# Underworld LARP Book of Soul Fragments V.2.3



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# **Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION**

The Book of Soul Fragments is a set of rules and policies that act as a supplement to the Core Rulebook for Underworld LARP. It contains special classes, races and abilities that can be purchased with soul "frags" – special reward points given for donations, volunteering and other ways of giving back to the game.

This Book of Soul Fragments contains a list of renowned classes, rare races and other skills and abilities that, for a cost, will allow a character a little more personalization. They are not necessarily more powerful than those found in the Core Rulebook but they can help define your uniqueness. The majority of everything in this Book of Soul Fragments or "Frag Book" has two separate costs: one cost is in Soul Fragments or "Frags" and the other is in Character Points or CP. A "Frag" is an out-of-game (OOG) currency that allows our dedicated and loyal players access to OOG and IG (in-game) bonuses. It is our thank you to the players who continually volunteer and donate. Item donations as well as labour are all handled on an individual basis from guild to guild, but for a basic guideline please refer to Chart 1-1.

Frags may only be spent at Logistics at the start of each game or via the online database. All purchases, including race purchases, are considered used upon purchase. That is to say, if you wish to buy two of the same skill or ability then you must pay both the Frag cost and the CP cost each time. Local Guilds may have specific policies regarding race restrictions or the number of consecutive times you can play the same race. To see a full list of available purchases and their associated costs, please refer to Chart 1-2.

Task	Soul Frags Earned			
Per \$3 Donated	1			
8 Hours Labour	25			
Chart 1-1				

#### Training and Teaching

All skills may be self-taught unless stated otherwise in the chart below. To learn a skill that cannot be self taught, the student must find a teacher in game at an event who possesses that skill and is willing to teach them. If the teacher is another player, simply tell Logistics. If the teacher is an NPC, you will need Shaper approval.

Skill	Frag Cost	CP Cost	Prerequisites	Self Taught?
A Friend in Need	25	OOG Skill	None	Yes
A Friend Indeed	50	OOG Skill	None	Yes
Luck	75	OOG Skill	None	Yes
Quick Study	10	OOG Skill	None	Yes
Race: Uncommon	75	OOG Skill	None	Yes
Race: Rare	150	OOG Skill	None	Yes
Race: Obscure	250	OOG Skill	None	Yes
Restricted Remort	750	OOG Skill	None	Yes
Skill Remort	250	OOG Skill	None	Yes
Spirit. Resolve 1 <sup>st</sup>	125	OOG Skill	None	Yes
Spirit. Resolve 2 <sup>nd</sup>	250	OOG Skill	None	Yes
Unrestricted Remort	1250	OOG Skill	None	Yes
Vocation	150	OOG Skill	None	No
Blindfighter	15	All-15	Rogue	Yes
Escape	20	All-50	Rogue & Level 5 Trapper	Yes
Riposte	75	All-150	Rogue	Yes
Sucker Punch	30	All-65	Rogue	Yes
Thieves Cant	20	All-25	Rogue	Yes
Tumble	30	All-65	Rogue	Yes
Battlefield Repair	25	All-30	Warrior	Yes
Cripple	30	All-40	Warrior	Yes
Decapitate	75	All-150	Warrior & Slay	Yes
Dirt in the Eye	30	All-45	Warrior	Yes
Trip	20	All-30	Warrior	Yes
Whirlwind of Blows	40	All-75	Warrior & Flurry of Blows	Yes
Combat Wizardry	50	All-50	Scholar & Self-Mutilate	Yes
Harvest	50	All-50	Scholar	Yes
Mortician	75	All-25	Scholar & Anatomy	Yes
Refocus	30	All-30	Scholar	Yes
Spell Parry	35	All-35	Scholar	Yes
Spell Versatility	Slot + 10	All-Slot + 10	Scholar	Yes
Spell Switch	50	All-50	Scholar	Yes
Create Alcohol	10	All-25	None	Yes
Favoured	250	All-50	Lead Shaper Approval	No
Heavy Drinker	10	All-20	None	Yes
Hindsight	35	All-20	Mysticism	Yes
Looting	5	All-15 NB-10	None	Yes
Paragon	100	All-Slot + 10	Lead Shaper Approval	No
Possum	25	All-30	None	Yes
Teacher	50	All-15	None	Yes
Sphere of Magic: Dark	0	Normal Sphere cost	Favoured, Champion	No
Sphere of Magic: Draconic	0	Normal Sphere cost	Favoured	No
Sphere of Magic: Light	0	Normal Sphere cost	Favoured, Champion	No
Sphere of Magic: Necromancy	100	Normal Sphere cost	None	No
Sphere of Magic: Sigil	100	Normal Sphere cost	None	No
Sphere of Magic: Wytch	100	Normal Sphere cost	None	No



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**Chapter 2: RACES** 



Frag races are divided into three categories: Uncommon, Rare and Obscure. Races are purchased during character creation and are only purchased for an individual character. They must be purchased again for another character of the same race.

# **Uncommon Races**

# **Am'Rath (Humanoid)**

The Am'Rath tribes are a version of humanity in its rawest and most primitive form. They are resilient, vicious and unforgiving opponents. A semi-organized and war-like people, they have divided themselves into tribes with differing priorities and leadership. Some tribes are deeply spiritual and shamanistic, some are focused on expansion and conquest, others are little more than rampaging Am'Raths. Their life span is typically 40 to 60 years.

Racial Characteristics: Bone fetishes and/or beads worn throughout hair and facial hair, colourful tribal tattoos. Am'Raths tend to dye their hair and mark their bodies based on their individual tribe. Some tribes are also fond of war trophies and ritual scarification.

#### Advantages

**Simple Weapon Damage Bonus** (Automatic): Am'Raths gain +1 damage to all weapons in the simple weapon group.

**Clobber** (Purchased): This physical attack can be used with any melee boffer strike and will cause 25 points of damage, the damage type based on the weapon used. If the attack misses, the skill is used. It may be augmented with magic and alchemy. It is used by calling out "Clobber!" before the attack. Clobber may be used once per day per purchase.

#### Disadvantage

**Simple Weapon Restriction** (Automatic): To a Am'Rath, all melee weapons outside the Simple Weapon group are considered "exotic" for purposes such as proficiencies, slays and specializations. Ranged weapons are not included in this disadvantage.

# Faun (Bestial)

Fauns are a benevolent and care-free race, often mistaken for Fae. In fact, they were once forest spirits, given mortal, Bestial form. This fact is something that fauns freely admit and embrace. Most fauns are friendly and compassionate, yet shy and reserved, though there are exceptions to the rule. Fauns have a natural affinity for forests and will feel drawn toward them as a habitat. Spending more than a day or two in an urban environment will cause a faun to feel lonely and disconnected. Many call fauns "deer-kin" for their resemblance to the animal. They mature slowly after they reach young adulthood, spending many centuries as young adults before rapidly maturing into old age. Life Span: 1000-1200 years.

Racial Characteristics: Black on the underside of the nose (around nostrils), philtrum and upper lip. Ram horns, antlers or wooden branches (must pass safety). White dots cheekbones. Faun ears (low hanging or "floppy" large ears).

#### Advantages

Companion (Automatic): A faun may declare another living creature a "companion" each day. This

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companion is decided at reset and cannot be changed until the next reset. If their companion enters their Death Count a faun may place both hands on their body and pause the Death Count. After 60 seconds of concentration, their companion will be affected by a Life effect. Any interruption of the 60 second count will not use up the ability but will force them to restart. This ability may be used once per day.

**Forest Revival** (Purchased): Fauns may, one per day per purchase, regenerate their level times four in Body Points (to a maximum of their full Body) by placing both hands on any living tree within a forest and concentrating for 60 seconds. During this time they may not use any other skills and are considered to be "concentrating" as per spell-casting. If they are interrupted, they must begin again. Body Points are gained immediately at the end of the 60 second count.

#### Disadvantage

**Restriction to Nature Healing** (Automatic): When it comes to magical healing, fauns cannot be healed by any sphere outside of the Nature sphere. This includes all Body Point healing and cure effects. Natural and alchemical versions of these effects will work. Additionally, consuming a Goodberry will heal a Faun for 2 Body. Life spells from outside the Nature sphere will work on fauns but not effectively - the faun will be healed to 1 Body and not full Body like usual. Life effects from Nature sources will operate as normal.

# Minotaur (Fae)

Minotaurs were a once proud and noble race, residing deep within the Fae Realm. They were widely considered the most beautiful of creatures and possessed incredible skills in both music and art. Unfortunately, this lead to vanity and it wasn't long before the other Fae Houses began to resent them. A war broke out and lasted many eons. The Minotaur race was defeated and cast out of the Fae Realm. They were stripped both of their heritage and their beauty. Cursed by the Elder Fae, they were transformed into monstrous brutes with the body of a human and the head of a bull. The Minotaurs were driven underground where they were imprisoned for many centuries. Somehow, perhaps just from time, those prison walls have broken and Minotaurs, for the first time in many years, have set foot on the surface lands. Torturous games played on them by the Fae over the centuries have made most Minotaurs extremely superstitious. Their shortened life span, compared to their Fae brethren, means no Minotaur has survived since their original imprisonment. In reality, so many generations of Minotaurs have come and gone that few remember the old stories or carry the old hate, though some still do. Life Span: 50 to 60 years.

Racial Characteristics: Brown skin and large bull horns. Black lines extending from the bottom of the eyes, across the cheeks, to the mouth area.

#### Advantages

**Enhanced Strength** (Automatic): Minotaurs are incredibly strong. They will gain +1 Strength every five levels, starting at level 1, giving them +2 Strength at level 6, +3 Strength at level 11, and so on.

**Fae Ward** (Purchased): Long standing wars with creatures of the Fae Realm have given Minotaurs a natural ability to protect and ward themselves against pesky Fae meddling. A Minotaur with this ability may craft a special magical Fae Ward, capable of preventing entry by any Fae creature, including those with only trace amounts of Fae blood in their veins. The Fae Ward must be carved on an object containing at least a small amount of iron and must be at least 1 square foot in size. The carving of the Fae Ward takes 10 minutes of roleplaying to draw. Once erected, no Fae creature, pure or thin of blood, may cross within 10 feet of the Ward. This includes True Fae, Redcaps and even the thin blooded relatives such as Carnal Fae and Wood Fae but does not include other Minotaurs. The Ward lasts for 5 days unless it is

moved, defaced or destroyed at which point the magic of the Fae Ward is lost and must be re-carved. No Fae can move or interfere with the ward in any way. This ability is usable once per day per purchase.

#### Disadvantages

**Fae Susceptibility** (Automatic): Centuries of mind manipulation by the Fae have altered Minotaurs' reactions to mind magic. If a Fae hits a Minotaur with a magical mind effect of any kind, the Minotaur will become enraged for one minute. During this time, they may not attack the source of the magic. Once the minute is complete, the Minotaur will no longer be enraged and the mind altering effect will affect them as normal. The mind alteration's duration begins at this point. Fae able to induce this effect include True Fae, Redcaps and even the thin blooded relatives such as Carnal Fae and Wood Fae but not other Minotaurs.

# Kobold (Goblinoid)

Kobolds are often stupid but crafty creatures. They appear as dog-like Goblinoid creatures with red skin, large incisors and black fingernails. Little is known about their origins and even less is cared. Kobolds have become a universal pest in every corner of the world. They have a natural affinity for blowing themselves up with explosives and are well known for their love of shiny things. They breed constantly and seem to be able to survive on nothing but rocks and dirt. Life Span: 170 to 200 years, although no Kobold is known to have lived that long. Kobolds are young adults at one year of age and the oldest Kobold on record is twelve years old.

Racial Characteristics: Kobolds are required to wear red makeup on exposed skin, and speak in a highpitched annoying voice. The underside of their nose, around the nostrils, must be black and they must have a few horizontal black lines across the bridge of their nose.

#### Advantages

**Innate Sap** (Automatic): A Kobold receives one free Sap skill every other level, starting at first level. These Innate Saps are identical to the purchased skill. This racial does not hamper the Kobold's ability to purchase the Sap skill.

**KABOOM!** (Purchased): Kobolds are natural Trappers. They excel in the craft above and beyond any other race. A Kobold may use this natural affinity to make an extraordinary, unique trap, even without the Trapper skill. This is similar to an Explosive Trap. For every 1 RM used to create the trap, it will do 2 points of damage to everyone within 5 feet of the trap when it is triggered. If the Kobold has 4 levels of Trapper, this amount is raised to 3 points damage per 1 RM. Kobolds may use any kind of RM to create these traps. Kobolds will receive one KABOOM! trap tag per day per purchase. The player must then affix the appropriate RM to the tag to determine the damage caused by the trap. This can be done at any time. Once the RM is attached to the KABOOM! tag, the trap is created and the timer must be set. The timer can be set for any time between 1 and 60 seconds, but this must be decided on trap creation, and will start counting down from then. The detonation cannot be triggered early. All normal Trapper rules apply to this trap, except

- The Kobold who made the KABOOM! trap can run with it without setting it off early
- The KABOOM! may be thrown without automatically detonating it, but if the timer is damaged or turned off in the throw, the KABOOM! becomes a dud and is used up without exploding
- KABOOM! traps cannot be scavenged for RM
- The phys-rep should be a boffer of a minimum 1 foot cubic square in size. It should look like a bomb a kobold would make scavenged and ugly. It still requires a timer like a regular Timer Trap

#### Disadvantages

**Frailty** (Automatic): Kobolds are frail and weak creatures. A Kobold has a -2 strength penalty. This means they swing for one less damage, to a minimum of one.

# **Ogre (Goblinoid)**

Typically massive, lumbering brutes, Ogres can best be described as monstrous. With superior strength and constitution, Ogres are the muscle and brute force in every Greenskin army. While not the brightest of thinkers, they are cunning, and what they can't out-think they will out-smash. The only saving grace is their shortened life span. Generally speaking, Ogres live anywhere, eat anything, and have very few moral dilemmas. Life Span: 10 to 12 years.

Racial Characteristics: Yellow skin and prosthetic tusks, red or white war paint.

#### Advantages

**Ogre Constitution** (Automatic): Because of their incredible size and strength, Ogres begin with +2 Strength, and +5 Body. Furthermore, Ogres gain an additional +2 Body per level.

**Ogre Smash** (Purchased): By summoning all of their great strength into a single attack, an Ogre can target an opponent's weapon or shield, causing grievous amounts of damage to it. Weapons and shields struck by this attack are affected by a "Shatter" effect, destroying them unless they are immune or have resistance. To activate this ability, the Ogre must let out a blood curdling war cry followed by the incant "Physical Ogre Smash!" The next hit, whether it is to the target's weapon or shield, will determine what is destroyed. This ability will only stay active for 10 seconds after the Ogre's Smash incant and is considered used even if the attack misses. It is usable once per day per purchase.

#### Disadvantages

**Untempered Rage** (Automatic): If an Ogre takes more than 15 points of damage directly to their Body from any single effect from any source, they immediately fly into a mindless rage. They will immediately attack everyone nearby, friends and foes alike. This onslaught may only be stopped by dropping the Ogre into its bleed count. Any effects that would incapacitate the Ogre, such as sleep magic/alchemy, will still function, but the rage will carry on if they are revived prior to the duration expiring. After 10 minutes have passed since the attack, the effect will wear off. If the ogre is struck for more than 15 Body points a second time while Untempered Rage is active, its duration will reset and start again at 10 minutes.

## Squamata (Bestial)

"Squamata" is a general term to describe a number of green-skinned lizard-like races. Some are related closely, others are quite distant. The three most notable strains of the Squamata race are the Boggrel, the Gremmel and the Shak'tar. Although quite distinctive in regards to culture, personality and even physical appearance, these races all share the same advantages and disadvantages.

Boggrel: Boggrels are a fierce and war-like race of frog people. They are sometimes considered slow or outright stupid but this is a dangerous misconception as what they lack in conventional intelligence they make up for in feral wisdom. While Boggrels generally keep to the lands surrounding swamps, rivers and lakes, they are sometimes sent out into the wider world by their chieftains or elders on vision quests. These quests can be a rite of passage for young warriors seeking to prove themselves, redemption for warriors found guilty of a crime against the tribe, or a "last hurrah" end of life journey. Cultural norms may vary from tribe to tribe; the one constant, however, is that a Boggrel will eat (or attempt to eat)

almost anything it finds appetizing, including fallen enemies. They do not specifically hunt humanoids for meat, but if one is confronted in combat they are immediately regarded as a source of food. Many a mother has threatened an unruly child: "Straighten up or I'll feed you to the Boggrels."

Gremmel: A secretive race of lizard people, Gremmel tend to dwell in the most impenetrable swamps where they may live and work without the intrusion of outsiders. They are a shamanistic people, always bowing to the wisdom of the shamans, and have little or no use for the economy of a more "civilized" society, tending to get everything they need from the swamps and surrounding landscape. Scavengers by nature, they find potential raw materials almost anywhere for making their Alchemy, which they are traditionally very good at. Gremmel are very localized, traveling only when they need to. Being reptilian, they are not dispersed over the continent as they are susceptible to differences in climate and temperature. Ice and cold are just as uncomfortable to them as extreme heat. They tend to live in small clans, each having some contact with nearby clans.

Shak'tar: Shak'tar, a race of snake people, can be found around the world, although they much prefer the warmer climates of the southern coasts. A primitive and aggressive race, they tend to be xenophobic and take what they need from the weak. They are not evil by nature - although some individual Shak'tar most definitely are - they simply believe in "might makes right".

#### Life Span: 40-50 years.

Racial Characteristics: Greenish-grey skin, lighter colour (usually yellow or white) under the throat and neck. Gremmel and Shak'tar have scales, Boggrels have warts. Most Squamata prefer primitive and "shamanistic" clothing, with fetishes.

#### Advantages

**Seal Pores** (Automatic): Squamata's pores are sealed to prevent toxic substances from entering the bloodstream, making them immune to alchemical Gas Globe attacks. This defense will not function against ingested or contact alchemy. Chemistry Gas Globes may also be resisted in this manner.

**Tongue Pierce** (Purchased): Squamata are able to lash out their long, needle-sharp tongues at opponents by calling "Tongue Pierce 5 Body!" Considered a thrown weapon attack, the weapon phys-rep should be coloured red to indicate it is a natural weapon. This boffer may not be picked up by anyone besides the Squamata it belongs to. No skills may be used with this attack and specializations may not be purchased for the Tongue Pierce. Squamata may use this attack once per day, per purchase. When a Squamata uses Tongue Pierce, they become silenced for 10 minutes.

#### Disadvantage

**Soft Underbelly** (Automatic): All Squamata take double damage from all physical Body weapon damage. As with all racial vulnerabilities, physical Body weapon damage will bypass any thresholds a Squamata might have.

# **Rare Races**

# Avian (Bestial)

Avians are a race of mountain-dwelling bird people. They are tinkerers and inventors, one of the few races to circumvent magic with simple and basic steam-based machinery. Avians are linked to the Shadow Plane through generations of its use by their ancestors and their spirits have become tainted with its presence. Through uniquely crafted Goggles, they can amplify this connection to create a magical effect that allows them to briefly traverse the Shadow Plane and arrive someplace else. Unfortunately, this link to the Shadow Plane has drawbacks. Life Span: 40 to 60 years.

Racial Characteristics: Feathered eyebrows and hair and yellow nails.

#### Advantages

**Spirit Anchor** (Automatic): Spirit Anchor allows an Avian to anchor their spirit to a specific location and be able to "shadow step" to it on a 10 second count once per day. This magical transportation is done via travel though the Plane of Shadow, a dark and dangerous place. The anchor itself is an in-game item that must be represented by an active glow-stick or LED attached to a "mechanical" steam-machinery based item. This item must be approved by a Shaper, cannot be magical in nature and can be destroyed by normal means. The Avian is transported with everything they currently carry but they cannot transport other spirits or items larger than they can physically carry, including creatures in their Bleed or Death Counts. If struck to body during their 10 second count, the spirit anchor is disrupted and the ability is used up for the day. If the Spirit Anchor must be approved by a Shaper like the first. An Avian may also "disconnect" from their current Anchor and undergo the same 1 hour process as a destroyed one. An Avian must be able to see to use this ability, and must have full unobstructed vision. A spirit anchor may be used through a Garrotte, assuming the player resists or calls no effect on the Garrotte.

**Create Goggles** (Purchased): This ability allows the Avian to create a mechanical set of Goggles which only they can use. By spending 10 minutes gathering together pieces of scrap and old junk the Avian can incant "Innate Create Goggles" and make them magical. The player must provide the phys-rep. Once created, an Avian has 10 seconds to infuse these Goggles with any 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Circle spell effect from the core rulebook. This is done automatically, with the Avian simply choosing the spell, it need not be cast into the Goggles. The Goggles function in the same manner as a 1/day magical item and detect as magical. These Goggles will last 5 days before the magic fades and the Goggles fall apart. A new pair can be made at this time. Purchasing this ability a second time will grant all spells up to 6<sup>th</sup> circle and a 3<sup>rd</sup> purchase will grant up to 9<sup>th</sup> circle. No more than one set of Goggles may exist at any time unless this ability is purchased a 4<sup>th</sup> time. Any purchases beyond 3<sup>rd</sup> go toward building new sets of Goggles, following the same rules for spell levels 1-3, a 5<sup>th</sup> purchase upgrades them to 1-6, etc.). When using the Goggles, the Avian does not need to know the Sphere, nor possess any of the requirements to cast the spell, but only the Avian may use their Goggles. Each pair of Goggles may be used once per day. If the Goggles are destroyed, they may be remade after the next reset.

#### Disadvantages

**Shadow Mark** (Automatic): Avian's spirits are irrevocably tied to the Shadow Plane. Both dying and near-death experiences scar Avians with shadow energy, either temporarily or permanently. These scars manifest physically on the Avian in the form of grey slash marks across the eye socket. If an Avian enters its Death Count, they gain a Shadow Mark within 1 hour (giving the player the time to rep this). This

Mark will last until the next skill reset. If an Avian dies, they will resurrect with a permanent Mark. Permanent Marks can never be removed or lost, even if Spiritual Resolve is purchased.

Each Mark adds +5 seconds to the Avian's Anchor count, +1 damage from all magic sources and -1 Strength. These negatives only affect the Avian between 6 PM and 6 AM.

When an Avian dies their final death, their body will materialize near the location of death, devoid of Shadow Marks. This Shadow double has only one purpose – the death and destruction of all things the Avian cared for in life. It will last for a minimum of 1 hour or until destroyed. Throughout the hour the Shadow double's emotions will drain until it is nothing but a husk, driven by a desire for destruction that will bring it no pleasure. The Shadow double will have all stats and abilities that the Avian had upon death, plus a full memory of its life. The Avian player will usually have the opportunity to NPC the Shadow double if they desire. The Shaper and player must agree for the Shadow double to last longer than 1 hour.

### **Draconians (Draconic)**

Draconians are linked with the Dragon whose colour they share. Morally and philosophically, Draconians are usually matched closely with the Dragon they are linked to, but this is not always the case. Their individual personalities are as varied as the Dragons themselves. Some are aggressive and warlike, others are peaceful scholars. Culturally, almost all Draconians find Divine Magic and the Gods morally reprehensible and would never accept Divine Magic or the blessings of a God. Draconians appear as humanoid dragons of various colours, matching the Dragon they are linked to. They are immortal.

Racial Characteristics: Minimum makeup requirements are at least two large horns protruding from the forehead and scales done in sequins or makeup which cover 40% of the face, and all other exposed skin. Their colour should match the Dragon they are linked to.

#### Advantages

**Natural Threshold** (Automatic): Draconians have a thick layer of scales which become harder than steel as they age. They gain a natural (normal) threshold of one for every three levels, starting at level 1, giving them a 2 Normal threshold at level 4, 3 Normal threshold at level 7, and so on.

**Reflect Divine** (Purchased): Once a day per purchase, a Draconian may use a natural ability to reflect Divine Magic back on its originator. The Draconian has the option of not reflecting the spell if they so choose. Because this is a racial ability, it affects both Battle Magic and ritual spells. It can be stacked with magical protections such as Shield Magic and is considered a separate racial ability.

#### Disadvantage

**Weak Spirit** (Automatic): Due to the nature of their existence, Draconian spirits are considered weaker than normal. They get one "free" death before they must begin flipping, instead of the normal two.

# Fire Elves: The Cindus'Thalan (Elven)

This hardy, desert-native branch of elvendom goes by the name Cindus'Thalan, or Fire Elf. Fire Elves are regarded by many other races as an inhospitable, hard-headed, merciless people. Having a population much more numerous than their few fertile lands can provide, most Fire Elves wander in small tribes following the rains. These nomads trade wares and materials, explore new lands for water and resources, and some are bold enough to engage in piracy - raiding settlements, ships, and merchant routes inhabited by the other races.

Fire Elves are conditioned to strive ambitiously to gain enough wealth, power and prestige to be called to spend their days in the few rich oases of their people. Though few have even laid eyes on these oases, it is taught by their elders that those influential enough to reside there live in marble houses, sleep on silk sheets, and enjoy wine by the bottle and fruit from the tree.

Most of these Elves ignore the spurious whims of Gods and Dragons alike, living by the saying "Me against my brother, my brother and I against the world." Fire Elves live as long as other Elves.

Racial Characteristics: Red eye shadow and eye sockets with optional orange and yellow highlights, elf ears (with red tips), loose-fitting and light-weight desert clothing such as robes, veils, headscarves, etc. Some fire elves tattoo black designs around their eyes and on their hands.

#### Advantages

**Resist Fire** (Automatic): Fire Elves are extremely resilient to heat. Once a day they may call "Resist Fire" to any magic or elemental attack involving fire or heat, and take no damage from it.

**Endurance** (Purchased): When struck by an effect that would drop a Fire Elf into their 60 second bleed count via a number based attack (melee, magic, acid, etc.) the Fire Elf may call "Endurance!" and remain at 2 Body points, regardless of how much damage they have taken. For example, if a fire elf has 8 Body and is struck by a Slay for 50 damage, they may call "Endurance!" and remain at 2 Body instead. Endurance cannot be used against numeric attacks that drop a character into their death count, such as Elemental attacks. Usable once per day per purchase.

#### Disadvantage

**Armour Restriction** (Automatic): Fire Elves are limited to 10AP worth of physical armour at level 1. That amount rises by +5AP per level. The fire elf may physically wear more armour but will receive no benefit beyond those numbers.

## **Goblin (Goblinoid)**

Filthy, disgusting and mischievous, Goblins are generally regarded by all civilized races to be a plague upon the lands. Goblins exist in every known territory and almost every environment. They are harder to kill than cockroaches and they breed just as plentifully. Traditionally the frontline fodder of the "Greenskin" forces, Goblins excel in trapping, torture and treachery. They love the taste of kobold flesh. It is very rare to find a Goblin amongst the less monstrous races and any Goblin who aspires to greatness has their work cut out for them. There are many types of Goblins in the world but only the typical green Goblins are playable as this race. Life Span: 40 to 60 years.

Racial Characteristics: Green skin, long pointed green ears, and thin black veins on the neck and around the mouth.

#### Advantages

**Parasites** (Automatic): The racial parasites that live in all Goblins come with a surprising advantage. Goblins can vomit these parasites onto creatures to keep them from bleeding out. If a Goblin spends 10 seconds vomiting on a target in their Bleed Count, they will be stabilised and go to 0 Body. During the 10 seconds, the Goblin should ask the target out of game if they're currently infected with Goblin Parasites. They can also explain what just happened during that time. If the target is already infected with Goblin Parasites, the skill will fail. Successfully doing this causes an infection similar to the one Goblins experience. The new infection will consume one half of all healing that is administered to the infected

individual (rounded down) to a minimum of 1. Within the body of a Goblin, these parasites are so hardy that they can never be removed. In the body of someone targeted by Parasites, they can only be removed with extremely powerful cleansing effects. The only cures are Life effects, Nature's Restoration, Purify or Cleansing Light. These parasites are not considered a toxin or disease. This ability may be used at will but the Goblin must consume some type of organic matter larger than an apple in between uses. This does not need to be done OOG, but appropriately sized food reps must be present. This ability cannot be used on other Goblins.

Amorphic Mucus (Purchased): All Goblins are equipped with a gland that produces mucus which, when coughed up, has the ability to replicate certain types of alchemy. To use this skill the Goblin must excrete and cough up the Amorphic venom on a 10 second count. During this count they may not use any other skills and if interrupted or if the Goblin takes damage into body, this skill will fail. After being excreted, the Amorphic Mucus must be put in contact with any alchemical gas globe for 1 minute. If successful, the mucus will harden and take on the exact same properties of the alchemy it was exposed to but will expire in 1 hour. This Mucus may be thrown by the Goblin like a gas globe as if they had the appropriate level of Alchemy. If the duration expires, or the mucus leaves the possession of the Goblin that created it, it will become inert and dissolve. Only one Amorphic Mucus may be prepared at any given time. This skill is useable once per day per purchase.

#### Disadvantages

**Parasites** (Automatic): Goblins, constantly living in filth and muck, have become host to racial parasites that feed off their spirit and vitality. These microscopic parasites are incurable even through resurrection and will always consume one half of all healing that is administered to the Goblin (rounded down) to a minimum of 1.

## **Risen (Undead)**

A hybrid race, the Risen are capable of both stepping into the world of the living and that of Undeath. Risen start life at Undeath, likely as one of the thousands created by long dead necromancers or forced to rise out of ancient cursed graveyards. Hand picked by other Risen and forcefully put through a secretive process only known as the Harrowing, the mindless Undead is transformed into a new form. Given a breath of life, the once walking corpse now gains back both their freedom and their sentience. The cost, however, is great. Its memories are destroyed and it must begin a new life, only this time as a monster.

It is widely believed that all Risen are chosen from lesser zombies and their horrific visage lends well to this theory. Risen have the ability to take on two forms: their default Undead form with the visual appearance of a rotting corpse, or the breathing, heart pounding, living form of their race before death. The living race is purely superficial and does not grant any of their former racial abilities or disadvantages. They will detect as that race, and should any skill or abilities specifically target that race, they will be affected while in living form. Only races from the Core Rulebook may be chosen, and it is important to remember that switching between the Undead form and living form requires proper racials (mask, makeup, etc). Risen racial automatic abilities and disadvantages change in accordance to their current form. While this race is very young, scholars theorise that the magic which reanimates them can only last a finite amount of time before it runs out, leaving them mindless zombies. The current best guess for this lifespan is 100 years.

Racial Characteristics: While in living form a Risen is a sad reflection of their original race. Their makeup and prosthetics are only necessary to give indication of what they most likely were i.e. a bloody pointy ear, faded Savar'Aving stripes or a worn down Fae horn. If possible, skin should be pale and eyes darkened. In Undead form a Risen is recognized as a fast moving rotting corpse. It is suggested that Risen obtain a mask for their Undead form so it may be removed quickly during race changes into their living form. Undead makeup resembling a zombie or rotted corpse is also acceptable if no Race Change is expected to occur.

#### Advantages

**Spirit Skinning** (Purchased): Any creature that has a spirit, is capable of resurrection, and is in their bleed count or unable to interrupt a killing blow, may be Spirit Skinned. The Risen must incant "Magic Spirit Skinning," and then perform a Killing Blow. If the Killing Blow is not interrupted, then the effects of this ability will instantly place the target into their Death Count and transfer part of their spirit into the Risen. If the target, for any reason, interrupts the Killing Blow, the ability will fail and cannot be attempted on that target again for 24 hours.

A spirit skinning is a process with a visible component, the description of which is: "Visible white energy is ripped from the target's body and consumed by the Risen".

If successful, the Risen must immediately begin to transform to their living form by incanting "Arcane Race Change. Transform to living 1, transform to living 2, transform to living 3." This transformation is automatic and cannot be stopped by the Risen once they have Spirit Skinned a target. If this ability is used while the Risen is already in their Living Form then a Spirit Recall will stack onto their spirit. A Risen may transform into their living form by using a Spirit Recall on their spirit, by incanting "Recall Spirit Skinning." This will transform the Risen again into their living form, as if they had just cast the ability on a target. A Risen can, at will, change back into their Undead form by incanting "Arcane Race Change. Transform to Undead 1, transform to Undead 2, transform to Undead 3." The living flesh begins to rot and a moment later the Risen is once again in their Undead form. There is no limit to the number of times a Risen can transform back to their Undead form nor is there any skill or ability that will physically force a Risen back into their Undead form save for a successful resurrection. A Risen may use Spirit Skinning at will. However, the maximum number of Spirit Recalls on their spirit is equal to the number of times they have purchased the Spirit Skinning ability. These Spirit Recalls expire in 5 days, but the living form obtained from Spirit Skinning is indefinite. Risen players may start their first game in either their living or Undead form, but they may not transform back into their living form without purchasing this ability.

**Dual Race** (Automatic): A Risen's automatic advantage is dependent on which form the Risen is in at that time. For any other unexpected situations that cannot be resolved by the list below, Undead Risen are to be considered one of the Undead Greater Zombie race while those in living form are to be considered of the human race.

<u>Undead Form</u>: While in Undead form the Risen gains the following Advantages:

- 0 Silver Threshold levels 1 to 5 (from 6 PM to 6 AM only, no threshold during the day)
- 0 Magic Threshold levels 6+ (from 6 PM to 6 AM only, no threshold during the day)
- Heals from Infliction
- +2 Strength Bonus
- Considered a Greater Zombie
- May be healed by a physician with knowledge of the Necromantic Arts
- May have First Aid administered by an individual with knowledge of the Necromantic Arts
- Standard Bleed and Death Count as if living

Living Form: While in living form the Risen gains the following Advantages:

- Heals from Healing
- Sense as Life

#### Disadvantages

**Dual Race** (Automatic): A Risen's automatic disadvantage is dependent on which form the Risen is in at that time. For any other unexpected situations that cannot be resolved by the list below, Undead Risen are to be considered one of the Undead Greater Zombie race while those in living form are to be considered of the human race.

<u>Undead form:</u> While in Undead Form the Risen gains the following Disadvantages:

- Sense as both Undead and Necromantic.
- Quadruple damage from Healing Spells of any sphere.
- Daytime Vulnerability: Undead take 1 Arcane damage per second if uncovered between 6 AM and 6 PM. To be considered covered, an Undead must wear clothing covering 90% of their body and this must include both the head and hands. This is a racial vulnerability.
- Susceptible to spells and abilities that would target Undead such as Destroy Undead and Control Undead.
- Requires 2 Life spells to take out of Death Count.
- A barely functional anatomy forces an Undead Risen to still breathe and require functional organs to live. Therefore, they do not gain the typical Undead's immunity to Alchemy or mind-altering effects. This is not enough life to detect or register as living though magical, physical or spiritual means.

Living Form: While in Living Form the Risen gains the following disadvantages:

- All as if living
- Sense as original pre-Undead race and may be affected by spells or abilities that target that race.

# Wolven (Bestial)

The Wolven race has only been known to exist for a few hundred years, rumoured to have been brought into existence by ancient druids to defend their sacred henges and groves. Wolven tend to look towards the eldest in their communities to solve disputes and make decisions, following a simple code of helping others in their community in order to be successful. Wolven consider respect to be the highest of virtues, and they are natural hunters. Highly adaptable by nature, Wolven assimilate themselves into other cultures with ease. Their life span is 40 to 60 years.

Racial Characteristics: Their distinguishing characteristics are appropriate make-up for the type of canine being played, large pointed ears and a tail. A prosthetic nose may be required should your breed be too similar in appearance to another race.

#### Advantages

**Sense Undead** (Automatic): Allows the player to sense Undead. To sense the Undead, the Wolven must roleplay that they are sniffing ("scenting") the air for 10 seconds uninterrupted, then incant "Sense Undead" in a normal speaking voice. Any Undead who hear the "Sense Undead" will respond "Here" in a normal speaking voice. This ability does not grant the detector any information on the type of Undead. This will not allow Wolven to sense vampires. Usable at will.

**Natural Hide** (Purchasable): Wolven are born with a natural thick hide. To represent this, a Wolven will gain 10 AP (Armour Points) with their first purchase of this ability and an additional 5 AP for every

subsequent purchase. This armour works in every respect to normal armour save that it cannot be refit. For a Wolven to repair their Natural Hide, they must heal it as though it were Body. A Wolven can never cure more Natural Hide AP than she or he has. Natural Hide AP will be removed after normal and Magical Armour but before Body points. Normal armour may be worn on top of Natural Hide.

**Strength Bonus** (Purchased): Built on raw physical power, your strength rating will determine how much your character can push, lift, and throw. This skill can only be purchased once throughout the character's entire existence.

#### Disadvantage

**Vulnerability to Fire** (Automatic): Wolven have a natural fear of and vulnerability to fire. A Wolven will take x2 damage from all sources of fire, including Magical and Elemental. Should any Wolven take fire damage to Body, they will also take the effects of a Penetrating Cower. The Cower effect will last for one minute, cannot be dispelled, and should be role-played appropriately. As with all racial vulnerabilities, fire damage will bypass any thresholds a Wolven might have.

# **Obscure Races**

# **Carnal Fae (Fae)**

With ebony skin and yellow veins, Carnal Fae tend to stand out in a crowd. They are a practical race, with a tendency towards self-preservation and a grim sense of humour. It is to this end that many have set up strong and extensive family ties, some even forming organized Houses. Although once mostly Faeblooded, the millennia of exile has diluted their connection to the Dark Fae, causing a loss of many of their magical abilities and resistances, not to mention their immortality.

The Carnal Fae, as they are commonly known now exist in large numbers only in a few places. The remainder of their people are scattered across the known world, often integrating into foreign cultures. The Carnal Fae are best known (and for some, feared) for their ability to resist magical effects. Although seen as useful by some, this reputation has given them delicate ground to stand on around the world, especially in cultures where there is a high concentration of magic. History has shown that Carnal Fae often simply wait these kinds of problems out, something usually attributed to their long lifespan. Linked to the Fae much more closely than most races, some choose to embrace their heritage, searching out their distant kin, while others would prefer not to be seen as something so alien. Life Span: 1200 to 1700 years.

Racial Characteristics: Carnal Fae have long pointed ears, black skin and yellow veins which spider web over their body.

#### Advantages

**Destroy Light** (Automatic): This racial ability will allow the Carnal Fae to extinguish any magical or non-magical light source. The incant for this ability is "Innate destroy light". If targeting a stationary light source not held by someone, a packet must be thrown and land within 5 feet of the light source to extinguish it. If held by a creature with a spirit, only the creature must be hit. This skill may be used once per day.

**Resist Magic** (Purchased): This racial ability will allow the Carnal Fae to resist any single incoming magical attack. This absorbs the attack, causing no ill effects to the Carnal Fae. This racial ability will stop any magical attack regardless of power, including ritual, Draconic and Arcane Magic. The defensive incant for this ability is "Innate Resist Magic".

#### Disadvantages

**Vulnerability to Iron** (Automatic): A Carnal Fae cannot touch cold iron without experiencing extreme discomfort. If damage is called and a Carnal Fae is struck with an iron weapon, the Carnal Fae will take iron damage x4. As with all racial vulnerabilities, iron damage will bypass any thresholds a Carnal Fae might have.

## **Faceless (Construct)**

The Faceless are a dark and morbid race, ex-slaves of a demon master long thought to be dead. Appearing as mostly human, Faceless wear elaborate masks to cover a scarred or blank face underneath. Faceless have only now begun to enter this world and are typically untrusted and viewed with suspicion at best. All Faceless have amnesia, as their freedom came at a price - no memories of what came before it. It is generally believed that long ago, there existed a demonic master who took the form of a small child. This demon would capture souls through force or trade and would turn these souls into toys. The Faceless were born from this macabre creation - masked doll minions that served without hesitation or question. Over

time, the demon master was slain through means unknown, but the demon was so powerful that it was not truly destroyed. Instead, its spirit was shattered into many pieces and spread across the multiverse. Each of those pieces is the mask that a Faceless wears. To this day there still exist those who wish to see the demon master reborn. Some magi believe that when a Faceless dies a final death, its spirit returns to the demon master and that if enough Faceless die, the demon master will be return. Because of this, many Faceless and those who work against demonic forces do what they can to keep the Faceless alive, despite the contempt or fear of those who view them as monsters. Their life span is immortal.

Racial Characteristics: Faceless have human bodies but wear Venetian (carnival) style masks at all times. These masks are considered spirit-linked to the faceless and may be removed but with penalty. The face under the mask is either featureless and pure white (repped by a plain white mask that is worn when the Venetian mask is removed) or a gruesome mess of scars. The mask must cover at least the top 3/4ths of the face, with the mouth area open if desired. Some Faceless have scars on their bodies, but this is optional.

#### Advantages

**Permanent Non-Detection** (Automatic): The Faceless cannot be detected by any means, natural or magical. They do not need to answer to calls of "Sense Life" or similar. Their presence is even hidden from that of ultra-powerful beings such as Gods and Dragons.

**Unmasked** (Purchased): A Faceless may choose to remove their mask, releasing substantial anti-magical powers as a result. Only the Faceless may remove their own mask. Doing so gives the Faceless immunity to one sphere of magic of their choosing other than Psionics for 10 minutes after the mask is removed. This immunity includes ritual magic but cannot grant immunity to magical damage from enchanted weapons. While their mask is not being worn, a Faceless will lose their "Non-Detection" racial and instead will detect as everything. Not wearing their mask is draining for a Faceless, and it may only be done once per day per purchase. Multiple purchases may be used at the same time to become immune to multiple spheres.

#### Disadvantage

**Demonic Spirit** (Automatic): Although their origin may be shrouded in mystery, one fact that cannot be denied is that the Faceless have been tainted by demonic powers and owe their existence to it. As such, Faceless take x4 damage from sources of Psionic damage and this is considered a racial vulnerability. As with all racial vulnerabilities, Psionic damage will bypass any thresholds a Faceless might have. Also, Banish and Exorcism spells will not return a Faceless to their home plane but they will drop the Faceless into their Death Count akin to a Death effect. With the exception of these two special conditions, other Psionic effects function normally.

# **Gnomes** (Dwarven)

Passionately curious and natural inventors, Gnomes are the less robust, more scholarly cousins of the Dwarves. Their cultural distaste for magic has driven them to pursue physical arts and sciences with an obsessive devotion, and the greatest of their creations rival most known sorcery. Gnomes have a distrust for all Fae, who they consider evil, reckless creatures who torment the living.

Gnomish society is a meritocracy and individuals therein are valued based on their contributions to inventive progress. As such, Gnomes will jealously guard the secrets of their inventions, sharing them only rarely with other respectable Gnomes and never willingly with outsiders. Although they have embraced industrialization and shunned magic, Gnomes still maintain a strong connection with the earth below their feet and the veneration of it is an ancient Gnomish tradition.

Gnomes consider themselves creative and intelligent, generally more so than other races. As such, they are not burdened by the need for magic. Their gnomish inventions can accomplish anything magic can do and more! While they can accept the fact that other races may use magic because tinkering is above their mental faculties, they are not likely to accept that of other Gnomes. Gnomes that chose to study and learn magic are pariahs among their kind, treated as many humans would treat necromancers.

Racial Characteristics: Freckles and colourful hair, plus a squeaky voice and gnomish style clothing (tinker/mechanic).

#### Advantages

**Scavenger** (Automatic): Gnomes have a natural talent for finding useful scrap, repurposing junk into amazing gadgets and making the impossible seem possible with raw material. Every Gnome is seemingly capable of pulling Raw Material out of thin air and using it for just about anything. At each Logistics, Gnomes may collect 5 universal RM.

**Gnomish Device** (Purchased): Through skilled tinkering a Gnome can create fantastical gadgets which mimic magic items without being magical. For each purchase of Gnomish Device, a Gnome is able to build and maintain one additional Device. The Gnome may choose from 3 lists of 10 Devices during Logistics, provided by the Shaper team. These lists are divided into Offensive, Defensive and Utility themed Devices. After choosing a list the Gnome's player will then roll randomly on whichever list they chose. They may see the lists prior to choosing a list. The result of the roll will determine which Device the Gnome receives. If the Gnome does not like the Device they receive, they can pay 5 RM per digits difference between the item they rolled and the item they want. For example: Wozzbur rolls a 7 after selecting the Defensive list. Wozzbur sees a Device he wants more, which is Device #3 on the list. Wozzbur can pay 20 RM (5 RM x 4) to select that Device instead.

Each Gnomish Device has one per day power and one negative effect that is either constant or activates along with the power. After the initial use, a Gnome may choose to feed RM to the Device to use it again. For every 5 RM of any type used to power their Device it will receive a new daily use of that power. If more than 5 RM is used on the Device at one time it will not be divided; any additional RM past 5 will be wasted. Each Device can be "recharged" up to 5 times per day.

Gnomish Devices do not expire, but during Logistics a Gnome may abandon an old Device and select a new one from the Device lists. Devices may not be switched mid-event and may only be used by their creator. Device powers are not considered racial and will use prefixes based on their design – alchemical, elemental, magic, etc. Although some Devices will use magic prefixes for the sake of clarity, they will not detect as magical nor are they magical in-game.

#### Disadvantages

**Psychosomatic Static** (Automatic): Gnomes hate magic and magical items in particular. This manifests in a bizarre psychological condition. If a Gnome comes into contact with a magic item they will begin to sneeze violently, as if they were allergic to it. This sneezing will continue so long as the Gnome is touching the item or has it anywhere on their person. While the sneezing continues the Gnome is unable to speak, cast or use any skills, but can move at normal speed. This prevents a Gnome from activating magic items that have per day/hour/etc. abilities, as they cannot speak the activation words. Gnomes may handle magic items that don't require activation, such as magical swords and armour, but they will sneeze continuously while doing so. Finally, it is important to note that this allergy isn't real – it's all in the mind of the Gnome. It will activate when the Gnome a) knows that an item is magical or b) believes it is magical. The Gnome cannot actively detect magical items and confirm their existence out of game, but they may react as their roleplay deems fit. For example, if a wand covered in runes is glowing, chances

are that a Gnome will believe it to be magical in nature.

## Ice Elves: The Crissen'Thalan (Elven)

Perhaps the most isolated, xenophobic and secretive of all Elven races, the Ice Elves call the tundras of the frozen north their homeland. All Ice Elves are tied to the dark goddess Pandora on a spiritual level, but not all follow her and her twisted obsession with pain and suffering. Pandora sees her mark forced upon them whether they serve her or not. Acceptance of pain as a method to grow stronger is a core feature in almost every Ice Elf's upbringing, even among those who do not follow Pandora. Although a majority of Ice Elves swear loyalty to Pandora, who they view as their patron goddess, there is now a growing faction that have left the north on a pilgrimage to win back the Mother's favour – Ll'yandra, the Goddess of Elves. Life Span: 700 to 1000 years.

Racial Characteristics: Ice Elves have the same pointed ears as all elves, with blue tips. All Ice Elves have pale, blue-tinged skin with dark blue markings and designs around the eyes and upper face. Those markings form ice-like designs, cracked ice and sometimes appear like snow.

#### Advantages

**Scion of Suffering** (Automatic): Ice Elves are conditioned to carry on when physical pain would leave any other race unable to do more than cry for help. When at 0 or 1 Body, Ice Elves remain conscious and able to perform all actions they normally could at 2 Body, without falling unconscious. Use of this ability does not require the skill Self Mutilate.

**Memories in Flesh** (Purchased): Once a day an Ice Elf may recall a lesson by carving into their skin with a blade a phrase, an image, a symbol, etc., that reminds them of their lesson. Doing so takes 5 minutes of focused concentration and will return the use of any tagged (daily, hourly, etc.) character ability or skill, including class abilities, that has been used since last reset. This ability may only be used when the Ice Elf is at full Body. It will not return any skill or ability more than once per day even if the character has multiple purchases of the skill or multiple purchases of Memories in Flesh. Memories in Flesh will not refresh magic items or ritual spells on spirit. If Memories in Flesh is used to return a spell slot, that spell slot can only be used to cast the original spell memorised for that slot. Using this racial ability will lower the Ice Elf to 1 Body at the end of the 5 minutes of concentration. This ability may be used once a day per purchase, which will allow additional uses for different skills/abilities.

#### Disadvantages

**Pandora's Touch** (Automatic): Ice Elves are marked from birth by the dark magics of Pandora. If "Sense Dark" calls are used, they must respond. Ice Elves have a permanent aura on their spirit of "Active Dark Magic" at all times, which will respond to certain effects, such as Witch Marks. Finally, like Angels they are vulnerable to Psionic magic, and take x2 from Psionic damage. Exorcism effects do not affect them.

## Sidhe (Fae)

Sidhe are a race of "pure" fae, unlike the diluted blood of Wood Fae and Carnal Fae. Sidhe are recognized by the seasonal fae courts and most of them are members of a court, although some are not. Sidhe are independent fae, walking the mortal realms by choice, pursuing their personal interests. Few races and cultures trust Sidhe and that reputation is probably deserved. Mischievous and meddling by nature, even the best intentions of a Sidhe rarely come without strings attached. They are puppet masters, using the mortal races to further their goals even if those goals are noble ones. Sidhe are potent spell casters.

By their nature Sidhe are tied to the sun and moon, to the day and night. "Day Sidhe" are usually

optimistic and positive, where "Night Sidhe" tend to be more distrustful and pessimistic. Because of this, a Sidhe's powers depend on the time of day. Day Sidhe are most powerful between 6 AM and 6 PM, whereas Night Sidhe are in their element from 6 PM to 6 AM. Sidhe can live for up to 5000 years.

Racial Characteristics: Long pointed ears and large horns. Contour the hairline and cheekbones in white, gold, orange or yellow for Day Sidhe and black, blue, grey or purple for night Sidhe, with small, accenting patterns of another colour within, for a combination of two colours only. The colours may be used to accent lips, horns, ears and nails, optionally.

#### Advantages

**Formless Casting** (Automatic): This racial allows a Sidhe to cast Battle Magic spells without requiring a free casting hand or the need to speak. Out of Game, the player must still correctly state the spell's incant and is still required to hit their target with a spell packet (if needed) however in-game the Sidhe will remain motionless and silent during casting. In other words, the rulebook process for casting a spell remains the same (incant + packet strike), it is only the in Game actions which change. This racial ability functions all will for Day Sidhe between 6am-6pm and for Night Sidhe between 6pm-6am. To activate this power, a Sidhe must state "Formless Casting" prior to any incants.

**Magic Echo** (Purchased): Sidhe have the ability to "Echo" a spell that they have cast against a target. If their target successfully defends against a spell, the Sidhe can cause it to strike a second time in an attempt to bypass defenses. By using this racial, a Sidhe can force their opponent to defend a second time or take the effect. When the target is hit by a spell and calls an appropriate defense, the Sidhe may then call "Innate Echo!", causing the target to be instantly hit by the spell again, although they may still defend against it if possible. This racial ability functions for Sidhe at any time of the day. This skill cannot be used to Echo magic items. Usable once per day per purchase.

#### Disadvantage

**No Death Count** (Automatic): Unlike other true fae, Sidhe do not have a vulnerability to iron. However, their spirits on the mortal realm are weak. Sidhe characters do not have a Death Count. At the end of their Bleed Count, a Sidhe spirit leaves their body and heads toward the resurrection circle. If an attack places a Sidhe directly into their Death Count by bypassing the Bleed Count (such as a Death spell) the Sidhe immediately dies and goes to resurrect. There is one catch, however...

At the end of their Bleed Count Sidhe have a short window of 10 seconds in which their spirit lingers between life and death. During these 10 seconds the Sidhe is able to stand on their feet as a spirit and cast any one spell from memory. If an effect drops a Sidhe directly into a Death Count (such as a death effect) they still gain their 10 second Death Count Cast, it is not bypassed. They cannot speak during this time (minus their one incant) and both feet must remain planted after they have stood up. They are completely invulnerable for this period and appear as a ghostly version of themselves, unable to physically interact with people or objects. A Sidhe may choose to target themselves with a Life spell, throw a final spell at their enemy or assist an ally. This spell must still be incanted correctly and the target must be struck with a packet if required. During these 10 seconds the Sidhe is considered dead, healing will not function on their body or their ghostly spirit. Nothing may extend those 10 seconds and only a spell with a Life-style effect cast by the Sidhe if they are in their matching time cycle – day for Day Sidhe, night for Night Sidhe - however there is no limit to the amount of times the 10 second window may be used during those periods.

# Vulcan Dwarf (Dwarven)

A hearty and quick-tempered race, the fire-infused Vulcan Dwarves make their home within mountains, particularly volcanoes. When the Black Dragon Styphon awoke, their subterranean kingdom was sieged by Undead and the majority of their population was enslaved. What was once a proud monarchy has been reduced to a shadow of its former glory, barely more than forced labour for the Black Dragon. Some Vulcan Dwarves have managed to escape their volcanic home and have begun to explore the strange surface world. Vulcan Dwarves are hardy and will live for 400 years before passing away.

Racial Characteristics: Short red beards, black eye sockets with black veins that spiral out from their sockets.

#### Advantages

**Volcanic Skin** (Automatic): Vulcan Dwarves have an extremely thick skin, due to their acclimatization within an active volcano. The possession of this thick skin gives a Vulcan Dwarf the ability to resist any single Body damage attack, once per day. Resisting an attack this way will also allow the Vulcan Dwarf to resist any carriers that would have affected the Vulcan Dwarf if the attack was successful.

**Endure Fire** (Purchased): Vulcan dwarves have the ability to endure massive amounts of heat. Once per day per purchase a Vulcan Dwarf is able to endure elemental and magical fire for 10 minutes. During those 10 minutes they will subtract 25 damage from all sources of fire and heat to a minimum of 0. Each time this ability is purchased an additional -25 is added and an addition use is gained. Eg: If this ability is purchased 3 times, then 3 times a day a Vulcan Dwarf subtracts 75 damage from all fire damage sources for 10 minutes. This ability is activated by stating "Endure Fire".

#### Disadvantage

**Crippling Vulnerability to Cold** (Automatic): Due to their nature, Vulcan Dwarves are extremely susceptible to cold damage. If a Vulcan Dwarf is hit by a cold or ice based attack the damage they receive will be x4. Furthermore, if a Vulcan Dwarf is dropped into their Bleed Count via a cold attack they will explode into chunks of frozen body parts and enter their Death Count, removing the Bleed Count entirely. Only a life spell or some other form of miracle will bring them back to life at that point. As with all racial vulnerabilities, cold damage will bypass any thresholds a Vulcan Dwarf might have.

# **Chapter 3: RENOWNED OCCUPATIONS**



# **Demagogues: Clerics & Dragon Knights**

Clerics & Dragon Knights are a unique subset of any other class, chosen personally by a God or Dragon to be their representative on Maud'madir. Anyone may become a follow of a God or Dragon, but it takes special knowledge and Divine or Draconic guidance to become their demagogue. Clerics and Dragon Knights come from all races and classes, and there are no pre-requisites to start down the path of true worship or reverence. If a character wishes to become a Cleric or Dragon Knight, they must first begin a period of purification and trials.

#### Clerics, Lightweavers and Darkweavers

Clerical Magic is divided into two opposing forces: Light and Dark. A Cleric's disposition and access to these forces are determined by which Sphere of Magic their God will grant them. Clerics of a Light God will choose a path of Light and Clerics of a Dark God will choose a path of Dark. Once their path is chosen, Clerics of Light, often known as Lightweavers and Clerics of Dark, often known as Darkweavers, can choose from their own list of Occupational Abilities

#### Dragon Knights

Dragon Knights rarely share in the moral dilemma of good and evil. Loyalty to their Dragon is more than enough. Dragon Knights do not need to choose a Light or Dark path nor are they forced to choose between Light and Dark Spheres of Magic. A Dragon Knight, when Favoured, is given access to the Sphere of Draconic as well as their own set of Occupational Abilities.

# Champions: Paladins & Dread Knights

When the Gods have issues that cannot be resolved with words, they call in Champions.

A Champion is an individual who, through great servitude and dedication to their faith, has been chosen as their God's (un)holy warrior. A Champion's job is far from easy. They must strike out at those who seek to do their church harm and exterminate, with extreme prejudice, those that stand in the way of their Deity's goals.

When the Gods choose an individual to become an (un)holy warrior for their cause, that person becomes a Champion of their Deity. These Champions come in two forms, the Paladin (Light) and the Dread Knight (Dark). They are expected to have total devotion to their faith, total fervour in its protection and a willingness to do whatever their God and its church asks of them.

#### Paladins

A Paladin is the epitome of a Holy Warrior. They are expected to fight for good, justice, light and the protection of innocence. To do this Paladins are given an arsenal of abilities and weaponry which they use to battle enemies of their God. They are specialists in the field of Undead destruction but are well equipped for almost every evil encounter. They will not hesitate to use these weapons if an innocent is at risk and evil to be thwarted. In addition to their Occupational Abilities, Paladins can also purchase access to the Sphere of Light, when they first purchase the skill Favoured.

#### Dread Knights

If Paladins uphold the Light then Dread Knights truly are the darkness. They are masters of evil, often wicked and cruel. They bring the hammer of hatred and deceit onto all those who dare not bow before

their God. Like Paladins, Dread Knights are given a full assortment of weapons and abilities to help them serve their Dark God's will. They are masters of Dark magic. Dread Knights can also learn from the Divine Spheres but they choose the darker path. As such they must purchase Favoured, giving them access to the Sphere of Dark Magic, though they must still purchase the Sphere.

# **Obtaining Favour**

The path to favour is a long and arduous one. There is no quick route nor any guarantees. Most who start down the path fail and every player with aspirations of greatness should recognize that the odds are stacked against them. A potential Champion or Demagogue will be watched and judged by their God or Dragon. Gods and Dragons are always represented by your Lead Shaper.

The journey of one thousand miles begins with a single step and for potential Chosen that step is a written proposal to the Lead Shaper which states your intentions. It may be written In-Game or Out-of-Game; however you see fit. Be as creative and unique as you want and remember you are vying for the attention of a creature with near omnificent power. It's important to stand out. An aspiring Chosen must maintain the highest level of RP possible, never dropping out of character, always maintaining the realism of the game. As well, their RP must portray a character who sincerely desires to further the goals of their church from a martial or clerical standpoint. Their religious obligations must become the most important things in their lives.

Be better than the current pool of aspiring Chosen. Find unique ways to lessen their power, roleplay your devotion better than they do and please your God or Dragon. Finally, keep your Shaper team updated on your progress. While they don't need to read every prayer, if you do something of note, make sure they are informed. As stated before, there are no guarantees. Chosen are moderated by your Lead Shaper based on the current population of the game. You must be better than the rest.

The latter steps differ depending on whether the aspiring player wishes to become a Demagogue or a Champion. For a Demagogue, the most important step is to convert. Gather around you those who would fight and die under your God's or Dragon's banner. Gods and Dragons grow powerful with each member of their church or temple. For a Champion, the focus is on exerting the will of your God on the world. A Champion is the hand of their god in the mortal realm, performing their God's Light or Dark works by the sweat of their brow.

Finally, it is important to note that both the Gods and Dragons of Arthos, even in their pure and holiest of forms, are still jealous, fickle and territorial of mortal worship and admiration. They all, in their own ways, want followers and while they may work with their own kind to share goals, they will not share that which gives them power. Gods covet worship and as such, tend to choose amongst masses, those that possess independence from other Gods. Dragons on the other hand want reverence and they value individuals that gather numbers to revere. This includes (but is not restricted to) camping or living with other Demagogues and Champions. While nothing is ever set in stone, it is advisable to those seeking Divine blessing of favour, to strive to establish a camp and convert followers outside of another God or Dragon's domain.

This guideline is intended to spread leadership and power across many camps rather than having it all gather in one or two. If you are applying for Chosen, it is much less likely to be approved if you currently camp with a Chosen of a different God or Dragon.

If and when the decision is made by the Head Shaper to allow a character the chance to become Chosen (and there is no guarantee that permission will ever be given, or how long it will take if it is given), the character must go on a quest. They will be given no warning or information about the quest and in some cases they won't even know it has begun. A quest requires three steps, and no two steps will occur at the

same event. A quest should last most of a year, if not longer. The specific tasks to accomplish the quest will depend on the God or Dragon that the character worships, the strengths and weaknesses of the character which must be proven or overcome, and whether the player is trying to become a Demagogue or Champion, but they will fall into the following general categories:

#### Task 1: Capability

The first, but perhaps most arduous, task is to prove that the character is worthy of Favour. They must show that they have the skill, strength and commitment to perform the duties required of a Demagogue or Champion of their patron. For Demagogues, this will involve spreading the teachings of their patron, recruiting members, and mentoring those within their faith. For Champions, this will involve enacting the tenets of their patron, destroying their enemies of their faith or those who harm their patron's interests or protecting that which their patron holds dear.

#### Task 2: Faith

This portion of the quest will test to see if the character is willing to place themselves completely in the hands of their patron. An example could be: The character comes to a cavern with a crevice blocking their way. Inscribed faintly on the far wall is the symbol of their God. Do they step out into the abyss? The character may be given several choices throughout the event that this test is occurring at, all of which must be difficult, either from a morality point of view or choosing between several bad options. They must show that they trust their God or Dragon's will completely, even above their own.

#### Task 3: Sacrifice

This portion of the quest forces the character to give up something important to them, to show their devotion. For Gods of Light, this sacrifice may be material, such as giving all of one's wealth including weapons and armour to the construction of a church, even if it left them defenseless, or it may be personal, such as giving up a position of power to be able to focus on their faith. For Dark Gods, the sacrifice tends to be physical, such as the harming or slaying of a loved one. The character must be willing to do whatever is needed of them by their faith, even if seems self-detrimental, perhaps needing to slay or overcome an enemy of the faith which far out-powers them.

Should the character pass their tests and complete the quest, they will receive a sign from their God or Dragon. For a Champion, the dominant hand of the character will be branded with the holy symbol of the God they serve as they have become, in effect, the hand of said God. This symbol cannot act as a spell focus. A Demagogue will find that their God or Dragon now communes with them, allowing for the Demagogue to memorise their Divine or Draconic magic straight from their connection with their patron, rather than scrolls.

Once you have proven yourself worthy and have accepted the blessing of your God or Dragon (and Lead Shaper approval has been obtained), you must now change your Occupation to this Advanced Class and purchase the skill "Favoured". The Favoured skill grants a character access to the Sphere of Magic unique to their new Occupation. Once the character obtains Champion or Demagogue status, the current character class is removed and all CP for current skills are refunded. The player is now a Dreadknight, Paladin, Cleric, or Dragon Knight, depending on the circumstance, and may spend, without penalty, their entire banked and refunded CP on skills and abilities of their new class.

#### Losing Favour

Every God and Dragon has an established set of tenets that must be followed. Should you, as a devout follower, break the tenets of your God or Dragon, you may find yourself the focus of their ire. Many

times, a warning will be given first. Perhaps you may lose access to your unique Sphere of Magic, or your divine weapon calls for *your* blood. Should you truly lose favour repeatedly or perform some act that is so incredibly outside the tenets of your God or Dragon, you may have your Favoured skill and Chosen status stripped from you. Doing so will remove any access to the unique Sphere of Magic and all Occupational Abilities of your renowned occupation. These skills are not lost, but instead severed from Chosen until they atone for their sins. Atonement can take many forms and is almost as difficult to complete as obtaining the Occupation itself. The process of Atonement is something the fallen Chosen must find out in game. Severed skills lost this way do not qualify for a CP refund even if Atonement is never obtained.

#### Abandoning Favour

Very rarely, the Chosen of a God or Dragon will renounce their path. This will revert the Favoured to their original class and allow them to re-spend any CP earned after earning Favour. No matter how merciful your Patron may be, rejecting their gifts is always seen as a great insult and will earn their ire. For one year, the former Favoured will be under a curse, chosen by the Head Shaper, which fits the theme of the God or Dragon scorned. This curse can take many forms, from extra damage taken when harmed by followers of the Patron, to physical deformities like the loss of a hand, and even more unusual curses. Local followers of the rejected Patron will be informed of this betrayal through visions, dreams, or other appropriate mediums. They may condemn, shun, or even attack the former Favoured, depending on the personality of the followers and their former Patron.





# **Dread Knight: Occupational Abilities**

Where Darkweavers are the voice of the Gods, Dread Knights are the hand of their God in the mortal realm. To do this, they use their personal brand of unholy tools. Each class ability for Dread Knights involves an item of power. These items may be anything the player desires, so long as it is of the type specified. The exact item should suit the God served. Upon purchasing each class ability, the item must be collected in game by the Dread Knight. Each item must have a value of 10 gold or more and be Blessed by their God. The Dread Knight must perform a 10 minute Rite on the item, whereupon it becomes spirit-linked and Legendary. This will activate the item. Any of these items might instead involve a special plotline to acquired the item, if the Shaper team so desires. Although the items are Legendary, they can still be enchanted.

An item which is spirit linked to an individual may not travel more than 5 feet away from the spirit to which it is linked. Any time it is moved more than 5 feet away, it will reappear touching the spirit to which is it linked. This effect continues during the spirit's Death Count. If the spirit resurrects, the item will dissipate and reappear in the resurrection circle with the spirit. This effect will only end when the spirit suffers Final Death.

An item of power can be given to a Darkweaver of the same God, allowing the Darkweaver to use its powers for a time. This will spirit link the item to the Darkweaver for 1 hour. When the hour ends, the item will reappear at the feet of the Dread Knight. The Dread Knight may end this effect early by touching the Darkweaver, if they so desire.

#### Harbinger's Blade

#### Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3rd Level

This ability permanently augments a melee or non-simple ranged weapon to be empowered by the will of their God. If a ranged weapon is selected, its powers will affect the missiles fired from it. This weapon is now their Harbinger's Blade. Each purchase of this ability strengthens the bond between the weapon and its user and grants +3 Body permanently. Every time this ability is purchased the Dread Knight may change weapons if desired. Any enchantments on the previous weapon not gained via Dread Knight class abilities will be lost if the weapon is switched. This new weapon will then be considered the Harbinger's Blade. This class ability does not grant the weapon skill needed to use the weapon.

#### **Unholy Ring**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6th Level and at least one 3rd Level Dread Knight Ability

This ring grants the Dread Knight a magic aura for any weapon they swing with the hand the ring is on. It will also allow the Dread Knight to touch cast or spell strike a Dark Shard once per day. The call for this is "Activate Magic 10 Dark" if it is touch cast or "Activate Spellstrike 10 Dark" if it is spell striked. These powers only work via the hand wearing the ring. They will work for two-handed weapons and missile weapons. Each additional purchase of this ability allows the Dread Knight to create a new ring with the same properties.

#### **Unholy Symbol**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9th Level and at least one 6th Level Dread Knight Ability

This Unholy Symbol must be the symbol of the Dread Knight's God. If the Dread Knight has purchased the Dark sphere, it must be their spell focus. It cannot be the same item as their Harbinger's Blade. The Unholy Symbol must be held or displayed to use either of its abilities.

This Symbol will grant the Dread Knight +2 Strength for one hour if they perform a Killing Blow on a creature capable of resurrection, at will. The creature must either final or resurrect for this effect to occur. The call for this is "Innate Spirit Drain" following the Killing Blow. The Strength bonus cannot be stacked with itself by killing multiple creatures but if it is lost it can be replaced at will. The Unholy

Symbol only needs to be visible/held when performing the Killing Blow. It can be hidden on the Dread Knight's person without them losing the Strength bonus.

The Unholy Symbol also grants the Dread Knight a packet delivered attack which immobilizes the target in black tentacles, entering their orifices and clawing at their brain. After 10 seconds the target is hit with a Death effect. If anyone else touches the target during the 10 seconds, they will be hit with the same effect. If they call a defence they will be immune to that particular Maelstrom. If the target frees themselves before the 10 seconds complete or receives any numeric healing during the 10 seconds, this will stop the Death effect. The call for this ability is "Activate Magic Maelstrom". Each purchase of this ability grants the Dread Knight another use of Maelstrom.

#### Headpiece

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12<sup>th</sup> Level and at least one 9<sup>th</sup> Level Dread Knight Ability To activate this ability, the Dread Knight must state "Activate Headpiece". This ability augments the other class abilities as follows for 10 minutes:

1. The Harbinger's Blade may swing for Elemental damage of a type of the Dread Knight's choosing. The Harbinger's Blade also grants the Dread Knight one Parry, but if this is used the Elemental damage ends as well.

2. The Unholy Rings grant +5 damage (total, not per ring) to any weapon held in a hand wearing one.

3. The Unholy Symbol's Spirit Drain can now stack, granting the Dread Knight +1 Strength for each creature killed after the first to a maximum of +6.

The Headpiece must be worn for the 10 minutes this ability is active. This ability is usable once per day per purchase and does not stack.



# **Paladin: Occupational Abilities**

Where Lightweavers are the voice of the Gods, Paladins are the hand of their God in the mortal realm. To do this, they use their personal brand of holy tools. Each class ability for Paladins involves an item of power. These items may be anything the player desires, so long as it is of the type specified. The exact item should suit the God served. Upon purchasing each class ability, the item must be collected in game by the Paladin. Each item must have a value of 10 gold or more and be Blessed by their God. The Paladin must perform a 10 minute Rite on the item, whereupon it becomes spirit-linked and Legendary. This will activate the item. Any of these items might instead involve a special plotline to acquired the item, if the Shaper team so desires. Although the items are Legendary, they can still be enchanted.

An item which is spirit linked to an individual may not travel more than 5 feet away from the spirit to which it is linked. Any time it is moved more than 5 feet away, it will reappear touching the spirit to which is it linked. This effect continues during the spirit's Death Count. If the spirit resurrects, the item will dissipate and reappear in the resurrection circle with the spirit. This effect will only end when the spirit suffers Final Death.

An item of power can be given to a Lightweaver of the same God, allowing the Lightweaver to use its powers for a time. This will spirit link the item to the Lightweaver for 1 hour. When the hour ends, the item will reappear at the feet of the Paladin. The Paladin may end this effect early by touching the Lightweaver, if they so desire.

#### Defender

#### Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3rd Level

This ability permanently augments a melee or non-simple ranged weapon to be empowered by the will of their God. If a ranged weapon is selected, its powers will affect the missiles fired from it. This weapon is now their Defender. Each purchase of this ability strengthens the bond between the weapon and its user and grants +3 Body permanently. Every time this ability is purchased the Paladin may change weapons if desired. Any enchantments on the previous weapon not gained via Paladin class abilities will be lost if the weapon is switched. This new weapon will then be considered the Defender Blade. This class ability does not grant the weapon skill needed to use the weapon.

#### **Holy Ring**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6th Level and at least one 3rd Level Paladin Ability

This ring grants the Paladin a magic aura for any weapon they swing with the hand the ring is on. It will also allow the Paladin to touch cast or spell strike a Light Shard once per day. The call for this is "Activate Magic 10 Light" if it is touch cast or "Activate Spellstrike 10 Light" if it is spell striked. These powers only work via the hand wearing the ring. They will work for two-handed weapons and missile weapons. Each additional purchase of this ability allows the Paladin to create a new ring with the same properties.

#### Holy Symbol

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9th Level and at least one 6th Level Paladin Ability

This Holy Symbol must be the symbol of the Paladin's God. If the Paladin has purchased the Light sphere, it must be their spell focus. It cannot be the same item as their Defender. The Holy Symbol must be held or displayed to use either of its abilities.

This Symbol will grant the Paladin the ability to Power Word Directed Arcane Rebuke Undead and Demons. To use this power the Paladin must state in a loud voice "In the name of <God> I rebuke you, Undead/Demon! Power Word Directed Arcane Rebuke Undead/Demon". The target is physically pushed away from the Paladin until it is at least 10 feet away. The target may not get closer than 10 feet away from the Paladin while the Paladin maintains concentration and holds their Holy Symbol towards the

target at eye level with both hands. If the target cannot retreat any further and the Paladin approaches the creature within the ten feet, the effect will fail. This ability can be used at will but it takes 1 minute of prayer to recharge for further use. This will not function against vampires and some unique or powerful Undead and demons. If the target calls "No Effect", the ability cannot be used until the next reset.

The Holy Symbol also grants the Paladin the ability to call forth a massive pillar of fire via packet attack. The call for this is "Activate Magic Pillar of Fire - 20 Massive Elemental Fire". This may be used indoors, but since it is a massive pillar of fire, it may cause structural damage. Pillar of Fire is useable once per day per purchase.

#### Headpiece

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12th Level and at least one 9th Level Paladin Ability To activate this ability, the Paladin must state "Activate Headpiece". This ability augments the other class abilities as follows for 10 minutes:

1. The Defender may swing for Elemental damage of a type of the Paladin's choosing. The Defender also grants the Paladin one Parry, but if this is used the Elemental damage ends as well.

2. The Holy Rings grant +5 damage (total, not per ring) to any weapon held in a hand wearing one.

3. The Holy Symbol's Arcane Rebuke now becomes a Destroy effect for Lesser Undead and Demons. It stays the same for Greater Undead and Demons. To use this power, the Paladin must state in a loud voice "In the name of <God> I destroy you, Undead/Demon! Power Word Directed Arcane Destroy Undead/Demon".

The Headpiece must be worn for the 10 minutes this ability is active. This ability is usable once per day per purchase and does not stack.



# **Darkweaver: Occupational Abilities**

#### **Unholy Altar**

#### Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3rd Level

This ability creates an Unholy Altar devoted to the creator's God. These Altars require physical representations in game and should be decorated to match the God to which they're devoted. To create an Unholy Altar, the Darkweaver performs a 10 minute rite devoted to their God and then states "Innate Create Unholy Altar". This will empower the Altar with their God's power for 5 days. At the end of the 5 days the Altar will remain, but it will no longer be empowered and the rite must be performed again. If an Unholy Altar is moved more than 20 feet from its original location, it will lose its empowerment. Only one Unholy Altar can be active at any time. Once empowered, Unholy Shrines have 100 Body and a 10 Normal threshold. They do not have spirits. A tag describing these stats should be placed on the Unholy Altar once empowered. When not empowered, the Altar is as destructible as what it is made from in game.

Unholy Altars provide a number of powers. The first allows its creator to transfer active Blesses from their own spirit to other people or even items. This is done by stating "Innate Transfer" and touching the target. Doing this will remove the Bless from the Darkweaver and give it to the target. This transfer is only possible within 20 feet of the Unholy Altar. The Bless will keep its original duration. This ability can be used at will.

Additionally, Unholy Altars create 3 vials of unholy blood each day per purchase. These vials appear on the top of the Unholy Altar and will remain there until reset if undisturbed. Once removed from the Altar, they will last for 1 hour before transforming into normal water. The vials may be used for any one of these three effects:

- 1. The vial may function as a light source once removed from the Unholy Altar. The light source should be repped by a green, yellow or red glow stick or LED light.
- 2. The vial may be thrown at a target to cause 10 seconds of Alchemical Blindness. This is a packet delivered attack. Do not throw an actual vial. Doing this will use up the vial and it will revert into water immediately.
- 3. The vial may be consumed to grant the consumer a Bless of the Darkweaver's God which will last for 5 days. Doing this will use up the vial.

#### **Sacred Bond**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6th Level and at least one 3rd Level Darkweaver Ability

Sacred Bond will link the Darkweaver to their Unholy Altar from a distance. This link allows the Darkweaver to access some of their God's unholy power as they do their work away from their Altar. Each of the two abilities may be used once per day per purchase; you do not need to choose between them.

- 1. The Darkweaver may grant 15 mending to any target. This healing type is special; it will heal any target for its natural healing type. Thus, it can be used to heal Undead, Gargylen or anything that can receive Healing. It cannot be used offensively. The call for this is "Arcane 15 Mend". This may be used once per purchase of Sacred Bond.
- 2. The Darkweaver may activate magical items with "per day" or "ever" charges left on the Altar as if they were in possession of it. A Sacred Bond must be created between the item and the Altar. The Darkweaver must perform a 10 minute RP Rite. At the end of the Rite, the item will be absorbed into the Altar, making it vanish inside. This will allow the Darkweaver to use it from afar. It will last until the next skill reset. Tags for the magic item must still be carried and produced if requested. This Sacred Bond will only function for "ever" or "per day" powers, even if the item has multiple types of powers, such as a sword with both a magic aura and a once per

day Life spell; the Life spell can be used, but the magic aura cannot. Inapplicable item powers will be ignored. If the Altar is destroyed or the next reset occurs, the item will reappear. This power works within 1 km of the Altar, although your God may extend the range in special circumstances. It will not pause a Spirit Link. Sacred Bond cannot be used with items which have Light or Draconic magic. Only one Sacred Bond may be active per purchase and the Bond will only allow the Darkweaver to use the item.

#### Sacred Vessel

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9th Level and at least one 6th Level Darkweaver Ability

This ability allows the Darkweaver to perform a 1 minute Rite to create a Sacred Vessel for their Unholy Altar. The Sacred Vessel may be anything, but it should be appropriate to the Darkweaver's God - a skull for Malagant, a spear for Pandora, etc. These Vessels can store Battle Magic spells while they remain on the Altar. Anyone may cast spells into the Vessel to store them. Spells may be from any core rulebook sphere or the Dark sphere. Spells cast by the Darkweaver will not be lost from the Darkweaver's memory, but spells cast by others will. After absorbing a spell, the Vessel requires 1 hour of time to attune to the magic, at which point it will become accessible. The Sacred Vessel itself may only be used by the Darkweaver. Stored spells are used by stating "Activate Vessel: <Spell Name>". Spells cast from the Vessels may not be combined with Sacred Bonds.

Each Sacred Vessel can store a single spell. This spell may cast an infinite number of times by the Darkweaver within 20 feet of the Altar. After the first use of the spell, each subsequent use must consume a blessed catalyst. To bless a catalyst, the Darkweaver must transfer their Bless into the catalyst itself.

Sacred Vessels are as destructible as the item naturally is. Magic items may be used as Vessels. A Sacred Vessel will last for 5 days. The Vessel must remain within 20 feet of the Altar or it will permanently lose its power and be destroyed, even if the item was magical prior to becoming a Vessel. If a Vessel merely expires or has all its stored spell(s) used, it will not be destroyed. Spell(s) cast into Sacred Vessels should have their spell tags affixed to the phys-rep of the Vessel. These tags should be removed or crossed off when the spells are cast. If the spell is cast by the Darkweaver, and therefore not lost from their memory, they should write the spell on the Vessel tag and affix that instead.

Only one Sacred Vessel may exist per purchase of this ability. If a Sacred Vessel is destroyed, a new Sacred Vessel may be created after the next reset.

#### Church

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12<sup>th</sup> Level and at least one 9<sup>th</sup> Level Darkweaver Ability At the 12<sup>th</sup> level, the Darkweaver may construct a truly Unholy Church devoted to their God. The Church is a 20 foot square centered around the Unholy Altar. It must be properly phys-repped with great care and excellent props. The Church will grant the following powers:

The Unholy Altar is now indestructible. The Church may be destroyed by physically removing or destroying the majority of the unholy items, trappings, and vestments that make up the church. This will include things like flipping tables, tearing down banners, breaking candles and pews, etc. Note that these items should only be destroyed in game; you can never destroy anyone's property out of game without their permission. The phys-reps should be removed or moved in such a way that it is clear that the Church has been ransacked. If the Church is destroyed, the Unholy Altar will once again become destructible.

The Darkweaver may decide whether the area inside Church is considered to be in day time (6 AM to 6 PM) or night time (6 PM to 6 AM) at all times by performing a 10 minute Rite involving lighting or extinguishing candles. This may be done at will.

Rituals cast within the Church receive an additional 'Bless' stone to the ritual bag. This Bless Stone

should be uniquely coloured to distinguish it from all other stones. If the Bless Stone is pulled, it is put aside and another stone is pulled. If pulled, the Bless Stone will grant a bonus effect based on the God served and the ritual cast, as determined by a Shaper or Ritual Marshal, regardless of whether the ritual succeeds or fails. A backlash roll might be turned into a flaw instead, a daily use might become two uses per day, the duration of the ritual may be extended, all who are involved in the ritual may receive a Shield Magic, and so on.

If a person within the Church has a Dark Bless of any God and they are struck by a Light or Draconic spell, the Bless will act as a Shield Magic and be expended. If the Darkweaver is struck by a Light or Draconic spell and they have a Bless, it will function like a Reflect Magic and be expended.

Sacred Vessels from other Darkweavers may be created on the Unholy Altar, even if the God the other Darkweaver follows is different. Sacred Vessels created in this manner will only function for the owner of the Church. The Sacred Vessel will still be considered to belong to its creator, but only the Church's Darkweaver will be able to access the stored spells.

Depending on the quality of the Church's props and the roleplay of the Darkweaver and their followers, Shapers may grant additional powers in special circumstances. Any powers granted will be tailored to the God and situation in question. These powers will only function within the Church. These 'miracles' will vary in power and effect and should be gauged by the size and power of the Church, as well as the average power level of the Guild the Church exists in. Examples of miracles include a temporary boost to the defensive abilities of a Church of Malagant besieged by the Citadel of Light, or a boost to damage done to Einher within a Church of Pandora.

## **Lightweaver: Occupational Abilities**

#### **Holy Altar**

#### Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3rd Level

This ability creates a Holy Altar devoted to the creator's God. These Altars require physical representations in game and should be decorated to match the God to which they're devoted. To create a Holy Altar, the Lightweaver performs a 10 minute rite devoted to their God and then states "Innate Create Holy Altar". This will empower the Altar with their God's power for 5 days. At the end of the 5 days the Altar will remain, but it will no longer be empowered and the rite must be performed again. If a Holy Altar is moved more than 20 feet from its original location, it will lose its empowerment. Only one Holy Altar can be active at any time. Once empowered, Holy Shrines have 100 Body and a 10 Normal threshold. They do not have spirits. A tag describing these stats should be placed on the Holy Altar once empowered. When not empowered, the Altar is as destructible as what it is made from in game.

Holy Altars provide a number of powers. The first allows its creator to transfer active Blesses from their own spirit to other people or even items. This is done by stating "Innate Transfer" and touching the target. Doing this will remove the Bless from the Lightweaver and give it to the target. This transfer is only possible within 20 feet of the Holy Altar. The Bless will keep its original duration. This ability can be used at will.

Additionally, Holy Altars create 3 vials of holy water each day per purchase. These vials appear on the top of the Holy Altar and will remain there until reset if undisturbed. Once removed from the Altar, they will last for 1 hour before transforming into normal water. The vials may be used for any one of these three effects:

- 1. The vial may function as a light source once removed from the Holy Altar. The light source should be repped by a green, yellow or red glow stick or LED light.
- 2. The vial may be thrown at either an Undead or demon to inflict 10 Alchemical Acid. This is a packet delivered attack. Do not throw an actual vial. Doing this will use up the vial and it will revert into water immediately.
- 3. The vial may be consumed to grant the consumer a Bless of the Lightweaver's God which will last for 5 days. Doing this will use up the vial.

#### Sacred Bond

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6th Level and at least one 3rd Level Lightweaver Ability

Sacred Bond will link the Lightweaver to their Holy Altar from a distance. This link allows the Lightweaver to access some of their God's holy power as they do their work away from their Altar. Each of the two abilities may be used once per day per purchase; you do not need to choose between them.

- 1. The Lightweaver may grant 15 mending to any target. This healing type is special; it will heal any target for its natural healing type. Thus, it can be used to heal Elementals, Gargylen or anything that can receive Healing. It cannot be used offensively. The call for this is "Arcane 15 Mend". This may be used once per purchase of Sacred Bond.
- 2. The Lightweaver may activate magical items with "per day" or "ever" charges left on the Altar as if they were in possession of it. A Sacred Bond must be created between the item and the Altar. The Lightweaver must perform a 10 minute RP Rite. At the end of the Rite, the item will be absorbed into the Altar, making it vanish inside. This will allow the Lightweaver to use it from afar. It will last until the next skill reset. Tags for the magic item must still be carried and produced if requested. This Sacred Bond will only function for "ever" or "per day" powers, even if the item has multiple types of powers, such as a sword with both a magic aura and a once per day Life spell; the Life spell can be used, but the magic aura cannot. Inapplicable item powers will be ignored. If the Altar is destroyed or the next reset occurs, the item will reappear. This

power works within 1 km of the Altar, although your God may extend the range in special circumstances. It will not pause a Spirit Link. Sacred Bond cannot be used with items which have Dark or Draconic magic. Only one Sacred Bond may be active per purchase and the Bond will only allow the Lightweaver to use the item.

#### Sacred Vessel

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9th Level and at least one 6th Level Lightweaver Ability

This ability allows the Lightweaver to perform a 1 minute Rite to create a Sacred Vessel for their Holy Altar. The Sacred Vessel may be anything, but it should be appropriate to the Lightweaver's God - a medical kit for Cassandra, an hourglass for Vesmir, etc. These Vessels can store Battle Magic spells while they remain on the Altar. Anyone may cast spells into the Vessel to store them. Spells may be from any core rulebook sphere or the Light sphere. Spells cast by the Lightweaver will not be lost from the Lightweaver's memory, but spells cast by others will. After absorbing a spell, the Vessel requires 1 hour of time to attune to the magic, at which point it will become accessible. The Sacred Vessel itself may only be used by the Lightweaver. Stored spells are used by stating "Activate Vessel: <Spell Name>". Spells cast from the Vessel are considered cast by the Vessel's owner and otherwise function normally. Sacred Vessels may not be combined with Sacred Bonds.

Each Sacred Vessel can store a single spell. This spell may be cast an infinite number of times by the Lightweaver within 20 feet of the Altar. After the first use of the spell, each subsequent use must consume a blessed catalyst. To bless a catalyst, the Lightweaver must transfer their Bless into the catalyst itself.

Sacred Vessels are as destructible as the item naturally is. Magic items may be used as Vessels. A Sacred Vessel will last for 5 days. The Vessel must remain within 20 feet of the Altar or it will permanently lose its power and be destroyed, even if the item was magical prior to becoming a Vessel. If a Vessel merely expires or has all its stored spell(s) used, it will not be destroyed. Spell(s) cast into Sacred Vessels should have their spell tags affixed to the phys-rep of the Vessel. These tags should be removed or crossed off when the spells are cast. If the spell is cast by the Lightweaver, and therefore not lost from their memory, they should write the spell on the Vessel tag and affix that instead.

Only one Sacred Vessel may exist per purchase of this ability. If a Sacred Vessel is destroyed, a new Sacred Vessel may be created after the next reset.

#### Church

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12th Level and at least one 9th Level Lightweaver Ability

At the 12th level, the Lightweaver may construct a truly Holy Church devoted to their God. The Church is a 20 foot square centered around the Holy Altar. It must be properly phys-repped with great care and excellent props. The Church will grant the following powers:

The Holy Altar is now indestructible. The Church may be destroyed by physically removing or destroying the majority of the holy items, trappings, and vestments that make up the church. This will include things like flipping tables, tearing down banners, breaking candles and pews, etc. Note that these items should only be destroyed in game; you can never destroy anyone's property out of game without their permission. The phys-reps should be removed or moved in such a way that it is clear that the Church has been ransacked. If the Church is destroyed, the Holy Altar will once again become destructible.

The Lightweaver may decide whether the area inside Church is considered to be in day time (6 AM to 6 PM) or night time (6 PM to 6 AM) at all times by performing a 10 minute Rite involving lighting or extinguishing candles. This may be done at will.

Rituals cast within the Church receive an additional 'Bless' stone to the ritual bag. This Bless Stone should be uniquely coloured to distinguish it from all other stones. If the Bless Stone is pulled, it is put aside and another stone is pulled. If pulled, the Bless Stone will grant a bonus effect based on the God

served and the ritual cast, as determined by a Shaper or Ritual Marshal, regardless of whether the ritual succeeds or fails. A backlash roll might be turned into a flaw instead, a daily use might become two uses per day, the duration of the ritual may be extended, all who are involved in the ritual may receive a Shield Magic, and so on.

If a person within the Church has a Light Bless of any God and they are struck by a Dark or Draconic spell, the Bless will act as a Shield Magic and be expended. If the Lightweaver is struck by a Dark or Draconic spell and they have a Bless, it will function like a Reflect Magic and be expended.

Sacred Vessels from other Lightweavers may be created on the Holy Altar, even if the God the other Lightweaver follows is different. Sacred Vessels created in this manner will only function for the owner of the Church. The Sacred Vessel will still be considered to belong to its creator, but only the Church's Lightweaver will be able to access the stored spells.

Depending on the quality of the Church's props and the roleplay of the Lightweaver and their followers, Shapers may grant additional powers in special circumstances. Any powers granted will be tailored to the God and situation in question. These powers will only function within the Church. These 'miracles' will vary in power and effect and should be gauged by the size and power of the Church, as well as the average power level of the Guild the Church exists in. Examples of miracles include a small healing aura in a Church of Cassandra or a field which makes elves immune to Sense calls in a Church of Ll'yandra.



## **Dragon Knight: Occupational Abilities**

#### **Draconic Shrine**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3rd Level

This ability creates a Draconic Shrine devoted to the creator's Dragon. These Shrines require physical representations in game and should be decorated to match the Dragon to which they're devoted. To create a Draconic Shrine, the Dragon Knight performs a 10 minute rite devoted to their Dragon and then states "Innate Create Draconic Shrine". This will empower the Shrine with their Dragon's power for 5 days. At the end of the 5 days the Shrine will remain, but it will no longer be empowered and the rite must be performed again. If a Draconic Shrine is moved more than 20 feet from its original location, it will lose its empowerment. Only one Draconic Shrine can be active at any time. Once empowered, Draconic Shrines have 100 Body and a 10 Normal threshold. They do not have spirits. A tag describing these stats should be placed on the Draconic Shrine once empowered. When not empowered, the Shrine is as destructible as what it is made from in game.

Draconic Shrines provide a number of powers. The first allows its creator to transfer active Dragon Marks from their own spirit to other people or even items. This is done by stating "Innate Transfer" and touching the target. Doing this will remove the Dragon Mark from the Dragon Knight and give it to the target. This transfer is only possible within 20 feet of the Draconic Shrine. The Dragon Mark will keep its original duration. This ability can be used at will.

Additionally, Draconic Shrines create 3 vials of ink the colour of the Dragon Knight's Dragon each day per purchase. These vials appear on the top of the Draconic Shrine and will remain there until reset if undisturbed. Once removed from the Shrine, they will last for 1 hour before transforming into normal water. The vials may be used for any one of these three effects:

- 1. The vial may function as a light source once removed from the Draconic Shrine. The light source should be repped by a green, yellow or red glow stick or LED light.
- 2. The ink may be applied to the target's skin to grant a +2 threshold of whatever type of threshold the target already has for 1 hour. If the target does not have a threshold, they receive a 2 Normal threshold. If, for example, they have a 3 Magic threshold already, they receive a 5 Magic threshold. This effect cannot be stacked with itself. Doing this will use up the vial.
- 3. The vial may be consumed to grant the consumer a Dragon Mark of the Dragon Knight's Dragon which will last for 5 days. Doing this will use up the vial.

#### **Draconic Covenant**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6th Level and at least one 3rd Level Dragon Knight Ability

Draconic Covenant will link the Dragon Knight to their Draconic Shrine from a distance. This link allows the Dragon Knight to access some of their patron Dragon's power as they do their work away from their Shrine. Each of the two abilities may be used once per day per purchase; you do not need to choose between them.

1. A Dragon Knight can corrupt and use Divine magic items that are brought to their Shrine. This ability will only function on items which have magic from the Light or Dark spheres within them. Once the item is placed upon the shrine, the Dragon Knight may initiate a 10 minute Rite by stating "Divine Corruption!" When completed, the item will be immediately destroyed and its abilities - now corrupted - will be absorbed by the Dragon Knight, even Light and Dark effects. The Dragon Knight may innately use the item's powers with the prefix "Innate Corruption <normal item activation phrase>". The Dragon Knight will be considered to have any and all prerequisites fulfilled when using an item in this manner. Corrupting an item will change the duration of its powers. All times-per-day charges become times-ever. All continuous powers become 1 hour. Light and Dark powers will not be converted into the Draconic equivalent; if an

item granted the user the ability to cast Light Bolts, that will be the ability gained. The absorbed powers themselves will last 5 days before fading away.

2. A banner with the symbol or colour of the Dragon Knight's patron Dragon may be activated for one hour and carried away from the shrine. Anyone with a Dragon Mark of the same Dragon as the Draconic Covenant's creator will receive a magic aura on their weapon swings so long as they are within line of sight of the banner, up to a range of 100 feet. The banner may be carried by the Dragon Knight or anyone with their patron's Dragon Mark. If the banner is carried by someone without the proper Dragon Mark, the banner's powers will immediately end and the daily use will be expended. The banner may be exchanged between people at will.

#### **Draconic Trove**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9th Level and at least one 6th Level Dragon Knight Ability

This ability allows the Dragon Knight to perform a 1 minute Rite to create a Draconic Trove for their Draconic Shrine. The Draconic Trove may be anything, but it should be appropriate to the Dragon Knight's Dragon - a seashell for Physignathus, a skull for Styphon, etc. These Troves can store Battle Magic spells while they remain on the Altar. Anyone may cast spells into the Trove to store them. Spells may be from any core rulebook sphere or the Draconic sphere. Spells cast by the Dragon Knight will not be lost from the Dragon Knight's memory, but spells cast by others will. After absorbing a spell, the Trove requires 1 hour of time to attune to the magic, at which point it will become accessible. Stored spells are used by stating "Activate Trove: <Spell Name>". Spells cast from the Trove are considered cast by the new caster and otherwise function normally. Draconic Troves may not be combined with Draconic Covenants.

Each Draconic Trove can store three spells at once. These spells must be cast into the Trove within 1 minute of each other. Once stored, anyone with a Dragon Mark of the Trove's creator's Dragon, or any Dragon Knight, may access the stored spells. Anyone capable of accessing the spells may touch the Trove and know what spells are stored within it. Once a stored spell is cast, it is used up.

Draconic Troves are as destructible as the item naturally is. Magic items may be used as Troves. A Draconic Trove will last for 5 days. The Trove must remain within 20 feet of the Altar or it will permanently lose its power and be destroyed, even if the item was magical prior to becoming a Trove. If a Trove merely expires or has all its stored spell(s) used, it will not be destroyed. Spell(s) cast into Draconic Troves should have their spell tags affixed to the phys-rep of the Trove. These tags should be removed or crossed off when the spells are cast. If the spell is cast by the Dragon Knight, and therefore not lost from their memory, they should write the spell on the Trove tag and affix that instead.

Only one Draconic Trove may exist per purchase of this ability. If a Draconic Trove is destroyed, a new Draconic Trove may be created after the next reset.

#### Temple

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12th Level and at least one 9th Level Dragon Knight Ability At the 12th level, the Dragon Knight may construct a truly magnificent Temple devoted to their Dragon. The Temple is a 20 foot square centered around the Draconic Shrine. It must be properly phys-repped with great care and excellent props. The Temple will grant the following powers:

The Draconic Shrine is now indestructible. The Temple may be destroyed by physically removing or destroying the majority of the items, trappings, and vestments that make up the temple. This will include things like flipping tables, tearing down banners, breaking candles and pews, etc. Note that these items should only be destroyed in game; you can never destroy anyone's property out of game without their permission. The phys-reps should be removed or moved in such a way that it is clear that the Temple has been ransacked. If the Temple is destroyed, the Draconic Shrine will once again become destructible.

The Dragon Knight may decide whether the area inside Temple is considered to be in day time (6 AM to

6 PM) or night time (6 PM to 6 AM) at all times by performing a 10 minute Rite involving lighting or extinguishing candles. This may be done at will.

Rituals cast within the Temple receive an additional 'Dragon Mark' stone to the ritual bag. This Dragon Mark Stone should be uniquely coloured to distinguish it from all other stones. If the Dragon Mark Stone is pulled, it is put aside and another stone is pulled. If pulled, the Dragon Mark Stone will grant a bonus effect based on the Dragon served and the ritual cast, as determined by a Shaper or Ritual Marshal, regardless of whether the ritual succeeds or fails. A backlash roll might be turned into a flaw instead, a daily use might become two uses per day, the duration of the ritual may be extended, all who are involved in the ritual may receive a Shield Magic, and so on.

If a person within the Temple has a Dragon Mark of any Dragon and they are struck by a Dark or Light spell, the Dragon Mark will act as a Shield Magic and be expended. If the Dragon Knight is struck by a Dark or Light spell and they have a Dragon Mark, it will function like a Reflect Magic and be expended.

Draconic Troves from other Dragon Knights may be created on the Draconic Shrine, even if the Dragon the other Dragon Knight follows is different. Draconic Troves created in this manner will only function for the owner of the Temple. The Draconic Trove will still be considered to belong to its creator, but only the Temple's Dragon Knight will be able to access the stored spells.

Depending on the quality of the Temple's props and the roleplay of the Dragon Knight and their followers, Shapers may grant additional powers in special circumstances. Any powers granted will be tailored to the Dragon and situation in question. These powers will only function within the Temple. These 'marvels' will vary in power and effect and should be gauged by the size and power of the Temple, as well as the average power level of the Guild the Temple exists in. Examples of marvels include a creating a portal to the plane of Ice in a Temple of Ahriman or a defensive protection in a Temple of Tezoth.

## **Renowned Occupation Skill Costs**

Please refer to Charts from 3-1 to Chart 3-5 for specific skill costs for all Renowned Occupations. Descriptions of these skills can be found in Chapter 4 of the Underworld LARP Core Rulebook.

Occupational Abilities	Cost	Prerequisites
3 <sup>rd</sup> Level Ability	30	Occupation at 3 <sup>rd</sup> Level
6 <sup>th</sup> Level Ability	60	Occupation at 6 <sup>th</sup> Level and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Level Ability
9 <sup>th</sup> Level Ability	90	Occupation at 9 <sup>th</sup> Level and 6 <sup>th</sup> Level Ability
12 <sup>th</sup> Level Ability	120	Occupation at 12 <sup>th</sup> Level and 9 <sup>th</sup> Level Ability

Chart 3-1

Production Skills	Champion	Demagogue	Prerequisites
Alchemy	90	70	None
Artifice	85	120	Level 10 Blacksmith
Blacksmith	75	110	None
Chemistry	100	80	Level 10 Alchemy
Create Scroll	50	40	Read Magic
Tradesman <type></type>	50	40	None
Trapper	85	85	None

Chart 3-2

Scholar Skills	Champion	Demagogue	Prerequisites
Anatomy	40	40	None
Demonic/Angelic Arts	40	45	None
Elemental Attunement	25	25	Elemental Sphere of Magic
First Aid	60	60	Anatomy
Mysticism	50	50	None
Necromantic Arts	40	45	None
Physician	45	45	First Aid
Read & Write	50	40	None
Read Magic	30	15	Read & Write
Read Magic: Advanced	50	25	Read Magic
Read Magic: Ritual	50	40	Read Magic: Adv.
Spell Slot: 1 <sup>st</sup> Circle	10	10	Sphere of Magic: 1 <sup>st</sup>
Spell Slot: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Circle	20	10	Spell Slot: 1 <sup>st</sup> Circle
Spell Slot: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Circle	40	20	Spell Slot: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Circle
Spell Slot: 4 <sup>th</sup> Circle	40	20	Spell Slot: 3 <sup>rd</sup> Circle
Spell Slot: 5 <sup>th</sup> Circle	50	30	Spell Slot: 4 <sup>th</sup> Circle
Spell Slot: 6 <sup>th</sup> Circle	60	30	Spell Slot: 5 <sup>th</sup> Circle
Spell Slot: 7 <sup>th</sup> Circle	70	40	Spell Slot: 6 <sup>th</sup> Circle
Spell Slot: 8 <sup>th</sup> Circle	80	40	Spell Slot: 7 <sup>th</sup> Circle
Spell Slot: 9 <sup>th</sup> Circle	100	50	Spell Slot: 8 <sup>th</sup> Circle
Spell Slot: Ritual Base *	30*	10*	Spell Slot: 9 <sup>th</sup> Circle
Advanced Ritual Casting	275	200	Level 1 Ritual Slot
Sphere of Magic: 1 <sup>st</sup>	50	50	Read Magic
Sphere of Magic: 2 <sup>nd</sup>	200	175	Sphere of Magic: 1 <sup>st</sup>
Sphere of Magic: 3 <sup>rd</sup> or Higher	300	225	Sphere of Magic: 2 <sup>nd</sup>

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Warrior Skills	Champion	Demagogue	Prerequisites
Ambidexterity	40	75	None
Florentine	50	110	Ambidexterity
Flurry of Blows	45	100	None
Heavy Armour	10	65	None
Self-Mutilate	15	15	None
Shield	50	100	None
Slay / Parry	120	200	Specialization +1: Group or Specific
Slay / Parry: Master	140	220	Specialization +1: Group
Slay / Parry: Subsequent	120	200	Specialization +1: Group or Specific
Slay / Parry: Master Subsequent	140	220	Specialization +1: Additional Group
Specialization +1: Weapon Group	160	200	Weapon Group Proficiency
Specialization +1: Weapon Specific	100	180	Weapon Group Proficiency
Weapon Group Proficiency: Simple	Free	Free	None
Weapon Group Proficiency: Medium	40	80	None
Weapon Group Proficiency: Large	70	130	None
Weapons Specific Proficiency: Exotic	110	150	None
Weapon Refocus	70	40	None

Chart 3-4

Rogue Skills	Champion	Demagogue	Prerequisites
Critical +2: Specific	140	180	None
Critical +2: Group	180	200	None
Dodge	170	200	Critical +2: Group or Specific
Dodge: Additional	170	200	Additional Critical +2: Group or Specific
Execute	170	200	Critical +2: Group or Specific
Execute: Master	190	220	Critical +2: Group
Execute: Subsequent	170	200	Additional Critical +2: Group or Specific
Execute: Subsequent Master	190	220	Additional Critical +2: Group
Garrotte	140	150	None
Sap	55	60	None
Vital Blow	85	100	None

Chart 3-5

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# **Chapter 4: VOCATIONS**

Vocations are a type of specialization that characters may purchase once they have been discovered ingame. Once obtained, these new Vocations will replace that character's set of Class Abilities with new ones. Any previously unlocked Class Abilities will be lost, however the new Class Abilities at the same level do not need to be re-purchased. Vocations tend to be specialized, refined abilities that add a new layer of customization to your Underworld character. There are no class requirements for Vocations – any class may learn any Vocation so long as they find an in-game teacher, possess any pre-requirements that may exist and pay the soul frag cost.

In order to gain a new Vocation a character must first find a teacher in game who agrees to train them. Then, the character must pay the soul fragment cost to switch out their old Class Abilities with the new Vocation Class abilities. There is no CP cost to make the change and they require the same CP cost as standard Class Abilities after the switch has been made. For example, if a Templar has unlocked Burn Slot (3rd level Templar class ability) and Scroll Harvest (6th level Templar class ability), then they find a Stalwart teacher in game and pay the frag cost to unlock the Stalwart vocation, they would then have Shield Parry (3rd level Stalwart class ability) and Conviction (6th level Stalwart class ability) unlocked. In order to unlock the 9th and 12th level Stalwart class abilities the character would have to have the proper pre-requirements and pay the standard CP cost for class abilities (90cp & 120cp).

A character may switch Vocations as often as they desire, however each time they must pay 150 frags to do so and find a teacher in game. A teacher is still required even if a character returns to a previously learned Vocation. The only exception to this is if a character wishes to return to their original set of Class Abilities, in which case they must pay the frag cost but do not require a teacher. If a character purchases multiple class abilities at a specific level, then changes to a Vocation which restriction purchases to one at the same level, the CP will be refunded for those additional purchases.

To teach a vocation, a character must purchase the Teacher skill.

## <u>Archer</u>

The Archer vocation is a ranged specialist, augmenting their ability to use bows, crossbows and thrown weapons. A straightforward set of abilities, the Archer seeks to increase the damage their ranged weapon does and attempts to keep the distance between themselves and their target.

Pre-requisites: Weapon Group Proficiency: Medium or Large and Weapon Specialization (Specific or Group).

#### **Arrow Dodge**

#### Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3rd Level

Once per day per purchase the Archer may use a "dodge" defense against a single arrow, bolt, or thrown weapon that hits them, negating the attack as per the dodge skill. It will not function against surprise attacks. The call for this ability is "Arrow dodge!"

#### **Stand and Deliver**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6th Level and at least one 3rd Level Archer Ability

Stand and Deliver allows the Archer to steady them self and fire a more damaging ranged attack. The Archer must plant both feet (crossbow users may also choose to kneel or brace their crossbow on a table or stable object). The Archer may add +2 to their damage with their ranged attacks for as long as they maintain the position. Moving from that position or taking damage of any kind will cancel this effect and they must wait at least a minute before they can use it again. Using any type of Dodge skill or spell protections will not break this effect. This ability may be purchased multiple times. Each purchase increased the damage modifier by an additional +2. (+2 for one purchase, +4 for two purchases, etc.).

#### Maim

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9th Level and at least one 6th Level Archer Ability

At 9th level, an Archer can fire a projectile that when struck will cripple the target's defenses temporarily. For 60 seconds after being hit with a Maim attack, the victim will receive double damage from all physical sources and be affected by a "Swampwalk" effect, forcing them to pause for 3 seconds between each step of movement. The archer must call out "<damage> Maim!" and the attack must hit Body to function. If the Maim attack misses, the skill is lost.

#### **Death Arrow**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12th Level and at least one 9th Level Archer Ability

Death Arrow allows an Archer to concentrate and focus on a shot with the hopes of killing their target in a single strike. After 10 seconds of concentration the Archer will be ready to fire. If this 10 seconds is interrupted the archer must begin the 10 seconds again, but the skill will not be wasted. Only releasing the missile will activate the skill. After the preparation time the Archer may fire with a call of "<damage> Death!", with the damage amount being their normal damage call. As with all carrier attacks, the damage must strike Body points to take effect. If it does, the target will immediately drop into their Death Count as if struck by a death effect. If the attack misses the skill is used. It is usable once per day per purchase.

## <u>Artisan</u>

Artisans seek to be masters of their trades and crafts, and of merchandising in general. Most Artisans have focused on earning wealth and fame through trade and manufacturing rather than adventuring. Skilled marketers and vendors, streetwise and charming, Artisans prove that there's more ways to earn fame and fortune than spell and sword.

#### Pre-requisites: Level 10 Tradesman or Level 5 Tradesman and 5 levels of production skills (total).

#### **Treasure Hunter**

#### Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3rd Level

Artisans have a nose for gold. Treasure Hunter allows them to sense gold and silver at will by touching the target and performing a 3 count - "Sense Coin 1, Sense Coin 2, Sense Coin 3." If the target has gold or silver coins in their possession they must respond with "Here!" in a normal speaking voice. The sense and response calls are considered out of game. Doing this does not let the Artisan know the exact pinpoint location of the gold, only that it is on the person. In game, this is the Artisan hearing the familiar jingle of coins and watching the target's body language as they move. This has no effect on coins not on a person but will work on corpses and immobile targets. It cannot be used to detect gold inside chests, for example.

Treasure Hunter also helps Artisans loot bodies. Once per day per purchase, the Artisan may touch a target that is unconscious, dying or dead, and which they have already used Sense Coin on within the 3 seconds, and ask out of game one of the following questions: "Treasure Hunter - do you have any coins / magic items / catalysts on you?" Doing this will instantaneously loot the target. The target must hand over all the tags on their person, regardless of whether the target has any ranks of Looting.

#### Bribe

#### Occupation at 6<sup>th</sup> Level and at least one 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Artisan Ability

In times of dire need, an Artisan may slip out of dangerous situations by offering up a charm-infused bribe. If the Artisan offers a target an item worth at least 1 gold piece or 10 RM in base creation value which they have created themselves, they may be able to save their skin. While holding out the item the Artisan must declare "Innate Magic Bribe!" and strike the target with a spell packet. If target defends against the Bribe, for every 3 gold or 50 RM in base creation value of the item, the Artisan may use an "Echo!" effect in a second attempt. If the initial Bribe is resisted but the Echo is successful, the original Bribe attempt will be temporarily forgotten - its memory suppressed by the glamour of the item being offered a second time. If the Bribe succeeds, the target will not be aware that they are being charmed until the effect wears off.

When a Bribe is successful, the Artisan has 3 seconds to place the item on the ground or in the target's hands, as decided by the target. The target will then take the item. For the next minute, the target cannot take hostile action against the Artisan unless the Artisan initiates any hostile actions toward the target. Actions are determined to be hostile or not by the target of the Bribe. The target will not necessarily trust the Artisan; they will simply avoid initiating hostilities. Bribe has no effect against mindless and Undead creatures and it can be resisted the same way as a magical charm. Items made with conventional production skills may be used for this skill. This skill can be used once per day per purchase.

#### Magnum Opus

#### Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9th Level and at least one 6th Level Artisan Ability

For each purchase of Magnum Opus an Artisan may choose to augment either their Production or Tradesman skills. At Logistics, they can craft a single item through their Production skills using any type of RM. Alternatively, the Artisan can focus on their Tradesman skills and increase the value of one item created by 3 gold. No matter which of the abilities is used, a catalyst will be generated. This catalyst must be a physical tool that was used somehow in the item's creation. Both its type and emotion radiated may

be decided by the Artisan. This skill may be used once per event (at Logistics) per purchase.

#### Vault

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12th Level and at least one 9th Level Artisan Ability

When an Artisan reaches this level of skill they may call in favours to build the ultimate strong-room free of charge - the Vault, a 10'x10'x10' square room with a ritual-level magical barrier. The Vault must be phys-repped by a tent or building, or the inside of a tent or building. The Vault has one door and one key, which is spirit linked to the Artisan. The Vault may have windows, but even they will be magically protected. This magical barrier is special and cannot be breached or dispelled by any means, including such powers as Passwall, Counter Magic or ritual Destroy Magic, other than Shaper approved abilities. Only those with a spirit-linked key may enter the Vault. For each additional purchase of Vault an Artisan may increase the Vault's size by 10'x10'x10', may add an additional spirit-linked key to one additional person and may add another door if desired. If anyone with a spirit-linked key suffers a final death the key will still exist but will no longer be spirit-linked. If the Artisan dies a final death, the Vault loses its magic and becomes a normal building.

The Artisan may only have one Vault at a time. If desired, the Artisan can deactivate their Vault and create another somewhere else. If a Vault is deactivated, the Artisan may not make another for 5 days - favours take time to cash in. It takes 1 hour to create a new Vault. When the new Vault is created, the Artisan will receive a number of new keys equal to their purchases of this ability. The old keys will become normal keys which do not unlock anything.

## **Battle Mage**

The Battle Mage Vocation allows a spell caster to improve their battle-magic spells and create temporary magic items. This Vocation is popular with those who prefer to focus on battle spells and less on ritual magic, or those who simply want to increase the potency of their magic. Hybrid classes such as templars and witch hunters might also find the skills in this vocation useful.

Pre-requisites: Sphere of Magic: 2<sup>nd</sup> or Spell Slot: 4<sup>th</sup> Circle.

#### Amulet

#### Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level

This class ability allows the Battle Mage to enchant any item smaller than an apple to store 1 Battle Magic spell, 3<sup>rd</sup> level or lower. The spell must be cast into the item and remains there for 5 days. Although the spell must be cast, it is immediately returned to the Battle Mage's memory and is not expended from the spell slot. One Amulet may be created per purchase of this ability. Once created, the Amulet may be used by anyone by stating "Activate: <Spell Name>". Although the Amulet detects as magic and is affected by dispel magic, it can be destroyed by normal means. Only one Amulet can be active per purchase of this ability, when the spell within a Amulet is cast, that Amulet's state returns to that of the normal object originally used. This skill may be used once per day per purchase.

#### Maximize

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6th Level and at least one 3rd Level Battle Mage Ability

In order to use this class ability, the Battle Mage must state "Maximize:" before a spell incant for a spell that involves damaging or healing with numerical amounts and a duration of instant. If the spell is successfully cast, those healing or damaging numbers are doubled. The Battle Mage must state the total number at the end of the incant. This is extremely taxing to the Battle Mage and after the spell is cast they are stunned for 10 seconds and cannot use any skills whatsoever. While stunned, the Battle Mage is unable to take any action, including blocking, moving and the use of skills, minus the ability to call "interrupt" against killing blows. They may also interrupt any counts against them. Automatic defenses such as Shield Magic will still operate, but ones requiring conscious thought such as Advanced Shield Magic will not.

Maximize may be used once per day per purchase and if the spell is miscanted the maximize ability will be wasted.

#### **Twin Spell**

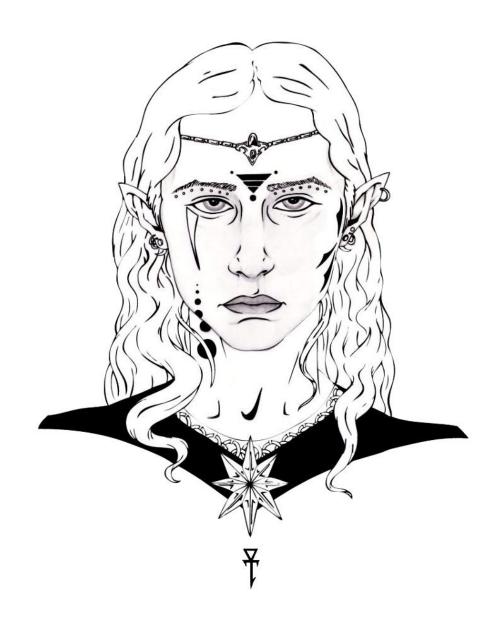
Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9th Level and at least one 6th Level Battle Mage Ability

When casting a Battle Magic spell and using Twin Spell, the Battle Mage is able to throw two packets simultaneously, either two packets in one hand or a packet in each hand. Both packets are considered the same spell and either packet will do what the spell would normally do. No more than 1 second can pass between throwing both packets. For defensive purposes they are considered two separate spells. In order to activate this class ability, the Battle Mage must state "Twin Spell:" before the incant. Although considered two spells, only one spell is removed from the mage's memory and spell slot. If the spell is miscanted, the Twin Spell ability will be wasted.

The magical energy required to duplicate a spell is taxing on the mind, the Battle Mage will thus be stunned for the next 10 seconds after using this ability. The effects of this stun are identical to those of Maximize. Twin Spell can be used once per day per purchase.

#### Wizard Staff

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12<sup>th</sup> Level and at least one 9<sup>th</sup> Level Battle Mage Ability Starting at 12<sup>th</sup> level, the Battle Mage is able to create a powerful staff for their own use. This process takes an hour of concentration and requires a staff to imbue with this power. Any type of staff may be used. During that creation, the Battle Mage must choose to align their staff with any one spell sphere they have purchased. Once created the staff will function as a magic weapon in the hands of its creator and will swing for magic. Also, the sphere they have chosen to align with their staff no longer requires the use of incants to cast, those incants are replaced with "Magic". The staff must be in the hands of the Battle Mage for all abilities to function, it will act like a simple staff in the hands of anyone else. If a Battle Mage wishes to align their Wizard Staff to a different sphere the same staff may be used but the hour of concentration must be completed again. For purposes of destruction, the staff is considered whatever type of staff was used to create it and can be broken like one. A Wizard Staff will last 5 days before the magic fades, returning it to its previous state. A Wizard Staff may be created once per day per purchase, but only one may exist at any time.



## **Brew Master**

The Brew Master Vocation empowers its user through intoxication and the power of alcoholic drinks. The Brew Master's abilities either require its user to be drunk, or they cause intoxication through their use. Not uncommon among the Dwarves, Orcs and Einher, it's still possible to find a Brew Master in almost any tavern across Maud'madir.

#### Pre-requisites: Level 5 Create Alcohol or Level 5 Alchemy.

Note: Real alcoholic drinks are banned at Underworld events. All references to them in the following section refer to in-game "pretend" alcohol. Please see the section in the rulebook titled "Drinking, the Effects of Alcohol, and Stamina Points" and your local Underworld Guild for their specific policies regarding alcohol on-site. By no means are we condoning alcohol abuse, just as we don't condone violence and murder with our combat rules.

#### **Iron Gut**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level

Possessing Iron Gut gives the Brew Master x2 maximum Stamina. Also, while the Brew Master's Stamina is lower than maximum they gain +5 Body and all hand to hand damage is increased by +2 damage. Iron Gut may only be purchased once.

#### Mixologist

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6<sup>th</sup> Level and at least one 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Brew Master Ability

The Mixologist Class Ability allows its user to spend 1 minute concocting a special alcoholic drink. There are three different types of drink that can be created through Mixologist:

- 1) A potent beverage that does 20 points of Stamina damage.
- 2) A soothing drink that heals 10 points of Body damage for any creature that can drink it, including Gargylen, but also does 4 Stamina damage.
- 3) A Molotov cocktail which explodes on impact when thrown (packet delivered) and does 10 elemental fire damage. "10 Elemental Fire!" is the call when thrown.

A Brew Master can create 1 drink total per day, per purchase and each drink lasts 1 hour before becoming inert. These drinks cannot be time-extended.

#### Firebreathing

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9<sup>th</sup> Level and at least one 6<sup>th</sup> Level Brew Master Ability

At 9<sup>th</sup> level, a Brew Master can ingest pure alcohol then spit it out and light it on fire. This is a packet delivered attack that does 25 points of Elemental Fire damage. Even though the alcohol is never swallowed it is still potent enough to cause 5 Stamina damage to the Brew Master each time Firebreathing is used. Firebreathing may only be used once per day per purchase and the call is "Firebreathing – 25 Elemental Fire!"

#### **Drunken Master**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12th Level and at least one 9th Level Brew Master Ability

When a Brewmaster with Drunken Master reaches 0 Stamina, instead of becoming a slurring mess of intoxication like everyone else, they may choose to enter the eye of the storm. At 0 Stamina they may activate Drunken Master. A Brew Master may also choose to activate this ability by taking 40 Stamina damage in less than one minute, which will reduce them to 0 Stamina regardless of their true total stamina. If they activate this ability, for 10 minutes they gain a 2 Normal threshold, a +1 Strength, +5 damage with hand to hand, 2 Parries with Hand to Hand, an immunity to charm, an immunity to further stamina damage and +25 Body points. When the 10 minutes expires the Brew Master returns to 1

Stamina. As normal, a Drunken Master cannot use other skills while they are at 0 Stamina. This ability may be used once per day per purchase.



## <u>Shaman</u>

Shamans are practitioners of mysterious arts which link themselves to the spirits of the animal kingdom, called 'Animists'. Almost every culture on Maud'madir has versions of Shamans within it - mystical seers, wise storytellers and potent allies. To the Wild Elves they are called 'Wildspeakers', communing with nature directly. Einher Shamans are distrusted but highly valued for their wisdom and divination. Goblin Shamans are powerful 'Warcallers' in battle, augmenting the strength of their Warband. Some Shamans are reclusive, interacting with only their own kin or when aid is directly requested. Other Shamans take the role of advisors or soothsayers.

Shamans tend not to take direct action. Instead, they aid those who join them by sharing their wisdom or empowering them through magical Fetishes. The Shaman's closest allies are called 'Braids', which Shamans name. Braids are almost always the same race as the Shaman, although rare exceptions may be made. No person can ever be a member of more than one Braid at a time. If a Braid member ever becomes a Shaman they will be removed from the Braid to forge their own path. Likewise, if a Braid or Shaman's Fetish is not Empowered for a year, their connection to the Braid will fade and they will be removed from it. If the Shaman dies, the Braid connection disappears.

As with any character you play in Underworld LARP, we ask that you please be respectful with your roleplay and avoid using modern day cultures and themes when roleplaying your shaman.

#### Pre-requisites: Level 7 Mysticism or Spell Slot 5<sup>th</sup> Circle (Nature sphere).

#### **Rite of Weaving/Unweaving**

#### Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level

This rite allows a Shaman to induct new members into their Braid, build them a Fetish, and Empower a Braid member's Fetish when its power fades. The first time a Shaman uses a Rite of Weaving they will do so for themselves, creating their own Fetish and becoming a true Shaman. Fetishes are sacred items that should be personal and important to the Braid member. Creating or Empowering an Fetish requires the Shaman to perform a small ceremony. The specifics of the ceremony will depend on the Shaman's culture, race and style. The ceremony has no specific details or duration as requirements.

If the Braid member is new, the Shaman will decide on an Animist animal for the new Braid member based on their personality and will present them with their Fetish. This Fetish must be made by the Shaman and should be smaller than a child's doll, but otherwise can be anything. The Braid's Animist may be any land-based animal and is considered to be either a Predator or a Prey Animist. The animal must be a natural, non-magical animal - bears are acceptable, basilisks are not. The Shaman states "Innate Rite of Weaving" and attaches the tag for their Rite of Weaving to the Fetish. Once the ceremony is complete, this new Fetish will grant Animal Kinship with that animal group for the Braid member at will. Animal Kinship will cause any animal of that group (eg: all 'cats' for a Lion Animist) to see the Braid member as friendly. It is used by stating "Innate Magic Animal Kinship <a href="https://www.animals.ani

The Rite of Weaving may also be used to empower expired Fetishes at will by the Shaman. Being inducted into the Braid is considered a lifelong commitment, but the power of a Fetish will last for 5 days before needing to be empowered again. Should the Fetish be destroyed, lost or discarded, membership in the Braid continues, but the Rite of Weaving must be performed again to create a new Fetish. Empowering an existing Fetish does not use up a daily use of Rite of Weaving, but replacing a missing Fetish does. A Shaman may not empower another Shaman's Fetishes. A Shaman can have up to one Empowered Fetish per level of the Shaman, excluding themselves.

A Shaman can sense their own Braid members with Empowered Fetishes. This can be accomplished by stating "Sense Braid <Braid Name>!". All Braid members with Empowered Fetishes must respond "Here!" out of game. This power may be used at will by the Shaman and once per day by Braid members.

A Shaman can remove Braid members who have become disloyal - by force. To remove a Braid member, the Shaman must kill them and eat their heart to reclaim the Animist within it. Any Braid members with Empowered Fetishes who participate in this reclamation will gain +2 Strength for one hour once the body vanishes to resurrect or dies a final death. Either way they are removed from the Braid.

Finally, Shaman are vulnerable to betrayal their own Braid members. A Shaman who is killed, directly or indirectly, by one of their Braid members who shares their race will have a 50% chance of taking two deaths upon resurrection. If the Braid member who committed the betrayal is of another race, this automatically raises to two deaths. This occurs even if the Shaman is unaware of the betrayal. The death must have been intentionally caused by the Braid member. The Braid member should report this to the Shaper team if the Shaman is unaware. There is a year time limit to this vulnerability; if the Shaman dies within a year after the direct betrayal, it still applies.

#### **Rite of War**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6th Level and at least one 3rd Level Shaman Ability

This ability allows the Shaman to strengthen and empower their Braid by banging on war drums, singing, or chanting. While this is going on, all Braid members with Empowered Fetishes within earshot and line of sight will gain a power based on their Fetish, as described below. While the Rite of War is active, the Shaman can take no other action besides walking and performing the Rite. The Shaman cannot stop for more than 3 continuous seconds or the rite will end. To initiate a Rite of War the Shaman must state "Innate: Rite of War!" and then begin their performance. This rite is usable once per day per purchase.

The Shaman is protected while they are performing the Rite of War. For each Braid member with an Empowered Fetish that the Shaman can sense with the Rite of Weaving, the Shaman can state resist any one physical boffer strike or hostile Battle Magic spell.

Predator: Predators Braid members with an Empowered Fetish participating in the Rite of War gain temporary hide armour worth 5 Armour Points. This armour increases by 5 AP for each Braid member, other than the Shaman and themselves, who participates in the Rite of War who has an Empowered Fetish. This armour functions like normal armour except that it cannot be refitted or repaired. To repair their natural hide, the Braid member must heal it as though it were Body points.

Prey: When any Braid member with an Empowered Fetish falls into their Bleed or Death Count during the Rite of War, Braid members with Prey Animists may touch their fallen bodies and state "Innate Spirit Walk 1, Innate Spirit Walk 2, Innate Spirit Walk 3". This transfers the body in spirit form to the Shaman's location by calling on the target's Animist. Upon reaching the Shaman the body, including its possessions returns to the material world with the same Spirit Walk count. During this travel time, their Bleed or Death count will continue. Their spirit will pass through non-magical barriers if any block their route to the Shaman, but must travel around magical barriers. This ability may be used at will by Prey Braids with Empowered Fetishes during the Rite of War.

#### **Rite of Vision**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9th Level and at least one 6th Level Shaman Ability

The Rite of Vision is a one minute ceremony that allows the Shaman to become a ghostly version of their Animist for a period of time. For each Braid present in the ceremony with an Empowered Fetish, the Rite of Vision becomes more powerful.

To begin, the Shaman must create a new Fetish of their mortal form, the size of a child's doll or larger. This Fetish will take the place of their body and has 1 Body point. All damage to this fetish acts as a

Killing Blow and will cause the Shaman's physical body to fall into its Death Count when the Shaman returns to it. The Shaman's character sheet should be left with the Fetish along with the tag for the Rite of Vision.

Once their Fetish is prepared the Shaman will state "Innate Rite of Vision!". This will manifest a shimmering, transparent version of their Animist which they now possess. The Shaman's physical body and all items on them will be absorbed into their special Fetish. The Fetish cannot be moved by any means until the Shaman returns to it. The ghostly Animist is now controlled by the Shaman and all that it experiences will be experienced by the Shaman. The Animist has a silver threshold, 25 Body points, two claws which swing for 5 Normal each, and 25 hide Armour Points. This armour functions like normal armour except that it cannot be refitted or repaired. To repair their natural hide, the Shaman must heal it as though it were Body points. The Shaman may speak in this form.

The Shaman may touch cast one memorised spell through their claws for each Braid member that participated in the Rite of Vision. No other skills or abilities may be used and no items of any kind may be carried by the Animist. This possession will last for 10 minutes per Braid with an Empowered Fetish who participated in the Rite. When the duration expires or the Animist reaches 0 Body, the Shaman's spirit will return to their Fetish and their body will reform, along with anything it was wearing. If the Animist was destroyed by reaching 0 Body, when the Shaman's spirit returns to its body they will be at 2 Body. For the next hour, 2 Body will be their maximum Body. If a Shaman's special Fetish suffered a Killing Blow during the Rite of Vision, upon returning to its body the Shaman enters their Death Count.

#### **Rite of the Monolith**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12th Level and at least one 9th Level Shaman Ability

This powerful Rite will create a sacred area for the Shaman and their Braid, dominated by a large stone or monolith. This area will encompass a space 20 feet by 20 feet. The stone must be at least 5 feet but does not need to be real stone out of game. A Shaman may only have one active Monolith at a time. If desired, the Shaman can end their Monolith and create another somewhere else, after 5 days, with a 10 minute ceremony or rite of the Shaman's choosing.

The area around the Monolith will function as a resurrection circle for the Shaman's Braid members who have Empowered Fetishes. Resurrections may be performed by the Shaman but will also happen automatically if they are not there. A Shaman may construct a special Spirit Mask for this purpose. This mask must be at least 1 foot long and 8 inches wide, made of wood or bone in game and have large adornments. It should not be able to be mistaken for an NPC mask. The Shaman's Animist animal should be represented in some manner on the mask. If the Shaman resurrects a Braid member while wearing this Spirit Mask and tells that Braid member a resurrection dream themed around them being their Animist, the resurrection will only take 5 minutes. For one hour after resurrection that Braid member will be able to speak to animals of their Animist's type. The Braid member should state "Active Animal Affinity" when they encounter animals of that type during the hour to indicate this. The mask will only function for resurrections performed on Braid members within the Monolith area.

The Shaman and any Braid member with an Empowered Fetish can wear the Shaman's Spirit Mask within the Monolith area to both see and speak to Ghosts and Spirits.

The Shaman may wear their Spirit Mask away from their Monolith and it will function as an Empowered Fetish for them. While wearing the mask, the Shaman's Animist will protect their spirit, functioning as a Death Ward once per day per purchase. Death Ward acts as a defense against the next effect with a "Death" suffix that strikes the wearer and works by dropping the target into their death count.

One per day per purchase, a magic, transparent barrier can be created around the Monolith area. It will last for 1 hour for every Empowered Fetish present within the area when activated. The entire barrier may be temporarily disabled at any time when active by the Shaman or any Braid members with Empowered

Fetishes by stating "Barrier up/down!" at will. The magic of this barrier is considered ritual level.

Any sentient creature capable of resurrection may be sacrificed upon the Monolith. If the creature suffers a Killing Blow and has their heart removed, any Braid members, including the Shaman, who eat a piece of it will gain +2 Strength for one hour once the body vanishes to resurrect or dies a final death. This power may be used once per Braid member or Shaman per day.





## **Stalwart**

The Stalwart vocation trains a character to master the use of a shield and in turn become a defensive force. Although one does not have to be a warrior to learn this vocation, its purpose is to defend the user – and others – from physical harm. This vocation is popular with guards, soldiers and those who have something of value they want to protect. Oaths and chivalry are not a requirement as the name might suggest, however being duty-bound is not uncommon to those who would risk their lives to protect others or ideals.

Pre-requisites: Heavy Armour, Shield, and a Slay (Specific or Master).

#### **Shield Parry**

#### Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level

This skill allows a Stalwart to call a "Shield Parry!" defense to any physical attack that strikes their shield, once a day per purchase. All normal parry rules apply. This ability does not allow the Stalwart to parry with their weapon; the incoming strike must successfully strike their shield.

#### Conviction

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6<sup>th</sup> Level and at least one 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Stalwart Ability

The Stalwart's Conviction ability allows them to grant themselves +10 temporary Body points once per day per purchase. These Body points cannot be stacked with other temporary Body point bonuses (they will remove and over-ride the previous) except with other activations of this ability. These Body points cannot be healed and are taken off first when damage is struck to Body. These extra Body points will fade after exactly 24 hours have passed.

#### Fortress

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9th Level and at least one 6th Level Stalwart Ability

When Fortress is used, the Stalwart gains the ability to activate a defensive stance that grants the Stalwart a 5 Normal threshold and +40 armour points that remain as long as the Stalwart keeps one foot planted. The Stalwart also gains an immunity to fear and cower effects during this time. While in Fortress, the Stalwart is immune to Strength-based pushing, magical or physical.

This ability can be activated once per day per purchase by planting a foot and stating "Fortress!". When the defensive stance ends by the planted foot being raised or moved (it may swivel to change facing), the Stalwart needs a respite due to the sheer amount of physical and mental energy required. For 1 minute after Fortress ends, the Stalwart possesses -2 Strength and is unable to use any skills that have limited uses.

#### Imbue Shield

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12th Level and at least one 9th Level Stalwart Ability

Imbue Shield allows a Stalwart to spend 10 seconds of uninterrupted time imbuing a shield of any type with defensive power. This is done by concentrating on the shield for 10 seconds then stating "Imbue Shield!". Once imbued, the shield allows any magical spell that strikes it to be "resisted" for 1 hour by simply stating "Resist!". During this hour the Stalwart may also "reflect" one spell that strikes the shield back upon the caster by calling out "Reflect!". If the shield is no longer equipped, the ability ends. The imbued shield may only be used by the Stalwart who activated it. Imbue Shield may be used once a day per purchase.

## **Swashbuckler**

Swashbucklers are flamboyant and daring, larger than life adventurers who use their speed and wits rather than heavy armour and brute strength in combat. They come in many forms - pirates, duelists and brigands are all examples of Swashbucklers. Most Swashbucklers are romantics at heart, more concerned with winning fame and fortune than safety or consequence, though some Swashbucklers are far more dark and self serving in their motivations. You might encounter Swashbucklers on the high seas raising a cutlass over a canon, in gambling dens with aces up their sleeves or attempting to win your heart with a sword in hand and rose between their teeth. Most swashbucklers live very short lives but their legends may continue for centuries.

To use any Swashbuckler ability, the Swashbuckler must have a 1-handed melee weapon in their main hand and must not hold any weapon in their off hand other than a dagger, throwing knife, or stiletto.

#### Pre-requisites: Ambidexterity, plus either a Slay (Specific or Master) or a Dodge.

#### Finesse

#### Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3rd Level

Light on their feet and nimble, a Swashbuckler trains to maneuver around weapon strikes and absorb the inertia of blows. Each time this ability is purchased the Swashbuckler gains 5 Armour Points. These 5 AP are considered armour, but they cannot be repaired, refitted or augmented in any way. Finesse AP are removed before regular AP if the Swashbuckler takes damage. Finesse AP will regenerate as a Swashbuckler's energy returns. For every 60 second spent roleplaying limbering up, calming their breathing, tightening straps, etc., the Swashbuckler will regain up to 10 Finesse AP. During this time no other skills may be used. AP from Finesse will be temporarily lost if the Swashbuckler wears metal armour. If Finesse's AP are lost because of these restrictions it will take 10 seconds for them to return after the restrictions have been met. Finesse AP cannot be used if the Swashbuckler is unable to move.

#### En Garde!

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6th Level and at least one 3rd Level Swashbuckler Ability

This ability improves a Swashbuckler's skill at fighting with a weapon in one hand against a single target. En Garde! grants the Swashbuckler +1 damage with their main weapon for 10 minutes. This bonus damage is not granted to their off hand weapon, if they use one. To activate this ability the Swashbuckler will point or motion toward one target and state: "En Garde!" En Garde! only grant this damage bonus against the declared target. Each time this ability is purchased the Swashbuckler will gain an additional +1 damage and another 10 minute period in which can use En Garde! per day. Eg: If purchased 3 times the Swashbuckler will gain +3 to main weapon damage for 10 minutes, three times a day.

#### Prise de Fer ("pree-z [deh fair]")

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9th Level and at least one 6th Level Swashbuckler Ability

This physical attack will disarm an opponent's weapon and cause it to land in the Swashbuckler's hand. By striking the opponent's weapon with their own and calling "Physical Prise de Fer!" the Swashbuckler can force their opponent to give them the targeted weapon, if the Prise de Fer is successful. A Swashbuckler has a 3 second grace period to determine what to do with the captured weapon before any negative effects from the Swashbuckler weapon restrictions begin. Prise de Fer is considered a physical boffer attack. It will not grant the skill to use the weapon captured. Prise de Fer will only function against 1-handed weapons unless two Prise de Fers are used at once. If the Swashbuckler does not have a free hand to catch the weapon it will fall on the ground at their feet. Prise de Fer is usable once per day per purchase.

#### Aegis

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12th Level and at least one 9th Level Swashbuckler Ability

By declaring "Aegis!" the Swashbuckler may use the Parry defense multiple times within 10 seconds. For every level of the Swashbuckler, they may use one Parry. Parry enables the player to parry any weapon blow, as well as touch casted spells. To Parry an attack, the Swashbuckler simply calls "Parry", which negates the last hit taken. This Parry cannot be used in conjunction with any other skill, ability, or magically summoned weapon. Parry cannot block Massive damage, Spell Strikes, or Surprise Attacks. While Aegis is active, no other skills may be used. Aegis may be used once per day per purchase.



## **Undead Hunter**

Undead Hunters have undergone specialized training to hunt and destroy Undead creatures. This training is mostly appealing to those with physical combat training who want to refine their capabilities. An Undead Hunter's tools are potent. They have the means to heal themselves while damaging undead, force sunlight upon them and even destroy them outright.

<u>All</u> of Undead Hunter's Occupational abilities will only work on Undead that they have identified using Necromantic Arts or Undead they have witnessed taking damage from Healing.

*Pre-requisites: Necromantic Arts and either Weapon Specialization (Specific or Group) or Spell Slot:* 5<sup>th</sup> Circle (Healing).

#### **Hunter's Focus**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level

When the Undead Hunter wields any silver, Master Crafted or Legendary weapon they may call magic damage. This ability is usable at will.

#### **Hunter's Attrition**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 6th Level and at least one 3rd Level Undead Hunter Ability

Hunter's Attrition is a powerful magical touch that damages Undead while healing the Undead Hunter. This class ability must be touch-cast . When successfully delivered, this ability does 25 Magic Healing damage (100 Magic Body damage vs Undead) and also mends the Undead Hunter for 25 Body, in the appropriate type for them to heal from, regardless of race. This damage is considered healing magic for all purposes. In order for the healing function of this ability to function an Undead must have been successfully damaged. The call for this ability is "Hunter's Attrition: 25 Magic Healing". Hunter's Attrition can be used once per day per purchase.

#### **Crystal of Light**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 9<sup>th</sup> Level and at least one 6<sup>th</sup> Level Undead Hunter Ability

At 9<sup>th</sup> level an Undead Hunter can create and throw a magical crystal of sunlight, which when striking an Undead causes it to explode in natural sunlight. This sunlight will bathe the Undead for 1 minute and cause it to be affected as though it was between the hours of 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM. This will strip magical thresholds and supernatural strength from Undead and may have additional effects based on the Undead type. If the target is not Undead the crystal will have no effect and will not activate magical defenses. It may be used once per day per purchase and the call is "Arcane Crystal of Light".

#### **Final Rest**

Pre-requisite: Occupation at 12th Level and at least one 9th Level Undead Hunter Ability

This ability allows an Undead Hunter to destroy an Undead creature immediately. By using a weapon appropriate for Hunter's Focus, an Undead Hunter may call "Spellstrike: Magic Death!" against any Lesser or Greater Undead. Some powerful or unique Undead may be able to resist this effect. This skill is useable once per day per purchase.

## **Chapter 5: SKILLS**

## **Out of Game Skills**

Out of Game skills, if applicable, are applied to the Player Portion of the Character and have no direct effect on any specific character that Player has.

Unless otherwise stated, the following may be assumed for all skills:

Frag Cost: 0, CP Cost: 0, Self-Taught: Yes

#### A Friend in Need

*Pre-requisites: None* 

#### Frag Cost: 25

This skill will allow a character to come into game with the following protections: Shield Magic, Magic Armour and Simple Resist Toxin. This is a one time purchase; it will allow the character to start game with these protections *once*, after which it can be purchased again for the same effect.

#### **A Friend Indeed**

#### Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 50

This skill will allow a character to come into game with the following protections: Advanced Shield Magic, Advanced Magic Armour and Complex Resist Toxin. This is a one time purchase; it will allow the character to start game with these protections *once*, after which it can be purchased again for the same effect.

#### Luck

#### Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 75

Luck is a powerful "do over" ability that can be bought or used once PER YEAR total and can be used for any character a player possesses. It does not always guarantee success, it will only allow you to take a mulligan against any situation where you have to flip a coin, roll a dice or pull a stone from a bag. Examples of the use of Luck would be re-pulling a ritual backlash or flipping for final death.

#### **Quick Study**

#### Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 10

This skill will allow a player to memorise outside of the normal 6 PM-midnight reset period once ever. It will not allow them more resets than they would normally have. There must still be at least 6 hours between resets. Once used, this skill must be purchased again in order to be used again.

#### **Race: Uncommon**

#### Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 75

This skill allows the player to start a new character as an uncommon race, listed in Chapter 2. This must be purchased again to play a different character of the same race.

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#### Race: Rare

#### Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 150

This skill allows the player to start a new character as a rare race, listed in Chapter 2. This must be purchased again to play a different character of the same race.

#### **Race: Obscure**

#### Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 250

This skill allows the player to start a new character as an obscure race, listed in Chapter 2. This must be purchase again to play a different character of the same race.

#### **Restricted Remort**

#### Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 750

Purchasing a restricted remort allows you to permanently remove all skills on one character and then respend the CP. This does not allow a class or race change, nor does it grant refunds for frag skills which might have been spent. It is used once, immediately after purchase.

#### Spiritual Resolve 1st

#### Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 125

This purchase allows the player to buy an additional life to add to their character of choice up to their maximum lives. This means a character who has never died cannot buy this skill, a character who has died once can buy it back once and so forth.

#### Spiritual Resolve 2<sup>nd+</sup>

#### Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 250

This purchase allows the player to buy an additional life to add to their character of choice up to their maximum lives. This means a character who has never died cannot buy this skill, a character who has died once can buy it back once and so forth.

#### **Skill Remort**

#### Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 250

Purchasing a Skill Remort allows a player to remove one skill from any character. The skill removed cannot be a pre-requisite for another skill that character possesses, however a Skill Remort can be purchased multiple times to remove a chain of pre-requisite skills from the top down. It is used once, immediately after being purchased.

#### **Unrestricted Remort**

#### Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 1250

Purchasing an unrestricted remort allows you to permanently remove all skills on one character and then respend the CP, but will not grant refunds for frag skills which might have been spent. It will also allow a class and/or race change. It is used once, immediately after purchase.

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## In Game Skills

In Game skills are purchased then applied to a specific character, chosen by that player. Once the skill is applied to that character it cannot be moved to another. IG skills and all frag and CP costs associated with them must be purchased each time they wish to be applied to a character.

## **Rogue Only**

#### Blindfighter

Pre-requisites: None Frag Cost: 15 CP Cost: 15 Once per day per purchase, the character may resist a Blind effect.

#### Escape

Pre-requisites: Level 5 Trapper Frag Cost: 20 CP Cost: 50

Once per day per purchase, the character may break free of any physical binding. Examples of bindings are shackles, rope, manacles, etc. Doing so requires a 10 count which may be done in silence. Taking damage will reset the count. Escape may not be used to free the rogue from locked areas, such as prison rooms or crows cages.

#### Riposte

Pre-requisites: None Frag Cost: 75 CP Cost: 150

The rogue with Riposte can use this ability against any physical attack that could be parried. After suffering a physical attack, a character with this ability may call "Riposte!" if they are holding a weapon. Doing so not only blocks the attack but also deals back to the original target the same damage and effects that were Riposted, which automatically hits. Ripostes can block missile damage, but the damage is not reflected back. The damage from a Riposte counter can be defended against with skills (Parry, Dodge, etc.) and spells (Magic Armour, etc.) but is considered to have been a successful strike. Riposte may be used once a day per purchase.

#### **Sucker Punch**

Pre-requisites: None Frag Cost: 30

#### CP Cost: 65

This skill allows the rogue to sneak in a devastating attack to an unprepared opponent, stunning them for a short time. If the attack is successful, the target takes one Body, is blinded and is stunned for 5 seconds. While stunned, a victim is unable to take any action, including blocking, moving and the use of skills, minus the ability to call "interrupt" against killing blows. They may also interrupt any counts against them. This skill may use the "Surprise" suffix in its damage call if the attack is delivered from behind and between the target's shoulder blades. To successfully deliver this attack, the rogue must strike his or her opponent on the torso with a red hand-to-hand or claw rep. To activate this ability, the rogue must incant "Sucker Punch!" This skill cannot be stacked with any other skill and is usable once per day per purchase.

#### **Thieves Cant**

Pre-requisites: None

Frag Cost: 20

#### CP Cost: 25

This skill allows rogues access to a fundamental secret language, understood by thieves universally. Thieves Cant is a fully coded language. It is ever changing and evolving, so it can never be permanently broken by authorities. Rogues with this skill have dedicated themselves to learning the secrets of the code, and as such, will always understand it. Upon purchase, the Rogue will receive an Out-of -Game decoder which will allow them to read and write messages in Thieves Cant. This code may not be given, in written form, to any other player. This code may change from time to time, but the rogue will always be able to quickly decipher it. Rogues with this skill will always be updated with a new decoder packet by the Logistics Marshal, should any change happen. Once purchase, this skill is always active.

#### Tumble

Pre-requisites: None

## Frag Cost: 30

#### CP Cost: 65

Agility and dexterity are the tools of the rogue. By "rolling with the punches," a rogue can tumble to take half damage (rounded down) from one single source of their choice. The source of damage must contain a numerical damage amount. This skill has no effect on other negative effects such as paralyze, death, head butt etc. Tumble cannot stack with any other skill, including additional uses of tumble, nor can any other method of damage reduction be applied prior to or after the rogue uses tumble. Half damage (rounded down) is the minimum amount of damage the rogue can take when this skill is used. The defensive incant for this ability is "Tumble!" This skill is usable once per day per purchase.

## Warrior Only

#### **Battlefield Repair**

Pre-requisites: None Frag Cost: 25 CP Cost: 30

With this skill a Warrior can repair any recently destroyed or shattered shield so long as they have access to the wreckage. If given the destroyed remains, (represented OOG by the OOG shield rep) and the shield was destroyed within the last hour, a Warrior can perform a Battlefield Repair on it. A repair in this manner takes 1 minute for every 10 threshold the shield had. If the repair is interrupted or an hour passes since its destruction and the shield is not fully repaired, the skill will fail and be used for the day. Use of this skill will not pause the time limit in which it can be used nor will it partially repair a destroyed shield (in other words once work begins it must be completed to its conclusion). Lastly, this skill may be used to restore 1 "resist" on a Master Crafted shield. This is done by the same method and with the same restrictions as repairing a destroyed shield, including the time limit. Master crafted shield shield loses its final resist and is then destroyed, that final resist will be lost as both the shield and the resist cannot be repaired simultaneously. This skill is usable once per day per purchase.

#### Cripple

Pre-requisites: None Frag Cost: 30 CP Cost: 40

This skill allows the warrior to attack a target's limb with a devastating crippling attack. If the attack is successful, Cripple does one Body to the target and cripples the struck limb for 5 seconds. If the limb is a

target's arm, they will be disarmed of any items they are holding and unable to use that arm. Shields or items strapped to the arm or unable to be dropped will be considered useless and any damage taken to those items will instead be taken by the target. A crippled leg denies the target the ability to move for the duration of the ability. Cripple must be delivered by a boffer attack and must strike a limb to be successful. The damage call for this ability is "Cripple!" If the weapon's damage type is not normal, the damage type precedes "Cripple". There is no numerical value for this attack, so when determining if the attack is stopped by a threshold, only the damage threshold type is taken into account. For example, a "Silver Cripple" will breach a +2 Silver threshold, but not a Magic one. Cripple cannot be stacked with any other ability and is usable once per day per purchase.

#### Decapitate

#### Pre-requisites: Slay

## Frag Cost: 75

#### CP Cost: 150

This powerful ability attempts to separate the head from the body of a target and kill them in a single shot. Decapitate can only be used with a melee weapon that the warrior is capable of Slaying with. In order to use this skill a warrior must declare: "You are not prepared!", then strike their opponent. The strike must hit the torso (not limbs) of their target. The damage call for this skill is "10 Body Decapitate". If the target's Body is damaged by the attack then they are decapitated, immediately falling into their Death Count. Creatures with no discernible heads are immune to this attack. Unlike a Slay, Decapitate does not remain active if you miss the initial strike. The numerical damage cannot be changed, but the damage type may be altered with spells and effects. For example: if you have a +2 Magic sword, you still only swing for 10 damage, but the call would be "10 Magic Body Decapitate". Usable once per day per purchase.

#### Dirt in the Eye

Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 30

#### CP Cost: 45

This skill allows the warrior to temporarily blind a target by throwing dirt in their eyes. This is a packetdelivered attack and will not be successful if used with a boffer weapon or if touch cast. The warrior must first touch a packet to the ground then successfully hit the target. The incant for this ability is "Dirt in the Eye!" Dirt in the Eye will blind the target for ten seconds forcing the target to close their eyes OOG for the duration of the effect. Players in an unsafe or unstable environment (*e.g.* fighting near a fire pit) may keep their eyes open but must look down at their feet and away from their attacker for the skill's duration. This skill cannot be stacked with any other ability or spell and is usable once per day per purchase.

#### Trip

Pre-requisites: None Frag Cost: 20 CP Cost: 30

A combat skill for warriors, to activate this ability the player must successfully strike the target's leg with a weapon and call "1 Body trip!" If successful, the target must 'fall' (safely) to the ground. The target may stand up again as soon as they have touched their torso to the ground. Like Hamstring, the damage cannot be increased unless you use multiple Trips at the same time; however the damage type is based on the weapon used. Usable once per day per purchase.

#### Whirlwind of Blows

Pre-requisites: Flurry of Blows

Frag Cost: 40

### CP Cost: 75

This skill enables a warrior to plant one foot, call "Whirlwind of Blows" and gain +5 damage to their swings. This effect continues indefinitely so long as one foot remains planted. The planted foot may swivel, but the skill ends if the planted foot is moved or raised. This skill may stack with other skills, abilities or spells (such as Hamstring and Dismember) unless otherwise stated in their descriptions. This skill is usable once per day per purchase and requires 1 Flurry of Blows purchase for every purchase of Whirlwind of Blows.

## **Scholar Only**

#### **Combat Wizardry**

Pre-requisite: Self Mutilate.

#### Frag Cost: 50

#### CP Cost: 50

When a mage purchases Combat Wizardry, their spell casting is no longer interrupted by Body damage. This skill is considered to be "always on".

#### Harvest

Pre-requisites: None

## Frag Cost: 50

#### CP Cost: 50

Once per day per purchase, when a mage casts a spell and it is blocked by a spell defense, they may call "Harvest!" and regain that spell in memory to cast again. This ability only functions if the spell is defended against with a magical protection like Shield Magic, or a Resist Magic natural ability or racial.

#### Mortician

Pre-requisites: Anatomy

#### Frag Cost: 75

#### *CP Cost: 25*

This macabre ability allows the Mortician to examine a finalled corpse to determine what led to its demise. The skill will never identify a specific killer. It may be used to ask the following questions. When questions refer to what 'killed' the corpse, this refers to the last thing that dropped the victim into their Bleed or Death Counts, or whatever delivered the Killing Blow if one was used. Weapon damage is considered physical means, even if it is magical damage.

"Were you killed by magic, alchemy, or physical means?"

"What was the sphere of magic/specific alchemy/weapon group that killed you?"

"How long have you been a corpse in days?" or, if under 24 hours, "How long have you been a corpse in hours?"

"Has your body been moved?"

"Were you taken by Surprise?"

Additionally, Morticians can manipulate bodies to make future Morticians receive false information about the questions above.

#### Refocus

Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 30

#### CP Cost: 30

Once per day per purchase with Refocus, when a mage casts a spell and misses their target with a spell packet, they may call "Refocus!" and regain that spell in memory to cast again.

#### **Spell Parry**

#### Pre-requisites: None

Frag Cost: 35

#### CP Cost: 35

The Spell Parry skill allows a mage to counter a spell cast at them by using up a duplicate spell that they memorized. If a mage is targeted and affected by the same spell they have in memory they may choose to call "Spell Parry <spell name>!" and nullify the incoming spell, but lose the spell in memory in the process. For example, if a Druid has a Web spell memorized and is struck by another Web spell, they may choose to sacrifice their memorized Web to negate the hostile Web spell. If the mage whose spell was Spell Parried also possesses the Spell Parry skill, after hearing their spell has been countered they may also call out "Spell Parry!" and force their original spell through, bypassing the Spell Parry defense and causing the defending mage to waste their memorized spell. There is no limit to how often this ability may be used so long as the mage has spells in memory to counter. This ability only functions against magic spells, either cast from memory or used via a magic item. It has no effect against natural ability or monster racials by the same name. Eg: You cannot Spell Parry a spider's web with the Nature spell.

#### **Spell Switch**

Pre-requisites: None Frag Cost: 50

#### CP Cost: 50

Once per day per purchase, the mage may exchange one spell they have memorized for another spell at a lower level. Example: A healer may exchange their memorized level 8 Heal spell for a level 7 Death Ward spell. Spells may be switched with different spheres the caster knows, but they can never be equal or higher level. To use this ability the mage must declare: "Spell Switch : <spell being sacrificed> <new spell>". The new spell must be cast within 60 seconds of Spell Switch being used or both spells are lost.

#### **Spell Versatility**

Pre-requisites: None

## Frag Cost: Half the slot being augmented + 5

#### CP Cost: Half the slot being augmented + 5

Spell Versatility is a Mage skill that is tied to an existing spell slot that the character already owns. After purchasing Spell Versatility, the mage no longer has to memorize a spell to put into that slot and may cast spells "on the fly" from any of their spheres that can fill the slot. For example, if a mage has two spheres and a 7th level spell slot they may choose any of those four 7th level spells to cast, so long as the slot is unused; essentially meaning that every spell of that level that they can cast fits into the slot at once. Once a spell has been cast from the slot it is used until the next reset like normal. This skill must be purchased per slot and is considered always functional.

## All Classes

#### **Create Alcohol**

Pre-requisites: None Frag Cost: 10 CP Cost: 25

# With this skill, a character can now create potent brews and drinks. For the first purchase of Create Alcohol, your character can create up to 3 Alcohol tags that hold 5 servings each. These drinks can be created from a pool of 3 Stamina, divided up as the character wishes. Alcohol tags can only be created at Logistics, but may have any name the brewer wishes to give them (i.e. Dwarven Ale, Elvish Red Wine, etc.) For each subsequent purchase of Create Alcohol, the character will have +3 Stamina added to their pool and create +1 Alcohol tag.

#### **Favoured (Lead Shaper Approval)**

Pre-requisites: Lead Shaper Approval Frag Cost: 250 CP Cost: 50 Self-Taught: No

The Favoured are specially chosen by a God or Dragon from amongst the flock and elevated to the level of the truly revered. Only those characters that have proven themselves exceptionally devout may purchase Favoured. Purchasing this skill signifies to your God or Dragon that you are truly devoted and ready to become their vessel. This skill grants access to unique Spheres of Magic. Like Battle Magic Spheres, each Favoured require a Spell Focus in order to cast. A Divine Spell Focus will be the God's Holy Symbol. A Dragon Knight requires a Spell Focus made from a stone or gem that is the Colour of the Dragon they revere. These Spell Foci are no different than standard Battle Magic Foci and can be replaced in the same manner if lost or destroyed. This ability allows Favoured to commune with their God or Dragon through prayer. Such communion allows the Favoured to memorize their Divine or Draconic spell Spheres without the need for a Spellbook or scrolls. Communion can only be done between the hours of 6 PM and 12 AM and require a minimum of 10 minutes of uninterrupted prayer. All Renowned Occupations must purchase this skill. A character with the skill Favoured may innately cast Bless or Dragon Mark once a day (depending on whether they are a Divine or Draconic Favoured). This ability cannot be purchased more than once.

#### **Heavy Drinker**

Pre-requisites: None
Frag Cost: 10
CP Cost: 20
This ability is purchasable by any character class and doubles their stamina total.

#### Hindsight

Pre-requisites: Level 1 Mysticism Frag Cost: 35

CP Cost: 20

Adding the Hindsight skill to a character gives the character a 25% chance of remembering his/her death upon resurrection, instead of a 10% chance, every time that character resurrects. It may only be purchased once per character and the bonuses do not stack with other abilities.

#### Looting

Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 5 CP Cost: All-15, NB-10

The Looting skill trains the player in the art of both hiding and finding. This skill allows the target to subtract ten seconds from the standard 60-second loot count for every level of Looting they have purchased, to a minimum of ten seconds. This skill will also add ten seconds per level to any person trying to loot the player with the looting skill, regardless of whether the intended looter has the looting skill. If a player with looting is being looted, they need not inform the looter how long they will have to loot for, Out-of-Game. If the looter ends their count before the full amount of time required, the target may opt to give any amount of loot they desire. They are also not required to tell the looter anything, though they may say "You find nothing" if they choose not to give any loot. Should the searching player choose to search a target with the Looting skill, for the appropriate amount of additional time, they must them give the searching player all items as per standard searching rules. This ability can be purchased a maximum of five times.

#### Paragon (Lead Shaper Approval)

Pre-requisites: Lead Shaper Approval Frag Cost: 100 CP Cost: Slot + 10

#### Self-Taught: No

Paragons are those who have proven to be faithful adherents of their God, without having devoted their lives to their service. Being a Paragon allows a character to add one Light or Dark spell, no higher than 7<sup>th</sup> circle, depending on the God served, to their repertoire. Once the spell is chosen, the choice is permanent. The Paragon may then memorize that spell in the place of one of their regular spell slots. The Paragon must have a holy symbol to memorize and cast the spell.

This ability is granted as a reward for faithfulness. Those who wish to become Paragons must prove themselves by adhering to all the tenets of the God and exemplify at least 5. To begin this process, the player must contact the Shaper team declaring their intention to become a Paragon. This does not need to be as complex as a Favoured essay. If this ability is granted, the character is considered a Paragon on their god. This is a requirement for positions of power in many religious organizations.

If the character loses the approval of their God, they will be cursed for six months, as chosen by the Shaper team, and barred from using their Paragon ability for one year. During this time they should be atoning for their sin. If the atonement pleases the God, after the one year they may use their Paragon ability once again. If the atonement does not please the God, the CP is not refunded and the skill becomes useless. This skill may only be purchased once ever.

#### Possum

Pre-requisites: None

#### Frag Cost: 25

#### *CP Cost: 30*

After lying still for 10 seconds, a character may activate Possum and become immune to Sense Life calls. This works for up to an hour or until the character moves or is moved. OOG movement to get comfortable, breathe, swat mosquitos, etc., will not end the effect. This ability is usable once per day per purchase.

#### Teacher

Pre-requisites: None Frag Cost: 50 CP Cost: 15

Purchasing this skill allows a character to teach another character a Vocation or non-Renowned Frag Sphere that they know, once. If the Teacher wishes to teach further students, they must pay the frag cost, but not the CP cost, again for each thing taught.



# **Chapter 6: SPELL SPHERES**

Frag spheres do not have Battle Magic scrolls.

Dark	Draconic	Light
Incant: "I channel [God] to"	Incant: "I call upon [Dragon] to	"Incant: "I channel [God] to"
Spell Focus: Holy symbol	Spell Focus: Gem or rock coloured as the Firstborn served	<sup>d</sup> Spell Focus: Holy symbol
1 Bless *	1 Divine Shield *	1 Bless *
Siphon	Mark of the Firstborn *	Illumination
2 Divine Ward	2 Dragon Hide	<b>2</b> Divine Ward
Soul Whip	Sign of the Firstborn	Pin Evil
<b>3</b> Death Aura	<b>3</b> Enlightenment of the Firstborn	<b>3</b> Mass: Blessings
Mass: Blessings	Scales *	Wave of Healing
4 Banner of the Faithful	4 Shadow of the Firstborn	<b>4</b> Banner of the Faithful
Control Mindless	Strength of the Firstborn	Freedom
5 Mass: Relic	<b>5</b> Dragon Fear	<b>5</b> Destroy Lesser Undead
Wave of Pain	Dragon's Regeneration	Mass: Relic
6 Dark Lore	<b>6</b> Breath of the Firstborn	6 Dark Lore
Unholy Armour *	Dragon's Intuition	Shield of Light
7 Corruption	7 Dragon's Toughness *	7 Beacon of Light
Dark Bolt	Elemental Fragility	Light Bolt
8 Chains and Bonds	8 Fury of the Firstborn	8 Holy Warrior
Unholy Warrior	Talons of the Firstborn	Tooth for a Tooth
9 Avatar	9 Life of the Firstborn *	9 Avatar
Death	Spirit of the Firstborn	Cleansing Light

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Necromancy	Sigil	Wytch	
Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to"	Incant: "I craft a Sigil of"	Incant: "I summon a Hex to"	
Spell Focus: A bone wrapped in hair	Spell Focus: A writing, drawing or painting tool	Spell Focus: 3 <sup>rd</sup> nipple	
1 Black Plague	1 Sigil of Rest	1 Blood Curse	
Feign Death	Sigil of Shock	Talisman *	
2 Control Lesser Undead	<b>2</b> Sigil of Armour	2 Blindness	
Leech	Sigil of Bravery *	Evil Eye	
<b>3</b> Necrotic Bolt	<b>3</b> Sigil of the Forge	<b>3</b> Repulsion	
Raise Zombie	Sigil of the Pocket *	Weakness	
4 Carnivorous Worms	4 Sigil of the Barrier	4 Horror	
Vampiric Blade	Sigil of the Bound Man	Requital	
5 Fracture	<b>5</b> Sigil of the Lizard	<b>5</b> Contingency: Sleep *	
Raise Skeleton	Sigil of the Weapon Master	Tongue Rot	
6 Enhance Undead	6 Sigil of Flechette	6 Eye for an Eye *	
Necrotic Blast	Sigil of Inversion *	Trap Demonic/Angelic	
7 Death's Grasp	7 Sigil of Dispel	7 Control Lesser Demon/Angel	
Raise Lesser Ghoul	Sigil of Seal Armour	Dark Entrails	
8 Unlife	8 Sigil of Delay *	8 Curse of Pain	
Walk the Deadlands	Sigil of Warding	Race Change: Toad	
9 Requiem	9 Sigil of Magical Storage	9 Dark Pact	
Wasting Death	Sigil of the Phoenix	Shatter Your Skull	

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# **Sphere of Magic: Dark**

Pre-requisites: Favoured, Champion Frag Cost: 0 CP Cost: As per additional Sphere Cost Spell Focus: Holy symbol.

Containing only the most horrific and vile of Battle-Magic spells, the Sphere of Dark harnesses the power of the Dark Gods to spread the will of their God throughout the land. The Sphere of Dark is a Renowned-only Sphere of Magic and cannot be purchased without first purchasing the skill Favoured.

#### Level 1

#### **Bless** \*

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Blessing." Duration: 5 days

Description: This spell calls down upon the target the blessing of whichever God the caster worships. If the caster casts Bless on themselves, it will function as a Shield Magic versus the next Divine or Draconic spell to strike the caster. From time to time a character with a Bless on their spirit may find favour with the God(dess) that the caster serves. This can sometimes, decided by a Shaper, have a small positive effect happen to or around them. This could be anything from a small warning of danger to minor healing or even minor miracles. The caster may not force a Bless upon a person and it may be resisted without using up a spell-protection, such as Shield Magic. One can only be Blessed if one chooses to be and only one Bless can be active at a time. A person can choose to allow a new Bless spell to replace an old one if they wish. They may also end a Bless on themselves any time they choose, but this may offend the god.

## Siphon

Incant: "I channel <God> to inflict Siphon." Duration: Instant

Description: This spell can only be targeted at someone who is currently in their Bleed Count. If successfully cast, the spell will act as a killing blow and grant the caster 5 Body points in healing or infliction, by caster's choice. This cannot exceed the caster's maximum Body point total nor can it be thrown or transferred to another.

#### Level 2

# **Divine Ward**

Incant: "I channel <God> to create Divine Ward." Duration: 1 hour

Description: Divine Ward requires the caster to plant or otherwise display their holy symbol foci for the duration of the spell. During this time, the symbol may not be used to cast other Dark spells. The symbol does not have to remain on the person of the caster and, in fact, may be hung upon a door, placed upon a tree or otherwise, so long as it remains stationary. Placing the spell tag next to the symbol is encouraged. While the symbol is being used in this way, creatures possessing a spirit may not approach within 10 feet of the symbol unless they are wearing a Bless spell of the deity represented by the Divine Ward. When the spell is cast, anyone not wearing a Bless spell of the appropriate deity will be pushed out of the Ward. If a creature already in the Ward cannot retreat any further, the spell will fail and is lost. This barrier may

be resisted with Shield Magic, Resist Magic or similar anti-magic defenses spell, and it may also be resisted by expending an active Bless spell from any God or Goddess. Doing so makes the user immune to the effects of this Divine Ward for 10 minutes. If the symbol is physically moved the spell ends. The caster of Divine Ward is immune to the effects of the spell.

# **Soul Whip**

Incant: "I channel <God> to inflict Soul Whip. 3 Dark Drain!" Duration: Instant

Description: This spell will summon a black, wispy tendril to strike out at the target, causing 3 Dark points of damage and mending the caster the same amount. If the target resists the spell or is otherwise unaffected by the damage, the spell fails.

Level 3

# **Death Aura**

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Death Aura." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell will hide the target's spirit in an aura of Undeath. While Death Aura is active the target will not be detectable via Sense Life.

## **Mass: Blessings**

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Mass Blessing." Duration: Up to 10 minutes

Description: This area-of-effect spell requires the caster to give a powerful Mass to their flock, calling on their God to Bless those the caster touches. To initiate Mass: Blessings the caster must roleplay a sermon to their God, speaking to those present about their deity's tenets, beliefs and how they relate to the situation at hand for at least one minute. After that minute has passed they may then, while continuing their sermon, touch the foreheads of any who have heard it. One person may be touched in this manner every 10 seconds so long as the sermon continues or the maximum duration of 10 minutes is reached. Each person who is touched by the caster in this manner will take the effect of a Bless spell. A maximum of 10 Blessings may be granted. The caster may not "force" the effects of this mass to take place upon anyone, including the unconscious, dying, or otherwise incapacitated.

Level 4

# **Banner of the Faithful**

Incant: "I channel <God> to create Banner of the Faithful." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell creates a magic "flag" or banner which lasts one hour's time. During that time, any character that has a Bless spell of the same God on their spirit may gain access to the Banner's full abilities. The Blessed character must touch the Banner and speak the God's name. Once done, they may attack for +0 Magic damage so long as the Banner stays within their line of sight. This bonus includes ranged weapons. The flag is considered a spirited item with 1 Body and may be destroyed by any weapon swing or other source of damage. If the banner leaves the target's line of sight for more than 10 seconds, the effect is lost until the Banner is back in their line of sight. The banner must be visible as well, which means that it may be necessary to illuminate a banner used in the dark. A Banner may be any shape so

long as it is a minimum 2.5' x 1' and no greater than 4'x 6' and must be mounted on a pole with a minimum length of 4' and a maximum of 6'. The holy symbol of the God worshipped must be represented on the Banner. When the banner is first created, the caster must state "Banner up -  $\langle God's name \rangle$ !". When the banner ends for any reason, the caster must then state "Banner down -  $\langle God's name \rangle$ !". The caster of Banner of the Faithful is always under the Banner's effect while it exists.

# **Control Mindless**

Incant: "I channel <God> to inflict Control Mindless." Duration: 1 minute / 10 minutes

Description: This spell grants the caster control over one non-sentient creature. Non-sentient creatures are limited to lesser Undead, lesser mindless constructs, natural animals and victims of Feeblemind. This spell will not work on a target with an active Bless or Dragon Mark but will work on children too young to resurrect, though this is considered abhorrent by most. This control will allow the caster to command the target to do anything, including suicidal actions. Control will last for 1 minute, unless the target is undead in which case it will last 10 minutes. If Control Mindless is used on a living target it will leave a scar of the Cleric's God's holy symbol somewhere on its body.

Level 5

# **Mass: Relic**

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Relic." Duration: Until mass ends / item 24 hours

Description: This 10 minute mass magically enhances an item, typically a weapon, in the name of the God of the caster. Once the mass is complete, the object or weapon is made rendered as per the spell and is given a Magic aura. The weapon or object will become attuned to the first creature bearing the Bless of the caster's God that touches it after the mass is completed. If the item is dropped by the attuned creature or passed off to another creature, the spell ends and the item will revert back to its normal form. The effects on the object last for 24 hour, starting at the completion of the mass.

# Wave of Pain

Incant: "I channel <God> to inflict Wave of Pain, Wave of Pain, Wave of Pain." Duration: Instant

Description: Before this spell is cast, the caster must plant both feet and then incant. They then have the ability to throw up to 5 packets, each one doing 5 Dark. Each packet thrown must be preceded by the phrase "Wave of Pain". If the caster moves either foot or is struck for damage to Body, any remaining packets are lost and the spell ends.

Level 6

# **Dark Lore**

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Dark Lore." Duration: Varies

Description: This spell allows the caster to summon a Ghost or lost spirit and ask a series of questions in which it is bound to answer truthfully. The caster should have a topic of questioning in mind before casting the spell. Spirits summoned in this manner will arrive as soon as they possibly can but no later than 12 hours after casting. During this wait the caster should attempt to find a Shaper at their earliest

convenience.

The first few questions are set and must be spoken verbatim after the spirit arrives. These questions are:

"Spirit before me I bind you and command you to identify yourself."

"I bring you no ill will; do you wish my spirit harm?"

"I seek the knowledge in death regarding <Subject>."

"I release you of your binding, you are free to go. Will you leave peacefully?" OR "I release you of your binding but request additional information if it pleases you. Will you stay?"

If the Cleric fails or incorrectly speaks these questions the spirit may not arrive or may arrive hostile. If the Cleric succeeds, the spirit is bound to answer truthfully, to the best of its knowledge, the four questions asked. After this point the caster may continue asking questions of the spirit if the spirit is willing. The limit of questions is random, generally depending on the demeanor and sensitivity of the caster toward the spirit. Some spirits are simply uninterested in speaking to the living and will leave after the required questions are answered. The quality of answers will greatly depend upon the spirit called, which in general terms is beyond the ability of the caster's control. The use of Dark Lore is not considered Necromantic in nature although it may be mistaken as such to the uneducated.

# **Unholy Armour \***

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Unholy Armour." Duration: 5 days or until used

Description: This spell gives the target 25 points of Magical amour. This armour is Magical in nature, always comes off the target first, and may not be Refit. This spell cannot be stacked with itself. While the Unholy Armour is active, the target will Sense as Demonic, Undead, Wytchcraft, Necromancy, Dark and Summoning, though they will not be changed into any of those things.

Level 7

# Corruption

Incant: "I channel <God> to inflict Corruption." Duration: 10 minutes

Description: This spell will cause its target to take double numeric damage from all physical boffer attacks for 10 minutes. Additionally, any spell thrown by the caster of Corruption at the target will receive an Echo effect for each spell. This Echo effect will allow the caster to strike the target an additional time with the same spell if the first spell was successfully defended against in any way. This is done by calling "Echo!" immediately after the spell was defended against.

# Dark Bolt

Incant: "I channel <God> to inflict Dark Bolt. 20 Dark" Duration: Instant

Description: This spell causes a bolt of darkness to spring from the caster's fingers towards the target. The spell will take full effect on Undead creatures and living creatures alike. The bolt does 20 points of Dark damage straight to Body. This damage will be halved if the target has any active Bless spell on their person.

## **Chains and Bonds**

Incant: "I channel <God> to inflict Chains and Bonds." Duration: Line of sight, up to 10 minutes maximum

Description: This spell creates magical chains, hooks and locks that wrap around the target. These chains will Silence their victim. Their legs are bound together and their arms forced against the sides of their body, making actions impossible. Creatures with a Strength of 6 may break free from the chains. Doing so takes 3 seconds and causes the victim to take 6 Body in the process. Creatures bound in this way can be picked up and moved.

# **Unholy Warrior**

Incant: "I channel <God> to summon an Unholy Warrior." Duration: Up to 12 hours

Description: This powerful spell will allow the Cleric to call upon their God to send forth an Unholy Warrior to strike down one who has wronged them. The Cleric must offer up a sacrifice of a catalyst or an object worth at least 1 gold in value appropriate to the Cleric's god. Once cast, the offering is consumed and a being of pure shadow and darkness will manifest before the Cleric within the next 12 hours. When the Unholy Warrior has arrived the Cleric then needs to speak the name of the target as they know it, visualize the target's identity for one minute and finally state how the target has wronged the Cleric or their God. During this count, the Unholy Warrior cannot be the target of spells or effects, nor will they defend the Cleric or themselves until the spell prerequisites are completed. If the Cleric does not complete these requirements within two minutes of their arrival, the Unholy Warrior will leave. If the requirements are met, the Unholy Warrior will then dissipate, becoming undetectable to even the most powerful of magic. For the next hour the Unholy Warrior will hunt the target is found, the Unholy Warrior will phase in nearby with a 3-count. It will state to the target that they have wronged a Cleric of <God> and that their life is forfeit. The Unholy Warrior will attack that target to the best of its ability and will not cease until it is destroyed or the target has ended its Death Count.

An Unholy Warrior will be equal to the level and power of the Cleric who is summoning it. Should the Cleric speak the True Name of the target to the Unholy Warrior or use a Discord catalyst as the offering, that level will increase to the Cleric's level +5. The Unholy Warrior's Occupation is determined randomly by the God of the Cleric. Once the target has been destroyed the Unholy Warrior will return to the Cleric and announce its success. Should the Cleric decide after successfully casting the spell that they made a mistake and wish to cancel the Unholy Warrior's summoned duty, they may do so by expending their own bless spell. Ending the spell in this manner will incur a very harsh repercussion. As punishment for wasting the Dark God's power, the Cleric will find themselves the target of their own Unholy Warrior. No creature may be the target of this spell by the Cleric more than once per month, nor will the Unholy Warrior attack any creature that carries a Bless of the Clerics God. The Unholy Warrior is Celestial in Nature.

#### Level 9

#### Avatar

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Avatar." Duration: 10 minutes

Description: This spell turns the Cleric into an "Avatar" of their deity, morphing their body into a

shadowy dark form. After the spell is cast, the Cleric's shape will change over the course of a 3- count as they grow two feet in height; their physical features become shadowy black and their eyes glow blood red. This spell will also summon into existence either a two-handed Dark sword or a one-handed Dark sword and Dark onyx shield. The two-handed Dark sword has a base damage of 10 Magic, while the one-handed sword's base damage is 5 Magic. The shield has a 60 Magic threshold and it plus the weapons are considered indestructible. The spell also grants the proficiency in Exotic Weapon: Dark Sword and the Shield skill, as long as they are holding the summoned weapons. The Cleric can choose which weapon combination they would like at the time of casting. In Avatar form, the Cleric also has the ability to Spell Strike 10 Dark through their summoned weapon of choice a total of three times. They also gain a temporary health boost of 50 Body. Any Body Damage the Cleric receives is removed from the bonus 50 Body points first and this Body cannot be healed. The swords and/or shield will instantly dissipate if the Cleric drops them, is rendered unconscious, or incapacitated. These items may be used with natural weaponry, like a Savar's Claws. The Cleric may not cast any spells while in Avatar form. When the Avatar ends, the Cleric will perform a 3-count to exit the form.

#### Death

Incant: "I channel <God> to inflict Death." Duration: Instant

Description: Death causes the spirit of the target to be ripped forcibly from the Body, effectively delivering a killing blow and putting the target into their Death Count, dropping their Body points to -1 and bypassing their Bleed Count completely.

# **Sphere of Magic: Draconic**

Pre-requisites: Favoured Frag Cost: 0 CP Cost: As per additional Sphere Cost Spell Focus: Gem or rock the same colour as the Firstborn served.

The Sphere of Draconic is granted only to the most loyal and dedicated forces in any Dragon's Army: The Dragon Knight. Charged by his Firstborn, the proper name for Dragons, this Dragon Knight sets forth into the world to both end the oppressive tyranny of organized religion and to further the will of the Draconic liege.

Level 1

# **Divine Shield \***

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to grant Divine Shield." Duration: 5 days or until used

Description: Divine Shield functions like a "Shield Magic" spell against any spell from the Dark or Light Spheres of Magic. It can be stacked with Shield Magic or Advanced Shield Magic but will have no effect against Divine Ritual Magic. If wearing both Shield Magic and Divine Shield simultaneously and struck with a Divine spell, the Divine Shield will always active first.

## Mark of the Firstborn \*

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to grant Mark of the Firstborn." Duration: 5 days

Description: This spell causes the symbol of the Firstborn (served by the Dragon Knight who cast it) to appear upon the target. The target must be willing or the spell fails without affect. The mark will appear on the cheek of the target and may be drawn to represent this. The symbol must be clearly visible and cannot be hidden. If the Dragon Knight casts Mark of the Firstborn on themselves, it will function as a Shield Magic versus the next divine spell to strike the Dragon Knight. The target may end this mark any time they choose, but this may offend the Firstborn.

Level 2

# **Dragon Hide**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to grant Dragon Hide." Duration: Instant

Description: This spell will grant the target an immediate repair of damaged 10 armour points as if they had been repaired by a Blacksmith. This spell will not repair Armour Points that could not normally be repaired by a Blacksmith.

## Sign of the Firstborn

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to create Sign of the Firstborn." Duration: 5 days

Description: Sign of the Firstborn requires the caster to place a symbol of the Dragon they serve at a location of their choice. This symbol can be a banner, flag or simple drawing. Once cast, this symbol cannot be moved. While active, no creature with a spirit may approach within 10 feet of the symbol unless wearing a Mark of the Firstborn. This barrier may be resisted with a Shield Magic or similar spell and if resisted the target becomes immune to the effects of Sign of the Firstborn for 10 minutes. If the symbol is physically moved the spell ends. The caster is not immune to the effects of the spell and must be wearing a Mark of the Firstborn to pass.

Level 3

## **Enlightenment of the Firstborn**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to grant Enlightenment of the Firstborn." Duration: 10 minutes

Description: This spell works like a Mark of the Firstborn but over a greater range of targets. Immediately after casting this spell, the Dragon Knight must lead a 10 minute discussion or debate on any topic relating to the Firstborn, their followers or the fight against Gods. After the first minute has passed the Dragon Knight may anoint those present with their symbolic weapon of choice, bestowing onto them the Mark of the Firstborn served. The Dragon Knight must continue the debate while bestowing the Mark and if they stop the spell will fail and all Marks granted will become dispelled. A Dragon Knight may grant the Mark to one target every 10 seconds or until the 10 minute duration has been reached. A maximum of 10 Marks may be granted. Dragon Knights may not force the Mark an unwilling subject or those who are unconscious, dying or otherwise incapacitated.

#### Scales \*

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to grant Scales". Duration: 5 days or until used

Description: This spell will protect the caster from the next Body Damage attack that strikes them. If stacked with a Magic Armour, Scales will always activate first. It will only protect against physical Body attacks delivered via a boffer strike. When this defense is triggered, the caster must call "Scales!"

#### Level 4

## **Shadow of the Firstborn**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to grant Shadow of the Firstborn." Duration: 1 hour

Description: For the next hour after casting, the caster will become immune to all "Sense" type effects such as "Sense Life" from Undead creatures.

# **Strength of the Firstborn**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to grant Strength of the Firstborn." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell will grant the target a + 3 Strength bonus for 1 hour. This spell will stack with other strength bonuses but not itself.

Level 5

## **Dragon Fear**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to inflict Dragon Fear." Duration: Light of sight / 1 minute / 10 minutes

Description: This spell will cause the affected target to flee in fear. If line of sight between the target and caster remains broken for one minute, the fear effect will end. While under the effects of fear, a victim will do everything in their power to escape the line of sight with the caster. At first they may simply attempt to flee, but if physically held within the fear range or are otherwise forced to confront the caster, their reaction will escalate to violence. After the one minute duration has expired, the target will still be unable approach or interact with the caster or come within 100 feet of them, for the next 10 minutes. Removing or dispelling the effect of Dragon Fear will negate both the fear and the aversion that follows.

## **Dragon's Regeneration**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to bestow Dragon's Regeneration." Duration: Concentration

Description: While uninterrupted concentration is continued by the caster, they will gain 1 Body point of healing every 60 seconds. The 1 Body of healing will take effect at the end of each 60 second count, not the beginning. If the caster uses any other skill or takes damage to Body during the concentration, the spell will end. Any person with a Mark of the Firstborn may concentrate along with the caster to gain the benefits of this healing as well. The caster must keep concentrating in order for others to do this, even if they are at full Body.

## Level 6

## **Breath of the Firstborn**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to inflict Breath of the Firstborn. 25 Elemental <Type>!" Duration: Instant

Description: This spell will do 25 points of Elemental damage. The elemental type is determined by the caster but there is otherwise no difference in the effects. Should this spell drop the target to negative Body points, the target will forgo their Bleed Count and directly enter their Death Count as per typical elemental damage calls.

If their target successfully defends against this spell, the Dragon Knight can cause it to strike a second time in an attempt to bypass defenses. The Dragon Knight may then call "Innate Echo!", causing the target to be instantly hit by the spell again, although they may still defend against it if possible.

# **Dragon's Intuition**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to bestow Dragon's Intuition." Duration: Special

Description: This spell requires 10 minutes of concentration by the caster. At the end of those 10 minutes, the caster will gain insight into the levels of Divine energy in the surrounding lands, typically defined as a five mile radius. It will grant a general impression of powerful Divine beings, sources of Divine energy and concentrations of followers but will not give details beyond which God(s) are behind this influence. For example, it may indicate a powerful Divine creature adherent to Raze moving through the area but will not give a description of that creature, or it may state that a concentration of followers of a Cassandra are nearby but not where or who they are.

# Level 7 Dragon's Toughness \*

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to bestow Dragon's Toughness." Duration: 5 days or until used / destroyed

Description: This spell will grant 30 of temporary Body points to the caster. These extra Body points will be counted down first when damage is taken, before the caster's natural Body points. This spell cannot be stacked. All lightning based attacks that strike the caster do double damage.

# **Elemental Fragility**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to inflict Elemental Fragility <type>." Duration: 10 minutes

Description: This spell will cause its target to suffer x4 damage from one elemental type for 10 minutes, chosen at casting. The caster will receive  $\frac{1}{2}$  damage from that element for 10 minutes.

Level 8

# **Fury of the Firstborn**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to grant Fury of the Firstborn." Duration: 10 minutes

Description: After casting Fury of the Firstborn the caster may state "Sense Bless". Every creature with an active Bless spell within earshot must respond "Here!" For each person that responds, the caster of Fury of the Firstborn will gain +1 damage for 10 minutes. The caster will also gain an immunity to all numeric Dark and Light damage for the duration of the spell. This spell may be combined with Talons of the Firstborn and Spirit of the Firstborn to deadly effect.

# **Talons of the Firstborn**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to grant Talons of the Firstborn." Duration: 10 minutes

Description: This spell will change the caster's hands into powerful talons. The talons will be claw size or smaller. Each talon swings for 5 Magic Body, which cannot be augmented by any means, including benefits that apply to summoned weapons, except Fury of the Firstborn. While the talons exist no other weapons or skills which require the hands can be used. No weapon skills can be combined with the talons. Talons of the Firstborn may be combined with Spirit of the Firstborn and Fury of the Firstborn to deadly

effect. This spell is caster only.

Level 9

## Life of the Firstborn \*

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to bestow Life of the Firstborn." Duration: 5 days

Description: This spell functions as a Contingency Life spell. Contingency spells remain on the spirit and automatically activate when certain conditions are met. Life of the Firstborn will activate when the caster has one second left in their Death Count, at 4:59 minutes of their 5-minute countdown. At this time, the spell will cast Life on the caster, bringing the caster back to full Body points instantly. This spell is caster-only and cannot be stacked with itself or any other Contingency Life spell.

## **Spirit of the Firstborn**

Incant: "I call upon <Dragon> to bestow Spirit of the Firstborn." Duration: 10 minutes

Description: This spell infuses the caster with small piece of the spirit of the dragon they serve. Ethereal draconic wings will erupt from the casters back for a brief second before vanishing, as the caster is empowered with the might of the Firstborn on a 3-count. This spell will grant the caster +75 temporary Body, two claws which swing for "2 Magic" and the ability to throw one packet of "50 Elemental <type>", with the type being the caster's choice. If the Dragon Knight casts Talons of the Firstborn, those claws may be used instead. Any Body Damage the Dragon Knight receives is removed from the bonus Body points first and this Body cannot be healed. If the caster is dropped to -1 Body while the spell is active, it will end. When Spirit of the Firstborn ends, the Dragon Knight will perform a 3-count to exit the form.

If their target successfully defends against the 50 Elemental <type> packet, the Dragon Knight can cause it to strike a second time in an attempt to bypass defenses. The Dragon Knight may then call "Innate Echo!", causing the target to be instantly hit by the 50 Elemental <type> again, although they may still defend against it if possible.

# **Sphere of Magic: Light**

Pre-requisites: Favoured, Champion Frag Cost: 0 CP Cost: As per additional Sphere Cost Spell Focus: Holy symbol.

By harnessing the positive magic of light a Cleric or Paladin becomes a beacon of hope to all those in need. Renowned with this Sphere are able to unleash destructive magic onto Undead as well as heal injured or dying comrades. The Sphere of Light is a Renowned-only spell list and cannot be purchased without first purchases the skill Favoured.

Level 1

#### **Bless** \*

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Blessing." Duration: 5 days

Description: This spell calls down upon the target the blessing of whichever God the caster worships. If the caster casts Bless on themselves, it will function as a Shield Magic versus the next Divine or Draconic spell to strike the caster. From time to time a character with a Bless on their spirit may find favour with the God(dess) that the caster serves. This can sometimes, decided by a Shaper, have a small positive effect happen to or around them. This could be anything from a small warning of danger to minor healing or even minor miracles. The caster may not force a Bless upon a person and it may be resisted without using up a spell-protection, such as Shield Magic. One can only be Blessed if one chooses to be and only one Bless can be active at a time. A person can choose to allow a new Bless spell to replace an old one if they wish. They may also end a Bless on themselves any time they choose, but this may offend the god.

## Illumination

Incant: "I channel <God> to create Illumination." Duration: 12 hours or special

Description: This spell will create a light source, so long as it is cast on any small object of no larger than 6x6x6 cubic inches in area. The spell will last for 12 hours, until it is dispelled, or until the caster wishes to terminate the light. A flashlight may be used, but the light produced must be diffused significantly using a gel or cloth so that there is no directional beam. An out-of-game, luminescent, physical representation is required for this spell to be used as a light source. If desired, this spell may be used offensively. If cast via spell packet or touch cast on a target, it will blind the target for 10 seconds, so long as it is a creature that relies on sight. It will have no effect on creatures that do not, such as golems, Undead and slimes.

## Level 2

## **Divine Ward**

Incant: "I channel <God> to create Divine Ward." Duration: 1 hour

Description: Divine Ward requires the caster to plant or otherwise display their holy symbol foci for the duration of the spell. During this time, the symbol may not be used to cast other Light spells. The symbol does not have to remain on the person of the caster, and in fact may be hung upon a door, placed upon a

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tree or otherwise, so long as it remains stationary. Placing the spell tag next to the symbol is encouraged. While the symbol is being used in this way, creatures possessing a spirit may not approach within 10 feet of the symbol unless they are wearing a Bless spell of the deity represented by the Divine Ward. When the spell is cast, anyone not wearing a Bless spell of the appropriate deity will be pushed out of the Ward. If a creature already in the Ward cannot retreat any further, the spell will fail and is lost. This barrier may be resisted with Shield Magic, Resist Magic or similar anti-magic defenses spell, and it may also be resisted by expending an active Bless spell from any God or Goddess. Doing so makes the user immune to the effects of this Divine Ward for 10 minutes. If the symbol is physically moved the spell ends. The caster of Divine Ward is immune to the effects of the spell.

# Pin Evil

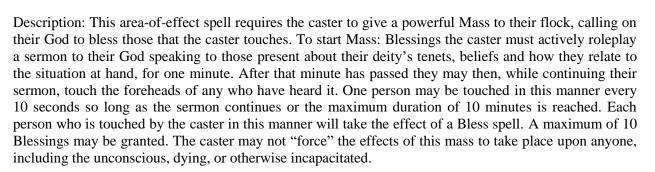
Incant: "I channel <God> to inflict Pin Evil." Duration: 1 minute

Description: This spell functions only against Lesser Undead and Lesser Demons. When cast, it will cause the target to keep one foot on the ground, unable to move. The creature may rip free on a 3-count if they have +5 or greater Strength. Ripping free will cause them to take 5 Magic Body damage.

Level 3

## **Mass: Blessings**

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Mass Blessing." Duration: 10 minutes



# Wave of Healing

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Wave of Healing, Wave of Healing, Wave of Healing." Duration: Instant

Description: The caster must plant both feet and then cast this spell. They then have the ability to throw up to five packets, each one doing 5 Magic Healing. If the target has a Bless from the same God as the caster, the healing is raised to 10 Magic Healing. Each packet thrown must be preceded by the phrase "Wave of Healing". If the caster moves either foot or is struck for damage to Body, any remaining packets are lost.



## **Banner of the Faithful**

Incant: "I channel <God> to create Banner of the Faithful." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell creates a magic "flag" or banner which lasts one hour's time. During that time, any character that has a Bless spell of the same God on their spirit may gain access to the Banner's full abilities. The Blessed character must touch the Banner and speak the God's name. Once done, they may attack for +0 Magic damage so long as the Banner stays within their line of sight. This bonus includes ranged weapons. The flag is considered a spirited item with 1 Body and may be destroyed by any weapon swing or other source of damage. If the banner leaves the target's line of sight for more than 10 seconds, the effect is lost until the Banner is back in their line of sight. The banner must be visible as well, which means that it may be necessary to illuminate a banner used in the dark. A Banner may be any shape so long as it is a minimum 2.5 x 1' and no greater than 4'x 6' and must be mounted on a pole with a minimum length of 4' and a maximum of 6'. The holy symbol of the God worshipped must be represented on the Banner. When the banner is first created, the caster must state "Banner up - <God's name>!". When the banner ends for any reason, the caster must then state, "Banner down - <God's name>!". The caster of Banner of the Faithful is always under the Banner's effect while it exists.

## Freedom

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Freedom." Duration: Instant

Description: This spell is an area effect spell that will function on all targets within hearing range who wear a Bless of the same God as the caster. It grants three benefits: 1) it will release the targets from any magical or alchemical (but not physical) bindings instantly, 2) it will awaken sleeping targets and 3) it will remove any active stun effects. If a target chooses to be affected by Freedom, it will end their active Bless spell.

#### Level 5

#### **Destroy Lesser Undead**

Incant: "I channel <God> to inflict Destroy Lesser Undead." Duration: Instant

Description: This packet delivered attack spell will cause 50 points of Magic damage to Greater Undead and will destroy lesser Undead outright.

#### Mass: Relic

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Relic." Duration: Until mass ends / item 24 hours

Description: This 10 minute mass magically enhances an item, typically a weapon, in the name of the God of the caster. Once the mass is complete, the object or weapon is made rendered as per the spell and is given a Magic aura. The weapon or object will become attuned to the first creature bearing the Bless of the caster's God that touches it after the mass is completed. If the item is dropped by the attuned creature or passed off to another creature, the spell ends and the item will revert back to its normal form. The effects on the object last for 24 hours, starting at the completion of the mass.

# **Dark Lore**

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Dark Lore." Duration: Varies

Description: This spell allows the caster to be each a lost spirit who served their God in life and ask a series of questions. Sprits summoned in this manner will arrive as soon as they possibly can but no later than 12 hours after casting. During this waiting time, the caster should attempt to find a Shaper at their earliest convenience.

The first few questions are set and must be spoken verbatim after the spirit arrives. These questions are:

"Spirit before me, I ask that you identify yourself."

"I bring you no ill will; do you wish my spirit harm?"

"I seek the knowledge in death regarding <Subject>."

"I release you of your binding, you are free to go. Will you leave peacefully?" OR "I release you of your binding but request additional information if it pleases you. Will you stay?"

If the caster fails or incorrectly speaks these questions, the spirit may not arrive or may arrive hostile. If they succeed, the spirit is bound to answer truthfully, to the best of its knowledge, those four questions. After this point the caster may continue asking questions of the spirit if the spirit is willing. The limit of questions is random, generally depending on the demeanor and sensitivity of the caster toward the spirit. Some spirits are simply uninterested in speaking to the living and will leave after the required questions are answered. The quality of answers will greatly depend upon the spirit called which, in general terms, is beyond the ability of the caster's control. The use of Dark Lore is not considered Necromantic in nature.

## Shield of Light

Incant: "I channel <God> to create Shield of Light." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell will summon into being a shield. While in existence, this shield will act as a normal metal shield, granting the caster the ability to use it. If the shield is hit by a packet delivered Dark, Draconic, Necromancy or Wytch spell, it will act like a Shield Magic once and then vanish, no matter the time limit remaining. The caster may not determine when to use the Shield Magic capabilities; it will simply react to the first spell of the spheres listed that strike it directly. The shield will NOT act as a Shield Magic if it is not directly hit by the spell or if the spell is not from one of the spheres listed. If the shield is dropped by the caster or they are rendered unconscious or incapacitated, the shield will dissipate and the spell will end. The shield may be used with natural weaponry like Savar Claws.

## Level 7

## **Beacon of Light**

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Beacon of Light." Duration: 5 days or until used

Description: The next time the target of this spell enters their Bleed or Death count, a light will hover over their body until they are restored to life or their spirit departs to resurrect. The player may represent this with a liquid light or LED light and may state out "Visible Beacon of Light" in a normal speaking voice no more than once every 10 seconds. The player must remain where they are. They cannot sit or stand unless lying down would be unsafe. Beacon of Light will extend the target's Death Count by 1 minute.

## **Light Bolt**

Incant: "I channel <God> to inflict Light Bolt. 20 Light!" Duration: Instant

Description: This spell causes a bolt of light to spring from the caster's fingers toward the target. The spell will take full effect on Undead creatures and living creatures alike. The bolt does 20 points of Light damage straight to Body. This damage will be halved if the target has any active Bless on their person.

Level 8

## **Holy Warrior**

Incant: "I channel <God> to summon a Holy Warrior." Duration: Up to 12 hours

Description: This powerful spell will allow the Cleric to call upon their God to send forth a Holy Warrior to strike down one who has wronged the Cleric in some manner. The Cleric must offer up a sacrifice of a catalyst or an object worth at least 1 gold in value appropriate to the Cleric's god. Once cast, the offering is consumed and a being of pure light and energy will manifest before the Cleric within the next 12 hours. Once the Holy Warrior has arrived, the Cleric then needs to speak the name of the target as they know it, visualize the targets identity for one minute, and finally state how the target has wronged the Cleric or their God. During this count, the Holy Warrior cannot be the target of spells or effects, nor will they defend the Cleric or themselves until the spell prerequisites are completed. If the Cleric does not complete these requirements within two minutes of their arrival, the Holy Warrior will leave. If the requirements are met, this Holy Warrior will then dissipate, becoming undetectable to even the most powerful of magic. For the next hour the Holy Warrior will hunt the target is found, the Holy Warrior will phase in with a 3-count. It will state to the target that they have wronged a Cleric of <God> and that their life is forfeit. The Holy Warrior will attack that target to the best of its ability and will not cease until it is destroyed or that target has ended its Death Count.

A Holy Warrior will be equal in level and power to the Cleric who is summoning it. Should the Cleric speak the True Name of the target to the Holy Warrior or use a Discord catalyst as the offering, that level increases to the Cleric's level +5. The Holy Warrior's Occupation is determined randomly by the God of the Cleric. Once the target has been destroyed the Holy Warrior will return to the Cleric and announce its success. Should the Cleric decide, after successfully casting the spell, that they made a mistake and wish to cancel the Holy Warrior's summoned duty, they may do so by expending their own bless spell. Ending the spell in this manner will incur a very harsh repercussion. As punishment for risking the life of an innocent the Cleric will find themselves the target of their own Holy Warrior. No creature may be the target of this spell by the same Cleric, more than once per month nor will the Holy Warrior attack any creature that carries a Bless of the Clerics God. The Holy Warrior is a Celestial creature.

# Tooth for a Tooth

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Tooth for a Tooth." Duration: 10 minutes or until used

Description: For 10 minutes after this spell has been cast, the Cleric has the option to activate the spell to reflect any 3 boffer, packet or touch-cast attacks. This will function for 3 attacks in a row from the time the spell is activated, and then will end. The caster will still take the effect of these attacks, but so will the attacker. The Cleric must state "Reflect!" for each of the 3 attacks individually. The Cleric cannot activate the spell as a reaction to an attack which has hit them. While active, Tooth for a Tooth will cause the Cleric's eyes to glow yellow. The Cleric must state "Active Glowing Yellow Eyes" periodically. The tag

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for this spell should not be destroyed until the duration expires.

#### Level 9

#### Avatar

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Avatar." Duration: 10 minutes

Description: This spell turns the Cleric into an "Avatar" of their deity, morphing their Body into a glowing light form on a 3-count. After the spell is cast, the caster's body will pulse energy and they must state "Active Avatar" out-of-game to anyone who sees them. This spell will also summon into existence either a two-handed Light sword or a one-handed Light sword and Light ivory shield. The two-handed Light sword has a base damage of 10 Magic, while the one-handed sword's base damage is 5 Magic. The shield has a 60 Magic threshold and both weapons are considered indestructible. The spell also grants the proficiency in Exotic Weapon: Light Sword and the Shield skill, as long as they are holding the summoned weapons. The Cleric can choose which weapon combination they would like at the time of casting. In Avatar form, the Cleric also has the ability to Spellstrike 10 Light through their summoned weapon of choice a total of three times. They also gain a temporary health boost of 50 Body. Any Body Damage the Cleric receives is removed from the bonus 50 Body points first and this Body cannot be healed. The swords and/or shield will instantly dissipate if the Cleric drops it, is rendered unconscious, or incapacitated. Summoned weapons may be used with natural weaponry like Savar Claws. The Cleric may not cast any spells while in Avatar form. When the Avatar ends, the Cleric will perform a 3-count to exit the form.

## **Cleansing Light**

Incant: "I channel <God> to grant Cleansing Light." Duration: Instant

Description: This spell will act as a Life Spell; restoring a target's full Body points, and cleansing all toxins and poisons from the Body at the same time. It will restore lost limbs, cure blindness and restore the target to perfect, full health in all manners. It can be cast on a person with just a single point of Body Damage or one in their Death Count and both would receive full benefit. This spell also places a Bless of the Cleric's deity upon the recipient, if they desire it.

# **Sphere of Magic: Necromancy**

Spell Focus: A bone wrapped in hair.

This sphere cannot be self-taught. It must be taught by an NPC or PC teacher who can cast it. Necromancers do not need a Spellbook to memorise their Necromancy Battle Magic spells; they memorise from the whispers of the dead. To teach Necromancy, the teacher must purchase the Teacher skill.

A note about raising Undead: Battle Magic is weaker than ritual magic and this factors into Necromancy in two ways. First, Undead must be raised from fresh corpses in their Death Counts whose spirits are still present. (This also ensures that a player has a person capable of NPCing the Undead they have raised). Secondly, the duration of raised Undead through Battle Magic is one hour. Undead created via Necromancy rituals have neither of these restrictions.

Numbers spells in this sphere refer to "Undead State". This Undead State is different than that of other Undead. These are powers that all Undead share and include the following:

#### Undead State:

• Magic Threshold.

• Immune to:

All spells in the Psionics sphere except damage from Psionic weapons.

Mind altering effects.

Effects that target organs.

*Effects that require Body damage to activate. Undead will still take the numerical damage from those attacks if it breaches their defenses.* 

Alchemy, except for Acid.

Non-magical diseases.

- Can be stunned.
- Quadruple damage from Healing magic, Healed by Infliction magic.

• All Undead can "Sense Life" at will.

• Daytime Vulnerability: Undead take 1 Arcane damage per second if uncovered between 6 AM and 6 PM. To be considered covered, an Undead must wear clothing covering 90% of their body and this must include both the head and hands. This is a racial vulnerability.

• During the day, all Undead, regardless of covering, will lose any thresholds or Strength bonuses they may possess and cannot receive the benefits of effects that grant either during that time.

• Undead are affected by Death spells and other Death effects.

## Level 1

#### **Black Plague**

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to inflict Black Plague." Duration: 5 days or until cured

Description: The spell will inflict the victim with a magic plague. The target cannot run, is sickened with disease, and should role-play accordingly. The target can only heal up to 1 Body, no matter the source of healing, until the disease is cured. If the target is over 1 Body when plagued, any additional healing attempted will have no effect. The duration of this effect is 5 days. While active, the victim will slowly bleed from the eyes, nose, ears and mouth.

## **Feign Death**

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to grant Feign Death." Duration: Up to 1 hour

Description: This spell makes the caster appear to be dead (final death). The spell will fool all skills, abilities and spells that relate to determining the health status of the target or detecting the living. The caster may choose to end the spell at any time during the duration. This spell is caster only.

Level 2

## **Control Lesser Undead**

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to inflict Control Lesser Undead." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell will temporarily over-ride any existing control over a lesser Undead. For one hour, that Undead will obey all commands of the necromancer, including suicide. Commands must be simple, such as "Defend me!", "Kill them!" or "Don't allow anyone to pass". At the end of the hour the control fades.

## Leech

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to inflict Leech. 10 Body Drain!" Duration: Instant

Description: This spell will transfer 10 Body from any lesser Undead to the caster. The caster does not need to be in control of the Undead for it to function. Lesser Undead will not notice its casting and will not respond as if it had been the target of a hostile spell, however Leech will still activate defenses on the target such as Resist Magic and Shield Magic. If a defense is activated, the Undead will respond as if the caster attacked them.

## Level 3

## **Necrotic Bolt**

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to inflict Necrotic Bolt. 5 Infliction!" Duration: Instant

Description: This purple and black bolt of raw infliction energy does 5 points of Infliction damage to the target. This bolt will heal Undead by 5 points, but not past their current maximum Body point total. The Bolt will deal double damage (10) directly to the Body of any living target it strikes.

# **Raise Zombie**

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to Raise a Zombie." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell must be cast on a target still within its Death Count. If successful, it will raise a lesser rotten zombie under the control of the caster. The corpse's spirit will not resurrect until the Undead is destroyed or the duration expires. The control over the Undead is absolute, including suicidal orders, and must be simple one sentence commands given by the necromancer. Any new commands will override the last. A rotten zombie is little more than an animated body, moving slowly and fighting poorly. Unable to move at more than a walking pace, a rotten zombie has the following stats: 20 Body, claws (or weapons given to it) that swing for 2 Magic base damage, +1 Strength, and Undead state. After one hour

the rotten zombie will turn to dust and the spirit will depart to resurrect. While someone is raised as a zombie, their Death Count will continue. If their Body is reduced to 0 while in their Death Count, they may be Lifed and will return to normal. Otherwise, they must resurrect as normal.

## Level 4

# **Carnivorous Worms**

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to inflict Carnivorous Worms." Duration: Until cured

Description: This spell shoots forth a wriggling mass of necrotic worms at the target. The magic worms immediately dig themselves into the skin of the target, chewing and eating as they go. The spell can be resisted by effects that resist diseases. The worms eat the target from the outside, dealing 1 Magic Body damage per minute. Damage begins 1 minute after the target is struck by the spell. The target will suffer from -2 Strength immediately. The only way to remove the worms is through a Nature's Restoration, Dispel Magic, entering one's Death Count or by removing the disease via magic or a Physician. A Physician cannot pause the damage while removing the disease. This spell can be stacked. If the target enters their Death Count while this spell is active, the caster can eat the worms to mend themselves 5 Body. The worms can be consumed up to 1 minute after the target's body dissipates. If the target dissipates to resurrect, the worms will still infest the clothing and belongings they left behind for 1 minute. Should anyone besides the caster touch the worms, they too will be infected with Carnivorous Worms. The target should stay there, out of game, for this minute to marshal any possible infections. If the spell was stacked, anyone else who is infected receives the stacked version. If the target receives a Life effect during their Death Count, the worms will be killed.

# Vampiric Blade

Incant: "I Invoke Necromancy to create a Vampiric Blade." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell summons a magic dagger (purple) that gleams with Necrotic energy. The weapon deals "1 Magic Body Drain" and heals the caster for the equivalent amount of damage dealt. In order to heal the wielder, Body damage must be done with the strike. This damage cannot be increased or augmented by any means and no skills may be used with the blade. The dagger, if wielded by someone other than the caster, or if it's dropped, disarmed, destroyed or dispelled will dissipate. The caster is responsible for bringing their own purple dagger phys-rep; the spell will fail without the proper rep.

Level 5

## Fracture

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to Fracture your <limb>" Duration: Instant

Description: Fracture will cause a limb of the caster's choice (arm or leg) to break and become useless. If the caster does not specify which limb is to be broken, then the victim is free to choose. The broken limb may be used for nothing, not even locomotion. On humanoids, arms or legs count as limbs although pincers, tentacles etc. qualify as limbs on many other creatures. This spell can be countered by Restore Limb, but not Dispel Magic, or may be treated with non-magical means such as medical skills.

## **Raise Skeleton**

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to Raise a Skeleton" Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell must be cast on a target still within its Death Count. If successful, it will raise a lesser skeleton under the control of the caster. The corpse's spirit will not resurrect until the Undead is destroyed or the duration expires. The control over the Undead is absolute, including suicidal orders, and must be simple one sentence commands given by the necromancer. Any new commands will over-ride the last. Lesser Skeletons are more effective than zombies, moving at normal speed and fighting effectively. They can be given weapons or armour to augment their fighting abilities but their damage will remain "2 magic". A Lesser Skeleton has 30 Body, swings with claws or a weapon for 2 Magic base damage, has +1 Strength, an Undead state, a magic threshold and takes half damage from piercing weapons. After one hour the Lesser Skeleton will turn to dust and the spirit will depart to resurrect. While someone is raised as a skeleton, their Death Count will continue. If their Body is reduced to 0 while in their Death Count, they may be Lifed and will return to normal. Otherwise, they must resurrect as normal.

Level 6

## **Enhance Undead**

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to grant Enhance Undead." Duration: Permanent

Description: This spell, when cast on an Undead, will grant it +4 Strength and one Resist Magic. It will mend the Undead up to 50 Body. It will have no effect on targets that are not lesser Undead. This enhancement will last as long as the Undead does.

# **Necrotic Blast**

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to inflict Necrotic Blast. 10 Infliction!" Duration: Instant

Description: This purple and black bolt of raw infliction magic does 10 points of Infliction damage to the target.

Level 7

# **Death's Grasp**

Incant: "I Invoke Necromancy to inflict Death's Grasp." Duration: 20 seconds of concentration

Description: After casting this spell and successfully striking, the Necromancer must hold his arm toward the target, make a fist and concentrate on maintaining the spell. The target struck is immediately affected by a Garrote attack that can only be countered by interrupting the caster by dealing Body damage, casting a Dispel Magic on the necromancer or target, or the target breaking out of the spell with +2 or greater Strength. The caster must keep his arm forward for the entire duration (20 seconds) and count the Garrote attack as if they were using the skill (Garrote 1, Garrote 2 ...). If 20 seconds pass, the target has been killing-blowed and enters their Death Count. If the target is wearing a gorgette, the spell will fail.

## **Raise Lesser Ghoul**

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to Raise a Lesser Ghoul." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell must be cast on a target still within its Death Count. If successful, it will raise a Lesser Ghoul under the control of the caster. The corpse's spirit will not resurrect until the Undead is destroyed or the duration expires. The control over the Undead is absolute, including suicidal orders, and must be simple one sentence commands given by the necromancer. Any new commands will over-ride the last. Lesser Ghouls are dangerous and chaotic opponents, constantly hungering for living flesh. A Lesser Ghoul has 50 Body, +3 Strength, swings with claws for "4 Magic Paralyse" base damage and has a bite that does "3 Magic Body Nausea", can consume a corpse (10 second count on a dying body or corpse, heals 25 Body), an Undead state and a magic threshold. After one hour the Lesser Ghoul will turn to dust and the spirit will depart to resurrect. While someone is raised as a ghoul, their Death Count will continue. If their Body is reduced to 0 while in their Death Count, they may be Lifed and will return to normal. Otherwise, they must resurrect as normal.

Level 8

## Unlife

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to grant Unlife." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell will temporarily grant Undead abilities to the caster. The caster does not become genuinely Undead. The caster becomes damaged by healing spells and healed by infliction. They will detect as Undead, but will not detect for detect life. They can perform all skills and actions as they could before the spell was cast, and gain the effects of Undead State and a magic threshold. Control Lesser Undead will have no effect upon them but Control Greater Undead will act like a Charm spell. The caster will be recognizable as an Undead version of themselves and can end the spell at any time. For all purposes they are considered Greater Undead.

# Walk the Deadlands

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to grant Walk the Deadlands." Duration: 5 minutes

Description: In order for this spell to function the necromancer must killing blow themselves and enter their Death Count. During those five minutes, the Necromancer gains the Mysticism skill "Manifest" with one single exception – they are not anchored to their corpse. Able to walk freely in the Deadlands, the player must use an orange glowstick to represent their altered status. They are invisible to mortal eyes while in this state unless seen by a Mystic with the Dead Sight ability. While in the Deadlands the necromancer's corpse remains in the mortal plane, slowly dying. Everything in the mortal plane will be visible to them and they can hear sounds as well. No physical or magical barriers may stop them unless that barrier is specifically designed to stop ghosts or Undead. However, while in the Deadlands, nothing on the mortal plane can be manipulated and all sounds the Necromancer makes will not be heard by the living. If the necromancer returns to their corpse's location and ends the spell before the five minutes expire, the body will gasp and shudder, returning to life with 2 Body points but suffering no other ill effect. If for whatever reason the necromancer does not or cannot return to their corpse before the spell ends their spirit becomes lost in the Deadlands and they must resurrect. Suspension will not work on the necromancer during these five minutes. Intensive Care will work, but the spirit's connection to the body will still sever after the initial five minutes, causing the Necromancer to resurrect.

## Requiem

Incant: "I invoke Necromancy to grant Requiem." Duration: 1 hour

Description: In order to prepare this spell, the Necromancer must do 1 Body point of damage to themselves and spill their blood on the ground in a small circle. The spell is then cast with one foot inside that circle and remains on the necromancer for one hour. During that hour, if the Necromancer's spirit leaves their body through death via any means, their body will explode into maggots and worms. Instead of resurrecting they will appear at the circle of blood without having taken a death. For 10 minutes the Necromancer will remain unconscious and vulnerable with 1 Body point. If the Necromancer is moved away from the circle of blood, they will enter their Death Count and only a Life effect will revive them. At the end of the 10 minutes they will awaken with 2 Body. Items will not travel with the necromancer; they remain behind as if they had been slain. The player must write the time that the Requiem was cast on its spell tag.

## Wasting Death

Incant: "I Invoke Necromancy to inflict Wasting Death." Duration: 60 seconds

Description: This powerful necromantic spell causes the spirit of the target to be slowly flayed from the body, causing it to enter its Death Count after a period of 60 seconds. During those 60 seconds it is obvious to both the target and observers that the body is being quickly consumed by necromantic energy. A Dispel Magic cast or a Life spell (or effect) cast on the target during the 60 seconds will end the spell. If not, the target will die and immediately enter their Death Count, bypassing their Bleed Count. The target may receive a Life spell during those five minutes like normal, however if the Death Count expires (or if the target chooses to end their Death Count at any time) the body will raise as a Lesser Skeleton, under the control of the caster of Wasting Death, copying the stats and effects of the Raise Skeleton spell.

# **Sphere of Magic: Sigil**

Spell Focus: A writing, drawing or painting tool.

This sphere cannot be self-taught. It must be taught by an NPC or PC Teacher who can cast it. Sigil casters do not need a Spellbook to memorise their Sigil Battle Magic spells; they have learned the forms of this almost physical magic. To teach Sigil magic, the teacher must purchase the Teacher skill.

Note: When a symbol is drawn, it is done so using the spell focus on an IG level. OOG however, other tools may be used to draw the symbol.

Sigil is a spell sphere that requires the user to cast spells on pre-existing symbols drawn upon the skin of targets that have spirits. These symbols can be temporary – quick dashes of paint before a battle – or permanent tattoos. The symbols must be created in game; a player cannot simply say the symbol exists in it. It needs to be represented. Symbols must be re-drawn for each casting, even if cloth is used. Tattoos that exist out of game on a player are acceptable as Sigil symbols so long as they fit the requirements. Sigils can be placed on skin (unless the sigil states otherwise) or on cloth attached to the body, such as an armband. You must have the target's OOG permission for both the location and painting material that's used on them.

Sigil symbols must remain visible at all times, both prior to the sigil being cast and after it has been cast. If a symbol is wiped off or covered for more than 1 minute, the spell effect will end. Sigils must always be drawn in blue. If a sigil is drawn on a limb which becomes severed, the sigil effect will end.

Lastly, unless the spell description allows it, a target may only have one of the same Sigil active on his or her person at a time.

#### Level 1

## **Sigil of Rest**

"I craft a Sigil of Rest." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: Instant after 1 minute of rest Symbol: A bed or medical cross

Description: Once this Sigil is cast, the target must rest unmoving for one minute. After that time they are affected by "2 Healing" and a full restore of all lost Stamina points. If the target moves, is moved or takes additional Body damage, the spell will end.

#### **Sigil of Shock**

"I craft a Sigil of Shock." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: 10 minutes Symbol: A lightning bolt or sparks

Description: Once activated this Sigil will allow its wearer to touch cast "1 Magic!" damage once every 10 seconds, for a period of 10 minutes. This magic slowly builds up a charge its wearer's hands and cannot be used more than once every 10 seconds, nor can it be packet-delivered. It cannot be combined with other skills or spells, including hand to hand damage.

# **Sigil of Armour**

"I craft a Sigil of Armour." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: 1 hour Symbol: A shield or helm

Description: This Sigil will reduce all incoming damage by 1 from all sources, to a minimum of 1. This damage reduction will only apply to damage done to armour points, it does not reduce incoming body damage. This Sigil can be drawn multiple times to reduce the damage further but requires a separate casting for each reduction of 1. There can be no more than five active Sigils of Armour on any one person. This reduction applies before any thresholds.

#### Sigil of Bravery \*

"I craft a Sigil of Bravery." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: 5 days Symbol: A heart or dragon

Description: This Sigil will protect its wearer from Cower and Fear attacks. If struck with such an attack, the Sigil wearer may declare "Sigil: Bravery!" and take no effect. The Sigil will vanish when used.

## Level 3

## **Sigil of the Forge**

"I craft a Sigil of the Forge." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: Instant Symbol: An anvil or hammer

Description: This Sigil will instantly repair 10 armour points worn by the target at the time of casting. It will also mend Gargylen and some other constructs.

## Sigil of the Pocket \*

"I craft a Sigil of the Pocket." Target: Caster only Duration: 5 days Symbol: A pouch or pocket

Description: This Sigil acts like a magic pocket with a size of at most 6x6 inches. Items touching this Sigil will vanish into it. It can hold no more than a normal sized pouch and if the Sigil is dispelled or the duration expires, the items will appear at the feet of the caster. If an item does not fit into the pouch, nothing will happen. The caster must possess an OOG pouch and write "SIGIL POCKET" on the outside. All items placed into the Sigil Pocket must be placed into the OOG pouch. Items inside a Sigil Pocket cannot be sensed. Only one pouch can be active at a time.

## Sigil of the Barrier

"I craft a Sigil of the Barrier." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: 10 minutes Symbol: A wall or broken arrow

Description: For 10 minutes after this Sigil is activated, it will reduce all incoming damage done by arrows, crossbow bolts or any thrown weapons to 1. When they are struck with these weapons, the Sigil wearer states "Minimize!"

## Sigil of the Bound Man

"I craft a Sigil of the Bound Man." Target: Special, see description Duration: Line of sight, maximum 1 hour Symbol: A chain or manacles

Description: This Sigil can only be drawn and cast on a helpless or willing target. Once the Sigil is drawn and the spell is cast, the target's arms are held stiffly behind their backs as if tied. The caster may command them to sit, stand, and walk as directed. They may not make the target run and cannot make them walk over a cliff or into an environmental condition that will damage them/kill them. They could, however, make them walk up to a gallows, or in front of an executioner's block.

This is a charm effect and can be resisted as such. When the caster casts the spell, the target may choose to use any spell defenses or resistances they may have. If attacked or damaged in any way, the spell will end.

#### Level 5

## Sigil of the Lizard

"I craft a Sigil of the Lizard." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: Instant after 5 minutes of rest Symbol: A lizard or arm/leg

Description: This Sigil will restore all severed limbs after the target rests quietly for five minutes. Once the Sigil is drawn and the spell is cast, the target must rest for five minutes. During that time, they cannot use any skills, cannot defend themselves, or move farther than 10 feet from the spot it was activated. After that time, they will heal 5 Body and all lost limbs will be restored. If the target is not affected by healing magic (like a Gargylen) but still affected by restore limb, then the restore limb effect will still take place.

# Sigil of the Weapon Master

"I craft a Sigil of the Weapon Master." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: 1 hour Symbol: The weapon desired

Description: This Sigil will grant its wearer the weapon proficiency skill of the weapon that is drawn as the Sigil, with the exception of Exotic weapons. If its wearer already possesses the weapon skill the Sigil will grant +1 damage instead. A second stack will allow the wearer to pick either an extra +1 damage, or cause the weapon to swing for Silver damage for the duration. A third stack will allow the wearer to pick either an extra +1 damage, or cause the weapon is already silver or the wearer already has the weapon proficiency, no stack step may be skipped. This spell may be stacked a maximum of three times. This spell will not create a weapon, merely grant proficiency.

## Level 6

# **Sigil of Flechette**

"I craft a Sigil of Flechette." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: 5 days Symbol: Darts or throwing knives

Description: Once active, this Sigil allows its wearer to touch the Sigil and draw forth three magical throwing weapons. These summoned weapons do 5 Magic Body each and dissipate upon impact. Purchasing an Exotic Weapon Specialization: Summoned Weapons will increase the damage of the Flechettes by 1 per purchase. No other means will augment the damage. Weapon reps for Sigil of Fletchette can be any thrown type and should be blue in colour to indicate they cannot be picked up once thrown.

# Sigil of Inversion \*

"I craft a Sigil of Inversion." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: 5 days or until used Symbol: Any two symbols that oppose each other in any way

Description: This Sigil will reverse the next non-divine or non-Draconic damaging spell or magical effect to hit the target's Body and turn it into mending appropriate for the wearer's race. This effect triggers whenever the effect would hit Body (even partially) on the Sigil bearer but will not if it only damages armour. Eg: if the Sigil wearer was a Gargylen who wore 15 points of armour, or none at all, and was hit by an Elemental Strike, instead of taking 25 points of Magic damage, the full 25 points of damage would be converted to mending because at least some of the damage hit to Body points. This spell can be stacked with other magical protections such as Shield Magic and, if it is, the wearer may decide which activates first. When this Sigil is used its wearer must state "Sigil Inversion!"

## **Sigil of Dispel**

"I craft a Sigil of Dispel." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: Instant Symbol: A circle with an X in it

Description: This Sigil will function as a Dispel Magic spell and will terminate any spell of ninth level or lower, unless specifically stated otherwise in the description. All active spells are lost and any non-extended potions carried by the wearer are destroyed. Magic items that contain Battle Magic spells, potions extended by Sweetwater and Battle Magic scrolls are inoperative for 10 minutes. Sigil of Dispel has no effect on ritual magic.

#### **Sigil of Hatred**

"I craft a Sigil of Hatred." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: 1 hour Symbol: The face of the racial group desired

Description: For the duration of this spell, the Sigil wearer will do +2 damage to members of the racial group drawn. If a member of this race performs a Killing Blow on the Sigil wearer, they will take a Contingency: Death on the second to last second of the Killing Blow. The racial group will be one of the following: Angels/Demons, Animals, Bestial, Brood, Constructs, Draconic, Dwarves, Elementals, Elves, Fae, Goblinoids, Humanoids, Plants, Spirit, Undead (excluding vampires), Vermin (spiders, ants, etc.). This Sigil will not stack with itself.

Level 8

## Sigil of Delay \*

"I craft a Sigil of Delay." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: 5 days / 1 minute Symbol: An hourglass

Description: Upon being hit by an instantaneous Battle Magic spell effect, the wearer may declare "Sigil of Delay!" and postpone the spell's effect for 1 minute. Once the full minute has passed, the effect carries on as normal. Any new protective spells gained in this minute will resolve before the delayed effect if applicable. While a spell is stored, a Dispel Magic may be cast on the Sigil to dispel both the Sigil as well as the captured spell.

# **Sigil of Warding**

"I craft a Sigil of Warding." Target: Sigil wearer Duration: 1 hour Symbol: A tower shield placed on the forearm of choice

Description: This Sigil must be drawn on the arm where it is intended to be used. If that arm becomes dismembered, the Sigil will end. This spell allows the wearer of the Sigil to use the selected arm from the

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elbow down as a shield, negating all physical damage from melee boffer weapon strikes that strike the arm between the wrist and elbow. Grabbing weapons will still inflict Body damage. Damage greater than 30 will break through the Sigil, causing the Sigil to end and the wearer to take the full damage of that strike. While active, the wearer's forearm will glow blue and the wearer must state "Active Warding" to those that see them. The wearer may wear a bracer on the selected arm, as long as the Sigil is visible as well. The selected arm's hand may still be used for other activities, like wielding a weapon or spellcasting, while this Sigil is active.

## Level 9

# **Sigil of Magical Storage**

"I craft a Sigil of Magical Storage." Duration: 24 hours Target: Caster only Symbol: A spellbook or scroll

Description: When this Sigil is activated, for the next 10 minutes it will absorb the first spell that is touchcast on the Sigil itself. This spell will then be available for the Sigil wearer to use for 24 hours. Any spell levels 1 to 9 from Sigil or any core rulebook sphere can be absorbed in this fashion and the wearer simply needs to state "Activate Sigil: <Spell Name>". The spell operates like normal and the Sigil wearer is considered to be the caster. When this Sigil absorbs a spell that spell is considered to have been cast and is lost from the caster's memory. Only one spell can be absorbed per Sigil of Magical Storage and only one of these Sigils can be active on any one person at a time. Spells absorbed with this sigil will fail if the target already possesses an active version on their spirit. Eg: You cannot store a Magic Armour spell if you are wearing an active Magic Armour.

# Sigil of the Phoenix \*

"I craft a Sigil of the Phoenix." Duration: 5 days or until activated Target: Caster only Symbol: A phoenix or flame(s)

Description: While active, this Sigil will have one of two possible effects:

1) This Sigil can be activated to allow its wearer to swing for 5 Magic Fire with any weapon they are holding for 60 seconds. Activating the Sigil in this manner will also heal its wearer of all lost Body points, remove all toxins, restore all limbs, remove any charms and dispel any negative magical effects on their spirit. It will not cleanse ritual magic or toxins with specific antidotes.

2) If the wearer of this Sigil falls into their Bleed Count, the Sigil will automatically activate granting the same bonus as #1 including the full healing. This effect will also activate automatically during the final "count" of a killing blow. Eg: If the killing blow is a 10 second version, it will activate at the 10<sup>th</sup> second.

When either of these uses are activated the wearer must state "Sigil: Phoenix!". Once one of the effects is activated, the Sigil ends.

# Sphere of Magic: Wytchcraft

#### Spell Focus: 3rd nipple.

There is no Battle Magic more sinister than Wytchcraft. To understand even the basic fundamentals of the sphere, an aspiring Wytch must first strike a dark pact with the Demonic. Only after sacrificing part of their own morality does a Wytch learn this powerful art. Wytchcraft can only be taught by the Demonic, and only so because the power that fuels it comes from the hells themselves. Upon learning this sphere, the Wytch develops a third nipple somewhere on their body. This nipple becomes the conduit that the Demonic power of Wytchcraft comes through. Wytches do not need a Spellbook to memorise their Wytchcraft Battle Magic spells; they draw its power from their demonic sponsor.

Level 1

#### **Blood Curse**

Incant: "I summon a Hex to inflict a Blood Curse." Duration: 5 days

Description: A Wytch in possession of your blood is a terrible thing indeed. A Wytch with both your blood and True Name is something beyond terror. Once this spell is cast on a target, for the next 5 days any additional spells cast on the same target will allow the Wytch to have one Echo effect for each letter of their True Name that the Wytch knows. This Echo effect will allow the caster to strike the target an additional time with the same spell if the first spell was successfully defended against in any way. This is done by calling "Echo!" immediately after the spell was defended against. This second spell happens automatically and does not require the Wytch to expend a spell slot. Eg: If a Wytch who has cast Blood Curse on a target knows four letters of that target's True Name, then they may use up to four Echos after their initial spell was defended until one version of the spell breaks through defenses and affects the target. Once the spell successfully lands, any remaining Echos are lost. This Echo effect continues to occur for every spell cast by the Wytch on the target of the Blood Curse during its 5 day duration.

In addition, if the Wytch possesses one liter of the target's blood and has it on their person, any spells cast on the target of a Blood Curse will gain the Penetrating prefix – allowing the spell to ignore all non-ritual protections, all non-racial defenses and all armour. Doing so will consume one liter of the target's blood for each use of Penetration. Penetration may be combined with the Echo effect above, but may only be used once per liter of blood possessed. The blood may be obtained prior to casting the spells and follows standard blood rules.

#### Talisman \*

Incant: "I summon a Hex to create a Talisman." Duration: 5 days

Description: This spell allows the Wytch to create a protective talisman out of any item that could be worn as jewellery. While being worn, this talisman grants the target 5 points of Magical Armour and wards the bearer against certain evil spirits. This armour cannot be repaired but can stack with other physical or Magical Armour. The talisman is not destroyed when the armour is used up, but the magical effect on it dissipates. This talisman can be worn or given freely by the Wytch and may be stacked. The Player must attach this spell tag to the item after casting. Once the Magical Armour is consumed, the tag is to be destroyed.

#### **Blindness**

Incant: "I summon a Hex to inflict Blindness." Duration: 10 seconds

Description: With a spit and curse, a Wytch may cause the target's eyes to grow milky white, filling with cataracts. With a successful attack, the Wytch causes blindness in the target. This will blind the target for ten seconds, forcing the target to close their eyes OOG for the duration of the effect. Players in an unsafe or unstable environment (e.g. fighting near a fire pit) may keep their eyes open, but must look down at their feet and away from their attacker for the skill's duration.

## **Evil Eye**

Incant: "I summon a Hex to inflict Evil Eye. Power Word: Directed <Target>." Duration: Line of Sight

Description: One of the Wytch's most feared powers is the Evil Eye. With a glance, the Wytch can cause terrible luck in some and despair in others. By staring intensely at a target, the Wytch can curse those with misfortune causing them to take an additional point of damage from all sources directed at them. This additional damage is counted by the Wytch for all sources of damage regardless of source or where it strikes. In order to use this spell the Wytch must be able to see the target, although it is not necessary that the target see the Wytch. The Wytch must then incant the spell, point at the target and continue to point at the target for the duration of the spell. Although no spell packet is required to be thrown, once the incant and point has been completed, the target is considered to be stuck by a packet automatically. It is possible for Evil Eye to be cast twice and target two separate targets simultaneously, so long as the Wytch points at each target separately – the second casting does not require the Wytch's hands to be free so long as a previous Evil Eye is active. Evil Eye is considered a Gaze attack and does not require a spell packet to use.

Level 3

## Repulsion

Incant: "I summon a Hex to inflict Repulsion <item>." Duration: 1 minute

Description: This spell attacks the target's mind, and forces them to believe that an item they are holding becomes a writhing pile of maggots, worms, and bugs. If successful, this spell will cause a target to drop the item identified in the incant and retreat away from it at least ten feet. Nothing short of a Dispel Magic will force a target to believe otherwise. The target cannot be forced to touch the item and will defend himself to the best of his abilities to maintain his distance. Repulsion is considered a Fear effect and can be resisted as such, along with standard anti-magical defenses.

## Weakness

Incant: "I summon a Hex to inflict Weakness." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell will penetrate a victim's muscles and bones, making them weak and feeble. Weakness will sap the strength from a target causing a loss of -8 Strength, which lowers the target's weapon swings by -4 (to a minimum of 1). This effect lasts for one hour and can be stacked with multiple castings.

## Horror

Incant: "I summon a Hex to inflict Horror." Duration: 10 minutes or line of sight

Description: This fear-based spell influences the mind of the target, causing it to view the Wytch as hideous and offensive, causing the target to avoid the Wytch at all costs. Under the effect of Horror, the target may not come within ten feet of the Wytch and, while aware the Wytch is there, will not attack the Wytch for any reason. If the Wytch approaches the target, the target will retreat if possible. If no retreat is possible, the spell is not broken, but the target will move away at the next opportunity. If the Wytch takes any hostile gesture toward the target, such as attacking them or casting spells at them, the spell will end.

## Requital

Incant: "I summon a Hex to grant Requital." Duration: Instant

Description: This spell allows the Wytch to draw life energy from a distant source and use it to heal themselves. By casting this spell, the Wytch is able to heal himself or herself of all missing Body points, however, doing so has a cost. Every casting negatively affects the local area the Wytch is in. A mother may deliver a stillborn baby, a calf may die, a hailstorm may destroy some crops, etc. The actual effect is decided by plot and likely unknown to the Wytch. The negative effect will never be one that gives irrefutable proof that the Wytch is at fault. All castings of this spell must be reported to a plot member the next time they see one. It is not necessary to go out of game for this.

## Level 5

## **Contingency: Sleep \***

Incant: "I summon a Hex to craft a Contingency Sleep." Duration: 5 days / 10 minutes

Description: This spell allows the Wytch to imbue any non-magical object with a powerful sleep enchantment. This enchantment will activate when a set contingency happens. At that point, the target of the contingency will be affected by a magical (psionic) sleep. This sleep spell will drop the target into a deep slumber for the duration of 10 minutes. The victim can be woken via Dispel Magic, Body damage or one minute of vigorous shaking. The condition of the contingency is decided by the Wytch upon casting. Only one contingency condition may be set on the item and that condition must be activated by a creature touching the item and possessing a spirit. The condition may not exceed ten words and must involve the item being damaged, destroyed or consumed in some manner. Once activated, the contingency is used up and must be cast again on the item. Some examples of Contingency: Sleep are:

Condition: "The first person to bite it" Condition: "The first person to strike it" Condition: "The first person to trip it"

## **Tongue Rot**

Incant: "I summon a Hex to Rot your Tongue." Duration: Until healed

Description: This powerful curse will cause the victim's tongue to rot in their mouth, dissolving into a

disgusting black chunky liquid. The target takes one Magic Body and is silenced until fully healed. If the damage is negated the target will not be silenced and the spell will fail. The last point of healing will return the target's tongue to its normal state.

## Level 6

# Eye for an Eye \*

Incant: "I summon a Hex to grant Eye for an Eye." Duration: 5 days

Description: This spell envelops the Wytch in a pulsing black aura which will duplicate any physical attack and its damage, along with its carrier effects (if any) back onto the target that struck the Wytch, once. The damage type duplicated on the attacker will always be "Normal" damage regardless of the damage type the attacker used, though Body damage will be returned as Body damage. Eg: If the attacker strikes with Wytch with "10 Magic Body", they will receive "10 Normal Body" reflected back at them, regardless of the attacker's armour points.

Eye for an Eye is considered an Advanced Defense, meaning that it may be used at any time the Wytch chooses and does not automatically activate on the first strike. Even though the damage is duplicated back to the target, the Wytch will still take the damage and effects of the attack by default, but may choose to defend against it like normal in hopes of negating it, if they so desire. This spell will not duplicate spells or abilities which do no physical damage. The source of the rebounded damage is considered to be the Wytch, not the person striking them. To use this spell, the Wytch must state clearly "Eye for an Eye!". This spell is caster only.

# **Trap Demonic / Angelic**

Incant: "I summon a Hex to craft a Trap." Duration: 1 hour

Description: Tapping into their Demonic power, the Wytch can temporarily trap a Lesser Demonic or Angelic creature inside a circle of blood. After casting this spell, the Wytch has one minute to spill one Body Point worth of their own blood into the form of a circle. Once the circle is complete, the next Lesser Demonic or Angelic creature that steps or is summoned inside will be trapped for one hour's time. The creature will be unable to leave the circle or cast/attack through the circle. This spell gives no control over the trapped creature. Once a creature is successfully trapped, the Wytch has three options. 1) They may ask the Lesser Angel/Demon one question which the Angel/Demon must answer truthfully. Once answered, the spell immediately ends and the creature is released. 2) The Wytch may choose to banish the Angel/Demon, sending it back to its own plane of existence for 1 year. 3) The Wytch may choose to simply leave the Angel/Demon in the trap for the duration of the spell. Should the circle be crossed or breached by anything or anyone, the spell will end and anything trapped inside will be freed. The Wytch may drop this circle at any time. The circle perimeter must be represented by a rope or a similarly identifying prop.

## Level 7

# **Control Lesser Demon / Angel**

Incant: "I summon a Hex to inflict Control Lesser Demon (or) Angel." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell grants the caster control over one Lesser Angel or Demon. For the hour, the target will do anything asked of it, including sacrificing itself. The specific abilities and limitations of command

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will depend upon the type of creature controlled. It has no effect against Greater Demons or Angels.

#### **Dark Entrails**

Incant: "I summon a Hex to grant Dark Entrails." Duration: 24 hours

Description: By digging through the entrails of a living being, the Wytch can gain insight into their own future. This spell requires a living creature with a spirit which is currently in their Bleed Count. After casting the spell, the Wytch has one minute to find a living creature that is either bound and unable to move or already in their Bleed Count. By digging through the flesh of the target's stomach, the Wytch can remove the entrails and glean from them a vision of the future. The act of reading takes ten seconds and is considered a killing blow to the target. For the next 24 hours, the Wytch has one dodge which they may use to avoid any one attack. This dodge ability will have no effect on surprise or AOE (Area of Effect) attacks. The Wytch may not have more than one dodge on their spirit at a time. The defensive call is "Dodge."

Level 8

## **Curse of Pain**

Incant: "I summon a Hex to inflict Curse of Pain." Duration: 10 minutes

Description: This spell is considered both a Penetrating spell as well as a curse. For the 10 minute duration of this spell, the target will take 5 Magic damage whenever the use a tag skill, or whenever they swing a weapon for damage. All other actions, such as blocking attacks with a shield, drinking potions or running away will not cause the damage to occur.

# **Race Change: Toad**

Incant: "I summon a Hex to inflict Race Change: Toad." Duration: 1 hour

Description: This spell allows the Wytch to temporarily polymorph their target to that of an ugly, wartcovered toad. This polymorph is considered a temporary race change for the target. While in the form of a toad, the target may not use any skills or abilities. This includes any racial abilities they may have possessed in their previous form. The target toad has 5 Body and may only move by hopping. All items and clothing are polymorphed with the target and cannot be accessed until the spell has expired or the magic dispelled. Licking the toad will cause alchemical hallucinations effects similar to the Alchemy Hallucinoid. This spell will only work on creatures with a spirit and the creature may be no larger than an Ogre.

Level 9

## **Dark Pact**

Incant: "I summon a Hex to grant a Dark Pact." Duration: Instant

Description: With this spell, a Wytch tries to convince a dying target to strike a deal with the devil. If a target has entered their Death Count, the Wytch may cast this spell on their body. The spell itself offers to grant the target a life spell in exchange for one letter of the target's True Name. The decision to accept or deny this request is done by the target's spirit. The target may choose to deny the offer and continue on

their way towards resurrection. If the target chooses to accept the offer, one unknown letter of the target's True Name will be revealed to the Wytch and the target automatically. No deception can be made by the target as the spell binds them to speak the truth and only the Wytch can hear the target speak. Regardless of whether or not the target consciously knows their own True Name, their spirit always knows. If the target accepts the Pact, they know that the spell has been cast on them, but not who cast it. If the Wytch already knows the full True Name of the target, the spell automatically fails. Once the letter has been revealed, the target immediately takes the effect of a Life spell and is returned to the world of the living. Once Lifed, the target who accepted the Dark Pact must write one letter of their character's True Name on the Dark Pact spell tag and then sign it, out-of-game. This becomes the Wytch's proof that they know the letter in-game. This spell will not give pause to the target's Death Count. This spell will only work on a target once every 24 hours.

## **Shatter Your Skull**

Incant: "I summon a Hex to Shatter Your Skull." Duration: Instant plus 1 minute

Description: This is perhaps most powerful Battle Magic spell in a Wytch's arsenal. By summoning the Demonic powers of the abyss, the Wytch is able to project a massive force of Demonic Magic capable of instantly shattering a target's skull. Once shattered, the target immediately drops into their Bleed Count and their body will pulse with Demonic Magic. Every ten seconds, the fallen target will pulse with Demonic energy, dealing one Infliction to any creature touching them. This makes use of the First Aid skill next to impossible. This starts from the moment they drop and will continue for one full minute even if the target is healed and conscious. The target is immune to this damage.

