it's easier to then improvise the story because you have so much setup to work with.



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You Are Always Right: This one is more a psychological technique, but a very useful one if you're prone to getting stuck. Always keep in mind, you're the solo GM of this game, and you are always right. Repeat it out loud if you have to. You are always right. Did you make mistake when you set up this scene? Let's think, are you always right? Yes. So I guess you didn't make a mistake then. Learn to trust yourself and realize you're building your own story, and every decision you make is the correct one because you made it.



Drive Scenes with Conflict: This rule isn't just true for improvisation, it's true for all storytelling forms. Drive scenes and events forward with conflict. Or at the very least, include conflict in your scenes so that they're interesting and fun to play. And this rule applies to more than just battle scenes and arguments. Conflict is when two people disagree on any level, or even one person disagrees with himself on some level. You will almost certainly see this principle in action if you read any pre-written RPG, with countless NPCs who just have to disagree or refuse to work with anything the PCs say or ask of them. From dukes who don't think they deserve the offered reward even after they did the job, to snooty desk clerks who won't let you see the mayor because he's a very busy man. You don't have to make every NPC difficult, but it is fun letting the characters problem solve around the ones who are several times an adventure.

This can also apply between PCs, let the true personalities of your characters come through when they discuss plans of action and so on. The fierce dwarf may prefer to knock every guard or doorman out cold, while more social characters think it's pretty barbaric to do that when they could just talk their way in legitimately with some effort. Or, on the personal disagreement level, two PCs may have something they want to say to each other, but fear over the response or the rejection that this might bring, instead leaves them doing a double dance interacting with the other character and fighting with themselves.

And one final bit about conflict, it's often very useful, even when no other conflict exists, to introduce a battle for status between characters. People in real life do this all the time, characters on British sitcoms take it to a high art form, and it works great for creating conflict and propelling improvised conversations. Social status is the basic ranking we human beings carry around in order to rank the importance of each other. Usually a king has more social status than a beggar, unless he's one special beggar, but there's lots of grey area between normal people that only gets worked out through social sparring. Whether it's a city official who thinks he should be seen and treated as having higher status than your wandering heroes because he is a right and proper member of society with clean clothes, or a salt of the earth local, who thinks he's clearly better than a group of weirdos who go blasting off across the stars without any sense of decency, battles of status provide an enjoyable undercurrent to many conversations.

MYSTERY RULES

Some adventures you run may feature a mystery of one kind or another. Of course, it's no fun to spoil a mystery, so you won't want to come up with the answer prematurely even though you are the GM.

Instead what you can do is create a "suspects list" or list of possible correct answers to the mystery. For example, if the mystery is in fact a whodunnit, then you may identify a few possible NPCs who possibly could be responsible and put them all together on a list. Number the list of suspects, and then during the second act when the heroes are really on the trail, gathering clues, make a rule that every time the PCs defeat a challenge or reach



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the point of uncovering some important clue, you will eliminate a suspect. Randomly pick a number from one of the numbers available on the suspects list and cross it off. It couldn't have been them!

This method allows you to keep the mystery going until the end of the second act. Of course you may not want to eliminate everyone if the list is too long, meaning you could decide to eliminate two suspects, add those innocent NPCs as friendly assistants in the game for your heroes, and then on the third try, whoever you select is now the guilty party. Or you could assign every potential suspect an identical token or coin, excepting that one has a secret mark on the back side, and every time the PCs find an important clue they may select one potential suspect and flip over their token. Meaning they may get him or her on the first try, or they may have to go through the entire list.

Once you know the answer to the mystery it is a good time to stop and immediately make up the backstory for the villain and their misdeeds, much like a television detective show may have a few flashback scenes once the hero reveals who the criminal really is, so it all makes sense.



PRE-MADE ADVENTURES

Although the Solo GM System was designed assuming you are going to be making up your adventure using the Adventure Creator, there is no reason you can't use it to play pre-written adventure supplements you own. Here are a few examples of how you can modify things in order to use the Solo GM System with an adventure supplement.

Play It Straight: Perhaps the simplest way to play a pre-written adventure is to just use the story, NPCs, and scenes as they are written, then use the Solo GM tools to help you play out the action. You might let the little things, like how an NPC without an agenda talks to the PCs be decided randomly, while sticking to the script with the big things. The downside is, you kind of know what's coming.

Create a Setup: Instead of sticking strictly to the script provided by your supplement, you can instead use the elements presented to fill in your Story Sheets, but improvise events from there. In this way, you can have the full story, a lot of fleshed out NPCs and their motives, and so on, but you don't stick to the scenes provided. Events don't have to play out the way they are presented, the villain can change their plans, you can even make a mystery out of who the villain really is, so it won't necessarily be who you were expecting! This allows you to enjoy the story elements or clever ideas of a certain supplement without letting it be spoiled. The downside is balancing the story so it doesn't go completely off track and you lose what was useful about the supplement to begin with, or allow it to stay so completely on the track that you're basically just playing it straight without intending to do so.

Strip It for Parts: The last possible way I'm going to suggest, is that you could take a supplement and extract all the useful ideas right out of it, then make a totally original adventure that uses those ideas. Perhaps the setting is really evocative, or the NPCs are very interesting, or the villain and his scheme is a good plotline. Just take the parts out you want, then insert those elements into a totally new story, removed from the one presented in the pre-written adventure.

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Character Companion

I his chapter provides several new charts you can use to help create personalities and backgrounds for your characters. These charts are:

- 1. Attitude Chart
- 2. Social Chart
- 3. Character Chart
- 4. Look Chart
- 5. Cause for Adventuring Chart
- 6. Personal Complication Chart
- 7. Oddity Chart

The first three charts make up the Character Companion Personality System. By rolling on all three charts you will reveal three dimensions of a character's personality in order to provide a more complete PC. Let's review what each chart is meant to do.

Character Companion Personality System

Because player characters often should be more complex individuals than the mere NPC extras who pass through our adventures, this system provides three different dimensions to define personalities. All you have to do is roll on all three tables, choose either word on the result, and you will create a personality to help define the character in question.

Attitude - The attitude chart tells you the attitude a character approaches life with, perhaps universally or perhaps more specifically in their job as an adventurer.

Social - This is how the character interacts with others, and how they are experienced by those they are around socially. To a character how they interact socially may seem like the least telling thing about themselves, but for other people it will seem like the most important factor in who they are, unless they get to know them well.

Character - The moral nature or internal personality of a PC. A character's character speaks to who they are deep down and what, ultimately, they are all about. As an advanced option you can roll on this chart twice, and use both chosen results. For example a character could be both "innocent" and "self assured," with each result being one end of the spectrum of their personality.



Character Depth Charts

The remaining charts are all optional charts you can use when you feel like it would be of some use. Much of the time, it is imagined, you will not need to roll on them for a character, but when you do, they can help you flesh out a background more fully beyond their personality.

Look - What appearance a character gives off. A person's look can come from a variety of sources, their physical attractiveness or lack thereof, their obvious emotional state, or just from the way they hold themselves.

Cause for Adventuring - Becoming an "adventurer" in one form or another is an uncommon life to lead. This chart provides you a clue as to what a character's motivation was for adopting this excitement filled life choice.

Personal Complication - Not all PCs are as heroic as they look. This chart provides ideas as to what the major flaw of a character is, which should in time eventually lead them or their party into great trouble.



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Oddity - There are lot of possible quirks a character may have that help make them uniquely them. You can roll on this chart one or more times to help create different traits and oddities for a character. How odd or not odd you want your characters will have to be up to you though.

These charts are also going to be useful for defining many of the NPCs you come across in your adventures. The Social Chart is a good replacement for the NPC Personality Chart when you have a character the PCs will only experience in a social capacity, say a Duchess they meet at a party and must impress. Or when the characters arrive at a meeting with a mercenary captain rolling on the Look Chart would probably be pretty helpful in defining exactly what kind of guy this is: grizzled and touchy, stern and no-nonsense, greedy and eccentric, etc.



There are a lot of different and uncommon terms used on all these lists and it's not a bad idea to have a dictionary handy to look them up. Even if you generally understand what a term means, when you get an exact definition it can bring to your attention some unknown factor or context that you didn't remember, which can in turn give you a more creative idea for expressing the trait. That's what I do anyway, and I'm the one who wrote up all these lists!



One final note, when creating personalities for your characters don't be afraid of choosing contradictory traits which don't seem to go together. This is a great way to create complex personalities, as you think up ways why a person would have a complex, multi-layered way of interacting and seeing the world around them. In fact, that's a pretty good rule when creating anything, choose difficult pairs and find a way to make them work together. The challenge seems to inspire novel thinking in people.

Attitude Chart

d100

01-02 Absent-Minded or Fervid 03-04 Adventuresome or Introverted 05-06 Agreeable or Snooty 07-08 Anxious or Stoical 09-10 Annoying or Moody 11-12 Antagonistic or Good 13-14 Audacious or Philosophical 15-16 Avaricious or Serene 17-18 Belligerent or Enlightened 19-20 Blithe or Overbearing 21-22 Bold or Lenient 23-24 Bossy or Gentle 25-26 Brash or Optimistic 27-28 Brassy or Solitary 29-30 Brazen or Inquisitive 31-32 Bright or Dangerous 33-34 Cantankerous or Indulgent 35-36 Cavalier or Meddling/Nosy 37-38 Childish or Obtuse 39-40 Clever or Grim 41-42 Cocky or Intelligent 43-44 Combative or Happy-Go-Lucky 45-46 Compliant or Sanguine 47-48 Conceited or Neurotic 49-50 Covetous or Strange 51-52 Crazed or Naïve 53-54 Crude or Serious 55-56 Cultured or Melancholic 57-58 Cynical or Laid-Back 59-60 Disdainful or Reserved 61-62 Docile or Mischievous 63-64 Earnest or Vain 65-66 Enterprising or Rustic 67-68 Enthusiastic or Mean 69-70 Fanatical or Stolid 71-72 Fearless or Grumpy 73-74 Ferocious or Worldly 75-76 Flippant or Kindly 77-78 Foolhardy or Gracious 79-80 Gallant or Troublemaking 81-82 Gloomy or Rugged 83-84 Haughty or Relentless 85-86 Independent or Shrewish 87-88 Impudent or Reasonable 89-90 Insolent or Show-Off 91-92 Phlegmatic or Superior 93-94 Pompous or Tough 95-96 Pugnacious or Valiant 97-98 Smug or Unrestrained 99-100 Supportive or Vehement

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Social Chart

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01-02 Alluring or Strong Presence 03-04 Aloof or Excitable 05-06 Argumentative or Pleasant 07-08 Arrogant or Leery 09-10 Beautiful or Handsome 11-12 Boastful or Knowledgable 13-14 Boisterous or Unflappable 15-16 Boring or Silly 17-18 Blunt or Thin-Skinned 19-20 Cagey or Rude 21-22 Candid or Timid 23-24 Caustic or Guarded 25-26 Charming or Dramatic 27-28 Chauvinistic or Ditzy 29-30 Clueless or Intimidating 31-32 Cold/Unemotional or Talkative 33-34 Confident or Plain 35-36 Conservative or Humorous 37-38 Cordial or Evasive 39-40 Cranky or Fast Talking 41-42 Critical or Wallflower 43-44 Dainty or Oafish 45-46 Dashing or Prim & Proper 47-48 Defensive or Snobby 49-50 Detached or Stubborn 51-52 Disrespectful or Popular 53-54 Dour or Spontaneous 55-56 Down-to-Earth or Soft-Spoken 57-58 Droll or Merry 59-60 Dumb or Vivacious 61-62 Erudite or Morbid 63-64 Extravagant or Polite 65-66 Fiery-Tempered or Meek 67-68 Freethinking or Unfriendly 69-70 Friendly or Nervous 71-72 Fussy or Slick 73-74 Gregarious or Quiet 75-76 Glum or Personable 77-78 Humorless or Nice 79-80 Ignorant or Sympathetic 81-82 Impatient or Shy 83-84 Important-Sounding or Quarrelsome 85-86 Inconsiderate or Perceptive 87-88 Interesting or Unhinged 89-90 Juvenile or Quick-Witted 91-92 Likeable or Serious 93-94 Morose or Whimsical 95-96 Nonchalant/Cool or Sensitive 97-98 Obnoxious or Vulgar 99-100 Socially-Skilled or Whiny

Character Chart

d100

01-02 Ambitious or Diligent 03-04 Apathetic or Magnanimous 05-06 Battlescarred or Reckless 07-08 Bigoted or Submissive 09-10 Brave or Paranoid 11-12 Callous or Fair 13-14 Calm or Wicked 15-16 Careful or Ethical 17-18 Careless or Respectful 19-20 Cautious or Self-Righteous 21-22 Chaste or Violent 23-24 Chivalrous or Kind-Hearted 25-26 Close-Minded or Trustworthy 27-28 Corrupt or Rigid 29-30 Courageous or Immoral 31-32 Cowardly or Mercenary 33-34 Cruel or Trusting 35-36 Curious or Spiteful 37-38 Deceitful or Mature 39-40 Defiant or Sagacious 41-42 Deviant or Obedient 43-44 Disciplined or Self-Centered 45-46 Egotistical or Honest 47-48 Empathic or Lazy 49-50 Exacting or Hedonistic 51-52 Farsighted or Weak-Kneed 53-54 Fastidious or Narcissistic 55-56 Foolish or Moral 57-58 Frugal or Ignoble 59-60 Generous or Sinful 61-62 Greedy or Squeamish 63-64 Gullible or Organized 65-66 Hateful or Romantic 67-68 Honorable or Predatory 69-70 Humble or Unscrupulous 71-72 Ignorant or Nice 73-74 Immature or Spiritual 75-76 Impulsive or Tolerant 77-78 Industrious or Sadistic 79-80 Innocent or Self-Assured 81-82 Judgmental or Selfish 83-84 Materialistic or Righteous 85-86 Meticulous or Vindictive 87-88 Neutral or Shrewd 89-90 Passive-Aggressive or Suspicious 91-92 Peaceful or Scrupulous 93-94 Pious or Self-Deprecating 95-96 Prudent or Thoughtless 97-98 Resolute or Thoughtful 99-100 Resourceful or Zealous

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Look Chart

51. Nervous or Seductive

52. Normal or Embittered

d100 1. All Business or Unhealthy 2. Angry or Frail 3. Anxious or Worn Out 4. Arrogant or Enthusiastic 5. Attractive or Delicate 6. Beautiful or Savage 7. Blank or Important 8. Bossy or Sensitive 9. Bubbly or Barbarous 10. Calm or Mysterious 11. Capable or Peaceful 12. Charismatic or Artistic 13. Cheerful or Calm 14. Childish or Hostile 15. Closed Off or Trendy 16. Clueless or Affable 17. Cool or Gentle 18. Craven or Good-Natured 19. Crazy or Soft 20. Curious or Fetching 21. Dauntless or Unsure 22. Desirable or Stout 23. Different or Earnest 24. Dim or Affluent 25. Easy Going or Gluttonous 26. Edgy or Imperious 27. Energetic or Scary 28. Entitled or Frumpy 29. Evil or Pretentious 30. Excitable or Clever 31. Fashionable or Surly 32. Foolish or Cranky 33. Funny Looking or Vain 34. Gallant or Domineering 35. Graceful or Irritable 36. Gregarious or Snobby 37. Grim or Common 38. Harsh or Muscular 39. Innocent or Frightful 40. Intellectual or Patient 41. Intelligent or Hearty 42. Judgmental or Halcyon 43. Likeable or Neurotic 44. Malicious or Feisty 45. Mean or Sturdy 46. Meek or Off-Beat 47. Messy or Alluring 48. Mighty or Disinterested

49. Moody or Ravishing

50. Mousy or Carefree

- 66. Simple or Confident 67. Sleazy or Quiet 68. Slow or Vicious 69. Slow Witted 70. Smart or Obstinate 71. Solid or Bizarre 72. Sophisticated or Waspish 73. Sour or Pompous 74. Snobby or Dull 75. Spirited or Stoic 76. Stern or Distractible 77. Strange or Magisterial 78. Strong or Reserved 79. Suspicious or Serene 80. Tense or Sunny 81. Terrible or Emotional 82. Timid or Brawny 83. Tired or Unpretentious 84. Touchy or Frazzled 85. Tough or Warm 86. Trendy or Cold 87. Trustworthy or Crippled 88. Ugly or Rugged 89. Uncompromising or Relaxed 90. Uncultured or Evil 91. Unhappy or Plain 92. Unkempt or Handsome 93. Unlikeable 94. Unreadable or Pleasant 95. Vain or Vulnerable 96. Weak or Exotic
 - 97. Wise or Disagreeable
 - 98. World-Weary or Tender
 - 99. Worried or Volatile
 - 100. Youthful or Fretful

Cause for Adventuring

d100

- 01-02 Academic Reasons or Make Money
- 03-04 Advancement or Escape Family
- 05-06 Adventure or See the World
- 07-08 Atonement or Follower
- 09-10 Bad Fortune or Patriotism
- 11-12 Belief or Searching for Something
- 13-14 Boredom or Find Evidence/Proof
- 15-16 Commit Crime or Military Service
- 17-18 Curiosity or Religious Duties
- 19-20 Defeat Evils or Lost Livelihood
- 21-22 Destiny or On a Quest
- 23-24 Do Good or Escape the Law
- 25-26 Duty or Magical/Supernatural Sensitivity
- 27-28 Employment to Someone Else or On the Run
- 29-30 Ennui or Need for Danger
- 31-32 Escape Dead End Existence or Shamed
- 33-34 Excitement or Protect the Innocent
- 35-36 Fame or Help Friends
- 37-38 Fired/Blacklisted or Forced into It
- 39-40 Fortune or Escape Social Station
- 41-42 Gain Money/Property or Expectations
- 43-44 Have a Better Life or Need for Novelty
- 45-46 Help People or Apply Skills/Knowledge
- 47-48 Improve the World or Death Wish
- 49-50 Intellectual Curiosity or Fulfill a Commitment
- 51-52 Justice or Prophetic/Supernatural Abilities
- 53-54 Lost Family or Thirst for Knowledge
- 55-56 Lost Home or Arrogance
- 57-58 Love or Defeat a Specific Evil
- 59-60 Mercenary Work or Earn Acceptance
- 61-62 Name Making or Responsibility
- 63-64 Nationalism or Banishment
- 65-66 Need for Greatness or Thirst for Power
- 67-68 Only Thing You Can Do or Desire for Combat
- 69-70 People Destroyed or Gain Higher Status
- 71-72 Professional Work/Research or Support Others
- 73-74 Prove Yourself or Forced by Fortune
- 75-76 Rare Aesthetic Sensitivity or Events Forced You
- 77-78 Record Adventures or Terrible Events
- 79-80 Religion or Bad Luck
- 81-82 Return/Restore Home or Fulfill Greater Plans
- 83-84 Revenge or Become a Leader/Ruler
- 85-86 Save Own Skin or Intellectual Reasons
- 87-88 Scholarship or Terrible Shock
- 89-90 Set Wrongs Right or Become Different
- 91-92 Societal Obligation or Desire to Travel
- 93-94 Solve Crimes or Escape Life
- 95-96 Treasure Hunting or In Service
- 97-98 Wanderlust or Lost Old Profession
- 99-100 Wealth or Seeking Own Kind



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- 01-02 Abusive or Completely Out of Shape
- 03-04 Amoral or Dabbles in Evil Magics/Experiments
- 05 Arsonist/Vandal or Dark Past
- 06-07 Bigoted or Ineffective at Job
- 08-09 Bounty on Head or Evil
- 10-11 Broke or Hateful
- 12-13 Cares Only About Themselves or Jingoistic
- 14-15 Con Artist or Troublemaker
- 16-17 Consumed by Goal or Obsessed with Power
- 18 Corrupt or Terribly Immature
- 19-20 Cursed or Troublemaker
- 21-22 Dangerous Nemesis or Addicted
- 23-24 Death Wish or Greedy
- 25-26 Deserter or Consumed by Desire
- 27-28 Directionless or Untrusting
- 29 Dutybound or Extremely Suspicious
- 30-31 Embittered or Fight Starter
- 32-33 Enemies or Uncertain About What They Want
- 34-35 Excessively Vain or Immoral
- 36-37 Fake or Anxiety Trouble
- 38-39 Family was Murdered or Selfish
- 40-41 Follower of Dark Powers or Status Obsessed
- 42 Gossip-Spreader or Secret Goals
- 43-44 Guilty or Violent Temperament
- 45-46 Habitually Antagonistic or Self Sabotaging
- 47-48 Haunted by Past or Doomed
- 49-50 Incapable of Empathy or Callous
- 51-52 Is a Criminal or Family was Evil
- 53-54 Lost Everything or Personal Uncertainty
- 55-56 Murderer or Owes a Debt
- 57-58 No Drive or Bribable
- 59-60 Obsessed with Bigger Plan or Corrupted
- 61-62 Offended Greater Powers or Sociopathic
- 63-64 On a Mission or Supremely Ignorant
- 65-66 Over-Dedicated to Cause or Uses People
- 67-68 Overwhelmingly Egotistical or Malcontent
- 69 Paranoid or Blinded by Hate
- 70-71 Potential Sell-Out or Too Cowardly
- 72-73 Secret Desires or Bad Fortune
- 74-75 Self Destructive or Former Criminal
- 76-77 Self-Centered or Dying
- 78 Shamed Family or Consumed by Revenge
- 79-80 Socially Incapable or Drunkenness
- 81-82 Spy/Secret Agent or Guilty over Past
- 83-84 Supremely Greedy or Destined for Trouble
- 85-86 Terrible Secret or Driven to Accomplish Scheme
- 87-88 Thieving or Narcissistic
- 89-90 Trouble with Authority or Defined by Their Failures
- 91-92 Unable to Relate to Others or Single Minded
- 93-94 Unlikeable or Prone to Making Big Mistakes
- 95-96 Untrustworthy or Oathbound
- 97-98 Very Religious or Emotionally Troubled
- 99-100 Wanted or Mentally Ill

Oddity Chart

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001-007 Abhors Violence or Talent: Carving/Craftmaking 008-014 Afraid of Big Cities or Night Owl 015-020 Afraid of Insects or Practical Joker 021-027 Afraid of Nature or Talks to Self 028-034 Afraid of Rats or Loves Music 035-040 Afraid of the Dark or Natural Leader 041-047 Afraid of the Paranormal or Very Skeptical of Others 048-054 Afraid of Water or Loves Theatre/Movies 055-060 Albino/Skin Abnormality or Very Argumentative 061-067 Always Complaining or Distrusted by Animals/Children 068-074 Always Dirty or Loves to Talk About Themselves 075-080 Always Finds Fault or Very Soft-Hearted 081-087 Always Think They're Being Cheated or Wine Lover 088-094 Always Wants the Highest Quality or Very Touchy-Feely 095-100 Ambidextrous or Talent: Night Vision 101-107 Anti-Intellectual or Loves Playing Cards 108-114 Artistically Talented/Inclined or Well Known/Famous/Infamous 115-120 Asexual or Suffers from Severe Allergies 121-127 Atheist/Very Nonreligious or Very/Excessively Normal 128-134 Athletic/Loves Sports or Younger Looking 135-140 Baby Faced or Talent: Cooking 141-147 Back Back or Painfully Shy 148-154 Bad at Dealing with Authority or Very Superstitious 155-160 Bad Teeth or Napper 161-167 Bald or Very Cheap 168-174 Believes in Astrology/Horoscopes or Very Stubborn 175-180 Big Collector (of Something) or Very Strong 181-187 Big Ears or Orphan 188-194 Big Feet/Hands or Very Sexist 195-200 Big Nose or Very Self-Centered 201-207 Big/Attractive Eyes or Loves Military/Weapons History 208-214 Big/Belly Laugher or Very Dependent/Needful of Others 215-220 Bites Nails or Nature Lover 221-227 Black Sheep or Obsessive-Compulsive 228-234 Blows Through Money or Strong Chin 235-240 Body Builder or Never Makes Eye Contact 241-247 Brawler or Steals 248-254 Can Drink Lots or Masochistic 255-260 Chuckles a Lot or Past Scandal 261-267 Claustrophobic or Proud/Noble Bearing 268-274 Complains About Politics/Rulers or Very Skinny 275-280 Conspiratorial Thinker or Loves Game (Golf, Billiards, Etc.) 281-287 Convert to a Foreign Religion or Very Secretive 288-294 Cracks Knuckles or Talent: Acting 295-300 Crippled/Syndrome Sufferer or Very Rude 301-307 Cursed or Loves Sweets 308-314 Daredevil or Very Flirtatious 315-320 Daydreamer or Narcissistic 321-327 Deeply in Love or Smoker

328-334 Dependent on Family Wealth/Support or Very Religious



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335-340 Depressed or Talent: Acrobatics 341-347 Detests Children or Stutters 348-354 Dislikes Animals or Loves Science/History 355-360 Dislikes Specific Religion or Swimmer 361-367 Dislikes the Poor/Rich or Never Forgets a Face 368-374 Distrusts City Folk or Talent: Chess/Games 375-380 Distrusts Opposite Sex or Terrible Memory 381-387 Distrusts Rural Folk or Very Manipulative 388-394 Doesn't Like Being Dirty or Radical Beliefs 395-400 Doesn't Trust Academics or Very Quick-Witted 401-407 Doesn't Trust Doctors or Talent: Music 408-414 Doesn't Trust Foreigners or Very Polite/Well Mannered 415-420 Double Jointed or Talent: Archery/Trick Shooting 421-427 Drinks Heavily or Very Persuasive 428-434 Drug User or Very Loud 435-440 Early Bird or Loves Strong/Spicy Food 441-447 Estranged from Family or Very Irresponsible 448-454 Exaggerates Everything or Unappreciative of Art 455-460 Excellent Judge of Character or Talks in Their Sleep 461-467 Extreme Fear of Heights or Very Indecisive 468-474 Extremely Boorish or Self Educated/Self Made 475-480 Extremely Easy Going or Thinks It's Best to Be Plain/Common 481-487 Extremely Loyal or Terribly Naive/Innocent 488-494 Extremely Moral or Talent: Climbing 495-500 Fast Talker or Loves Pets 501-507 Fidgets or Strong Spoken 508-514 Food Lover or Mumbles 515-520 Foreign Parent(s) or Sneering 521-527 Freckled or Talent: Horseback/Other Riding 528-534 Free Spirit or Polyglot 535-540 Frequent Groomer or Very Bossy 541-547 Gambler or Loves Meditating 548-554 Gardener or Odd Fashion Tastes 555-560 Gestures a Lot or Loves Fishing/Hunting 561-567 Gets Drunk Easy or Loves Myths/Fables 568-574 Good at Impersonations or Periods of Mania 575-580 Good Storyteller or Uses Very Strong Eye Contact 581-587 Good with Children or Slow Speaker 588-594 Gossiper or Terrible Nightmares 595-600 Great Sense of Taste/Smell or Very Agile 601-607 Great Smile or Vegetarian/Abhors Violence Toward Animals 608-614 Guilt-Ridden or Loves Exercising 615-620 Had a Strong Religious Experience or Very Inconsiderate 621-627 Haggles Over Everything or Very Impulsive 628-634 Hard of Hearing or Loves Shopping 635-640 Has a Favorite Catchphrase or Very Imaginative 641-647 Hates Being Touched or Terrible Liar 648-654 Hates Lawyers or Talent: Writing/Poetry 655-660 Hates Superstition or Older Looking 661-667 Hates to Travel or Pulls on Hair

668-674 Hates Upper/Lower Classes or Natural with Opposite Sex 675-680 Heavy Packer for Travels or Paces Constantly 681-687 Heavy Snorer or Loves to Sing 688-694 High Pitched Voice or Talent: People Skills 695-700 Huge Beard/Very Long Hair or Very Hedonistic 701-707 Hyper-Vigilant or Very Fashionable 708-714 Hypochondriac or Obsessed with Social Equality 715-720 Immaculate Appearance or Very Cruel 721-727 Impulsive Buyer or Low Pitched Voice 728-734 Incredible Memory or Refuses to Travel by Certain Means 735-740 Ingeniously Clever or Talks About Others 741-747 Iron-Willed or Monotone/Droll Speaker 748-754 Irrepressible Personality or Traumatized by Ordeal 755-760 Kleptomaniac or Very Chatty 761-767 Know-It-All or Loves Jewelry 768-774 Knowledge: Animals or Notable Scar 775-780 Knowledge: Astronomy or Strangely Lucky 781-787 Knowledge: Boating or Perfect Teeth 788-794 Knowledge: Botany or Loves Festivals/Fairs 795-800 Knowledge: Carpentry or Loves to Travel 801-807 Knowledge: Chemistry/Alchemy or Many Tattoos 808-814 Knowledge: Dancing or Loves Fossil/Artifacts 815-820 Knowledge: Economics or Only Eats Bland Food Knowledge: Engineering or Uses Odd Slang 821-827 828-834 Knowledge: Etiquette or Refuses to Talk About Themselves 835-840 Knowledge: Geography/Other Lands or Sadistic 841-847 Knowledge: Geology or Very Empathetic 848-854 Knowledge: Heraldry/Nobility or Very Happy/Upbeat 855-860 Knowledge: Martial Arts/Wrestling or Very Good Eyesight 861-867 Knowledge: Mathematics/Physics or Very Fearful 868-874 Knowledge: Medicine/First Aid or Loves Writing Letters 875-880 Knowledge: Natural Sciences or Teetotaller 881-887 Knowledge: News/Politics/Events or Very Funny 888-894 Knowledge: Other Peoples/Species or Very Charitable 895-900 Knowledge: Paranormal or Very Authoritarian 901-907 Knowledge: Psychology or Very Distractible 908-914 Knowledge: Sparring/Fencing or Very Hard-Hearted 915-920 Knowledge: Undead/Necromancy or Very Impatient 921-927 Knowledge: Underworld/Crime or Very Good Hearing 928-934 Limps or Obsessed with Moving Up in Life 935-940 Lost Love or Talent: Drawing/Painting 941-947 Lots of Swagger or Very Pale 948-954 Loved by Animals or Strange Ancestry/Genetics 955-960 Loves Architecture or Never Takes Blame 961-967 Loves Books or Very Courageous 968-974 Loves Brewing/Winemaking/Food Making or Very Fast 975-980 Loves Cologne/Perfume or Very Strong Build 981-987 Loves Comedy or Very Poor Eyesight 988-994 Loves Dancing or Very Clumsy 995-000 Loves Eschatology or Very Fair



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Location Guide

The Location Guide contains descriptions of twelve commonly and not-so-commonly encountered places and institutions. By reading them over you should gain a better understanding of each one, which will allow you to integrate them into your adventures much more easily. Knowing who you will find at a king's court, or what the inside of a sailing ship looks like should free up your imagination and keep you from getting stuck.

Castle/Fort/Outpost

These serve as fortified military centers that might serve to protect a ruler or be used to protect military members and holdings in potentially hostile territory. The principal means of protection provided by these structures would be a wall, which restricts access to inside the fortification and protects those within from weaponry. Additional defensive features could include things like a moat to restrict access to the walls, fortified gates, use of high ground or an otherwise difficult approach, and offensive structures that allow for castle defenders to inflict harm on attackers. An organized military presence, called a garrison, runs the operations of castles and forts, ensuring the grounds are guarded, and look-outs are used to scan the surrounding areas for danger.

The offensive technology of a time dictates the design of fortifications, medieval castles did not have to contend with explosive shells and were built to keep out ground soldiers who did not have the capacity to structurally damage the walls. Western forts used by the United States cavalry used wooden walls, or had no walls at all, as they were not thought necessary, nor were the forts built to be long term structures. Fantasy settings featuring winged monsters like dragons might have castles with extensive and effective anti-aerial weapons and defenses. In futuristic settings forts may use shielding technology that cannot be penetrated through physical force, use extensive offensive capabilities to dissuade attackers, or be built deep underground.

Church or Monastery

A church is a building constructed by or for a religious group. Any church or temple will have regular, pre-arranged services, rites, or rituals done as part of following the religion, often for the benefit of followers who show up for these events, or sometimes only for the priests or priestesses and perhaps for the special benefit of the worshipped deity.

Worship services can differ widely, sometimes they take the form of a sermon, whereby original texts and stories of the religion are expanded upon by the priest there, for the benefit of listeners. Other services can consist of the precise execution of certain rituals, readings of texts, sacrifices, and so on. How often these services happen and what they consist of is determined by the nature of religion in the society they are in, along with the goals of the church or cult in question. Some monotheistic religions may be an exclusive provider of religion in the local populations' lives, which can lead to frequent services and an interest in providing direction for individuals in social matters. In polytheistic religions a temple serving one god may only have formal services a few times a year, along with little interest in sermons and moral tutelage.

During regular times of non-service many churches or temples will often have open hours for the public, to allow them to offer prayers or sacrifices, meditate on important matters, and speak to religious personnel. Churches are staffed by dedicated priests or priestesses, of differing rank and experience, and they likewise will be available for religious counseling and other quasi-therapeutic services.

Churches could also be important for the planning and arrangement of social events, feasts, festivals, plays and performances. These could be very important to the lives of the local population, providing them with entertainment and leisure, as well



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as a way to connect with their own communities more closely. People's enjoyment of these functions could also increase the standing or reputation of the church or cult, and in cases of polytheistic cultures could result in some competition.

A monastery is a building or complex of buildings for monks or nuns to live, separated (to differing degrees) from the rest of the world. There committed devotees may spend their lives in contemplation based around the religion they follow. They may also work to create copies of religious texts, write essays based on matters of religious philosophy, or provide services for the good of the local population.

Monks or nuns can provide hospital-like care, organize charity for the needy, give schooling for children, and provide help to those in need of writing or reading, especially in largely illiterate societies, as well possible having a library. Monastery members may also work to maintain some amount of self-sufficiency by keeping gardens and growing crops, as well as as other food making such as cheese, beer, and bread production. They may also engage in craft work which allows the sale of their created goods to buy the rations and supplies their community requires.



Criminal Organizations/Secret Societies

Organized crime operates to allow greater criminal operations and opportunities for crime that could only be achieved through an organized order of members. Such criminal operations can be very similar to a business operation, or can literally be an illicit business in cases like prostitution, gambling, banned drug sales, and smuggling. Of course organized criminals are largely interested in any means of making money (typically illegally) and the following means are common: extortion, blackmail, protection rackets, hijackings, burglary, fraud through insurance, banking, and government contracts, counterfeiting currency, counterfeiting rare and expensive goods, money laundering, smuggling of banned items or drugs, smuggling of stolen goods, sale of illegal items and fencing, prostitution, human trafficking, human smuggling, gambling, fixing of gambling events, skimming money from legitimate business operations, business fraud, fraud through corruption of workers' unions and other organizations, insider trading and other financial market fraud, and political corruption to give a large but not exhaustive list.

Criminal organizations, not unlike armies, require work often involving violence and may employ habitually violent individuals, which perhaps causes a need for strict hierarchy and control in order to maintain the cohesiveness of the operation as well as the safety and continuing leadership of its highest ranking members. Ranks are often created along with divisions and subdivisions of members, in order to maintain control and direct the work of the common level criminal at the bottom of the power structure. There are often strong elements of cultural values and ritual within the workings of organized crime groups.

During periods that allow for the development of organized crime, competition between groups can result as both attempt to claim their share of a particular criminal enterprise or area of operations. Criminals may be very territorial over areas they feel they control, and violent conflict can result from another group attempting to conduct operations within such areas. Also struggles for power within an organized crime group habitually go



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outside the law in their means, with assassinations being a common tool to eliminate rivals.

Organized crime may be based around ethnic or other culturally identifiable lines. They may also be family based, with a particular family holding power over the group, and other families serving under them in a patronage system. Membership may be impossible, or at least severely limited, for those who are not within the correct ethnic group or families.



Secret societies are organizations that keep their internal events and operations secret from non-members and society at large. Secret societies will have a reason for existence, for a mere fraternal social club it will simply be to provide a place of leisure to members, for more nefarious groups the purpose could be a singular mission or result, such as the destruction of society or the taking of power by their villainous leader.

A secret society almost certainly involves a great amount of ritual and hierarchy, members being expected to respect and follow their rules in order to continue moving up in rank, or perhaps simply to continue living. Knowledge of the operations and goals of a secret society are only given away gradually as one moves up in rank, the most important secrets only being known to those at the top. Lower members may be expected to perform acts of crime or violence in order to prove their loyalty and advance the goals of the organization. Or they may even be used as sacrifices or expendable fodder over the course of operations.

Secret societies often make use of secret symbols or codes in order to communicate with each other secretly within open society. They may also make use of conspiracies in order to gain greater power and place membership within positions of authority.

Military Structure/Army Camps

Militaries are hierarchically structured, starting often with the ruling body of a nation, or an army general in the case of unaffiliated armies, then working down through a series of military ranks. Marshals, generals, and commanders could oversee the entirety of a fighting force, while lesser officers oversee smaller and smaller divisions of fighting men until one reaches the rank of a common soldiers. Under feudal systems rank was not entirely formalized, though a lord was responsible for the men he provided to the lord ranked above him, and so on until one reached the level of the King or his chosen commander.

Soldiers serving in a force could be broken up in any number of ways, using many different terms, but generally one can understand that an army was the whole of the fighting force, and from there groups were divided and subdivided based on the type of soldier, their role in battle, and the need to maintain command and control over them at a variety of levels during combat. Discipline and the strict following of orders are very important for the purposes of an army, especially given the violent nature of their work and the fact that they often require soldiers to do things they would prefer not to do. As such strict etiquette and adherence to rules and structure are heavily enforced, with more control and freedom being in the hands of high ranking military officers, and near-total obedience being expected from the lowest ranking fighting men.



Army camps for armies on the move required many logistical considerations, meaning far more than soldiers could be found there. Supply wagons and possibly staff, or staffing soldiers, oversaw the supplies of the army such as food. Soldiers could be made to supply their own food, or be forced to forage the surrounding lands, stealing whatever food and supplies they could find. Those who sold things or services to soldiers in the army would follow as they moved, so-called camp followers, who stayed around the edges of the encampment.



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Within a camp officers and the high ranking would enjoy better accommodations, such as large tents and quality meals, while regular soldiers may or may not have tents, and would often cook their own meals communally around a fire. Soldiers were assigned to maintain guards to watch the camp while higher ranking officers could have dedicated bodyguards maintaining watch around the area of their tents.

Police Station/Town Watch

Modern police stations often have holding cells and interrogation rooms, along with offices for the officers, detectives, and staff. A police station will likely have a sheriff, police captain, or chief of police that runs it, or possibly several stations. Police officers perform their policing duties headquartered out of such locations, and will return with arrested individuals or evidence to be processed there.

In medieval settings a town watch may keep order, or a town may have a constable who can make use of non-professional assistants to help in criminal matters. Town watch officers may arrest suspected criminals or dispense beatings and other summary judgments on the spot. Military soldiers and men-at-arms may also be used to keep order in a city, or arrest individuals under the orders of a lord.



Restaurant/Bar/Club

Businesses which serve food or drinks are often divided between two areas: the front of the house where customers are served and the back of the house where prep work is done by employees and raw goods are stored. A manager uninvolved in the actual work of the kitchen typically runs the establishment, handling administrative tasks such as scheduling, finances, and buying of materials.

A head chef may run the kitchen, design menus, and make other decisions regarding the food served. A sous chef will serve as their second in command, with line cooks handling different specific stations actually cooking or preparing most of the food. Stations depend on what the restaurant serves and are commonly divided by the apparatus used in the cooking of the cuisine, though it's possible to require multiple cooks to man identical stations to handle a high workload. Staff beneath the cooks may do menial prep work before the restaurant opens, and during service.



The front of the house employees are those who interact with customers such as hosts, waiters, bussers, bartenders, and maitre d's. Runners may be employed to bridge the gap between the kitchen and the front of the house, bringing out food to the waiter or the customer as plates are finished, and barbacks used to keep bars stocked and operational while bartenders serve customers.

Bars and clubs may also employ entertainment, either with regular employees such as DJs, house bands, or dancers, or by booking independent acts to perform shows. Due to possible incidents involving patrons consuming alcohol and the need to restrict access at the door, bars and clubs will employ security or bouncers, and possibly at-door personnel to check IDs and collect cover charges. Clubs may also have promoters who do low level advertising of the club and its events through temporary signage and social contacts.



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Ruler's Court

A court serves as an extension of a ruler's household, allowing them to execute the business of the state from their royal residence. It serves as not only the center of political power in a state, but also may be a cultural and business center, as many important and wealthy individuals are to be found there.

Within a royal court characters can expect to find the royal family, of course, as well as many important ministers and courtiers. A high steward, prime minister, or viceroy could serve directly under the king as his primary political executive, acting on behalf of the monarch when he was unable to. Chancellors could handle executive matters of law, and other important means of government involving writing. A chamberlain will likely be employed to manage the royal household and holdings, while a seneschal manages the monarch's security and perhaps his servants. A treasurer would look after the nation's finances. High religious officials would also serve near the king, depending on what type of religions predominate the area. A privy council made up multiple appointees would advise the king in matters of state, and could have several titles within it. Also a commander or commanders of the army and navy would likely be present.

Besides officials, many noble courtiers could be found at court, some looking for promotion to an important position within government, others just looking to be where the action is. Ladies-in-waiting are noble women serving as companions to female members of the royal family, and ensuring they are well looked after. And in general it does not hurt to become a friend and companion to a person belonging to a more important family.



Often a ruler would hold court from a throne room, a large place where many people could be present and individuals could gain an audience. Over succeeding generations etiquette and formality could become quite pronounced, with social position being quite important to keep in mind when addressing both the royals as well as the nobles and officers at court.



Ships

Naval ships can be used for the transport of individuals or goods, fishing, exploration, or military purposes. Space on a ship is obviously at a premium, and the inside of the vessel is based on the purpose it exists for.

Quarters must be provided for the crew, officers and important personnel may have large apartments, perhaps offices, while regular sailors may have as little as a bunk or hammock. A galley is where food is cooked and served for the crew based off their rations. Supply rooms hold food (often preserved foods like salted meat, dried legumes, and hardened bread), water, beer or rum, tobacco, and other useful items like candles, paper, and so on.

If a ship is armed it has space for its weapons, such as cannon, as well as supply rooms to hold shells and gunpowder. As combat is a relatively rare event, even for military vessel, this space may be used for different things a majority of the time, with weaponry secured in place or stored. There may also be an armory to store weaponry, and ships may even hold a compliment of marines or security personnel.

Sailing vessels are propelled with their sails, the masts extending deep into the ship, while ships with engines require engine rooms as well as space to store fuel, be it oil, coal, or something else. Ships with mechanical propulsion can be larger and heavier than sailing vessels. Lower decks may also have pumps, such as a bilge pump, to remove water from inside the ship, or bring aboard water for specific purposes.



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Ships may be controlled from the ship's wheel by a helmsman, though more modern ships can have a bridge, where the command and navigation staff can operate the ship. This is located at a higher part of the ship above the deck, giving the captain and staff a good view.

Cargo ships may utilize large amounts of their hull to store goods, perhaps even containing tanks to seal in materials. Modern cargo ships make good use of the space outside their hulls, stacking cargo on the deck in shipping containers. Ships can be specialized for carrying certain cargo and only be used in that capacity.



Futuristic space ships will likely be designed in similar ways, with many of the same practical concerns in mind as modern naval vessels. Space craft have additional needs as well, like air supply and water recycling systems. Gravity conditions could be created by spinning the vessel as it moves through space, or with some as of yet unimagined gravitational technology.

While sailing across the ocean can already be quite dangerous should problems arise, traveling through space would prove even more hazardous. Damage to the hull would expose the crew to the void of space, where death would be quite swift. The propulsion technology may involve radioactive materials, accidents with such engines could cause radiation leaks or even explosions. Radiation from natural cosmic phenomena could also prove deadly without sufficient shielding from the hull of the space craft. Finally debilitating malfunctions within a spacecraft could potentially mean certain death for the crew depending on the setting imagined. The vast distances involved may mean a crew is stuck stranded without their main engine in operation, with no hope of possibly drifting to some place hospitable or crossing paths with another vessel by chance, and a damaged ship or escape pods may not have the ability to re-enter a planetary atmosphere and land even if such an opportunity were available.

Stock Market/Exchange

Live stock markets are bustling places where stock brokers ask for bids and others shout their offers back to them. This can set the going prices for commodities and stocks, which are then purchased and proper records are made. Sales of stocks being set in such a way then also allows for buyers and sellers off the stock exchange floor to possibly agree upon that price.

Depending on the level of technology available prices may be sent on a ticker, which then prints the prices out on a thin strip of paper so financial brokerages and other businesses can keep track of what is happening. Less technologically advanced societies may utilize a variety of scribes, runners, and other support staff to keep everyone up to date. On the floor prices are likely written on a board or put into a screen display so everyone there knows going prices.

Futuristic societies may not have any "open outcry" exchanges, instead doing everything via computer, even if they have a centralized exchange building. Of course having everything run digitally opens the door for all kinds of high tech malfeasance and computing tricks (in a roleplaying world at least).

Tribal Society

Some tribes can be small and feature few to no formal distinctions between members, while other tribes may feature a hierarchy of leadership and special positions of authority. Tribes with hierarchy likely have a chief, perhaps with a council of elders or leading warriors, or a council of the chief's hand picked lieutenants. The chief and other respected leaders would make decisions for the tribe, resolve disputes, and handle dealings with outsiders.

The execution of military and combat matters may fall largely to younger tribe members outside of the upper echelon of tribal leadership, though leaders will emerge naturally or be assigned for when direction is needed on the battlefield if this is the case. There may be other positions of social importance such as being religious leader, or the person who maintains the rituals and rites of the tribe.



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Universities

Universities grant academic degrees in advanced subjects. Universities can be split up into different colleges, each with their own specific subject focus. In Medieval times religion and law were the predominant subjects, but that focus gradually expanded and in modern times all manner of degree subjects can be studied including all the major sciences, mathematics, languages, writing, history and cultural studies, theatre, business, and so on.

Universities commonly have a president to oversee operations, as well as a board of directors who control university finances, hirings, and other important matters. Each department can have its own hierarchy, a department chair who oversees operations within their subject, professors who generally do the lecturing to students and conduct research, and graduate students who assist professors both in their teaching and their research.

Professors hold doctorate degrees in their given field, one can still teach at a university and not be a professor, often holding a master's degree, and their teaching responsibilities can depend on their subspecialties and seniority. Newly hired professors are expected to publish appropriate amounts of research or complete other professional work in order to remain in their position, though if they prove themselves worthy of the position over several years they gain the status of tenured professor. A professor with tenure holds their position until retirement, unless they give exceptional cause worthy of termination.

Graduate students are studying to attain an advanced degree. In addition to studies they likely will engage in apprenticeship programs, work as assistants to professors, and perform some teaching duties for undergraduate classes. Time spent pursuing a graduate degree is expected to be difficult and generally very busy.

Undergraduate students are those pursuing a bachelor's degree, or a shorter associate's degree. College students are normally young, having just graduated from secondary education, and their time at university is often as much about new found social freedoms and the pursuit of an adult identity as it is about learning. As such universities often provide many communal events, clubs, and societies for students to participate in. Fraternities and sororities provide a formal social club for belonging, as well possible living groups. Belonging to a fraternity or sorority, or even a specific fraternity or sorority, can be seen as very important for some incoming undergraduate students. Collegiate athletics are quite popular as students root for their respective sports teams, and can help provide a strong sense of belonging and collegiate identity.

Finances are very important for universities, as they are expensive both to run and attend. Students may require loans in order to afford classes, or they may depend on their parents being able to pay their bills. During certain periods of history this created a class effect in the attendance, as often only the rich sent their children for university degrees. A university is likely to engage in many different fundraising activities like dinners, theatrical and musical performances, galas, and so on.

Workshops and Factories

Factories will feature extensive machinery and likely menial level workers who operate it. Support staff may be used for cleaning, collection of scrap or spills, and maintenance. Office workers who provide secretarial functions, finances and payroll, as well as management of raw materials and distribution of finished product may work on site or nearby. Many manufacturing operations require large shipping areas to receive and dispense materials, which are shuttled back and forth between loading areas and the factory proper. Management oversees workers, ensures proper production, and handles operating decisions that may come up.

Conditions inside factories can vary widely, a futuristic factory may be run almost entirely through automated machinery and robots, while a factory from the 19th century may be crowded with workers, have dirty air, and be unconcerned with safety in the layout of operations, resulting in frequent injuries and deaths.



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The Covetous Poet's <u>Adventure Creator - Plot Sheet</u>

STORY PLOT	<u>Storylines</u>
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Opposition:	1.
Motivation:	
Theme:	
Plot Device:	
Plot Device:	
Action + Thing:	
Action + Thing:	2.
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STORY BACKGROUND	
Complication:	
Complication:	
Plot Device:	3.
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Location:	4.
Location:	
Notes :	5.
	6.
	7.
	8.

<u>NPCs</u>	Locations
	1
	2
	3
	4
	5
	6
	7
<u>Clues / Evidence</u>	<u>Items / Equipment</u>

The Covetous Poet's <u>Adventure Creator - Act 1</u>

Initial Oddity:			
Inciting Incident:			

Act 1 Events	Ideas
	Event: Action: Thing: Plot: Opposition: Location:
2	Event: Action: Thing: Plot: Opposition: Location:
3	Event: Action: Thing: Plot: Opposition: Location:
4	Event: Action: Thing: Plot: Opposition: Location:

Act 1 Events	Ideas
5	Event:
	Action:
	Thing:
	Plot:
	Opposition:
	Location:
6	Event:
	Action:
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9	Event: Action:
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	Opposition:
	Location:
	Location
10	Event:
	Action:
	Thing:
	Plot:
	Opposition:
	Location:

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<u>Adventure Creator - Act 2</u>

<u>Act 2 Challenges</u>	Ideas
	Challenge: Action: Thing: Plot: Opposition: Location:
	Challenge: Action: Thing: Plot: Opposition: Location:
	Challenge:
	Challenge:
5	Challenge:

Act 2 Challenges	Ideas
	Challenge: Action: Thing: Plot: Opposition: Location:
	Challenge: Action: Thing: Plot: Opposition: Location:
	Challenge: Action: Thing: Plot: Opposition: Location:
	Challenge: Action: Thing: Plot: Opposition: Location:

Notes / Sketches

The Covetous Poet's <u>Adventure Creator - Act 3</u>

Finale		
Notes / Sketches		

<u>NPCs</u>	Locations
	1
	2
	3
	4
	5
	6
	7
<u>Clues / Evidence</u>	<u>Items / Equipment</u>

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Event Scene Chart

(2d6)

- 2. Very unexpected turn of events.
- 3. PCs receive or overhear news or information.
- 4. PCs run into trouble.
- 5. Something bad happens to a PC.
- 6. Plot thread (Pick one or create a new one.)
- 7. PCs asked to help or see reason to get involved.
- 8. A new NPC.
- 9. Something bad happens to a PC.
- 10. Something bad happens to all PCs.
- 11. Something good happens to a PC.
- 12. Ambiguous or strange event.

Challenge Scene Chart

- (2d6)
- 2. Collect evidence or recover items.
- 3. Spy on someone or do reconnaissance.
- 4. Curry favor or gain access.
- 5. Avoid danger or deal with threats.
- 6. Assist or save an NPC.
- 7. Survive an attack or incident.
- 8. Collect evidence or recover items.
- 9. Avoid danger or deal with threats. 10. Do research or find help.
- 11. Convince authorities or important NPCs.
- 12. Assist or save an NPC.

Three Act Structure

Act One - Event Scenes

The first act introduces the heroes to the events of the plot and hooks them into solving the story. By the end of the first act the characters should know enough about the plot to generally understand what they need to do in order to save the day.

Act Two - Challenge Scenes

Before the heroes can get to the ending and face the ultimate villain or obstacle and resolve the story for good, they must go through a series of smaller challenges. Only by defeating these lesser obstacles can the heroes get to the ending of the story.

Act Three - Finale

The final act is the big confrontation with the story's villain. If the heroes defeat this final challenge then they will have successfully completed the adventure and saved the day!

Personality Table

1. Aloof or Tough 2. Anxious or Vain 3. Arrogant or Foolish 4. Belligerent or Serious 5. Bigoted or Self-Righteous 6. Blunt or Guarded 7. Boisterous or Greedy 8. Boring or Squeamish 9. Bossy or Reasonable 10. Bright or Moody 11. Cagey or Timid 12. Callous or Paranoid 13. Cantankerous or Stoical 14. Careless or Polite 15. Charming or Snobby 16. Clever or Neurotic 17. Close-Minded or Kind-Hearted 18. Cold or Fast Talking 19. Confident or Rude 20. Cowardly or Self-Centered 21. Cranky or Disciplined 22. Cruel or Egotistical 23. Cultured or Rugged 24. Cynical or Strange 25. Dainty or Narcissistic 26. Deceitful or Wise 27. Diligent or Hedonistic 28. Dramatic or Stubborn 29. Droll or Romantic 30. Dumb or Whimsical 31. Easy-Going or Nosy 32. Evasive or Prim & Proper 33. Fearless or Snooty 34. Fiery-Tempered or Shy 35. Foolhardy or Talkative 36. Gregarious or Obnoxious 37. Grumpy or Smug 38. Haughty or Pleasant 39. Honorable or Nice 40. Humorless or Whiney 41. Humorous or Oafish 42. Impatient or Wicked 43. Intimidating or Merry 44. Judgmental or Sadistic 45. Juvenile or Reckless 46. Knowledgeable or Pompous 47. Lazy or Predatory 48. Leery or Spiritual

- 49. Pious or Suspicious
- 50. Shrewd or Vindictive

- **Challenge Scene Prompt**
- Challenge : Action :

- Event Scene Prompt Event :
- Action :
- Plot Device :
- **Opposition**:
- Location :
- Thing:

- (d50)

Thing : Plot Device : **Opposition**: Location :

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ANSWER ORACLE

Yes/No Table

Chances of Being True	Yes	No
Extremely Likely	1-95	96-100
Very Likely	1-75	76-100
Even	1-50	51-100
Very Unlikely	1-25	26-100
Extremely Unlikely	1-5	6-100

Conversation Chart

	Unfriendly Stranger	Friendly Acquaintance
(2d6)	Failed Social Check	Successful Social Check
2	Credulous	Disagreeable
3	Friendly	Evasive
4	Short	Truthful
5	Unhelpful	Agreeable
6	Disinterested	Interested
7	Skeptical	Helpful
8	Disagreeable	Credulous
9	Evasive	Friendly
10	Truthful	Short
11	Agreeable	Unhelpful
12	Interested	Disinterested

Mid-Scene Interruption Chart

- (2d6)
- 2. A very unexpected turn of events.
- 3. PCs are given news or overhear information.
- 4. Something bad happens to all PCs.
- 5. A new NPC.
- 6. PCs accosted, attacked, or run into trouble.
- 7. Plot thread pops up. (Pick a plot thread, or make up a new one!)
- 8. Something bad happens to a PC.
- 9. An NPC the PCs know shows up.
- 10. Something good happens to a PC.
- 11. PCs asked to help or see reason to get involved.
- 12. Ambiguous or strange event.

Roll a Mid-Scene Interruption When...

-You roll doubles on the Yes/No Table.

-Roll a 2 or 12 on the Conversation Chart.

-When your PCs enter a new location, or anytime you feel it's appropriate for the scene.

-The second you feel stuck or confused about where a scene should go next.

Hired Jobs/Requests/Quests Chart

- (2d6)
- 2. Help to heal someone by finding a cure or the materials to make it.
- 3. Do work, such as moving, driving, constructing, or household chores.
- 4. Help rescue someone in danger.
- 5. Deliver a message or item to someone.
- 6. Work as bodyguards, hired muscle, guides or scouts.
- 7. Help solve a crime of some kind.
- 8. Figure out a mystery, like why a strange occurance is happening.
- 9. Help someone do something dangerous or difficult.
- 10. Help retrieve some item or possession, or find a way to acquire it.
- 11. Gather up something in sufficient quantity.
- 12. Take care of something or someone for a time, making sure nothing bad happens.

Interruption : Action : Thing : Plot Device : Opposition : Location :

Interruption Prompt

Job Prompt

Job Type : Action + Thing : Opposition : Location :

