

Characters		Ability Rating	Boosts (Condition) (cont)	Boosts (Benefits) (cont)
		d4 Novice	Situational A situational condition specifies a specific circumstance that triggers the boost such as a type of combat, or a specific task being performed. Conditions are specific environmental or situation circumstances that trigger or enable a boost. Boosts with a condition are invoked for free, and do not impose any cost when used.	Mechanical Mechanical benefits can either <i>Improve the Odds</i> (potentially improving the chance of success and the level of effect, but comes with the risk that a bad roll gets you nothing), or <i>Improve the Effect</i> which guarantees that regardless of what you roll, the outcome and consequences will be better.
		d6 Proficient		
		d8 Skilled		
		d10 Master		
		d12 Expert		
Ability		Ability ratings are determined by a character's <i>Skill Sets</i> and <i>Specializations</i> . Skill Sets are rated from d4 to d6, and Specializations, which represent a focus on a specific area of expertise, are rated from d8 to d12.		
Skill Sets	Skill Sets encompass the knowledge, skills and experience that represents a character's training to perform a specific function or job.	Boosts (Condition) Environmental An environmental condition specifies some aspect of the environment such as weather conditions, temperature, terrain, astral alignment, visibility or noise considerations, etc.		
Signature Skills	Signature skills are selected from within the broad definition of a skill set to represent a character's area of focus.	Boosts (Benefits) Narrative Narrative benefits grant permission to break the rules. Narrative benefits can include altering the constraints of a <i>Standard Turn</i> to increase movement, add additional actions, or attack multiple adversaries, or other benefits like passive genetic traits (breathe underwater), special resistances (immunity to fire damage), or automatic successes that do not require rolls.		
Specializations	Specializations define a character's areas of expertise within a skill set that allow them to achieve greater mastery.			Boosts (Cost) Runup The benefit adds an additional turn in preparation. A runup represents spreading the physical, mental or emotional cost of invoking the boost across multiple turns. The character is deemed to be concentrating during the runup period. If the character suffers harm during the runup, the runup is terminated and any remaining benefits related to the boost are canceled.
A character's abilities are represented by their skill sets, their signature skills, and specializations.				



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Boosts (Cost) (cont)	Boosts (Cost) (cont)	Standard Turn (cont)	Rounds and Turns (cont)
<p>Cooldown A cooldown period is required before the boost can be invoked again. A cooldown can be a number of rounds in the turn order, or more commonly for the remaining duration of the current conflict or scene.</p>	<p>Drawback The benefit adds 1 point of stress, and a mild condition to the character.</p> <hr/> <p>Costs represent the physical, mental and emotional burden that comes from pushing yourself to enhance your performance (health cost), or a resource that is consumed as part of invoking the boost.</p>	<p>Boost Invoke one or more boosts that satisfy the constraint.</p> <hr/> <p>The <i>Standard Turn</i> represents the combination of activities that a player character is allowed to perform during a normal turn.</p>	<p>Action The director calls on each player to complete their standard turn. The player describes their character's activity and performs any action rolls requested by the director. The director completes the players turn by narrating any consequences. The phase ends when each player in the turn order has completed their turn.</p>
<p>Stress The benefit adds 2 points of stress.</p>	<p>Scenes</p>	<p>Rounds and Turns</p>	<p>Quick Actions</p>
<p>Resource The benefit costs 1 unit of a scarce resource. The resource to be consumed by the boost must be approved by the director when creating the boost.</p>	<p>Standard Turn</p>	<p>Lights The director narrates the current situation and describes the scene for the players, highlighting important elements to aid player decisions. During this phase, the director may also introduce new elements into the scene.</p>	<p>A <i>Quick Action Roll</i> is used when an action only needs a simple comparison of a character's raw ability against the difficulty of a challenge. The roll is not subject to character boosts or fictional positioning, and the outcome is a simple success or fail with the level of effect being ignored.</p>
<p>Grit The benefit costs 1 grit point.</p>	<p>Movement Move to a <i>nearby</i> location (appropriate to the time dilation of the scene).</p>	<p>Camera Each player asks the director questions related to the situation, and discusses strategy with the other players. The phase ends with each player describing the intended action of their character, and what they hope to accomplish.</p>	<p><i>Quick actions are commonly performed when provided assistance through Teamwork to another character, but can be useful in other situations as well.</i></p>
<p>Difficulty The benefit shifts the odds of the challenge to make it more difficult.</p>	<p>Object Interaction A simple object interaction such as opening a door or drawing a weapon.</p>		
	<p>Social Interacton Make a short verbal utterance or physical gesture.</p>		
	<p>Action Perform a single action against a challenge.</p>		



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<h3>Challenges</h3>	<h3>Adversary Types (cont)</h3>	<h3>Action Steps (cont)</h3>	<h3>Action Steps (cont)</h3>										
<h3>Challenge Types</h3>	<p>Complex Complex adversaries share all the features of full characters. Complex adversaries have health indicators and will typically require multiple adverse conditions before they concede or are taken out.</p>	<p>Position If the action is difficult, the director considers the character's <i>Position</i> to determine if the character has <i>Advantage</i> or <i>Disadvantage</i> on the roll. The director advises the player of the difficulty, the character's position, and potential risks and consequences.</p>	<p>Action Roll The player makes an action roll to determine the <i>Outcome and Effect</i>.</p>										
<p>Obstacle Things standing in the way of a character's progress such as a locked door, difficult terrain or a challenging puzzle.</p>	<h3>Difficulty Rating</h3> <table border="1"> <tr><td>d4</td><td>Challenging</td></tr> <tr><td>d6</td><td>Very Challenging</td></tr> <tr><td>d8</td><td>Hard</td></tr> <tr><td>d10</td><td>Very Hard</td></tr> <tr><td>d12</td><td>Extremely Hard</td></tr> </table>	d4	Challenging	d6	Very Challenging	d8	Hard	d10	Very Hard	d12	Extremely Hard	<p>Teamwork If another player character can provide assistance, <i>Teamwork</i> can be used to support the action.</p>	<p>Consequences The director, based on the result of the action roll, advises the player of the consequences. On a success, the character receives a Bane. On a failure, the character suffers a Boon.</p>
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<p>Adversary Things that are competing with, or working against a character including non-player characters, supernatural forces, or intelligent machines.</p>	<p>The difficulty of a challenge is rated using a polyhedral die and determined by the director relative to the character's ability.</p>	<p>Ability A character's ability refers to their level of expertise in performing their intended action. Ability is determined by the player by selecting the most relevant skill set or specialization for the action being performed.</p>	<p>Once all players have stated their intentions for a round, the director proceeds with coordinating each player's intention actions. Once all player actions have been completed, the round is completed and begins again until the current situation has been resolved.</p>										
<h3>Adversary Types</h3>	<h3>Actions</h3>		<h3>Position</h3> <p>Advantage Roll two ability dice and takes the highest.</p>										
<p>Common Common non-player characters serve as extras within a scene. These are typically servants, merchants, guards, gang members and other types of non-heroic individuals. Common non-player characters have a single skill set but omit backstory hooks and any health elements. Commoners are typically taken out of a scene when suffering any adverse condition.</p>	<h3>Action Steps</h3> <p>Difficulty The director determines the <i>Difficulty Rating</i> of the challenge relative to the character's ability. If the action is challenging, with a risk of failure, an action roll is required, otherwise the action is successful and the director narrates the successful outcome.</p>												



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Position (cont)

Disadvantage Roll two ability dice and takes the lowest.

Fictional positioning refers to the specific circumstances, context, and narrative elements surrounding a character's actions. A character's position indicates if, depending on their situation, they have a relative advantage or disadvantage to performing an action.

Teamwork

Success The assistance was helpful and the character receiving the assistance can *Shift the Odds* in their favor.

Failure The assistance was not helpful, and the action roll proceeds without any added benefit.

During a character's action, but before they perform an *Action Roll*, another character can forfeit their turn in the turn order to try to assist by performing a *Quick Action Roll*.

Outcome

Success Action roll result is greater than or equal to 0 (ties go to the player).

Failure The result of an action roll is less than 0.

Outcome divides the result of an *action roll* into success or failure.

Level of Effect

1	Marginal	0-3
2	Complete	4-6
3	Critical	7+

The *Level of Effect* is a relative measure of success or failure. Use the absolute value of the action roll result and match to the indicated value ranges. For a non-conflict situation, the effect is used to determine the narrative consequences of an action. For a conflict situation, the effect can be used to determine the amount of harm.

Consequences

Boons

Marginal Success The character gets only some of what they want.

Complete Success The character gets everything they wanted.

Critical Success The character gets everything they wanted, and something extra.

Boons are positive consequences that result from a successful action. The level of effect determines the amount of impact.

Banes

Marginal Failure The character failed, but just barely. They may get some or none of what they wanted, but something about their situation got a little worse.

Complete Failure The character achieved nothing they intended, and their situation is worse.

Banes (cont)

Critical Failure The character gets nothing they wanted, and life is going to get very difficult.

Banes are negative consequences that result from a failed action.

Health and Recovery

Health Indicators

Stress Stress represents the physical, mental, and emotional reaction to negative consequences, and is measured with Stress Points. New characters begin play with 0 stress. When a character suffers Consequences from Actions, it can increase stress. During periods of Rest and Recovery, players can reduce their stress. When a character's stress reaches the maximum, they are taken out of the scene until they can recover.



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Health Indicators (cont)		Earning Grit (cont)		Spending Grit		Rest and Recovery	
Grit	Grit represents a character's mental, physical, and emotional resilience measured with Grit Points. Grit points can be earned during game play, and spent to improve actions and mitigate negative consequences.	Critical Effect	On a critical success or failure resulting from an action roll, the character earns 2 points of grit.	Reroll an Action	When facing a crucial action roll, spend 1 grit point to reroll the dice. The player must use the new result.	Momentary	Momentary rests are a quick break during a conflict or a tense situation, when a character can take cover, and perform a healing action like applying a bandage or consuming medicine. During a momentary rest, a character to recover 1 stress point and, if appropriate, clear a mild condition. A character may only take one momentary rest until the current situation is resolved.
Conditions	Conditions are the collection of physical, mental and emotional harm a character is currently suffering. Conditions can impose disadvantage when characters attempt to perform actions.	Teamwork	When a character assists another character when performing an action, if the action is successful, the assisting character earns 1 grit point.	Soak Harm	Grit can be used to withstand harm and reduce the impact of a negative consequence. Spend 1 grit point to recover 1 stress point and reduce the severity of a condition by 1 point. If the condition is mild, it can be removed. This can be performed during the same turn that harm is added to a character.		
		Narrative Inspiration	When a player demonstrates outstanding role-play and contributes a particularly memorable moment to the narrative, the director can award narrative inspiration granting 1 grit point to the character.	Fuel a Boost	A player can spend 1 grit point can be used to cover the cost of invoking a boost during an action.		
Earning Grit							
Complete Effect	On a complete success or failure resulting from an action roll, the character earns 1 grit point.						



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Rest and Recovery (cont)

Extended Extended rests last from a few hours to a few days, but requires a safe environment free from conflict, where characters are only sleeping or performing light duties. During an extended rest, characters can reduce their stress by 2 points for each hour of rest taken. They can also apply treatment to conditions depending on available resources. Treated conditions can be reduced by 1 point (and only 1 point) during each extended rest period reflecting that more serious conditions take time to heal.

Rest and Recovery (cont)

Downtime Downtime is an extended rest that lasts from a few days to weeks, months or even years. Downtime normally occurs after a group completes a milestone and has an opportunity to withdraw from the field to a safe environment with readily accessible resources. All stress is recovered, and all conditions can be removed. Downtime also allows characters to pursue personal objectives and side projects and seek advanced treatment options for lingering trauma.



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