aparatyPSE	stats highligh	BRAINER	experience OOOO
NAME  LOOK  HX	act under fire  HARD seize by force, go aggro  HOT seduce or manipulate  SHARP read a situation or person  WEIRD open your brain	□ Unnatural lust transfixion: when you try to seduce someone, roll+weird instead of roll+hot. □ Casual brain receptivity: when you read someone, roll+weird instead of roll+sharp. Your victim has to be able to see you, but you don't have to interact. □ Preternatural at-will brain attunement: you get +1weird (weird+3). □ Deep brain scan: when you have time and physical intimacy with someone—mutual intimacy like holding them in your arms, or 1-sided intimacy like they're restrained to a table—you can read them more deeply than normal. Roll+weird. On a 10+, hold 3. On a 7-9, hold 1. While you're reading them, spend your hold to ask their player questions, 1 for 1: ■ what was your character's lowest moment? ■ for what does your character crave forgiveness, and of whom? ■ what are your character's secret pains? ■ in what ways are your character's mind and soul vulnerable? On a miss, you inflict 1-harm (ap) upon your subject, to no	BRAINER IMPROVEMENT    +1cool (max cool+2)   +1sharp (max sharp+2)   +1hard (max hard+2)   +1hard (max hard+2)   a new brainer move   a new brainer move   2 gigs (detail) and moonlighting   a holding (detail) and wealth   a move from another character type   a move from another character type   retire your character (to safety)   create a second character to play   change your character to a new type   choose 3 moves and expand them   expand the other 4 moves   +1 to any stat (max +3)
GEAR AND BARTER	HOLDS	benefit.  In-brain puppet strings: when you have time and physical intimacy with someone — again, mutual or 1-sided — you can plant a command inside their mind. Roll+weird. On a 10+, hold 3. On a 7-9, hold 1. At your will, no matter the circumstances, you can spend your hold 1 for 1:  inflict 1-harm [ap] they take -1 right now If they fulfill your command, that counts for all your remaining hold. On a miss, you inflict 1-harm [ap] upon your subject, to no benefit.	
If you're charging someone wealthy for your services, 1-barter is the going rate for: one successful deep brain scan; one in-brain puppet command, upon its execution; one week's employment as kept brainer.	shattered (-1 cool) crippled (-1 hard) disfigured (-1 hot) broken (-1 sharp)	Direct-brain whisper projection: you can roll+weird to get the effects of going aggro, without going aggro. Your victim has to be able to see you, but you don't have to interact. If your victim forces your hand, your mind counts as a weapon (1-harm ap close loud-optional).  If you and another character have sex, you automatically do a deep brain scan on them, whether you have the move or not. Roll+weird as normal. However, the MC chooses which questions the other character's player answers.	

MACHYPSE	stats	highlight	CHOPPER	experience OOOO
WORLD	act under fire  HARD seize by force, go agg	Jro D	<ul> <li>□ Pack alpha: when you try to impose your will on your gang, roll+hard. On a 10+, all 3. On a 7-9, choose 1:</li> <li>■ they do what you want</li> <li>■ they don't fight back over it</li> <li>■ you don't have to make an example of one of them</li> </ul>	CHOPPER IMPROVEMENT  +1hard (max hard +3) +1cool (max cool+2) +1sharp (max sharp+2)
LOOK	HOT seduce or manipulate SHARP read a situation or pe		On a miss, someone in your gang makes a dedicated bid to replace you for alpha.  Fucking thieves: when you have your gang search their pockets and saddlebags for something, roll+hard. It has to be something small enough to fit. On a 10+, one of you happens to have just the thing, or close enough. On a 7-9, one of you happens to have something pretty close, unless what you're	<ul> <li>□ +1weird (max weird+2)</li> <li>□ +1weird (max weird+2)</li> <li>□ a new option for your gang</li> <li>□ a holding (detail) and wealth</li> <li>□ 2 gigs (detail) and moonlighting</li> <li>□ a move from another character type</li> <li>□ a move from another character type</li> </ul>
	WERD open your brain		looking for is hi-tech, in which case no dice. On a miss, one of you used to have just the thing, but it turns out that some asswipe stole it from you.	□ retire your character (to safety) □ create a second character to play □ change your character to a new type □ choose 3 moves and expand them
НХ			If you and another character have sex, they immediately change their sheet to say Hx+3 with you. They also choose whether to give you -1 or +1 to your Hx with them, on your sheet.  BIKE, GANG	expand the other 4 moves +1 to any stat (max +3)  MORE MOVES
GEAR AND BARTER	HOLDS 12	3		
f you're charging someone wealthy for your services, 1-barter is the going rate for: one raiding expedition, one convoy led through nostile territory, one threat delivered (loud and clear), one week's employment of your gang as thugs and enforcers.	shattered (-1 co	d) ot)		

with another hardholder nearby.

MACHAYPSE	stats h	highligh	SKINNER	experience OOOO
ALTERNA TO	act under fire		☐ Breathtaking: you get +1hot (max +3).	SKINNER IMPROVEMENT
MUKLU	HARD seize by force, go aggr	·	Lost: when you whisper someone's name to the world's psychic maelstrom, roll+weird. On a hit, they come to you, with or without any clear explanation why. On a 10+, take +1forward	<ul><li>□ +1cool (max cool+2)</li><li>□ +1cool (max cool+2)</li><li>□ +1hard (max hard+2)</li></ul>
NAME	HOT		against them. On a miss, the GM will ask you 3 questions; answer them truthfully.  Artful & gracious: when you perform your chosen art—any act	☐ +1sharp (max sharp+2) ☐ a new skinner move ☐ a new skinner move
LOOK	SHARP read a situation or per	son	of expression or culture—or when you put its product before an audience, roll+hot. On a 10+, spend 3. On a 7-9, spend 1. Spend 1 to name an NPC member of your audience and choose one:  • this person must meet me  • this person must have my services  • this person loves me  • this person must give me a gift  • this person admires my patron  On a miss, you gain no benefit, but suffer no harm or lost	☐ 2 gigs (detail) and <b>moonlighting</b> ☐ followers (detail) and <b>fortunes</b> ☐ a move from another character type☐ a move from another character type
	WEIRD open your brain			retire your character (to safety) create a second character to play change your character to a new type choose 3 moves and expand them
нх			opportunity. You simply perform very well.   Hypnotic: when you have time and solitude with someone,	□ expand the other 4 moves □ +1 to any stat (max +3)
			they become fixated upon you. Roll+hot. On a 10+, hold 3. On a 7-9, hold 2. They can spend your hold, 1 for 1, by:  giving you something you want  acting as your eyes and ears  fighting to protect you  doing something you tell them to	MORE MOVES
GEAR AND BARTER	HOLDS		For NPCs, while you have hold over them they can't act against you. For PCs, instead, any time you like you can spend your hold, 1 for 1:  • they distract themselves with the thought of you. they're acting under fire.  • they inspire themselves with the thought of you. they take +1 right now.  On a miss, they hold 2 over you, on the same terms.	
	12 9	3	☐ An arresting skinner: when you remove a piece of clothing, your own or someone else's, no one who can see you can do anything but watch. You command their absolute attention. If you choose, you can exempt individual people, by name.	
If you're charging someone wealthy for your services, 1-barter is the going rate for: one night's intimate companionship, an evening's or a weekend's entertainment for a group (without touching), a month's casual employment as an enlivining presence.	shattered (-1 coo crippled (-1 hard) disfigured (-1 hot) broken (-1 sharp)	) t)	If you and another character have sex, choose one:  You take +1 forward and so do they.  You take +1 forward; they take -1.  They must give you a gift worth at least 1-barter.  You can hypnotize them as though you'd rolled a 10+, even if you haven't chosen to get the move.	

# **BASIC MOVES**

When you **do something under fire**, or dig in to endure fire, roll+**cool**. On a 10+, you do it. On a 7-9, you flinch, hesitate, or stall: the MC can offer you a worse outcome, a hard bargain, or an ugly choice.

When you **try to seize something by force**, or to secure your hold on something, roll+**hard**. On a hit, choose options. On a 10+, choose 3. On a 7-9, choose 2:

- vou take definite hold of it
- you suffer little harm
- vou inflict terrible harm
- you impress, dismay or frighten your enemy

When you **go aggro on someone**, roll+**hard**. On a 10+, they have to choose: force your hand and suck it up, or cave and do what you want. On a 7-9, they have to choose 1:

- get the hell out of your way
- barricade themselves securely in
- give you something they think you want
- back off calmly, hands where you can see
- tell you what you want to know (or what you want to hear)
- force your hand and suck it up

When you **try to seduce or manipulate someone**, tell them what you want and roll+hot. For NPCs: on a hit, they ask you to promise something first, and do it if you promise. On a 10+, whether you keep your promise is up to you, later. On a 7–9, they need some concrete assurance right now. For PCs: on a 10+, both. On a 7–9, choose 1:

- if they do it, they mark experience
- if they refuse, it's acting under fire What they do then is up to them.

When you **read a charged situation**, roll+**sharp**. On a hit, you can ask the MC questions. Whenever you act on one of the MC's answers, take +1. On a 10+, ask 3. On a 7-9, ask 1:

- where's my best escape route / way in / way past?
- which enemy is most vulnerable to me?
- which enemy is the biggest threat?
- what should I be on the lookout for?
- what's my enemy's true position?
- who's in control here?

When you **read a person** in a charged interaction, roll+**sharp**. On a 10+, hold 3. On a 7-9, hold 1. While you're interacting with them, spend your hold to ask their player questions, 1 for 1:

- is your character telling the truth?
- what's your character really feeling?
- what does your character intend to do?
- what does your character wish I'd do?
- how could I get your character to \_\_\_?

When you **open your brain to the world's psychic maelstrom**, roll+**weird**. On a hit, the MC will tell you something new and interesting about the current situation, and might ask you a question or two; answer them. On a 10+, the MC will give you good detail. On a 7-9, the MC will give you an impression. If you already know all there is to know, the MC will tell you that.

When you **help or interfere with someone** who's making a roll, roll+**Hx**. On a hit, they take +1 (help) or -2 (interfere) now. On a 7-9, you also expose yourself to fire, danger, retribution or cost.

# **BARTER MOVES**

When a character gives 1-barter to someone else, but with strings attached, it counts as manipulating them with 10+.

When a character **goes into a holding's bustling market**, looking for some particular thing to buy, **and it's not obvious** whether she should be able to just like go buy one like that, the player rolls+**sharp**. On a 10+, yep, she can just go can buy it like that. On a 7-9, MC chooses one of the following:

- it costs 1 more barter than you'd expect
- it's available, but only if she meets with a guy who knows a guy
- damn, I had one, I just sold it to this guy named Rolfball, maybe she can go get it off him?
- sorry, I don't have that, but maybe this will do instead?

When a character **makes known to the world that she wants a thing** and drops scratch to speed it on its way to her, the player rolls+**barter** spent (!). On a 10+, it comes to her, no strings attached. On a 7-9, something y'know, pretty close comes to her. On a miss, it comes to her, strings very much attached.



# PERIPHERAL MOVES

# OPTIONAL BATTLE MOVES

When you **provide covering fire for someone**, roll+**cool**. On a 10+, you keep them from coming under concentrated fire, even past 9:00. On a 7–9, their position or course is untenable, and they proceed accordingly. On a miss, they suffer concentrated fire now.

When you maintain an untenable position or course, roll+hard. On a 10+, you can hold it, and for 3 ticks you'll come under only incidental fire, even past 9:00. On a 7-9, you can hold it, and for a tick you'll come under only incidental fire. Either way you can abandon it before your time is up to avoid concentrated fire. On a miss, abandon it now or suffer concentrated fire. (If it's before 9:00, now it's 9:00.)

When you **stay the fuck down**, roll+**sharp**. On a hit, you're in a relatively safe spot for the rest of the battle. On a 10+, you come under no fire. On a 7-9, you come under only incidental fire. On a miss, you have to break position now or come under concentrated fire.

When you **follow through on someone else's move**, roll+**Hx**. If it's one of the MC's characters', roll+sharp. On a 10+, the MC chooses one of the following for you, as appropriate:

- you inflict +1harm
- you dominate someone's position
- you make an untenable position or course secure
- you avoid all fire
- you create an opportunity and follow through to full effect

On a 7–9, you create an opportunity, but you haven't seized it or followed through on it yet. The MC will tell you what it is. On a miss, the MC chooses one of the above for an appropriate character of her own.

# **AUGURY**

When you use your followers or your workspace for augury, roll+**weird**. On a hit, you can:

- Reach through the world's psychic maelstrom to something or someone connected to it.
- Isolate and protect a person or thing from the world's psychic maelstrom.
- Isolate and contain a fragment of the world's psychic maelstrom itself.
- Insert information into the world's psychic maelstrom.
- Open a window into the world's psychic maelstrom itself.

By default, the effect will last only as long as you maintain it, will reach only shallowly into the world's psychic maelstrom as it is local to you, and will bleed instability. On a 10+, choose 2; on a 7-9, choose 1:

- It'll persist (for a while) without your actively maintaining it.
- It reaches deep into the world's psychic maelstrom.
- It reaches broadly throughout the world's psychic maelstrom.
- It's stable and contained, no bleeding.

On a miss, whatever bad happens, your antenna takes the brunt of it.

#### INSIGHT

When you use your followers for **insight**, ask your followers what they think your best course is, and the MC will tell you. If you pursue that course, take +1 to any rolls you make in the persuit. If, though you pursue that course, you do not accomplish your ends, you mark experience.

# THE HARM MOVE

When you **suffer harm**, roll+**harm** suffered (after armor, if you're wearing any). On a 10+, the MC can choose 1:

- You're out of action: unconscious, trapped, incoherent or panicked.
- It's worse than it seemed. Take an additional 1-harm.
- Choose 2 from the 7-9 list below.

On a 7-9, the MC can choose 1:

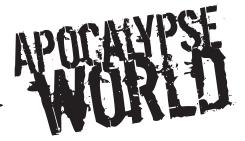
- You lose your footing.
- You lose your grip on whatever you're holding.
- You lose track of someone or something you're attending to.
- You miss noticing something important.

On a miss, the MC can nevertheless choose something from the 7–9 list above. If she does, though, it's instead of some of the harm you're suffering, so you take -1harm.

#### **DEBILITIES**

When the character's harm countdown crosses 9:00, the player can choose to mark a debility. If she does, she gets the debility, but the harm stops sharp at 9:00 on the countdown. Once she's past 9:00, she can choose to take a debility instead of any new wound.

Also: When you inflict harm on another PC, they get +1Hx with you for each harm done. When you heal another PC, you get +1Hx with them for each harm healed.



# **AGENDA**

- Make Apocalypse World seem real.
- Make the players' characters' lives not boring.
- Play to find out what happens.

# **ALWAYS SAY**

- What the principles demand.
- What the rules demand.
- What your prep demands.
- What honesty demands.

#### THE PRINCIPLES

- Barf forth apocalyptica.
- Address yourself to the characters, not the players.
- Make your move, but misdirect.
- Make your move, but never speak its name.
- Look through crosshairs.
- Name everyone, make everyone human.
- Ask provocative questions and build on the answers.
- Respond with fuckery and intermittent rewards.
- Be a fan of the players' characters.
- Think offscreen too.
- Sometimes, disclaim decision-making.

# YOUR MOVES

- Separate them.
- Capture someone.
- Put someone in a spot.
- Trade harm for harm (as established).
- Announce off-screen badness.
- Announce future badness.
- Inflict harm (as established).
- Take away their stuff.
- Make them buy.
- Activate their stuff's downside.
- Tell them the possible consequences and ask.
- Offer an opportunity, with or without a cost.
- Turn their move back on them.
- Make a threat move (from one of your fronts).

#### After every move: "what do you do?"

Always choose a move that can **follow logically** from what's going on in the game's fiction. It doesn't have to be the only one, or the most likely, but it does have to make at least some kind of sense.

Generally, limit yourself to a move that'll (a) set you up for a future harder move, and (b) give the players' characters some opportunity to act and react. A start to the action, not its conclusion.

However, when a player's character hands you the perfect opportunity on a golden plate, make as hard and direct a move as you like. It's **not** the meaner the better, although mean is often good. Best is: **make it irrevocable**.

When a player's character makes a move and the player misses the roll, that's the cleanest and clearest example there is of an opportunity on a plate. When you've been setting something up and it comes together without interference, that counts as an opportunity on a plate too.

But again, unless a player's character has handed you the opportunity, limit yourself to a move that sets up future moves, your own and the players' characters'.

Remember: a missed roll—followed by the MC's hard move— is **not the end** of the action. AW is not a "one and done" kind of game. Say "what do you do?" and carry on.

The most important and versatile setup move is **announce future badness**. If you don't have another move already at hand, announce future badness.

"Someone's in there, you hear them moving. What do you do?"

"Oh, hey, Keeler, Ribs is looking for you." What do you do?"

"She's about to figure out where you are. What do you do?"

"'Hey boss, it's cool, but I don't think everybody's happy. There've been more fights down in the stews, I think somebody's maybe trying to move in on somebody else's biz.' What do you do?"

"Dude you have a split second before that thing gets its teeth into your arm. What do you do?"

# A FEW MORE THINGS TO DO

- Make maps like crazy.
- Turn questions back on the asker or the group at large.
- Digress occasionally.
- Ellipse the action sometimes, and zoom in on its details other times.
- Give everyone some spotlight.
- Take breaks as needed. Take your time.

#### NAMES

Tum Tum, Gnarly, Fleece, White, Lala, Bill, Crine, Mercer, Preen, Ik, Shan, Isle, Pepper, Joe's Girl, Dremmer, Balls, Amy, Rufe, Jackabacka, Ba, Mice, Dog head, Hugo, Roark, Monk, Pierre, Norvell, H, Omie, Wise, Corbett, Jeanette, Rum, Pepper, Brain, Matilda, Rothschild, Wisher, Partridge, Brace Win, Bar, Roark, Parcher, Millions, Grome, Foster, Mill, Dustwich, Newton, Tao, Missed, III, Princy, East Harrow, Kettle, Putrid, Last, Twice, Clarion, Bondo, Mimi, Fianelly, Pellet, Li, Harridan, Rice, Do, Winkle, Fuse, Visage, Enough-to-eat, Barker, Imam, Bowdy, Daff, Exit, Chin, Look, Shazza, Fauna, Sun, Chack, Ricarra, Prim.

Grab unused names from the character playbooks, too.



# WARLORDS

- Slaver (impulse: to own and sell people)
- Hive queen (impulse: to consume and swarm)
- Prophet (impulse: to denounce and overthrow)
- Dictator (impulse: to control)
- Collector (impulse: to own)
- Alpha wolf (impulse: to hunt and dominate)

#### MC Moves for warlords:

- Outflank someone, corner someone, encircle someone.
- Attack someone suddenly, directly, and very hard.
- Attack someone cautiously, holding reserves.
- Seize someone or something, for leverage or information.
- Make a show of force.
- Make a show of discipline.
- Offer to negotiate. Demand concession or obedience.
- Claim territory: move into it, blockade it, assault it.
- Buy out someone's allies.
- Make a careful study of someone and attack where they're weak.

Warlords act primarily through their people, acting directly themselves only when cornered or caught out in the open.

#### LANDSCAPES

- Prison (impulse: to contain, to deny egress)
- Breeding pit (impulse: to generate badness)
- Furnace (impulse: to consume things)
- Mirage (impulse: to entice and betray people)
- Maze (impulse: to trap, to frustrate passage)
- Fortress (impulse: to deny access)

#### MC Moves for landscapes

- Reveal something to someone.
- Display something for all to see.
- Hide something.
- Bar the way.
- Open the way.
- Provide another way.
- Shift, move, rearrange.
- Offer a guide.
- Present a guardian.
- Disgorge something.
- Take something away: lost, used up, destroyed.

# **AFFLICTIONS**

- Disease (impulse: to saturate a population)
- Condition (impulse: to expose people to danger)
- Custom (impulse: to promote and justify violence)
- Delusion (impulse: to dominate people's choices and actions)
- Sacrifice (impulse: to leave people bereft)
- Barrier (impulse: to impoverish people)

#### MC Moves for afflictions:

- Someone neglects duties, responsibilities, obligations.
- Someone flies into a rage.
- Someone takes self-destructive, fruitless, or hopeless action.
- Someone approaches, seeking help.
- Someone approaches, seeking comfort.
- Someone withdraws and seeks isolation.
- Someone proclaims the affliction to be a just punishment.
- Someone proclaims the affliction to be, in fact, a blessing
- Someone refuses or fails to adapt to new circumstances.
- Someone brings friends or loved ones along.

#### BRUTES

- Hunting pack (impulse: to victimize anyone vulnerable)
- Sybarites (impulse: to consume someone's resources)
- Enforcers (impulse: to victimize anyone who stands out)
- Cult (impulse: to victimize & incorporate people)
- Mob (impulse: to riot, burn, kill scapegoats)
- Family (impulse: to close ranks, protect their own)

#### MC Moves for brutes

- Burst out in uncoordinated, undirected violence.
- Make a coordinated attack with a coherent objective.
- Tell stories (truth, lies, allegories, homilies).
- Demand consideration or indulgence.
- Rigidly follow or defy authority.
- Cling to or defy reason.
- Make a show of solidarity and power.
- Ask for help or for someone's participation.

# **GROTESQUES**

- Cannibal (impulse: craves satiety and plenty)
- Mutant (impulse: craves restitution, recompense)
- Pain addict (impulse: craves pain, its own or others')
- Disease vector (impulse: craves contact, intimate and/or anonymous)
- Mindfucker (impulse: craves mastery)
- Perversion of birth (impulse: craves overthrow, chaos, the ruination of all)

#### MC Moves for grotesques:

- Display the nature of the world it inhabits.
- Display the contents of its heart.
- Attack someone from behind or otherwise by stealth.
- Attack someone face-on, but without threat or warning.
- Insult, affront, offend or provoke someone.
- Offer something to someone, or do something for someone, with strings attached.
- Put it in someone's path, part of someone's day or life.
- Threaten someone, directly or else by implication.
- Steal something from someone.
- Seize and hold someone.
- Ruin something. Befoul, rot, desecrate, corrupt, adulter it.

