

## MOMENT OF TRUTH

This is the moment when you show them exactly why you belong here. You do any one thing, take out any one enemy, no matter how insane, no matter how ridiculous, because that's you. Their jaws are gonna drop when you're done. Of course, pulling off a stunt like this tends to bring unwanted attention and a dangerous reputation...

## TEAM MOVES

When you share a triumphant celebration with someone, tell them how they're awesome and add a Team to the pool. If they tell you how you're awesome in return, add another Team to the pool.

When you share a vulnerability or weakness with someone, ask them to confirm or deny that you should be here. If they confirm it, mark potential and give them Influence over you. If they deny it, mark Angry and shift one Label up and one Label down, your choice.

## POTENTIAL



Every time you roll a miss on a move, mark potential.

## ADVANCEMENT

When you fill your potential track, you advance. Choose from the list below.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Someone permanently loses Influence over you; add +1 to a Label |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook | <input type="checkbox"/> Rearrange your Labels as you choose, and add +1 to a Label      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook    | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook    |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook    |  |

When you've taken five advances from the top list, you can take advances from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth after it's been used once | <input type="checkbox"/> Lock a Label, and add +1 to a Label of your choice   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change playbooks                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Retire from the life or become a paragon of the city |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |

## OTHER MOVES

## EXTRAS

You don't have to do this. You could probably have a safe, decent, simple life. It'd be nice, but... come on. Superpowers! Aliens! Wizards! Time travel! You're out of your depth, but who cares? This is awesome. Everybody should try it.



## THE BEACON

HERO NAME

REAL NAME

## LOOK

- ambiguous, man, shifting, transgressing, woman
- Asian or South Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous, Middle Eastern, White
- smiling face, naive face, average face, pretty face
- stylish clothing, comfortable clothing, simple clothing, casual clothing
- flashy costume, stylish costume, gaudy costume, iconic costume

## ABILITIES

If you have superpowers, they're pretty minor or not noticeable. If you have skills, you carry the necessary equipment. Choose two.

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|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> bow and trick arrows | <input type="checkbox"/> camouflage and stealth | <input type="checkbox"/> phasing    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> swords               | <input type="checkbox"/> martial arts           | <input type="checkbox"/> acrobatics |

## LABELS

(at character creation, add +1 wherever you choose)

FREAK	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
ANGER	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SAVIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SUPERIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
MUNDANE	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3

## CONDITIONS

- ☐ **Afraid** (-2 to directly engage)
- ☐ **Angry** (-2 to comfort or support or pierce the mask)
- ☐ **Guilty** (-2 to provoke someone or assess the situation)
- ☐ **Insecure** (-2 to defend someone or reject what others say)
- ☐ **Hopeless** (-2 to unleash your powers)

## BACKSTORY

- How did you gain your skills?
- When did you first put on your costume?
- Who, outside of the team, thinks you shouldn't be a superhero?
- Why do you try to be a hero?
- Why do you care about the team?

Once you've finished your backstory, introduce your character to the other players, and then determine what happened when your team first came together, the relationships between you and your teammates, and who has Influence over you.

## WHEN OUR TEAM FIRST CAME TOGETHER...

We found signs that this incident was just the start of something bigger. What were the signs?

## RELATIONSHIPS

\_\_\_\_\_ is awesome, and you take every chance you get to hang out with them.

You've got to prove yourself to \_\_\_\_\_ before you feel like a real hero.

## INFLUENCE

You are so excited to be here. Give Influence over you to three of your teammates.

## BEACON MOVES

(Choose two)

- ☐ **Straight. Up. Creepin':** When you scope out a person or place, roll + Mundane. On a 10+, ask two. On a 7-9, ask one.
  - *what's my best way in/out?*
  - *what happened here recently?*
  - *what here is worth grabbing?*
  - *who or what here is not what they seem?*
  - *whose place is this?*On a miss, you find yourself in over your head. The GM will tell you why this is a bad spot.
- ☐ **No powers and not nearly enough training:** You're always picking up new gear to keep yourself in the game. Whenever you pick up a new piece of gear, you can write it in as a new ability if this line is empty.

The first time you use each piece of gear to directly engage a threat, unleash your powers, or defend someone, you can roll + Mundane instead of the normal Label.

## DRIVES

Choose four drives to mark at the start of play. When you fulfill a marked drive, strike it out, and choose one: mark potential, clear a condition, take Influence over someone involved.

When your four marked drives are all struck out, choose and mark four new drives. When all drives are struck out, change playbooks, retire from the life, or become a paragon of the city.

- ☐ lead the team successfully in battle
- ☐ kiss someone dangerous
- ☐ punch someone you probably shouldn't
- ☐ help a teammate when they most need you
- ☐ take down a threat all on your own
- ☐ outperform an adult hero
- ☐ pull off a ridiculous stunt
- ☐ save a teammate's life
- ☐ get drunk or high with a teammate
- ☐ drive a fantastical vehicle
- ☐ get a new costume
- ☐ get a new hero name
- ☐ earn the respect of a hero you admire
- ☐ make out with a teammate
- ☐ punch out a teammate
- ☐ break up with someone
- ☐ stop a fight with calm words
- ☐ tell someone your true feelings for them
- ☐ travel to an incredible place (or time)
- ☐ reject someone who tells you "you shouldn't be here"

## MOMENT OF TRUTH

This is what you do best. You let loose, all the pent up strength and rage and glee, and you break whatever stands in your way. You are a walking demolition crew. What can stand up to you? Nothing. Not buildings. Not structures. Not enemies. Nothing. Of course, now the people who changed you know exactly where to find you...

## TEAM MOVES

When you share a triumphant celebration with someone, make them your love or rival immediately to mark potential. If they are already your love or rival, take Influence over them and mark potential.

When you share a vulnerability or weakness with someone, give them Influence and hold 2. Spend that hold to help them as if it were Team in the pool.

## POTENTIAL



Every time you roll a miss on a move, mark potential.

## ADVANCEMENT

When you fill your potential track, you advance. Choose from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook          | add +1 to a Label   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rearrange your Labels as you choose, and add +1 to a Label |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook             | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook             | <input type="checkbox"/> Choose another two roles for The Bull's Heart              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone permanently loses Influence over you; |   |

When you've taken five advances from the top list, you can take advances from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth after it's been used once | <input type="checkbox"/> Lock a Label, and add +1 to a Label of your choice   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change playbooks                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Retire from the life or become a paragon of the city |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |

## OTHER MOVES

## EXTRAS

You're big, strong, and tough.  
You know what fighting really is,  
and you're good at it. Sure...  
you've got a soft side, too.  
But you only show that to the  
people you care about most.  
Everybody else? They can eat  
your fist.



## THE BULL

HERO NAME

REAL NAME (IF DIFFERENT)

## LOOK

- ambiguous, man, shifting, transgressing, woman
- Asian or South Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous, Middle Eastern, White
- calloused hands, dirty hands, inhuman hands, battered hands
- baggy clothing, ragged clothing, dirty clothing, casual clothing
- simple costume, memorable costume, over the top costume, no costume

## ABILITIES

Someone or something changed you, made you into a perfect weapon: superhumanly tough, incredibly strong, and uniquely skilled at fighting. Decide how each of those abilities manifests.

## LABELS

(at character creation, add +1 wherever you choose)

FREAK	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
DANGER	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SAVIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SUPERIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
MUNDANE	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3

## CONDITIONS

- ☐ **Afraid** (-2 to directly engage)
- ☐ **Angry** (-2 to comfort or support or pierce the mask)
- ☐ **Guilty** (-2 to provoke someone or assess the situation)
- ☐ **Insecure** (-2 to defend or reject what others say)
- ☐ **Hopeless** (-2 to unleash your powers)

## BACKSTORY

- Who changed you?
- How did you escape from them?
- Who, outside the team, tries to take care of you now?
- Why do you try to be a hero?
- Why do you care about the team?

Once you've finished your backstory, introduce your character to the other players, and then determine what happened when your team first came together, the relationships between you and your teammates, and who has Influence over you.

## WHEN OUR TEAM FIRST CAME TOGETHER...

We defeated a dangerous enemy. Who or what was it?

## RELATIONSHIPS

\_\_\_\_\_ is your love. You've opened up to them about the worst parts of your past.

\_\_\_\_\_ is your rival. They tried to control you at a crucial moment.

## INFLUENCE

You're selective about who you let in. Give your love and rival Influence over you, but that's it.

## BULL MOVES

(Start with two of your choice)

- ☐ **Thick and thin skinned:** Whenever you have Angry marked, take +1 ongoing to unleash your powers.
- ☐ **You've got a head you don't need:** When you provoke someone with obvious threats and shows of force, roll + Danger instead of + Superior.
- ☐ **Punch everyone:** Whenever you charge into a fight without hedging your bets, you can shift your Danger up and any other Label down.
- ☐ **There when it matters:** When you defend someone, on a hit you can hold 1 instead of choosing one from the list. Spend your hold when they are in danger later to arrive on the scene ready to help.
- ☐ **In a china shop:** When you directly engage a threat, you can cause significant collateral damage to your environment to choose an additional option, even on a miss.
- ☐ **Physics? What physics?:** When you unleash your powers to barrel through an insurmountable barrier, roll + Danger instead of + Freak.

## THE BULL'S HEART

You always have exactly one love and one rival. You can change your love or rival at any time; give the new subject of your affections or disdain Influence over you. Take +1 ongoing to any action that impresses your love or frustrates your rival.

### Love:

### Rival:

Choose a role you commonly fulfill for your love or rival:

- ☐ **Defender:** When you leap to defend your love or rival in battle, roll + Danger instead of + Savior to defend them.
- ☐ **Friend:** When you comfort or support your love or rival, mark potential on a hit. When your love or rival comforts or supports you, mark potential when they roll a hit.
- ☐ **Listener:** When you pierce the mask of your love or rival, you can always let them ask you a question to ask them an additional question in turn, even on a miss. These additional questions do not have to be on the list.
- ☐ **Enabler:** When you provoke your love or rival, roll + Danger if you are trying to provoke them to rash or poorly thought out action.



## TEAM MOVES

When you share a triumphant celebration with someone, ask them if they think you're cool. If they say yes, give them Influence and take Influence over them. If they say no, mark a condition or spurn them immediately. If they're a teammate, then either way, add a Team to the pool.

When you share a vulnerability or weakness with someone, give them Influence over you, and ask them who they'd like you to be. Mark potential if you show them that person. If they're a teammate, add a Team to the pool no matter what.

## POTENTIAL



Every time you roll a miss on a move, mark potential.

## ADVANCEMENT

When you fill your potential track, you advance. Choose from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rearrange your Labels as you choose, and add +1 to a Label |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Add +1 to any two Labels                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone permanently loses Influence over you; add +1 to a Label |   |

When you've taken five advances from the top list, you can take advances from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth after you've used it once | <input type="checkbox"/> Lock a Label, and add +1 to a Label of your choice   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change playbooks                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Retire from the life or become a paragon of the city |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |

## OTHER MOVES

## EXTRAS

You've got these cool powers. But everyone keeps telling you how to use 'em. You know what they need? Someone to give them trouble, to make sure they don't always get their way. And hey! You're the perfect hero to do it.



## THE DELINQUENT

HERO NAME

REAL NAME (IF DIFFERENT):

## LOOK

- ambiguous, man, shifting, transgressing, woman
- Asian or South Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous, Middle Eastern, White
- laughing eyes, jaded eyes, untrusting eyes, hateful eyes
- casual clothing, ragged clothing, rebellious clothing, garish clothing
- skimpy costume, showy costume, ridiculous costume, cheap costume, no costume

## ABILITIES

Your powers are messy, deceiving, or frustrating. Choose two.

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> teleportation    | <input type="checkbox"/> gadgetry and hacking | <input type="checkbox"/> emotion control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tricks illusions | <input type="checkbox"/> psychic weapons      | <input type="checkbox"/> power negation  |

## /LABELS

(at character creation, add +1 wherever you choose)

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ANGER	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SAVIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SUPERIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
MUNDANE	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3

## /CONDITIONS

- ☐ **Afraid** (-2 to directly engage)
- ☐ **Angry** (-2 to comfort or support or pierce the mask)
- ☐ **Guilty** (-2 to provoke someone or assess the situation)
- ☐ **Insecure** (-2 to defend someone or reject what others say)
- ☐ **Hopeless** (-2 to unleash your powers)

## /BACKSTORY

- How did you get your powers?
- What do you do for fun?
- Who, outside the team, thinks better of you than you do?
- Why do you try to be a hero?
- Why do you care about the team?

Once you've finished your backstory, introduce your character to the other players, and then determine what happened when your team first came together, the relationships between you and your teammates, and who has Influence over you.

## /WHEN OUR TEAM FIRST CAME TOGETHER...

We totally broke some major rules to win the fight. What rules did we break? Whose rules were they?

## /RELATIONSHIPS

You keep trying to impress \_\_\_\_\_ with your antics.

You and \_\_\_\_\_ pulled an awesome (if illegal) stunt together.

## /INFLUENCE

You care way more than you let on. Give three teammates Influence over you.

## /DELINQUENT MOVES

(Choose three)

- ☐ **Mary Contrary:** When someone tries to pierce your mask, comfort or support you, or provoke you, you can interfere. Roll + Superior. On a hit, they take a -2 on their roll. On a 10+, you also take Influence over them or clear a condition. On a miss, they get a 10+ no matter what they rolled and you mark a condition of their choice.
- ☐ **I don't care what you think!:** Whenever you reject others' Influence, add +2 to your roll.
- ☐ **Team? What team?:** When you use Team selfishly, clear a condition or mark potential. The first time in a session that you use Team to help a teammate, take +1 forward.
- ☐ **Criminal mind:** When you assess the situation, you can always ask one of the following questions, even on a miss:
  - *what here is useful or valuable to me?*
  - *how could I best infuriate or provoke \_\_\_\_\_?*
  - *what's the best way in/way past?*
- ☐ **Troublemaker:** When you help a teammate through destructive, criminal, or rule-breaking actions, you can give them a +2 instead of a +1 when you spend a Team from the pool.
- ☐ **Are you watching closely?:** When you mislead, distract, or trick someone, roll + Superior. On a hit, they are fooled, at least for a moment. On a 10+, choose three. On a 7-9, choose two.
  - you get an opportunity
  - you expose a weakness or flaw
  - you confuse them for some time
  - you avoid further entanglementOn a miss, you're hopelessly embroiled in it and under pressure; mark a condition.

## /MOMENT OF TRUTH

This is when you show them what you really are. Whether you're the hero underneath the rebel facade...or the one who can make the hard choices heroes can't make. You do whatever it takes to show that truth, whether it's saving the day from a terrible villain or stopping a bad guy once and for all. Of course, once you've shown what you really are, there's no going back to playing the clown...

## MOMENT OF TRUTH

The prickly tingling fear of your doom, always in your head—it hold you back most of the time. But right here, right now? It gives you the confidence to do *anything*. After all, what's the worst that could happen? Is it worse than your doom? Do impossible things. Do anything. But mark a doomsign after you're finished.

## TEAM MOVES

When you share a triumphant celebration with someone, give them Influence over you and spend 1 Team from the pool to clear one box on your doom track.

When you share a vulnerability or weakness with someone, give them Influence over you and ask if they honestly think there's hope for you. If they say yes, mark potential or clear one box of your doom track. If they say no, mark a condition or mark your doom track.

## POTENTIAL



Every time you roll a miss on a move, mark potential.

## ADVANCEMENT

When you fill your potential track, you advance. Choose from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Clear a doomsign; you lose access to that move for now |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Get burn and three flares (from the Nova's playbook)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone permanently loses Influence over you; add +1 to a Label |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rearrange your Labels as you choose, and add +1 to a Label      |   |

When you've taken five advances from the top list, you can take advances from the list below.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth after you've used it once              | <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confront your doom on your terms; if you survive, change playbooks | <input type="checkbox"/> Lock a Label, and add +1 to a Label of your choice          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move   | <input type="checkbox"/> Become a paragon of the city for however long you have left |

## OTHER MOVES

## EXTRAS

Something about your powers dooms you. It's just a matter of time before your doom comes for you. Until then, though...you've got a nemesis who needs fighting and a world that needs saving. After all, it's better to burn out than fade away...

## THE DOOMED

HERO NAME

REAL NAME (IF DIFFERENT):

## LOOK

- ambiguous, man, shifting, transgressing, woman
- Asian or South Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous, Middle Eastern, White
- haunted eyes, angry eyes, empty eyes, steely eyes
- unassuming clothing, medical clothing, official clothing, adaptive clothing
- no costume, adaptive costume, medical costume, grim costume, containment suit

## ABILITIES

Your powers are tied into your doom; think about the nature of your doom when you choose them. Choose up to three.

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> telekinesis         | <input type="checkbox"/> superhuman strength and speed | <input type="checkbox"/> vitality absorption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> body transmutation  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> memory manipulation | <input type="checkbox"/> psychic constructs            |  |

## NEMESIS

You have a nemesis, an epic and powerful enemy representing and embodying your doom. It's going to take everything you have to take them down in the time you have left.

Who is your nemesis? \_\_\_\_\_

At the end of every session, answer the question: Did you make progress on defeating your nemesis? If the answer is yes, mark potential. If the answer is no, mark your doom track.



## LABELS

(at character creation, add +1 wherever you choose)

FREAK	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
ANGER	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SAVOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SUPERIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
MUNDANE	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3

## CONDITIONS

- ☐ **Afraid** (-2 to directly engage)
- ☐ **Angry** (-2 to comfort or support or pierce the mask)
- ☐ **Guilty** (-2 to provoke someone or assess the situation)
- ☐ **Insecure** (-2 to defend someone or reject what others say)
- ☐ **Hopeless** (-2 to unleash your powers)

## BACKSTORY

- When did you first learn of your doom?
- Where did you get your sanctuary?
- Why do you oppose your nemesis?
- Who, outside of the team, is crucial to defeating your nemesis?
- Why does the team matter to you?

Once you've finished your backstory, introduce your character to the other players, and then determine what happened when your team first came together, the relationships between you and your teammates, and who has Influence over you.

## WHEN OUR TEAM FIRST CAME TOGETHER...

We paid a high cost for victory. What was it?

## RELATIONSHIPS

You told \_\_\_\_\_ all about your doom and the danger you're in.

You'd love to kiss \_\_\_\_\_ before your doom comes.

## INFLUENCE

These people matter for what you need to do. Give Influence to two of your teammates.

## DOOM

You're doomed. Your powers may be killing you, or maybe you're hunted ruthlessly, or maybe you embody an apocalypse. But one way or another, your future is grim. What brings your doom closer? Choose two.

- ☐ overexerting yourself
- ☐ facing danger alone
- ☐ showing mercy
- ☐ injuring innocents
- ☐ frightening loved ones
- ☐ talking about it openly

Whenever you bring your doom closer, mark one box on your doom track.

**Doom Track:** ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

When your doom track fills, clear it and take one of your doomsigns.

## DOOMSIGNS

These are abilities that come to you with your approaching doom. Once you have taken all five doomsigns above the line, you must take "Your doom arrives" the next time your doom track fills.

Choose one doomsign you already hold at character creation.

- ☐ **Dark Visions:** Mark your doom track to have a vision about the situation at hand. After the vision, ask the GM a question; they will answer it honestly.
- ☐ **Burning Bright:** Mark your doom track to ignore one of the GM's stated requirements when you call upon the resources of your sanctuary.
- ☐ **Infinite Powers:** Mark your doom track to use an ability from any playbook, one time.
- ☐ **Bolstered:** Mark your doom track to use an Adult Move one time.
- ☐ **Portal:** Mark your doom track to appear in a scene with anyone you want.
- ☐ Your doom arrives; confront it and perish.

## SANCTUARY

You have a place where you can rest, recover, and reflect upon your powers. Choose and underline three features of your sanctuary:

*An aide or assistant; locks and traps; a library of valuable tomes; a scattering of ancient relics; a teleportal; a containment system; a powerful computer; useful tools; a meditation space; a power battery; a power enhancement system; healing equipment; art, music, and food*

Choose and underline two downsides of your sanctuary:

*Difficult to access, draws dangerous attention, location known to many, easily damaged or tampered with, tied intricately to your doom*

When you call upon the resources of your sanctuary to solve a problem, say what you want to do. The GM will give you one to four conditions you must fulfill to complete your solution:

- ☐ First, you must \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The best you can do is a lesser version, unreliable and limited
- ☐ You'll need help from \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ You'll need to mark one box on your doom track
- ☐ You and your team will risk danger from \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ You'll have to obtain \_\_\_\_\_



## MOMENT OF TRUTH

The mask is a lie, and some piece of you has always known that. Doesn't matter if others can see it. You're the one that can do the impossible. Mask off. Costume on. And you're going to save the damn day. Of course, you better hope nobody nasty is watching...

## TEAM MOVES

When you share a triumphant celebration with someone, ask them if they see you as the person wearing the mask or the person underneath. If the former, mark potential and clear a condition. If the latter, take Influence over them if you reveal yourself.

When you share a vulnerability or weakness with someone, tell them a secret about who you really are. Give them Influence, and shift your Mundane up and your mask's Label down.

## POTENTIAL



Every time you roll a miss on a move, mark potential.

## ADVANCEMENT

When you fill your potential track, you advance. Choose from the list below.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Change your mask's Label; add +1 to your mask's new Label |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Take drives from the Beacon's playbook                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone permanently loses Influence over you; add +1 to a Label |  |

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|--|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Change playbooks                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Retire from the life or become a paragon of the city |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |

## OTHER MOVES

## EXTRAS

Wake up. Breakfast. School.  
Work. Homework. Sleep.  
Repeat. It burns you up,  
being stuck in this life,  
unable to make a real  
difference. That is...  
until you put on the mask.  
And then, you can be  
someone else: a hero.

## THE JANUS

HERO NAME

REAL NAME

## LOOK

- ambiguous, man, shifting, transgressing, woman
- Asian or South Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous, Middle Eastern, White
- boring clothing, elegant clothing, formal clothing, upscale clothing
- iconic costume, concealing costume, distracting costume, flashy costume
- featureless mask, helmet, character mask, small mask, hood, full disguise

## ABILITIES

Your appearance is unchanged by your abilities, and you can keep your powers hidden. You have heightened physical abilities (strength, agility, toughness), and choose two unique abilities:

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> rodent/insect control           | <input type="checkbox"/> energy absorption   | <input type="checkbox"/> substance mimicry   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bone generation, venom, or webs | <input type="checkbox"/> supernatural senses | <input type="checkbox"/> impossible mobility |



## LABELS

(at character creation, add +1 wherever you choose)

FREAK	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
ANGER	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SAVOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SUPERIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
MUNDANE	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3

## CONDITIONS

- ☐ **Afraid** (-2 to directly engage)
- ☐ **Angry** (-2 to comfort or support or pierce the mask)
- ☐ **Guilty** (-2 to provoke someone or assess the situation)
- ☐ **Insecure** (-2 to defend someone or reject what others say)
- ☐ **Hopeless** (-2 to unleash your powers)

## BACKSTORY

- When did you first put on the mask? Why?
- Why do you keep a secret identity?
- Who, outside of the team, knows about your dual identity?
- Who thinks the worst of your masked identity?
- Why do you care about the team?

Once you've finished your backstory, introduce your character to the other players, and then determine what happened when your team first came together, the relationships between you and your teammates, and who has Influence over you.

## WHEN OUR TEAM FIRST CAME TOGETHER...

We saved the life of someone important, either to the city or to us. Who was it? Why are they important?

## RELATIONSHIPS

\_\_\_\_\_ knew you from your civilian life first.

You refused to tell \_\_\_\_\_ your secret identity when they asked.

## INFLUENCE

You look up to your teammates; they seem to have this superhero thing figured out. Give two of them Influence over you.

## JANUS MOVES

(You start with The Mask and two others of your choice)

- ☐ **The Mask:** You wear a mask and hide your real identity. Choose what Label you try to embody while wearing your mask:

☐ Freak ☐ Danger ☐ Savior ☐ Superior

Once per session, you can affirm either your heroic or secret identity to switch your Mundane with your mask's Label.

When you reveal your secret identity to someone who didn't know it already, mark potential.

- ☐ **Game face:** When you commit yourself to save someone or defeat a terrible enemy, mark a condition and take +1 ongoing to all rolls in direct pursuit of that goal. At the end of any scene in which you don't make progress towards that goal, mark a condition. When you fulfill your goal, mark potential.

- ☐ **I am what you see:** When you spend time talking to someone about your identity, you can ask them which Label they want to impose on you; their player will tell you honestly. If you accept what they tell you, take +1 forward and either mark potential or clear a condition.

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- ☐ **Mild-mannered:** When you try to use your civilian identity to deceive, trick, or slip past someone, roll + Mundane. On a hit they buy your facade. On a 7-9, choose one:

- *you're still under observation*
- *you leave something incriminating behind*
- *you're forced to make a fool of yourself to sell it*

On a miss, one of your civilian obligations rears its ugly head.

- ☐ **I'll save you!:** You're willing to pay high costs to keep your loved ones safe. Reveal your secret identity to someone watching or mark a condition to defend a loved one as if you rolled a 12+.

- ☐ **Dangerous web:** When you reveal a trap you've left for someone using your powers, roll + your mask's Label. On a hit, your opponent trips into it, and you get an opening or opportunity against them. On a 10+, take +1 forward to pursuing it. On a miss, the trap inadvertently leads to a dangerous escalation.

## SECRET IDENTITY

Your mundane life comes with a series of obligations. Choose a total of three obligations.

Jobs: Barista, intern, host/ess, salesperson, delivery person, fast-food worker, babysitter, dishwasher, tech support, waitress/er

School: Schoolwork, athletic team, chess club, photography club, student government

Home: Caring for someone, household chores, paying bills, surrogate parenting

Social: Significant other, best friend, popularity, close relative, coach/teacher

When time passes, roll + your Mundane to see how you're managing your obligations. On a hit, things are going pretty well—you have an opportunity or advantage thanks to one of your obligations. On a 7-9, you've lapsed on one obligation, your choice. On a miss, you haven't given your normal life anywhere near the attention it deserves; the GM chooses two obligations that are going to bite you in the butt.

## MOMENT OF TRUTH

This is the moment when you prove how much the mantle belongs to you. You seize control of all your powers, and you defeat even impossible odds to prove you are worthy of the name you carry. You accomplish feats even your predecessors couldn't do. Of course, after you prove something like that, you can expect still more responsibilities to be placed on your shoulders...

## TEAM MOVES

When you share a triumphant celebration with someone, tell them whether you see them as an equal. If you do, give them Influence over you and mark potential. If you don't, shift Superior up and any other Label down.

When you share a vulnerability or weakness with someone, tell them a secret about your legacy (including your own true feelings about it) to clear a condition and give them Influence over you.

## POTENTIAL



Every time you roll a miss on a move, mark potential.

## ADVANCEMENT

When you fill your potential track, you advance. Choose from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rearrange your Labels as you choose, and add +1 to a Label |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Take a Sanctuary from the Doomed playbook                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone permanently loses Influence over you; add +1 to a Label | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock the remaining two powers of your suite              |

When you've taken five advances from the top list, you can take advances from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth after you've used it once | <input type="checkbox"/> Lock a Label, and add +1 to a Label of your choice   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change playbooks                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Retire from the life or become a paragon of the city |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |

## OTHER MOVES

## EXTRAS

You're the latest in a storied heroic lineage, a family that shares a name and a cause. Now, everybody is watching and waiting to see if you've got what it takes to uphold that tradition. No pressure, right?



## THE LEGACY

LEGACY NAME

REAL NAME

## LOOK

- ambiguous, man, shifting, transgressing, woman
- Asian or South Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous, Middle Eastern, White
- comfortable clothing, school uniform, traditional clothing, trendy clothing
- modern costume, traditional costume, unique costume, predecessor's costume
- animal insignia, letter insignia, simple symbol insignia, no insignia

## ABILITIES

You have powers that match your general line. Choose one suite of powers, but pick two powers that you don't have from your suite:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> super strength, invincibility, eye beams, flight, super senses               | <input type="checkbox"/> gadgetry, intimidation, fearsome reputation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> super speed, regeneration, phasing, speed-reading/learning, air manipulation | <input type="checkbox"/> divine armor, magic weaponry, mythic might, legendary speed, god-like beauty       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> athletic perfection, Holmesian deduction,                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> shadow control, shadow portals, mind-clouding, shadow cloak stealth, shadow senses |

## LABELS

(at character creation, add +1 wherever you choose)

FREAK	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
ANGER	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SAVIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SUPERIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
MUNDANE	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3

## CONDITIONS

- ☐ **Afraid** (-2 to directly engage)
- ☐ **Angry** (-2 to comfort or support or pierce the mask)
- ☐ **Guilty** (-2 to provoke someone or assess the situation)
- ☐ **Insecure** (-2 to defend someone or reject what others say)
- ☐ **Hopeless** (-2 to unleash your powers)

## BACKSTORY

- When did you officially become a part of your legacy?
- What's the greatest accomplishment of your legacy?
- How does the public perceive your legacy?
- How does your legacy tie into your reasons for being a hero?
- Why do you care about the team?

Once you've finished your backstory, introduce your character to the other players, and then determine what happened when your team first came together, the relationships between you and your teammates, and who has Influence over you.

## WHEN OUR TEAM FIRST CAME TOGETHER...

All things considered, we did well and impressed an established hero. Who was it?

## RELATIONSHIPS

You once got caught doing something that shames your legacy with \_\_\_\_\_.

You trust \_\_\_\_\_ and told them an important secret of your legacy.

## INFLUENCE

You're a part of this team, for better or worse, and you care what they think. Give Influence to all of your teammates.

## LEGACY MOVES

(Choose two)

- ☐ **Fight the good fight:** When you pull your punches while directly engaging a threat, you can roll + Savior instead of + Danger. If you do, you cannot choose to impress, surprise, or frighten your foe.
- ☐ **I know what I am:** Once per scene, when you defend a teammate you can shift Savior up and another Label down in addition to any other benefits from the move, even on a miss. If you do, add 1 Team to the pool.
- ☐ **Words of the past:** When you seek the guidance of one of your elders or a member of your legacy, tell them a problem you face, and ask them a question about the problem. They will answer it honestly, and tell you what to do. Take +1 ongoing if you listen. If you go your own way, mark potential.
- ☐ **The legacy matters:** When you take Influence over someone from your legacy (or give them Influence over you), mark potential and take +1 forward. When someone from your legacy causes your Labels to shift, mark potential and take +1 forward.
- ☐ **Never give up, never surrender:** When you take a powerful blow from someone with far greater power than you, use this move instead of the basic move. Roll + Savior. On a hit, you stand strong and choose one. On a 7-9, mark a condition.
  - you get an opportunity or opening against your attacker
  - you rally from the hit, and it inspires the team; add 1 Team to the pool
  - you keep your attacker's attentionOn a miss, you go down hard but leave your opponent off balance and vulnerable.
- ☐ **Symbol of authority:** When you give an NPC an order based on authority they recognize, roll + Savior. On a hit, they choose one:
  - do what you say
  - get out of your way
  - attack you at a disadvantage
  - freezeOn a 10+, you also take +1 forward against them. On a miss, they do as they please and you take -1 forward against them.

## LEGACY

Your legacy is an important part of Halcyon City.

Name the different members of your legacy (at least two):

- \_\_\_\_\_ is still active and prominent in the city.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is retired and quite judgmental.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the next possible member of your legacy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the greatest opponent your legacy ever faced...and is still at large.

**Whenever time passes,** roll + Savior to see how the members of your legacy feel or react to your most recent exploits. Before rolling, ask the other players to answer these questions about your performance. Take -1 to the roll for each "no" answer:

- have you been upholding the traditions of your legacy?
- have you maintained the image of your legacy?
- have you made the other members of your legacy proud?

On a hit, one of them offers you meaningful encouragement, an opportunity, or an advantage. On a 7-9, another is upset with your most recent actions, and will make their displeasure known. On a miss, something you did stirred up the hornet's nest—expect several members of your legacy to meddle with your life.



## MOMENT OF TRUTH

Your mind's eye opens, and you can see the world around you like never before. You can control it, at will, with ease. Of course, warping reality tends to have ramifications down the line, but in your moment of godhood...how could you possibly be worried?

## TEAM MOVES

When you share a triumphant celebration with someone, ask them if there is any fear in their eyes when they look at you. If they say no, take +1 forward and mark potential. If they say yes, immediately shift your Danger up and Savior down.

When you share a vulnerability or weakness with someone, tell them how they could stop you, if it came down to it. Give them Influence over you and clear a condition.

## POTENTIAL



Every time you roll a miss on a move, mark potential.

## ADVANCEMENT

When you fill your potential track, you advance. Choose from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock three new flares                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone permanently loses Influence over you; add +1 to a Label | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock three new flares                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rearrange your Labels as you choose, and add +1 to a Label      | <input type="checkbox"/> Take The Bull's Heart from the Bull playbook |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth                  |

When you've taken five advances from the top list, you can take advances from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth after you've used it once | <input type="checkbox"/> Lock a Label, and add +1 to a Label of your choice   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change playbooks                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Retire from the life or become a paragon of the city |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |

## OTHER MOVES

## EXTRAS

You're a font of power.  
Channel it, and you can  
remake the world into  
exactly what you want.  
Unleash it, and you can do  
miracles. It's wonderful...  
and terrifying. Lose control for  
even a second, and other people  
get hurt.



## THE NOVA

HERO NAME

REAL NAME (IF DIFFERENT):

## LOOK

- ambiguous, man, shifting, transgressing, woman
- Asian or South Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous, Middle Eastern, White
- glowing skin, inorganic skin, marked skin, normal skin
- fashionable clothing, casual clothing, formal clothing, dark clothing
- colorful costume, uniform costume, mythological costume, fantastical costume, no costume

## ABILITIES

You can fundamentally control the world around you. Choose one option from the list as the broad base of your control.

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|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> telekinesis and telepathy | <input type="checkbox"/> biokinesis        | <input type="checkbox"/> gravity manipulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sorcery                   | <input type="checkbox"/> elemental control | <input type="checkbox"/> cosmic energies      |

## LABELS

(at character creation, add +1 wherever you choose)

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SUPERIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
MUNDANE	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3

## CONDITIONS

- ☐ **Afraid** (-2 to directly engage)
- ☐ **Angry** (-2 to comfort or support or pierce the mask)
- ☐ **Guilty** (-2 to provoke someone or assess the situation)
- ☐ **Insecure** (-2 to defend someone or reject what others say)
- ☐ **Hopeless** (-2 to unleash your powers)

## BACKSTORY

- When did you first use your powers?
- Who was the first person you accidentally hurt with your powers?
- Who, outside the team, helps you control your powers?
- Why do you continue to use your powers?
- Why do you care about the team?

Once you've finished your backstory, introduce your character to the other players, and then determine what happened when your team first came together, the relationships between you and your teammates, and who has Influence over you.

## WHEN OUR TEAM FIRST CAME TOGETHER...

We destroyed our surroundings in the fight. Where was it? What did we destroy?

## RELATIONSHIPS

You hang out all the time with \_\_\_\_\_ to blow off steam.

You once hurt \_\_\_\_\_ when you lost control of your powers.

## INFLUENCE

Choose your demeanor: happy facade or locked down.

If you choose happy facade, give Influence to three teammates.

If you choose locked down, give Influence to one teammate.

## BURN

When you charge up your powers, roll + conditions you currently have marked. On a hit, hold 3 burn. On a 7-9, mark a condition. On a miss, hold 2 burn and mark three conditions.

Spend your burn on your flares. You lose all burn at the end of the scene.

Choose four flares.

- ☐ **Reality storm:** You channel a destructive burst with your powers. Spend 1 burn to directly engage a threat using your powers, rolling + Freak instead of + Danger. If you do, you will cause unwanted collateral damage unless you spend another Burn.
- ☐ **Shielding:** You call up a fast protective field to stop a danger. Spend 1 burn to defend someone else from an immediate threat, rolling + Freak instead of + Savior.
- ☐ **Constructs:** Spend 1 burn to create any object with your powers, up to the size of a person. Spend an additional Burn to animate it independently of yourself. The construct dissolves at the end of the scene.
- ☐ **Moat:** Spend 1 burn to create a barrier that will hold back threats as long as you keep your attention on it. The GM may call for you to spend another Burn if the barrier is threatened by particularly powerful enemies.
- ☐ **Worship:** You put out a tremendous display of your might. Spend 1 Burn to awe an audience into silence, respect, and attention when you unleash your powers.
- ☐ **Move:** Spend 1 burn to move to any place you choose within the scene, breaking through or slipping past any barriers or restraints in your way. Spend a second Burn to move to any place you've previously been.
- ☐ **Boost:** Spend 1 burn to supercharge a teammate's efforts with your powers, giving them a +1 bonus to their roll as if you had spent Team from the pool.
- ☐ **Overcharge:** You channel the full capacity of your incredible powers to overcome an obstacle, reshape your environment, or extend your senses. Spend 2 burn to take a 10+ when you unleash your powers.
- ☐ **Elemental Awareness:** Spend 1 burn and mark a condition to open your mind up to the world around you with your powers. You can ask any one question about the world around you, and the GM will answer honestly.
- ☐ **Snatch:** Spend 1 burn to use your powers to seize any one object up to the size of a person from someone within view.

## TEAM MOVES

When you share a triumphant celebration with someone, take Influence over them if you show them meaningful affection, physical or emotional. They decide if it's meaningful.

When you share a vulnerability or weakness with someone, they tell you what you should do to fit in more. Take +1 forward to do it, and mark potential if you do.

## POTENTIAL



Every time you roll a miss on a move, mark potential.

## ADVANCEMENT

When you fill your potential track, you advance. Choose from the list below.

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Choose two new abilities from any playbook as you come into your own              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               | <input type="checkbox"/> You adopt a human life; take Secret Identity and The Mask from the Janus playbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone permanently loses Influence over you; add +1 to a Label |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rearrange your Labels as you choose, and add +1 to a Label      |  |

When you've taken five advances from the top list, you can take advances from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth after you've used it once | <input type="checkbox"/> Lock a Label, and add +1 to a Label of your choice   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change playbooks                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Retire from the life or become a paragon of the city |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |

## OTHER MOVES

## EXTRAS

You're not from here.  
Your home is an  
amazing place, full of  
beauty and wonder.  
But there's something to  
them, something  
special that you're  
missing back home.  
Something... human.  
So yeah, you'll be  
hanging around. At  
least for now.



## THE OUTSIDER

HERO NAME

REAL NAME (IF DIFFERENT):

## LOOK

- ambiguous, man, shifting, transgressing, woman
- strange body, animalistic body, neon body, human body
- glowing eyes, animalistic eyes, metallic eyes, bizarre eyes
- flashy clothing, mismatched clothing, average clothing, no human clothing
- your people's uniform, your station's costume, practical costume, humanizing costume, no costume

## ABILITIES

You can fly, and you're pretty tough. Choose any two of the following:

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> density control    | <input type="checkbox"/> pheromones            | <input type="checkbox"/> telepathy and mind blasts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> heliokinesis       | <input type="checkbox"/> radical shapeshifting |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> stunning beauty or | <input type="checkbox"/> alien weaponry        |  |

## LABELS

(at character creation, add +1 wherever you choose)

FREAK	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
DANGER	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SAVIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
SUPERIOR	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
MUNDANE	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3

## CONDITIONS

- ☐ **Afraid** (-2 to directly engage)
- ☐ **Angry** (-2 to comfort or support or pierce the mask)
- ☐ **Guilty** (-2 to provoke someone or assess the situation)
- ☐ **Insecure** (-2 to defend someone or reject what others say)
- ☐ **Hopeless** (-2 to unleash your powers)

## BACKSTORY

- Where do you come from?
- Why did you come to Earth?
- Why do you want to stay here (for now at least)?
- Why do your people want you to come home?
- Why do you care about the team?

Once you've finished your backstory, introduce your character to the other players, and then determine what happened when your team first came together, the relationships between you and your teammates, and who has Influence over you.

## WHEN OUR TEAM FIRST CAME TOGETHER...

We didn't trust each other at first, but that changed. How? Why?

## RELATIONSHIPS

You've been learning about Earth by spending time with \_\_\_\_\_.

You have a crush on \_\_\_\_\_ but you keep it under wraps.

## INFLUENCE

Choose your demeanor: haughty or cheerful.

If you're haughty, you think you're better than them. Give no one Influence.

If you're cheerful, you're thrilled to be here. Give everyone Influence over you.

## OUTSIDER MOVES

(Choose three)

- ☐ **Belong in two worlds:** You have the resources that come with your station. Whenever you contact your people, roll + Superior. On a 10+, hold 3. On a 7-9, hold 2. On a miss, hold 1, but your people make an uncomfortable demand of you. Spend your hold 1 for 1 to:
  - *receive a useful piece of alien technology that will allow you to use any ability from another playbook once (choose the ability when you spend the hold)*
  - *consult your people's knowledge to ask the GM a question about the current situation*
  - *clear a condition through the comfort of contact with your home*
- ☐ **Alien tech:** When you alter a human device with your alien technology, roll + Freak. On a hit, you create a device that can do something impossible once and then fizzle. When you roll a 10+, choose one:
  - *it works exceptionally well*
  - *you get an additional use out of it*On a miss, the device works, but it has a completely unintended side effect that the GM will reveal when you use it.
- ☐ **Alien ways:** Whenever you openly disregard or undermine an important Earth custom in favor of one of your own people's customs, shift Superior up and any other Label down.
- ☐ **Kirby-craft:** You have a vehicle, something from your home. Detail its look, and choose two strengths and two weaknesses. When you are flying your ship, you can use it to unleash your powers, directly engage a threat, or defend someone using Superior.
  - Strengths: Fast & maneuverable, chameleon plating, powerful weaponry, regenerating, dimension-shifting, size-shifting, telepathic
  - Weaknesses: Bizarre fuel source, susceptible to \_\_\_\_\_, easily detectable, slow and clumsy, unarmed, difficult to repair
- ☐ **The best of them:** When you comfort or support someone by telling them how they exemplify the best parts of Earth, roll + Freak instead of + Mundane.
- ☐ **Not so different after all:** When you talk about your home, roll + Freak. On a 10+, choose two. On a 7-9, choose one. During the conversation, you:
  - *confess a flaw of your home; add 1 Team to the pool*
  - *mislead them about your home; take Influence over them*
  - *describe the glories of your home; clear a condition*On a miss, you inadvertently reveal more about yourself than you planned; tell them a secret or vulnerability you haven't shared with Earthlings before now.

## MOMENT OF TRUTH

You embrace your home and call them for aid. They will answer your call—in force!—arriving exactly when you need them to turn the tide. They fight and serve you for the rest of the battle. Of course, when all is said and done...they'd probably like to take you home with them. You did, after all, just prove yourself worthy.



## TEAM MOVES

When you share a triumphant celebration with someone, ask them if you've been a good leader or effective team mate. If they say yes, your mentor loses Influence over you and you mark potential. If they say no, your mentor gains Influence over you, and you take +1 forward on using the Label your mentor embodies.

When you share a vulnerability or weakness with someone, tell them a secret about your mentor (including your feelings towards them). Give them Influence over you and add 1 Team to the pool.

## POTENTIAL



Every time you roll a miss on a move, mark potential.

## ADVANCEMENT

When you fill your potential track, you advance. Choose from the list below.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Add +2 to the Label your mentor embodies or denies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Choose up to four more resources from your mentor  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone permanently loses Influence over you; add +1 to a Label |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rearrange your Labels as you choose, and add +1 to a Label      |   |

When you've taken five advances from the top list, you can take advances from the list below.

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth after you've used it once | <input type="checkbox"/> Lock a Label, and add +1 to a Label of your choice   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change playbooks                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Retire from the life or become a paragon of the city |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |

## OTHER MOVES

## EXTRAS

You proved yourself to an experienced hero. They think you've got what it takes. They've been training you for a while, and now you have to decide... do you want to be them? Or will you find your own path?



## THE PROTEGE

HERO NAME

REAL NAME

## LOOK

- ambiguous, man, shifting, transgressing, woman
- Asian or South Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous, Middle Eastern, White
- athletic body, compact body, lean body, muscular body
- school uniform, casual clothes, fashionable clothes, loose clothes
- colorful costume, mentor's garb, protective wear, simple costume

## ABILITIES

You are someone's protégé. Your powers largely mimic theirs, but each of you is in some way unique. Pick one ability you both share and one ability for each of you that is uniquely yours.

SHARED ABILITY:

YOUR OWN ABILITY:

YOUR MENTOR'S ABILITY:

*Superhuman physique, weapons and gadgets, stealth, detective skills, hacking, power mimicry, body elasticity, powerful armor, telepathy/telekinesis, intimidation and fear, impossible fighting skills, elemental control*

## MENTOR

You have a mentor, someone who's taught you, trained you, given you aid, or raised you up. Someone who might have confined you a bit too rigidly to a single path. Which Label do they exemplify, and which do they deny? (circle one each)

EMBODIES	Savior	Danger	Freak	Superior	Mundane
DENY	Savior	Danger	Freak	Superior	Mundane

## LABELS

(at character creation, add +1 wherever you choose)

FREAK	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3
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MUNDANE	-2	-1	0	+1	+2	+3

## CONDITIONS

- ☐ **Afraid** (-2 to directly engage)
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- ☐ **Insecure** (-2 to defend someone or reject what others say)
- ☐ **Hopeless** (-2 to unleash your powers)

## BACKSTORY

- How did you first meet your mentor?
- When and why did you choose to train with them?
- Why did they agree to train you?
- Who else, outside of the team, knows about your training?
- Why do you care about the team?

Once you've finished your backstory, introduce your character to the other players, and then determine what happened when your team first came together, the relationships between you and your teammates, and who has Influence over you.

## WHEN OUR TEAM FIRST CAME TOGETHER...

We stuck together after all was said and done. Why? How'd we keep in contact?

## RELATIONSHIPS

You and \_\_\_\_\_ teamed up a few times before the rest of you came together.

Your mentor is cautious; they asked you to keep an eye on \_\_\_\_\_.

## INFLUENCE

Choose your demeanor: playful or business.

If you choose playful, give Influence to two teammates.

If you choose business, give Influence to no teammates.

## PROTEGE MOVES

(Choose three)

- ☐ **Been reading the files:** You've learned about the superhuman world through your mentor's resources. When you first encounter an important superpowered phenomenon (your call), roll + Superior. On a hit, tell the team one important detail you've learned from your studies. The GM will tell you what, if anything, seems different from what you remember. On a 10+, ask the GM a follow-up question; they will answer it honestly. On a miss, the situation is well outside your base of knowledge; the GM will tell you why.
- ☐ **Captain:** When you enter battle as a team, add an extra Team to the pool and carry +1 forward if you are the leader.
- ☐ **Venting frustration:** When you directly engage while you are Angry, you can roll + the Label your mentor denies and clear Angry.
- ☐ **Fireside chat:** When you seek advice from your mentor, roll + the Label they embody. On a hit they will tell you what to do. On a 10+, mark potential if you follow their advice, and take +1 ongoing to follow through. On a 7-9, you get +1 forward to see it through if you do it their way. On a miss, they don't have time for you because something big has gone down; mark a condition, GM's choice.
- ☐ **Be mindful of your surroundings:** When you assess the situation before entering into a fight, you may ask one additional question, even on a miss.
- ☐ **Heroic tradition:** When you give someone the advice that you think your mentor would give, you can roll + the Label your mentor embodies to comfort or support someone, instead of rolling + Mundane.

## MENTOR'S RESOURCES

Choose up to three resources that your mentor gave you and the team:

*A hidden base, a vehicle, a supercomputer, communicators, surveillance equipment, false identities, badges of authority, a chem lab, a med lab, a teleportal, a weapon of last resort, security systems, simple robots*

## MOMENT OF TRUTH

The moment that you show who you really are: your mentor, or something different. You can do whatever your mentor could do and more. You can do the incredible, even the things they always failed to accomplish. Of course, they're not going to see you the same way, no matter which path you choose...

## TEAM MOVES

When you share a triumphant celebration with someone, clear one condition if they treat you like a perfectly normal person and mark potential if they praise your power or abilities.

When you share a vulnerability or weakness with someone, ask them if they think you're losing or gaining humanity. If they say losing, mark a condition and mark potential. If they say gaining, clear a condition and shift Mundane up and any other Label down.

## POTENTIAL



Every time you roll a miss on a move, mark potential.

## ADVANCEMENT

When you fill your potential track, you advance. Choose from the list below.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rearrange your Labels as you choose, and add +1 to a Label                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take another move from your playbook                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a move from another playbook                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Mutate further and reveal another two new abilities (chosen from any playbook) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take a doom, doomtrack, and doomsigns from the Doomed playbook  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone permanently loses Influence over you; add +1 to a Label |   |

When you've taken five advances from the top list, you can take advances from the list below.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unlock your Moment of Truth after you've used it once | <input type="checkbox"/> Lock a Label, and add +1 to a Label of your choice   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change playbooks                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Retire from the life or become a paragon of the city |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Take an adult move                                    |   |

## OTHER MOVES

## EXTRAS

You can recall a time not too long ago when you looked... normal. To not feel the stares. To not hear the gasps. A time when no one thought of you as a monster. Those were the days, huh.



## THE TRANSFORMED

HERO NAME

REAL NAME

## LOOK

- ambiguous, man, shifting, transgressing, woman
- Asian or South Asian, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Indigenous, Middle Eastern, White
- strange eyes, upsetting eyes, piercing eyes, human eyes
- metallic flesh, scaled flesh, alien flesh, plated flesh, untouchable flesh, mottled flesh
- terrifying costume, strange costume, unnerving costume, no costume

## ABILITIES

You appear obviously and clearly monstrous, and your powers are tied to your appearance. Choose two, and describe how they make you grotesque.

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> impenetrable armor | <input type="checkbox"/> plant affinity    | <input type="checkbox"/> technopathy       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> inhuman might      | <input type="checkbox"/> superhuman senses | <input type="checkbox"/> transmuting flesh |

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## BACKSTORY

- Who were you before?
- When did you change? What caused it?
- Who, outside of the team, is helping you understand your new body?
- Why don't you just try to hide yourself away?
- Why do you care about the team?

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## WHEN OUR TEAM FIRST CAME TOGETHER...

We drew attention and ire from plenty during the fight. One important person in particular now hates and fears us. Who is it?

## RELATIONSHIPS

\_\_\_\_\_ comforted you when you were at your lowest.

\_\_\_\_\_ knew you before you changed.

## INFLUENCE

You try not to care what other people think, even if you can't shut everyone out. Give Influence to one teammate.

## TRANSFORMED MOVES

(Choose three)

- ☐ **I am not my body:** When you take a powerful physical blow, you may roll as if you had two fewer conditions marked. If you do, on a 10+ you must choose to lose control of yourself in a terrible way.
- ☐ **Not human enough:** When you directly engage a threat in a terrifying fashion, mark a condition to choose an additional option, even on a miss.
- ☐ **Unstoppable:** When you smash your way through scenery to get to or away from something, roll + Danger. On a hit, the world breaks before you, and you get what you want. On a 7-9, choose one: mark a condition, leave something behind, or take something with you. On a miss, you smash through, but leave devastation in your wake or wind up somewhere worse, GM's choice.
- ☐ **Coming for you:** When you mark a condition, take +1 forward against the person you most blame for causing it.
- ☐ **Wish I could be:** When you comfort or support someone, if you tell them what you most envy about them, you can roll + Freak instead of + Mundane.
- ☐ **Be the monster:** When you frighten, intimidate, or cow others with your monstrous form, roll + Freak. On a hit, they are thrown off and make themselves vulnerable to you, or they flee. On a 10+, choose one. On a 7-9, choose two.
  - *you frighten others you had not intended to scare*
  - *you hurt someone or break something you shouldn't have*
  - *you feel like more of a monster afterward; mark a condition (GM's choice)*On a miss, they react with violence, hatred, and paranoia, and you suffer the brunt of it.

## MOMENT OF TRUTH

It's so easy to forget that you're not your body, and you're not the voice in your head—you're both. Be the monster, and save them anyway. Smash down walls, and speak softly. Because when you embrace it, you can do anything. Of course, putting on a display like this is sure to rile up those who see only the monster when they look at you...