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# **WELCOME TO THE MULTIVERSE!**

→ ABOUT ⊶

This is a lighthearted, rules-lite, storytelling-focused, solo roleplaying game.

- ◆ You are: An interdimensional explorer, inventor, and an adventurer.
- ◆ You have: A portal device, a companion, and an ability to invent anything.
- ◆ Your job: Explore the multiverse, solve mysteries, record your discoveries. Improvise mysteries from scratch (with no preparation), invent weird ideas, and



#### ─○ EASY WAY TO LEAN SOLO ROLEPLAYING ○

This is not just a game. This is a storytelling system designed to help you master the art of solo roleplaying, storytelling, and inventing creative ideas in an easy, fun, non-overwhelming way.

- Start by playing one of the 3 types of Micro Adventures (short scenes, just a few minutes of play) creative exercises that will help you learn to discover weird and interesting ideas, invent and creatively overcome fun challenges, improvise comedy scenes, get comfortable with solo roleplay, and learn the fundamentals of storytelling.
- ◆ Then play through the Mission-focused Adventures a simple way to improvise full stories (like an episode of a TV show).
- Then play through the Mystery-focused Adventures a more advanced system for creating and improvising mysteries from scratch, with no preparation.
- ◆ Finally, string all these types of adventures into a **Long-term Campaign** (think of it as a season of a TV show).

# HOW TO PLAY

→ PLAYER AND NARRATOR →

As you play, you'll mentally switch between two modes: **Narrator** and **Player**.

- ◆ As a **Narrator**, you will describe the world around the heroes, narrate the consequences of their actions, introduce mysteries, challenges, and clues, and play the roles of the non-player characters.
- ◆ As a **Player**, you will play the role of the heroes of the story (your main character and your companions) describe their actions, pursue their goals, investigate mysteries, creatively overcome obstacles on their path.

#### → IMPROVISE THE SCENES →

An adventure can be as short as a 5-minute scene, or as long as an episode of a TV show. Play through the adventure by improving the scenes of the story.

It's best to leave some record of your adventures, to do that you can use:

- ◆ Audio: Improvise the story out loud, record it using an audio recording app.
- ◆ **Journaling**: Describe your story in a journal (much like a fiction writer would).
- ◆ **Screenwriting**: Write your story using screenwriting software (like Highland).

If you will write down your story, don't treat it as a writing project. Approach it as a stream-of-consciousness improv written down on page:

Don't plan, play to find out what happens. Don't edit, don't pause, don't try to write well, don't worry about the plot holes or the quality of your ideas. Don't take it seriously. The stupider - the better.

#### —○ SUMMARIZE THE HIGHLIGHTS ○

You don't need to write all scenes in full detail (like in a screenplay or a novel). You can summarize ("pitch") key parts of the story, describe them as log entries.

To see great examples of pitch versions of a story, check out "Death and Return of Superman" by Max Landis and "Pitchstorm" by Geek & Sundry on YouTube.

You could even tell the entire adventure by pitching it as a movie trailer.

#### ○ CHARACTER AND ADVENTURE SHEETS ○

Create a document for keeping track of the important details of the adventure:

### **Adventure Sheet**

Setting:

Mystery:

Clues:

Theories:

Resolution:

## Character Sheet

Name

Description:

Talents.

Items:

Conditions

Here you can see the google doc you can duplicate and fill in (with some character examples): https://rpgadventures.io/multiverse-of-mystery-sheets

Fill the document as you play. If you discover something awesome on your adventures, share it with our community: https://rpgadventures.io/discord

# YOUR PORTAL DEVICE

→ PORTAL FUEL →

Your portal device is powered by the Epiphany Fuel. It requires novel, never before seen data to function (new discoveries, ideas, inventions, insights, etc).

- ◆ Short-range portals: To open a short-distance portal in line of sight charge the device it a minor discovery or idea: find, describe, and explain a weird thing or anomaly.
- Interdimensional: To open the portal to a far place or another dimension, you must recharge the device by telling it a solution to a larger mystery or an invention.



To recharge the device, write down a new and insightful idea in your journal.

#### → ASSOCIATION ENGINE →

The portal device uses an Association Engine, it can open the portals between the two points only if they are connected by some association or an analogy.

If my adventure has ended with me fighting an octopus, the portal may open into a water world, or a world with many-limbed people, or a sushi restaurant.

For a short-range portal, describe or create an association between two places:

To open a portal between a painting on the wall and an opera stage, describe what they both have in common (art). To open a portal between a shark tank and the floor under someone, make the floor wet to create an association.

The associations must be novel, they can't be reused. The more unusual, and creative the associations are - the more powerful and stable the portals are. Stronger associations create longer-lasting portals, more creative and unusual associations create larger portals. Really abstract and metaphorical analogies enable you to reopen the same connection later.

An association between Wooden Door and Wooden Table (both made out of wood) will create a small portal (non-creative association), that lasts a few hours (it lasts a long time because the association is strong and clear).

Filling the room with sad music to open a portal to a nearby cemetery will create a larger, but less stable portal (more creative, but weaker association).

#### SWAPPING PROPERTIES

The portal device can be used to temporary swap properties of objects.

In a chase scene on a snowy mountain, use the portal to swap the cold of the snow with the heat from a nearby campfire, creating a path of melted snow.

Connect a feather to a stone wall, swapping their hardness. The feather becomes a rigid weapon, the stone wall becomes soft and breakable.

Connect a dimly glowing fungus with a lantern to swap their luminosity.

# **CREATE YOUR CHARACTERS**

→ DESCRIPTION →

What is your name, appearance, personality, backstory, flaws?

Are you an eccentric scientist? A mad wizard? A boy genius? A cool robot?

What is your motivation? What do you want, why do you solve mysteries?

Plain curiosity, seeking power, lost in the multiverse and trying to return home, need ingredients for your experiments, looking for something or someone, on a run from an evil empire, protecting the universe from threats.

Who are your **companions**? Describe your relationships: what do you think about each other, how do you know each other, what do you want from each other?

Goofy sidekick, old mentor, trusted partner, snarky robot, pet alien, a ghost.

What does your portal device look like?

Portal gun, magic tome, Pip-Boy, dimensional visor, phone booth, stargates.

#### → TALENTS →

Choose 3 talents from the list, or invent your own.

Strong	Nimble	Tough	Sneaky	Cunning	Booksmart
Perceptive	Charming	Brave	Crafty	Helpful	Artistic
Persuasion	Deception	Intimidation	Insight	Investigation	Magic
Science	Technology	Nature	Diplomacy	Performance	Lore
Warrior	Marksman	Detective	Inventor	Leader	Healer

#### -○ ITEMS O-

Invent 3 items you start out with, use the examples below for inspiration. (See more examples in the "Items" table at the end of the book).

**Telekinesis device** - Levitates small objects, no larger or heavier than a bucket of water, within 50 meters, in line of sight. Has 3 charges, takes 8 hours to recharge.

Flubber shoes - Enables you to jump up to 20 times the normal distance.

Strength serum - Makes you as strong as Hulk for a minute. Enough for one use.

**Grappling Hook** - Shoots the grappling hook to the distance of up to 30 meters.

Clearly define how each item works and what it enables you to do. If an item seems too overpowered - add some costs or limitations, like:

Takes time to use, attracts attention, unpredictable, can backfire, has limited impact, expensive, has limited number of uses, has negative side effects, works only under certain conditions, only on specific targets, etc.

# ROLLING THE DICE

#### → BEAT THE DIFFICULTY NUMBER TO SUCCEED →

When you attempt something challenging, risky, or opposed by another character - set the difficulty number and roll a 20-sided die. If you beat the difficulty number - you succeed, otherwise you encounter a complication or a setback. Set the difficulty number based on how likely you think the success is:

5: Easy

10: Medium

**15**: Challenging

18: Very hard

I jump between buildings. I'm not very athletic, the buildings are far apart, and I'm not using some clever approach that would make this task easier. If I saw this scene in a movie, I'd expect the character to fail, so I set a pretty high difficulty number.

#### → ADVANTAGE AND DISADVANTAGE →

If you have advantage, roll multiple dice (up to 4) and take the best result. If you have disadvantage, take the worst result.

## Gain advantage dice when you:

- ◆ Use talents relevant to the action you're attempting.
- ◆ Creatively use the environment to your benefit.
- ◆ Get some help from your companion.

## Gain disadvantage dice for each:

- ◆ Condition that would impede the task you're attempting.
- Aspect of the scene that puts you at a disadvantage.

Advantage and Disadvantage dice cancel each other out:

I jump between buildings. I have a talent "Nimble", I've built a makeshift trampoline, and my companion will double-bounce me - I add 3 advantage dice. But I have a "Fear of heights" condition, and the roofs are covered in ice - that gives me 2 disadvantages, so I add only one advantage die.

#### → CONDITIONS →

If you fail a roll in a dangerous situation, you gain a condition:

Injured, cursed, angry, tangled, distracted, tired, sand in the eyes, cornered, sneezing, embarrassed, jealous.

Severity of the conditions gradually increases, for example:

Scared  $\rightarrow$  cornered  $\rightarrow$  injured  $\rightarrow$  unconscious.

To get rid of a condition, do something that would fix it.

Use bandage, cut the entangling vines, get comforted by a friend, act cool to improve your reputation, punch a wall to release your anger, run away in fear.

To defeat opponents, inflict conditions on them until they lose or run away. If someone tries to inflict a condition on you - describe how you defend yourself, and roll the dice to see if you succeed.

# TRAVEL BETWEEN WORLDS

→ VISIT A NEW WORLD 
→

Come up with a world you want to visit next, the place where your portal opens.

Choose a setting, and a character you'll meet there. Mix and match the prompts from the tables at end of the book, or take ideas from the stories you like.

Setting: Prehistoric jungle inhabited by monsters.

Character: Alien collector who wants to capture a creature.

#### → SET UP THE SCENE →

As a Narrator, describe what you see when coming out of the portal. Describe 3 things about the world around you (3 sentences in total), things like:

- ◆ The location you find yourself in.
- ◆ Characters, creatures, or objects you see.
- ◆ Things you sense (hear, smell, touch, feel, the emotions the scene evokes).
- ◆ Some activity that's happening in the scene (can be anything from a fire burning in a fireplace, to huge robots fighting or a court trial taking place).
- Obstacles, dangers, and opportunities the scene presents.

Start with a large establishing shot and then zoom into the details, or start with a small detail and zoom the camera out to describe the whole scene.

Then, if there are characters in the scene, find a reason to come up and talk to one of them. Exchange 3 lines of dialogue. Or, if there are interesting objects or creatures in the scene - come up with a reason to interact with them.

(You can describe more than 3 things or have more than 3 lines of dialogue, but starting short and simple is the best way to get comfortable with the process).

#### → GO ON AN ADVENTURE →

Use the instructions on the following pages to go on an adventure. Play the Micro Adventures first, then Mission-focused and Mystery-focused adventures.

### **─○ TRAVEL TO THE NEXT WORLD ○**

Power up your portal device and move on to the next world.

Use the Association Engine to come up with the next world you want to visit:

- ◆ Take the last (or the most notable) thing you've seen in the current world.
- ◆ Associate it to something related, something similar it makes you think of.
- ◆ Associate that thing to the next thing it makes you think of.
- ◆ Continue this chain of associations until you find something fun, interesting, or inspiring you want to explore that will be the next world you'll visit.

I just visited the floating islands world, and fought some sky pirates. The pirates makes me think of crime, which makes me think of mafia. Mafia makes me think of bank robberies, which make me think of heists. Heists make me think of spies. That feels exciting, so my portal opens in the middle of the huge high-tech spy headquarters.

# MICRO ADVENTURES

### → WEIRDNESS-EXPLORATION ADVENTURE →

Jump between dimensions, and quickly discover many small weird ideas. Think of it as a montage of short 3-5 minute scenes in the style of "Interdimensional Cable", "Morty's Mindblowers", or the opening credits from "Rick and Morty".

- ◆ Visit a new world, set up and describe the scene (as described on page 6).
- ◆ Use weirdness generation methods (on page 8) to discover something weird.
- ◆ Invent an explanation for the weirdness (justify its existence, describe how it came to be, make it make sense). If this unusual thing is true - why is it true?
- ◆ Use the Association Engine to come up with the next world to visit (by making an association from the last thing you've seen in the current world).

Open a portal, see a T-Rex roaming through jungle. See that it cowers in fear of a hamster. Why? The hamster opens its fanged maw and drinks all T-Rex's blood. I make an association, and open my next portal into a vampire castle.

Your goal is to try each of the weirdness generation methods a few times.

#### → CHALLENGE-FOCUSED ADVENTURE →

Practice coming up with interesting challenges, creatively solving problems.

- ◆ Visit a new world, set up and describe the scene (as described on page 6).
- ◆ As a Player, establish your **desire** something you want to do in this world.

Obtain something | Explore something | Invent something | Create something | Create something | Candust experiment

Help someone

Defeat someone

Deal with danger

Conduct experiment

- ◆ As a Narrator, establish an **obstacle** a challenge you have to overcome to get what you want (use the prompts on page 9).
- ◆ As a Player, describe how you creatively overcome the obstacle.
- Describe how you get what you want, and move on to the next world.

Open a portal to the Vampire castle. Hmm, the vampire blood would be very useful for your experiments. But the vampires are hangry and can smell a mortal in their midst. Describe how you obtain some blood, and escape into the next world before you're captured.

Your goal is to try overcoming each type of challenge (from page 9) a few times. Focus mainly on the Action, Roleplaying, and Exploration challenges.

#### → COMEDY-FOCUSED ADVENTURE →

Improvise comedy scenes using the "Game of the Scene" approach to comedy:

## https://improvgames.io/workshop/game-of-the-scene

Visit a new world, set up the scene ("Base Reality"), discover something weird ("The Unusual Thing"), Justify it, and Heighten the absurdity 3 times.

# DISCOVER WEIRD IDEAS

→ WEIRDNESS GENERATION METHODS →

Introduce something weird, unusual, interesting, surprising, or absurd about the scene you're in by applying one of the weirdness generation methods:

## **Subvert expectations**

What do I normally assume or expect? Change it to something wildly different.

A bird → I normally expect birds to fly → But this is a bird that burrows

## Out of place

Introduce an out of place detail, something that doesn't belong here.

A desert -> An old wooden ship stuck in the middle of the desert.

### Combine incompatible ideas

Combine an idea with something unrelated, something it doesn't belong with.

Cowboys + Dinosaurs → Cowboys riding domesticated dinosaurs.

## Create a surprising contradiction

Create internal contradiction, change some aspect to something unexpected.
 Gorilla → A posh gorilla inventor, smoking a pipe and wearing a tophat.

#### Reverse

Reverse a key characteristic, a relationship, normal logic and order of things.

• A knight fighting a dragon • A knight rescuing a dragon.

## Over or under exaggerate

Change the size, shape, or another attribute. Take the idea to the extreme.

I A centipede → An enormous train-sized centipede.

You can apply these methods to various elements of the scene:

Location	Character	Creature	Object
Behavior	Action	Dialogue	Response
Appearance	Occupation	Personality	Beliefs
Adjective	Relationship	Specific Detail	Abstract Pattern

Location: Western town covered in green radioactive snow.

Character: Cowboy with fangs who's afraid of sunlight and garlic.

Behavior: Sheriff obsessed with catching a particular cat at any cost.

Dialogue: "Howdy, partner! Beware of cows 'round these parts, they steal."

Response: Everyone you say hi to challenges you to a duel for some reason.

Personality: The leader of the bandits looks and acts like Michael Cera. Detail: The bartender on this alien world has an "I♡NY" pin on his shirt.

Pattern: Instead of the common trope of a bandit tying a "damsel in distress" to the railroad tracks, it's the other way around - you see the damsel tie a bandit to the rails.

# OVERCOME CHALLENGES

→ CHALLENGE TYPES →

As a Narrator, introduce a challenge, obstacle, problem, or a complication that makes it more difficult for the hero to get what they want.

As a Player, describe how you creatively overcome the challenge (usually by inventing an improvised solution out of materials you can find lying around in the environment, using your wits, charm, or the help of your companion).

## **Action Challenges**

Physical conflict against other characters and creatures.

Combat (or creative ways to avoid it), chasing, racing, riding, piloting, heists, defending castles, escaping monsters, dodging explosions.

## **Roleplaying Challenges**

You want something from an NPC (information, item, favor, help, some action on their part, etc.), but their desires are at odds with yours, creating conflict.

Negotiation, deception, intimidation, interrogation, exchange of favors.

## **Exploration Challenges**

Overcome environmental obstacles and hazards.

Journey through, explore, enter, or escape dangerous or guarded places.

Rivers, chasms, locked doors, traps, ambushes, natural disasters, sinking ships, scaling cliffs, escaping collapsing buildings, breaking into buildings.

## **Technical Challenges**

Deal with interesting or dangerous technologies or magics.

Repair devices, disarm bombs, craft things, hack robots, stop magic rituals.

## Stealth Challenges

Performing any task or other type of challenge without getting noticed.

Hide, sneak in and out of places, infiltrate places, steal things, spy, smuggle.

## **Setbacks and complications**

Deal with extra problems and misfortunes outside of your control.

Injury, equipment failure, betrayal, misinformation, getting captured, failed plans, time pressure, rivals, innocent bystanders, cooperating with enemies.

## **Antagonist moves**

Responding to the moves the villain makes.

Attacks, kidnapping, hostages, traps, goons, manipulation, misdirection.

## Investigation challenges

Obstacles and problems that come from trying to obtain information.

Following tracks, searching for clues, spying on enemies.

# MISSION-FOCUSED ADVENTURES

→ COME UP WITH AN OBJECTIVE →

After setting up the scene, introduce a problem to solve, opportunity to pursue, or an antagonist to defeat. Use the prompts below to come up with an objective in the following format: [Type] [action] [difficulty] [optional difficulty] [motivation]

[Go on a mission to] [capture] [a creature].

[Stop someone who wants to] [steal] [an object].

[Help someone to] [destroy] [a vehicle] [stealthily].

#### TYPE OF OBJECTIVE

Go on a mission to... Stop someone who wants... Help someone to...

### ACTION

Defeat	Destroy	Obtain	Rescue	Protect	Help
Journey to	Get through	Bypass	Overcome	Break out	Break in
Liberate	Invade	Deliver	Intercept	Chase	Escape
Steal	Capture	Kidnap	Infiltrate	Smuggle	Plant
Sneak in	Spy on	Swindle	Hide	Distract	Sabotage
Complete	Create	Repair	Fix	Stop	Prevent
Persuade	Befriend	Impress	Influence	Negotiate	Tame

### **TARGET**

Person Group Creature Object Info Location Vehicle Event

### DIFFICULTY

No violence Time pressure Rivals Stealthy Low resources

#### **MOTIVATION**

My own desire Asked for help Witness a problem See an opportunity

### → PLAYING AN OBJECTIVE-BASED ADVENTURE →

- ◆ Describe the "story hook" the scene where you encounter this objective.
- ◆ Formulate a 3-step plan for achieving your objective.
- Decide what you do to take the next step, and where that scene takes place.
- ◆ Introduce a challenge, describe what makes taking this step difficult.
- Creatively overcome the challenge, leading you to the next step of your plan. (Or, on a failed roll, fail to overcome it, leading to a setback or a complication.)
- ◆ Challenges should escalate, get progressively more difficult, each challenge should rise the stakes and threat level.
- Keep going until you're ready to resolve your story in a climax (a scene where the final, most difficult challenge determines whether you achieve your goal).

# **MYSTERY-FOCUSED ADVENTURES**

## O DISCOVER THE WEIRD THING ○

Follow instructions on the previous pages to visit a new world, set up the scene, and introduce a weird thing you'd like to investigate.

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Ask a question about the weird thing, the core mystery you want to investigate.

What is this broken robot doing in this abandoned wild west town?

### ─○ FORMULATE A THEORY ○─

Make up a theory about the possible explanation to the mystery, a guess about what's going on, why is it happening, how did it happen, who is behind it, etc.

Every time you'll encounter a new clue, you'll update your theory (modify it to explain as many clues you've observed as possible).

# → INVESTIGATE →

Describe what you do to investigate the mystery and discover the next clue.

Establish the location you go to, the actions you take, what kind of clues you're looking for, and what you hope to learn about the mystery.

To obtain a clue, you must overcome a challenge. As a Narrator, describe what obstacle or complication makes the investigation difficult.

# O DISCOVER A CLUE O

Once you overcome a challenge, you'll reveal the next clue (as a Narrator).

To do that, roll the number of 20-sided dice equal to the number of clues your current theory explains, and take the highest result.

- If you roll 10 or above, reveal another clue that supports your current theory.
- ◆ If you roll below 10, reveal a clue that contradicts your theory, a twist that makes the mystery weirder, takes the story in an unexpected direction.

(Use the "Clues" table at the end of the book for examples and inspiration.)

Investigate the mystery until you're ready to reveal the truth, explain what's going on, and establish the location where climax of the story will take place.

# ——○ CLIMAX ○—

Sometimes, solving the mystery is enough to resolve the story. Sometimes, the solution to the mystery reveals a problem that needs to be solved, a culprit that must be stopped, or some other objective you need to pursue.

In that case, the investigation transforms into a Mission-focused Adventure. If there's a culprit, their evil scheme is nearly complete. Rush to confront the culprit, help the person in need, or have some other dramatic resolution to the story. As a Narrator, come up with the final, most important and difficult challenge you must overcome in order to succeed. Once you overcome it, the adventure is complete!

# LONG-TERM CAMPAIGN

#### → PURSUE YOUR GOAL ↔

Clearly establish your primary motivation, the reason you go on adventures.

Retrieve valuable artifacts (like Indiana Jones).

Obtain ingredients for your experiments (like Rick Sanchez).

Document the mysteries of the multiverse (like Dipper from Gravity Falls).

Escape from the evil empire, obtain enough power to defeat it (like Firefly).

Investigate anomalies to protect the multiverse from danger (like Fringe).

Explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and civilizations, boldly go where no man has gone before on behalf of your organization (like Star Trek). Search for someone or something of great significance to you.

Lost in the multiverse, trying to return home.



Go on a variety of adventures of each type described in this book. Treat them as episodes of a TV show that add up to a complete season.

End each adventure on a cliffhanger that introduces something that can help you take a step closer to achieving your goal.

#### → CHARACTER ADVANCEMENT ○

Your character can become more powerful by obtaining new items and artifacts on your adventures. You can discover them, trade your existing items for them, or invent new items out of things you find in your environment.

At the end of each adventure you can add one more item to your inventory.

To avoid accumulating too many game-breakingly powerful items, clearly define the powers, costs, and limitations for each new item you obtain.

At the end of each a major story arc, you can gain a new talent.

# **EVEN MORE ADVENTURE TYPES**

OTHER SOURCES OF CHALLENGES ○

There are other ways to come up with fun goals for you to pursue or problems for you to overcome during your Mission-Focused adventures or Challenge-Focused Micro Adventures. You can:

- ◆ Roll on the Events table. Describe how you encounter this event, what problems or opportunities it presents, and how you deal with them.
- ◆ Roll on the Characters table, describe how you encounter the character. Friendly characters have problems you need to help them solve, antagonists have evil plans you need to stop them from completing.
- ◆ Discover something weird (using the weirdness generation methods). This weird thing causes a problem you need to solve, or presents an opportunity (a goal for you to pursue). Describe how you achieve that.

#### → ADVENTURE PITCHES →

You can plan out your adventures a little bit more before you play them. Fill in the following template, one sentence for each section. Improvise the sentences one at a time, go with the first thing that comes to mind, even if it's a cliche (don't hesitate, don't brainstorm alternatives, don't go back, don't edit).

**Setting**: Where does the adventure take place, what's interesting here?

Objective: What problem do you need to solve or goal you need to achieve?

**Hook**: Describe the scene that introduces the objective, provides motivation, draws you into action.

**Climax**: Describe the final, most important challenge, overcoming which will resolve the story and enable you to achieve your objective. An epic scene that takes place at a cool location.

Locations: List 3 most interesting locations where the adventure might lead.

**Characters**: List 3 most interesting characters you might meet (Antagonist, Quest Giver, Allies, Evil Minions, etc.)

**Challenges**: List 3 challenges you may encounter on your path, the obstacles you need to overcome. Think about the steps you need to take to achieve your Objective (to go from the Adventure Hook to the Climax), and what makes each step difficult.

Then pitch a "trailer" for this adventure, describe the coolest moments you'd see in a trailer if it were a movie.

#### → PREMADE ADVENTURES →

Pick one of the premade adventures from here (or from some other resources): https://rpgadventures.io/browse

Run it for your characters as a Game Master would normally run an adventure for their players.

# SETTING PROMPTS



	ADJECTIVE	LOCATION	INHABITANTS	
1	Abandoned	Wild West	Ghosts	
2	Prehistoric	Jungle	Monsters	
3	Mechanical	Ship	Pirates	
4	Alien	Temple	Ninjas	
5	Ancient	Ruins	Scholars	
6	Sentient	Manor	Survivors	
7	Unnatural	Castle	Priests	
8	Corrupted	Base	Ancient evil	
9	Fortified	Camp	Hillbillies	
10	Ancient	Battlefield	Shamans	
11	Strange	Wasteland	Savages	
12	Automated	Metropolis	Superheroes	
13	Forgotten	Island	Vampires	
14	Guarded	Junkyard	Merchants	
15	Decaying	Slums	Zombies	
16	High-Tech	Train	Aliens	
17	Living	Spaceship	Talking Animals	
18	Sacred	Cave	Eldritch Horrors	
19	Colossal	Nest	Bats	
20	Ruined	Pyramids	Hermit	

# **SETTING PROMPTS**



ADJECTIVE		LOCATION	INHABITANTS
1	Magic	Tower	Inventor
2	Hidden	Lair	Cloaked Figures
3	Infested	Colony	Rebels
4	Secret	Laboratory	Mutants
5	Post-apocalyptic	Tunnels	Mole People
6	Deadly	Swamp	Witches
7	Steampunk	Factory	Robots
8	Illegal	Aircraft	Agents
9	Dangerous	Bridge	Warriors
10	Derelict	Space Station	Parasites
11	Extravagant	Museum	Aristocrats
12	Legendary	Floating Island	Gangsters
13	Underground	Lake	Brain Slugs
14	Tiny	Zoo	Bird People
15	Overgrown	Mountain	Yeti
16	Gigantic	Machine	Snarky Al
17	Treasure filled	Abyss	Demons
18	Chaotic	Port	Vikings
19	Forbidden	Citadel	Gargoyles
20	Whimsical	Farm	Dragons
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# CHARACTER PROMPTS



	CHARACTER TYPE			
	1 A friend or ally	2 A threat or antagonist	3 Someone in need of help	
	4 Rival adventurer	5 Obstacle on your path	6 Source of information	
	ADJECTIVE	OCCUPATION	MOTIVATION	
1	Odd	Professor	Keep secret	
2	Ambitious	Treasure hunter	Obtain object	
3	Nefarious	Supervillain	Gain power	
4	Curious	Child	Get help	
5	Obnoxious	Journalist	Expose fraud	
6	Cunning	Thief	Please the master	
7	Zealous	Warrior	Prove worth	
8	Eccentric	Inventor	Build something	
9	Flamboyant	Actor	Gain fame	
10	Boring	Bureaucrat	Enforce rules	
11	Alien	Collector	Capture creature	
12	Secret	Agent	Hide identity	
13	Reckless	Rebel	Complete mission	
14	Dangerous	Pirate	Protect treasure	
15	Brilliant	Merchant	Conceal creature	
16	Primitive	Savage	Settle a score	
17	Corrupted	Priest	Revive Someone	
18	Enigmatic	Explorer	Find riches	
19	Old	Robot	Make amends	
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Obtain information

Lonely

# **CHARACTER PROMPTS**



	ADJECTIVE	OCCUPATION	MOTIVATION	
1	Ruthless	Leader	Negotiate a deal	
2	Rogue	Detective	Find someone	
3	Wealthy	Criminal	Gain freedom	
4	Secretive	Servant	Impress someone	
5	Runaway	Princess	Escape pursuit	
6	Arrogant	Rival	Prove superiority	
7	Unusual	Creature	Spread chaos	
8	Untrustworthy	Healer	Discover truth	
9	Fearless	Nomad	Map the unknown	
10	Famous	Monk	Rewrite history	
11	Naive	Assassin	Find redemption	
12	Impulsive	Refugee	Find safety	
13	Misguided	Philosopher	Expose corruption	
14	Charismatic	Vagrant	Strike a deal	
15	Feral	Guard	Recover memories	
16	Gullible	Bandit	Find a true love	
17	Generous	Ruler	Reclaim throne	
18	Disguised	Cultist	Evade capture	
19	Desperate	Invader	Reclaim homeland	
20	Idealistic	Hero	Restore justice	
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# **EVENTS**



1	Strange creature follows you	Dense fog settles around you
2	You meet a celebrity	Stumble upon a secret meeting
3	Meet a merchant selling weird items	A meteorite lands near you
4	Your treasured posession goes missing	You get into a trap
5	Dangerous weather or natural disaster	Accidentally activate an ancient artifact
6	Odd sounds come from your backpack	Stranger mistakes you for someone else
7	You're asked to babysit/petsit for a day	You get sick or injured
8	Companion is hiding something from you	Companion starts acting strange
9	Meet a group of [roll on Setting Inhabitants]	Get pursued by the local authorities
10	Meet a wounded creature	Wake up surrounded by weird plants
11	Someone attempts to pick your pocket	Meet someone from your past
12	You've been wrongfully accused	You find a treasure map
13	You fall in love with someone	Your vehicle breaks down
14	Discover a secret location	Discover a lost item
15	Discover a priceless item	Receive a strange message/package
16	You hear voices	You lose your memories
17	See a sneaking shadowy figure	Building appears out of nowhere
18	Discover a strange door or a hatch	You're challenged to a duel
19	You discover a priceless opportunity	Receive an invitation to a social event
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Find a diary of another adventurer

Locals desperately need your help

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# **EVENTS**



1	Meet talking animals	Your path is blocked
2	Invited to dine with a reclusive noble	Scholar can share knowledge, for a price
3	Meet sentient plants	Find evidence of your doppleganger
4	Caught in the middle of a battle	Invited to a posh function
5	Get lost	Get noticed by a surveillance drone
6	Trigger an alarm	Overhear a local scandal
7	Overhear plans for a crime	Fall into a hole
8	Local community is not what it seems	Get lured into danger
9	Witness a strange alien ritual	Bitten by someone, begin to transform
10	Primitive aliens worship you	Inhale spores
11	Meet a lost child	Acquire someone else's memories
12	Get a strong sense you're not alone here	Local community really wants you to stay
13	Attacked by an alien	Experience a strong dejavu
14	Local invites you into their home	Find alien tech
15	Encounter a new form of wildlife	Hitch a ride with fellow adventurers
16	Find a landed spacecraft	Find an ancient machine
17	Swap stories with an alien explorer	Find strange (or gigantic) bones
18	Asked to smuggle illegal goods	Local creatures stampede
19	Discover a shipwreck	Enter a trap-filled place
20	Find message in a bottle	Explosion!

# **PROBLEMS**



1	Destroyed	Replaced		
2	Disappeared	Framed		
3	Stolen	Altered		
4	Sabotaged	Lost		
5	Captured	Infested		
6	Malfunctioning	Exiled		
7	Trapped	Hunted		
8	Attacked	Imprisoned		
9	Turned evil	Threatened		
10	Corrupted	Poisoned		
11	Impersonated	Betrayed		
12	Sick	Manipulated		
13	Followed	Blackmailed		
14	Kidnapped	Mutated		
15	Smuggled	Decaying		
16	Double-crossed	Besieged		
17	Stranded	Invaded		
18	Deceived	Injured		
19	Hijacked	Tricked		
20	Spied on	Endangered		
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# **MYSTERIES**



1	Defies natural laws	Emits unknown signals
2	Drawn to a specific location	Has gained sentience
3	Attracts creatures	Covered in strange symbols
4	Inspires unwarranted fear	Has a duplicate
5	Is out of place	Alters gravity
6	Has transformed	Levitates
7	Is linked in unexpected ways	Attracts metal
8	Is acting strange	Is not what it seems
9	Appears in wrong places	Does the opposite of what it supposed to
10	Acts against their nature	Is older than it appears
11	Has been replaced	Has vanished without a trace
12	Has been activated	Bears strange marks
13	Was discovered	Holds forbidden knowledge
14	Is being hunted	Moves on its own accord
15	Has been contaminated	Is concealed
16	Has switched bodies	Is used for evil
17	ls being controlled	Has lost their abilities
18	Accused of a crime	Is inexplicably wealthy
19	Has been discovered	Is reliving the same event
20	Grows or multiplies	Acquired an unusual feature

# CLUES



	CLUE TYPE	CLUE		
1	Witness talking about	Creature		
2	Overheard conversation on	Treasure		
3	Book or journal describing	Artifact		
4	Letter or note about	Midnight gatherings		
5	Tale or legend about	Secret chambers		
6	Map showing the location of	Hidden corridor		
7	A blueprint of	A new gadget		
8	Drawings of	Strange plant		
9	A newspaper article about	Famous criminal		
10	Sudden appearance of	Lost place		
11	Alarming report about	Forbidden experiments		
12	Sudden vanishing of	Old tower		
13	Strange behavior of	Robots		
14	Advanced manuscript on	Seemingly ordinary object		
15	Surveillance footage of	Cool vehicle		
16	Startling transformation of	Someone's pet		
17	Official records of	Object that came to life		
18	A lost or missing	Priceless item		
19	People complaining about	Peculiar person		
20	Ancient scroll depicting	Legendary creature		
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# CLUES



W	CLUE TYPE	CLUE
1	Mishap involving	Rare chemical
2	Unexpected discovery of	Alien ruins
3	Remains of	Science experiment
4	Peculiar habits of	Political figure
5	Cryptic message about	Art object
6	Sudden change in	Familiar place
7	Anomalies with	Device
8	Suspicious activity around	Abandoned place
9	Secret society discussing	Stolen relics
10	Whispers among locals about	A forgotten hero
11	Disguised shipment containing	A rare material
12	Strange markings on	An old relic
13	Traveler's tales of	Unusual location
14	Animals fleeing from	Ordinary person
15	Disguised vendor selling	A key
16	Strange rituals involving	A victim
17	Mysterious gift of	A map
18	Strange noises coming from	A book
19	Legends warning about	A weapon
20	Strange experimental findings about	A plant
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# ITEMS

**Hologram Projector** - Creates a hologram no larger than a car, complete with sounds, and movement. Within 50 meters, in your line of sight.

Hoverboard - Floats 30cm above ground, frictionless, supports up to 100kg of weight.

Rolodex - list of your contacts. Once per adventure, find an ally in just the right place.

**Drone** - A small drone you can pilot. Has a camera, a microphone, and a robotic arm. Can carry up to 50kg of weight. Other devices can be attached to it.

**Neuralizer** - Click on a button, and it will wipe the last 5 minutes of memories of the person who's looking at it. Can be used once per adventure.

Mission impossible mask - Assume appearance and voice of anyone you've seen.

Suction Boots - Enable you to walk on any surface, at any angle.

Portable Hang-Glider - Slowly glides, gradually decreasing altitude.

Pokeball - Stores a friendly or defeated animal.

**Quantum Pocket** - A small device that creates a pocket dimension, allowing you to store and retrieve items up to 200kg or a swimming pool worth of liquid.

**Chameleon Cloak** - Makes you perfectly blend in with your environment. Works for up to 10 minutes per adventure.

Nanohealer - Injects nanobots into your bloodstream, rapidly heals any injury. 3 uses.

**Matter transmuter** - Transfigures a small amount of non-living material into another material, with a maximum conversion of 1 kilogram per use.

Gravity Gun - Works like Zero Point Energy Field Manipulator from Half Life 2.

**Universal Translator** - Enables you to communicate with anyone, including animals.

Shrink Ray - Shrinks objects and willing creatures to one tenth the size.

Web Shooters - your wrists can shoot spider webs (like Spider Man's).

**Forgery Kit** - craft an identical (non-functional) copy of any object. The trick is revealed on close inspection.

**Bag of Gold** - Spend it to do something a rich person can do (throw a lavish party, bribe someone, hire an assassin, etc.), or trade it for another item of your choice.

**Weapon** - A cool melee or ranged weapon of your choice.

# ITEMS

Replicator - can create any cheap, mundane, non-organic object once per adventure.

**Superglue** - A substance that can bond any two surfaces together, with the bond lasting for up to 24 hours. One use per session, can't be used on living tissue.

Thermal Vision Goggles - Enables you to see at night, and to see heat signatures.

**Spectral Cloak** - Grants the ability to phase through walls for up to 1 minute. On use per adventure.

**Time Dilation Device** - Slows down time for the user, giving them the ability to react and move 10 times as fast as normal for 30 seconds. One use per adventure.

**Holographic Decoy** - A small device that projects a realistic hologram of the user, which can move and interact with its environment. The decoy lasts for 1 minute or until destroyed. Works up to 3 times per adventure.

**Bio-Scanner** - Detects and analyzes living organisms within a 30-meter radius.

**Temporal Stasis Field** - Creates a small bubble where time is frozen for up to 30 seconds. Requires a full day to recharge and only affects non-living matter.

**Weather Control Device** - Manipulates local weather conditions within a 1-kilometer radius. Takes 30 minutes to activate and has a limited supply of energy, providing up to 3 weather changes before needing to recharge.

**Memory Crystal** - Stores and replays memories when held. Can only store one memory at a time and must be physically touched by the user to activate.

**Cryo-Gel Spray** - A portable canister that releases a gel that instantly freezes surfaces or objects upon contact. 5 uses per session, cannot be used on living beings.

**Supermagnet** - Can switch polarity to either attract or repel metal objects. Can be activated telepathically, from a distance of up to 50 meters.

**Ring of Tracking** - The owner of the ring always knows its location.

**Gravity Orb** - When shattered, it reverses the gravity in a 10 meter radius around it for the next day.

Alien Egg - Hatches into an alien creature of your choice.

**Smoke Serum** - Creates a huge cloud of black smoke when spilled.

**Animorph Serum** - Add a hair or a claw of a non-humanoid creature. Drinking this potion will turn you into this creature for an hour.

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