

WHAT'S IN A NAME? d12

1	Ed(mund)	James	Meathook
2	Roger(s)	Chris(topher)	Jose
3	Jack	Robert(s)	Fernando
4	David	Francois	Henry
5	Pete(r)	Juan	Mary
6	Angelica	John(athan)	Anne
7	Sam(uel)	Butch(er)	Philip
8	Morgan	(Old) Ben	Scraggs
9	Diego	Will(iam)	Eliza(beth)
10	Ed(ward)	Louis	Hector
11	Isabel(la)	Jean	Genny
12	Charles	Stede	Thom(as)

- deep cold, well below the line 2 3 nauseating green mist thick, low-lying fog 4 5 oppressively overcast
- sweltering, hellfire sunlight 6
- gentle breeze, smell of decay 7
- 8 calm before the storm
- 9 soft, cold rain 10 frigid trade winds
- 11 torrential downpours
- 12 catastrophic tempest

You are hungover for the lowest result in hours.

Add the dice together. The result is: 4-49 how much you spent/lost in silver 50+ how much you won/stole in silver

Test Toughness DR8 + [number of drinks in the last hour] to heal d4 HP. Fail and you vomit for d2 rounds. Agility is -1 for each drink (lasts one hour per drink).

d20	Last night you	[who?]	You wake up	and now you are	
1	??? (you don't remember) ??? (you don't know)		??? (you're blind/it's dark)	??? (confused).	
2	got lucky with	an enemy	tied to a spit over a fire	dead or dying.	
3	went swimming with	a pig	in your bunk or cabin	missing a limb.	
4	made enemies with	a stranger	in a gibbet cage	terrible (-1 to all stats).	
5	did some রঙদ্র with	a crewmate	in the hold of a ship	haggard (only d4 HP left).	
6	got in a fight with	a monkey	deep in the jungle	missing a digit or eye.	
7	started a riot with	a priest	tied to a stake	on a wanted poster.	
8	stole from	your crew	swinging from a mast	in debt (3d10 x10 silver).	
9	had a debate with	a ghost	in a dark cave	haunted.	
10	became friends with	a skeleton	in a coffin	really sad.	
11	played cards with	a barmaid/barkeep	with a noose around your neck	ravenously hungry.	
12	spent the night with	some wenches	in a brothel or tavern	soon to be a parent.	
13	gambled with	some soldiers	locked in a cell	in pain from a new tattoo.	
14	got drunk with	yourself	on a tavern floor	a year older.	
15	fell in love with	a beautiful person	on the beach	in love.	
16	had a run-in with	the Devil	naked in the street	rich (3d10 x 10 silver).	
17	killed	the captain	in a captain's cabin	the Captain now.	
18	married	a VIP	in a church	the owner of a ship.	
19	saw the sunrise with	a parrot	floating in water	amazing (gain experience).	
20	had dinner with	a VIP's adult progeny	in a mansion	filthy rich (+1k silver).	

1	escape	5	exploration	9	wealth
2	happiness	6	love or sex	10	hunger
3	recovery	7	revenge	11	reputation
4	nleasure	8	fear	12	aggression

Text in italics is not immedia in silver for extra loot.

13 adventure

16 protection

14 guilt 15 leisure

00	Roll again twice.	36
01-20	The result on the Ancient Relics table (pg. 62).	37
21	Skull with glowing green sockets.	38
22	A nasty-looking knife (d6).	
23	Wanted poster with a picture of one of the PCs on it.	39
24	Black candle. When lit its purple flame forms a skull.	40 41
25	Single golden manacle with 5 links.	
26	A leather journal. Contains 1 sea shanty (pg. 68).	
27	Oil lantern filled with dark green liquid.	42
	It burns a pale green light for 5', but never runs out.	43
28	Fine metal flask.	44
29	Bag of white powder.	45
30	Small box with d12 black pearls worth a	
01	fortune.	46
31	Sea shell lined with mother of pearl.	47
32	Pipe carved out of whale bone. <i>A mysterious map is</i>	48
	carved in the bowl.	49
33	Dead rat.	50-5
34	Jewel encrusted egg. Agility DR18 to open or it breaks. Clockwork inside,	60
	worth 500s.	61
35	d8 crab claws. Throwing them before	62
	casting a ritual lowers the DR by 1.	63

tely	obvious. Add the resul	t ir
6	Stone ring with an engraved rune.	64
7	Deep blue gemstone. It sparkles in the moonlight.	65 66
8	Obsidian figurine of a Kraken. The Kraken won't attack you.	
9	Parrot feather. +1 Devil's Luck each dawn.	67
0	Some rotten dried fruit.	
-1	Recipe for turtle stew. If made,	68
	everyone who can smell it passes out.	69
	smell it passes out. At sea, the crew	70
	awakes with their ship drifting near a mysterious island.	71
-2	Small book on tying sailor knots.	72
.3	Deck of playing cards. The queens are mermaids.	73
.4	Random bomb (pg. 53).	74
-5	Jar of d10 eyeballs preserved in white rum. They still see.	75
.6	Set of lock picks.	76
.7	Paper doll painted with blood.	
8	Deep green gemstone worth 100s.	
.9	Small wood flute.	77
0-59	The result in silver.	
0	Leather eye patch.	78
	That eye can see in the dark.	79
1	Flintlock pistol with tally marks.	80-

- d4 gold teeth.
 - Letter from a bonnie lass.

A ship's schedule with details of a treasure ship.

17 intoxication

18 family

20 occult

19 religion

Jar of black sand.

Book of dark rituals. 66 Test Spirit DR14 to learn one random ritual (pg. 64) or else permanently lose 1 Spirit.

- 67 Handwritten collection of ghost stories.
- 68 Book: A Guide to Sailor Tattoos.
- A live rat. 59
- d4 dead fish. 70

Vial of blowfish poison. *Test* . Toughness DR12 or take d10 damage.

- Treasure map (pg. 119).
- 73 A glass eye that always looks West.
- 74 Broken cutlass hilt (d4).
- **Glass dagger. (**3d4), breaks after 1 use. 75
- Book: The Secret Art 76 of Fencing in the Age of Gunpowder. Test Presence D12 to permanently gain +1 Strength. It only works once.
 - Bottle filled with iridescent dust.
- 78 Lint. Flammable.

Golden idol. Priceless, belongs in a museum.

80-89 d8 gold doubloons worth the result in silver.

90+ Random Thing of Importance (pg. 60). **Ditateboly** is a game about grog-swilling pirates, undead galleons, arcane treasures found in ancient temples, and high seas adventure. It's not a game about slavery, sexual violence, genocide, or any of the other abhorrent real parts of our history. Please treat these topics with the respect they deserve, or leave them out of the game altogether and go hunt some skeletons.

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inspiration

SAILS & THE DARKEST DUNGEON & THE DARK OF HOT SPRINGS ISLAND & MOTHERSHIP & SEA OF THIEVES DOOM & PIRATES OF THE SPANISH MAIN & APOCALYPTO & ASSASSIN'S CREED IV: BLACK FLAG & BLACK 💐 SHADOW black freighter & the dark castle & on stranger tides & sid meier's pirates! & the serpent CARIBBEAN 🎘 A WIZARD OF EARTHSEA 🐥 RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK 🎘 THE GOONIES 🎘 TALES FROM THE ND THE FREASURE ISLAND 🎘 DAGON 異 CALL OF CTHULHU 🎘 THE SHADOW OVER INNSMOUTH 異 PIRATES OF THE RAINBOW OF THE TOMB RAIDER 🎘 ♣ THE ABYSS ♣ THE SECRET OF MONKEY ISLAND THE BLACK HACK & NEVERLAND JE & OAK & IRON № ноок & ARMY OF DARKNESS X8 KNOCK! Xa



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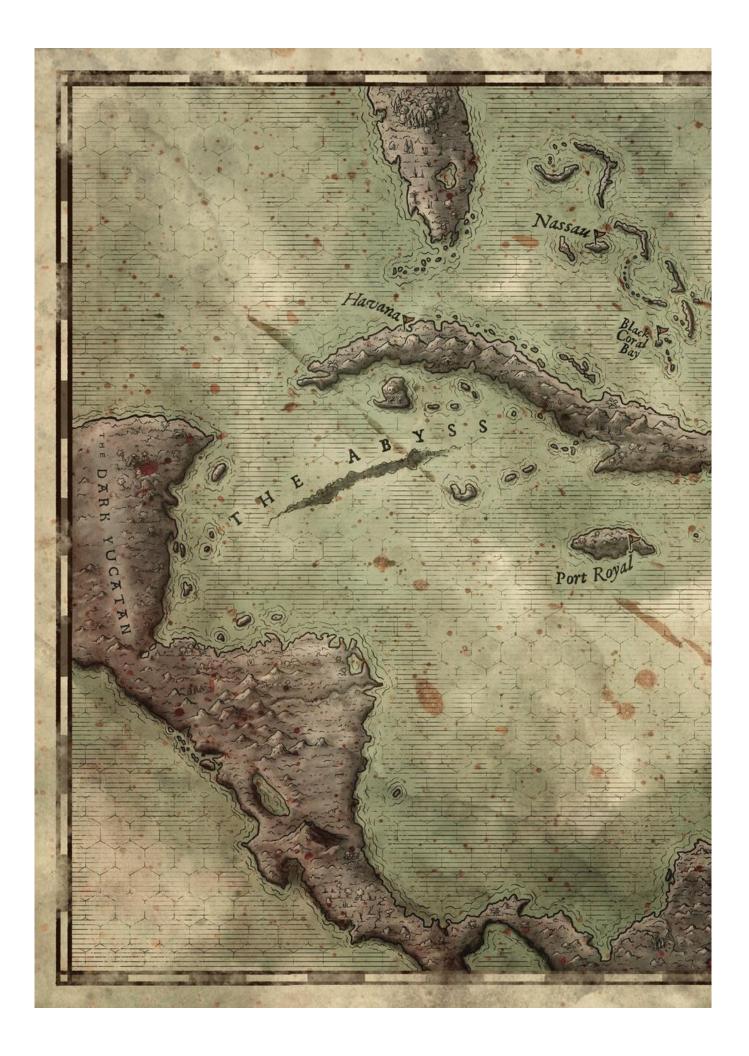
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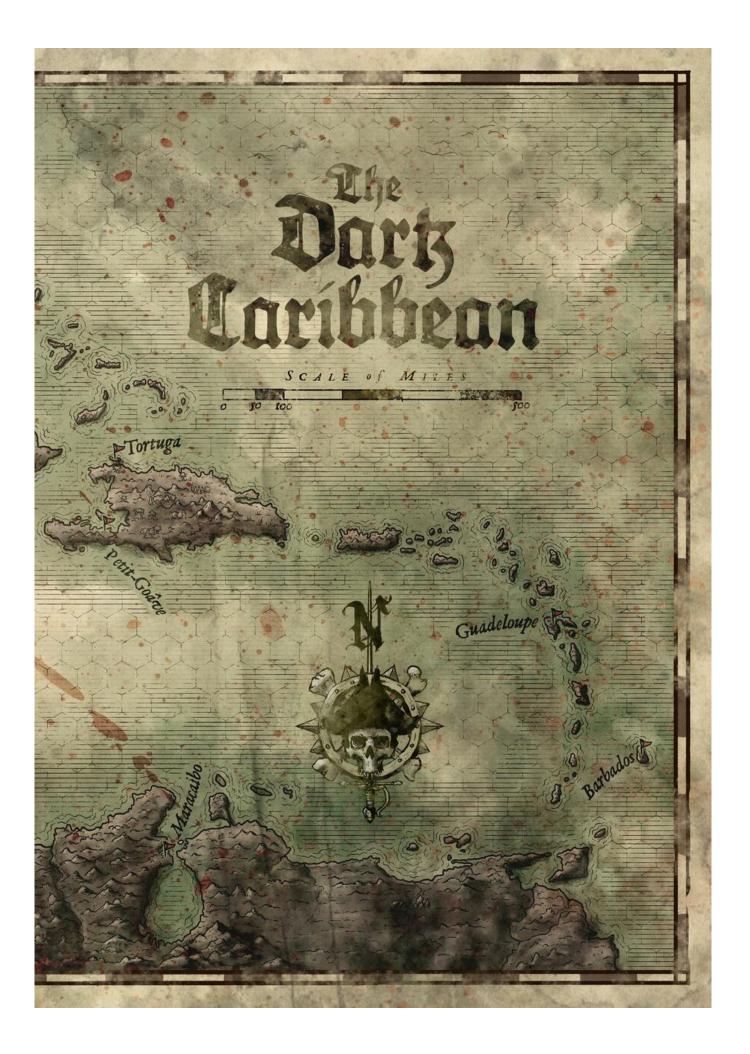
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Early explorers thought the

Caribbean was paradise:

they found nothing but deserted islands and bountiful treasures. It wasn't until thousands had left their crowded, blighted homelands and settled in among the islands that they encountered the Gourge...

It began on the solstice.

Haunting screams echoed over sandy beaches, and from the death black waves crawled the undead. Terror spread like wildfire.

At first they came in single numbers, but hordes gestated and soon settlements were blotted out by a torrent of lifeless, nameless creatures.

Possessed *flesh* of dead sailors, **ghosts** of displaced inhabitants, **skeletal constructs** shrouded in seaweed and muck, and horrible **monsters** born from the unknowable dark places in the world:

They emerged from the sea and consumed all.

The meek had nowhere to flee but to their graves, only to rise again at dusk.

Survivors fortified cities and bolstered strongholds. Soon after, the effects of ASH were discovered. A new status quo was born.

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ASH (ăsh) noun.

1. The remnants of destroyed undead. First discovered in the *Dark Caribbean*. Known to have physiological & psychedelic effects when consumed. Extremely valuable. Responsible for numerous conflicts, trade disputes, and an influx of black markets. Addicts can be spotted by their sunken eye sockets, darkened lips, and faintly glowing bones.

CURRENT ASM MARKET [2d6]

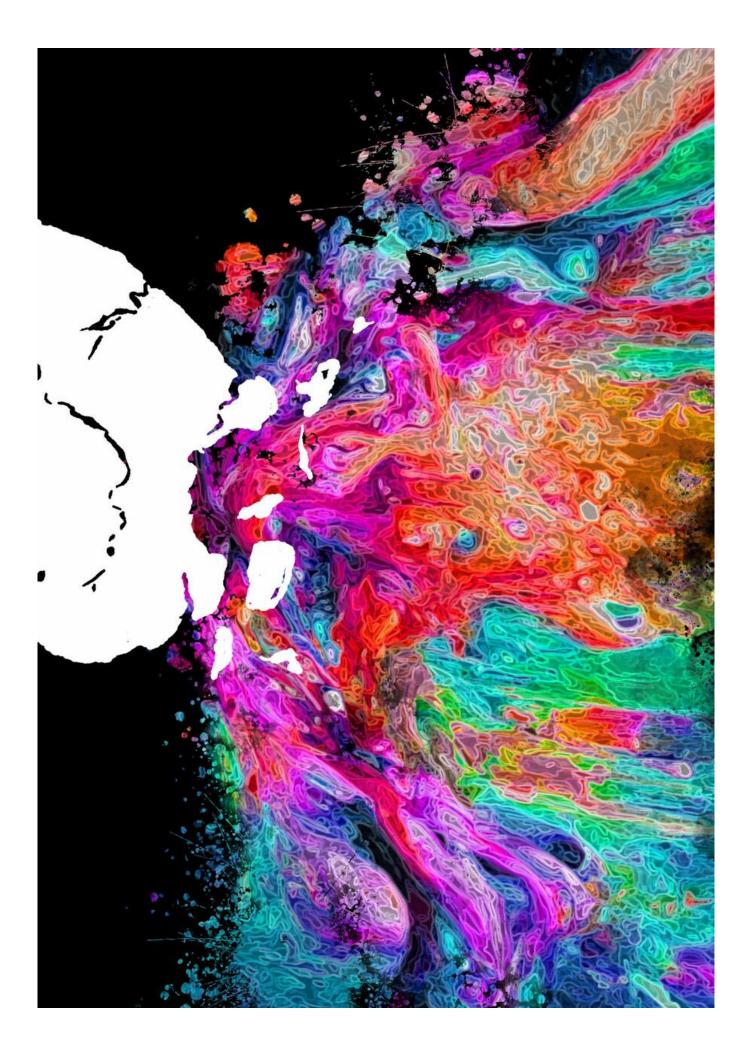
The standard rate per dose (~5 lbs. or one per skeleton) is 50s. Roll in each new port or each day.

- 2 Buyer's market (can't give it away).
- 3 Flooded: half the rate.
- 4-5 Surplus: lower last rate by 20%.
- 6-8 Holding steady.
- 9-10 In demand: raise rate by 20%.
- 11 Rare: double the last rate.
- 12 Seller's market (name your price).

EFFECTS OF CONSUMING ASM [d20] Most effects last for 2d6 minutes.

- 1 Overdose. Pass out for d4 rounds. Test Toughness DR12 or instant death.
- z Roll a Mystical Mishap (pg. 66).
- 3 Lose d4 HP and become infected.
- 4 Permanent -1 to all abilities.
- 5 The world turns gray and lifeless. You no longer see the joy in living. All seems dead.
- 6 Everyone around you appears to be (d4): 1. undead 2. soldiers 3. sea creatures. 4. all 3.
- 7 You think you're an animal (d6, pg. 86).
- 8 One of your limbs (d4) rots away permanently. It is replaced by a ghost limb at sunset.
- 9 You fear the sun and thirst for blood, brains, or both.
- 10 You hear colors, see sounds, and feel taste.

- 11 Gain the effects of tier 3 armor.
- 12 Time slows down. Take 2 actions or attacks each round.
- 13 Attack and defend at -4 DR.
- 14 Gain d12 temporary hit points.
- 15 You can see in the dark. Everything that has ever lived glows neon colors.
- 16 Move double your speed (up to 60'/turn).
- 17 +2 to Strength and Agility for 24 hours.
- 18 Mental transcendence. Permanent +1 to Presence.
- 19 You are one with the universe. Permanent +1 to Spirit.
- 20 Roll d10+10 three times (duplicate results have no effect).



n New Providence Island is Nassau Town, the ruins of an imperial colony. Now it is barely more than a collection of driftwood shacks and canvas tents. At night, cooking fires litter rum-soaked beaches like drunk fireflies. Here the



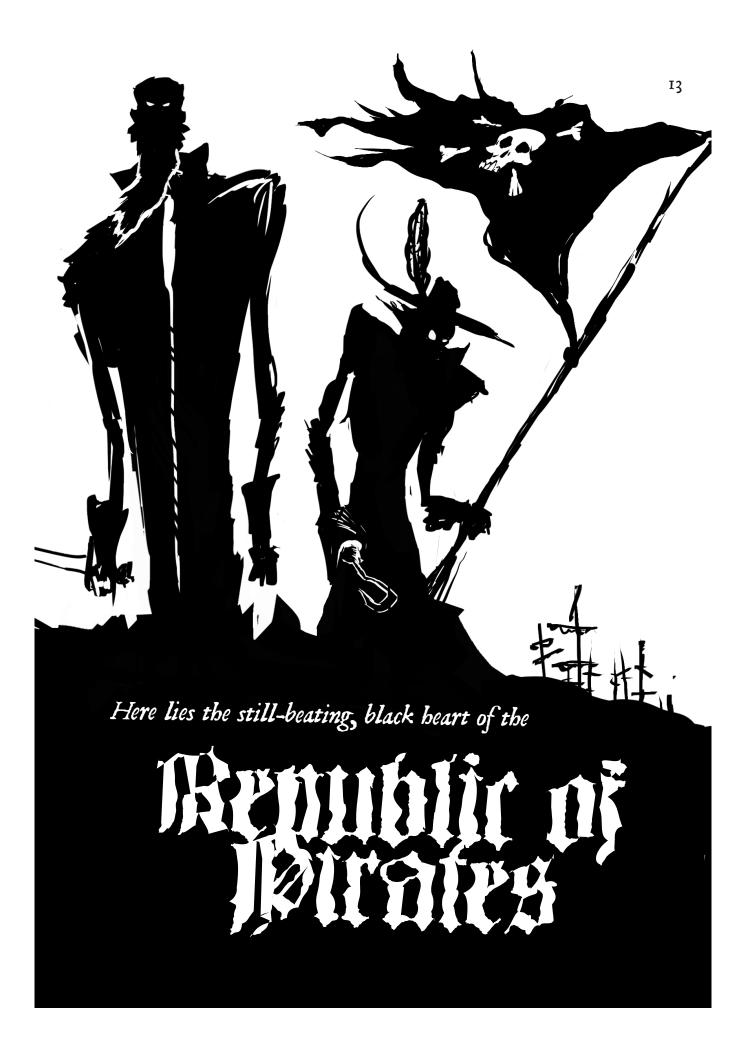
lie in wait for the

call of the sea.

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outcast tribe of rebels, thieves & vagabonds, their lust for riches and debauchery is only surpassed by an unyielding demand for freedom. The long reach of imperialism is a vapid memory that wanes with the crumbling ruins of the island's lone seaside fort. It is a bastion against law, order, and responsibility.

o the south, the piratical outpost on the small island of Tortuga has devolved into a cesspool of vagrants and rapscallions. ASH, the primary commodity, is smuggled, sold, stolen, snorted, smoked, and sequestered. Each night parvenu squander a year's wages on chemical escapism, carnal pleasures, and games of chance in a myriad of taverns, brothels, and ASH dens.





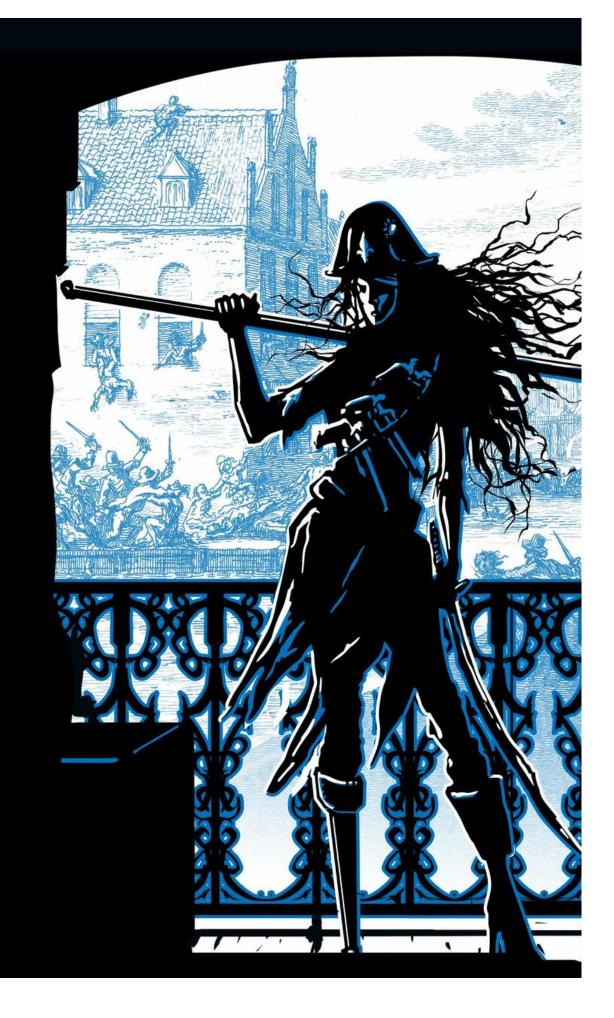
Empire rots from within. Endless warmongering and blatant imperialism have bled their treasuries dry. All but abandoned by the Crown, the few ports that still fly the Union Jack have become obsequious to the Machiavellian

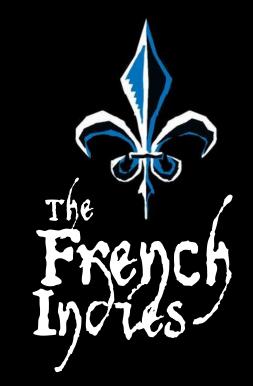
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governor of the Jamaica colony, is despondent in the eye of the storm. While his subordinates scramble to rebuild **Jort Noyal** after a preternatural earthquake, he conscripts a fleet of tenebrous privateers in hopes of avoiding his inevitable ruin.

God save The Sing





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On the western shores of Hispaniola, whispers of revolution gestate in the festering colony of *Petite-Goâve*. Once an ivory tower of the French monarchy, it is now no more than a rotting figurehead, and a clandestine network of spies and assassins flourish in the vacuum left by a preoccupied King. Its harbors overflow with merchant vessels like flies on a carcass, and the bourgeoisie acquiesce to the whims of capitalistic crime syndicates and malevolent cultists.

To the west, among the small wild islands known as The Lesser Antilles, is *Guadeloupe*. An opulent palace and extravagantly decorated forts shadow impoverished slums and crumbling warrens. Here, hedonistic aristocrats turn a blind, drunken eye to the incompetent and bloated military's patriarchal conquests. All can be bought and sold, including munitions, letters of marque, undercover agents, ASPA, courtesans, scandals, false hope, and sanctuary.

n the western shores of Cuba, the capital of the unceropalty of new spain shines like a greedy candle sputtering in a smokechoked room. Here in Havana, brightly painted stucco and lush palm fronds mask the corrupt whims of the overcrowded metropolis. Aristocrats, politicians, and puppet masters pull the strings of a dying kingdom, their threads woven from subterfuge and propaganda. Fortresses armed with countless cannons guard an impenetrable harbor where seasonal treasure fleets amass before transporting silver, gold, and ASH back east.

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cross the sea, at the mouth of Lake Maracaibo, the citabel to wers over the nearby jungle like a mass of razor sharp coral protruding at high tide. Here the inquisition weaves its devious web. Their nest: the endless dungeons sunken deep beneath the city. Their prey: countless heretics forced into endless repentance. Sailors flee from the cries of the baushee that baunts these waters... but it is only the screams of the damned, and nothing more. IQ

Clandestine cultists with eldritch ambitions.

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Their secret society hidden in plain sight amongst sailors and townsfolk.

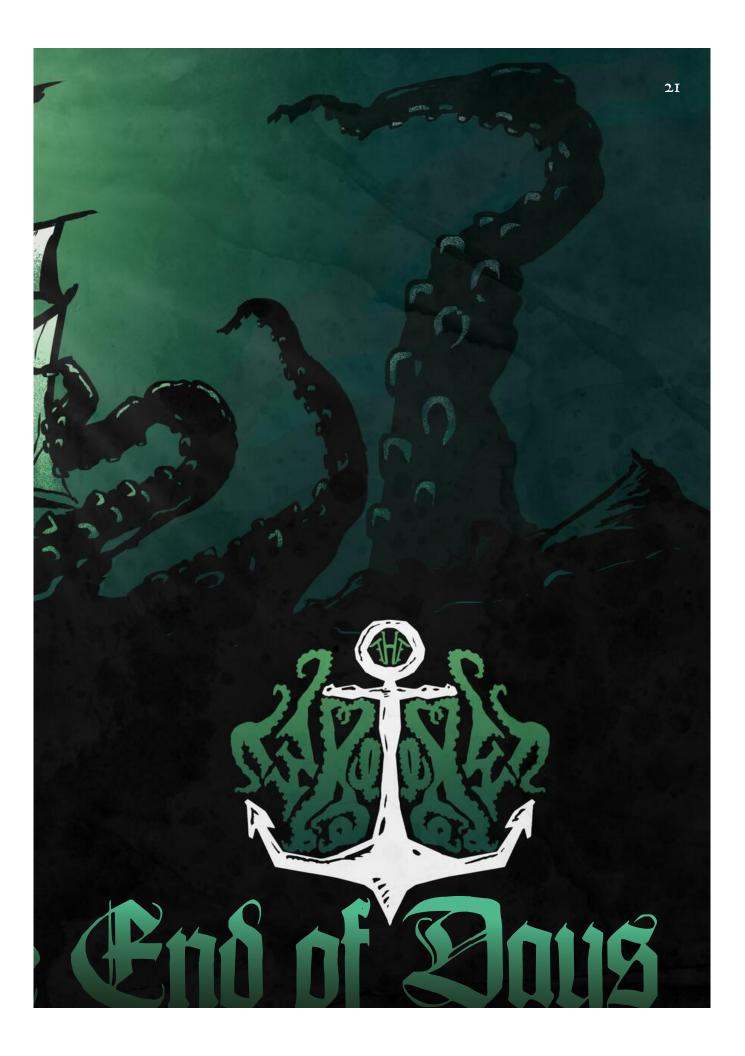
Each solstice, their The Sunken One prophet

submerges in bring shallows. he returns with

omens from The Great Dld Dnes, and these new psalms are sanguinated into the only book that ever mattered:

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The Their altar: The Abyss. Their prayer: for those that once were to return from the depths and commence:



Far to the WEST, evil wells in the DARK YUCATAN. Folktales of cities made of gold and temples tipe with untapped fortunes taunt the meek like the befouled carcass taunts the vulture.

The borders reek of rot, yet the jungle calls to those who listen. Like the beretic Cortes, none who have ventured into that exectable labyrinth have returned to tell the tale...



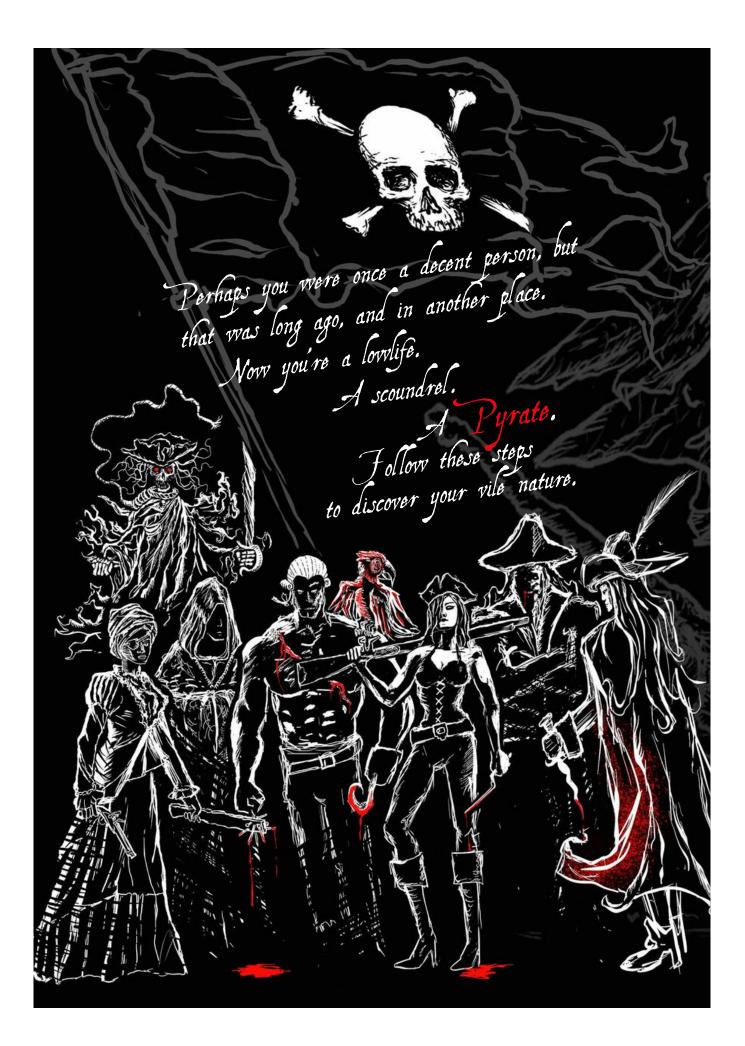
A GENERAL HISTORY OF THE

Dartz Caríbbean

Chronicling the EVENTS and HAPPENINGS in the islands of the New World, and their utter descent into APOCALYPSE.

	1. The Greater Antilles War	2. The Rise and Fall of Nassau	3. The Scourge of the New World	4. The Ashes of Tortuga	5. And The Wretched Exalted	6. Eldritch Tides of Doom
Chapter 1	The Spanish and English are at <i>War</i> ? Both are recruiting privateers. They pay in advance.	Port Royal is destroyed in an earthquake. Thousands are killed, more are homeless.	Horrifying screams coming from the sea reported region- wide. No known source.	ASH, dust left by destroyed undead, is found to have physiological & psychedelic properties.	Religious fanatics take over The Old Stone Church in Havana. An occult influence is speculated.	rage, and a
Chapter 2	Constant state of war! The battle for the Greater Antilles rages on with no end in sight.	Nassau is sacked. The " <i>Republic</i> of <i>Pirates</i> " is established, the region's first true democracy.	<i>They walk again!</i> The dead rise from the grave & the sea. At first, a few, but hordes soon follow.	A black market develops around the consumption of ASH . Tortuga becomes the epicenter.	Mysterious ruins discovered on the Yucatan. Scholars mount an expedition. None return alive.	<i>"The Abyss"</i> opens south of Jamaica. Ocean now falls into the darkness of a 6-mile-long fissure.
Chapter 3	A Spanish treasure fleet shipwrecks off the coast of Florida. Nations and pirates are on the hunt!	Famous pirates are executed and hung in gibbet cages. Their cursed corpses scream at bystanders.	Undead, now known as " <i>The</i> <i>Scourge</i> ," ravage settlements and ports. State of Emergency declared.	Tortuga devolves from a bastion of buccaneering to a cesspool of thieves and vagrants. Even pirates aren't safe there.	A lone figure emerges from the jungle. His eyes are as black as the abyss. He is <i>terrible</i> to behold.	<i>The Kraken</i> <i>Attacks!</i> Over 500 ships have been lost at sea. Large rewards are offered. None are collected.
Chapter 4	Region-wide cease fire declared as nations deal with tragedy. Hundreds of warships abandoned.	Edward <i>"Blackbeard"</i> Thatch goes on a killing spree. He is slain in a skirmish with the Royal Navy.	Freshly killed fish and livestock animate and writhe at sunset. No ones seems to mind anymore.	Revolution! Citizens take to the streets in Hispaniola. Government is overthrown!	Ships of bone and flesh emerge from the sea. Their skeletal crews terrorize shipping routes.	Ruins of <i>Atlantis</i> rise from the deep in the Devil's Triangle. Humanoid sea creatures attack.
Chapter 5	Derelict ships litter the sea. Salvage prospectors get rich and reset the status quo.	Blackbeard, a sorcerer, returns from the grave with an army of the dead. The living fight back.	A mass exodus of birds and beasts occurs. No wildlife has been seen in weeks.	Thousands flee their for safety. Havana, Jamaica, and Guadeloupe explode in population.	Havana is destroyed in a fire rumored to have started at the Old Stone Church, yet it still stands	Otherworld monstrosities spew forth from the sea, devouring entire vessels whole.
Chapter 6	The skies shift from smoke-gray to crimson and putrid orange. Sunlight becomes a myth.	Nassau is lost to <i>The Scourge</i> . Any who escaped border on insanity. Fear becomes currency.	All marine life dies & washes ashore. Fishing industry collapses. Widespread famine.	Everyone who has ever used ASM becomes <i>Scourge</i> . Rum turns to water. Escapism evaporates.	An ominous tempest permanently surges over Cuba. It is now a wasteland.	A maelstrom forms around <i>The Abyss.</i> Earthquakes! Islands crumble into the sea.

Use this timeline in any way you see fit: as historical records, rumors, plot hooks, current events, tales found in a book... Chapters can be explored from left to right, and story lines progress chronologically from top to bottom. Reveal them in order or roll [d66] for a random event. END IN <u>ARMAGEDDON</u>. Cast the book into the sea...



D'ENIL'S LVKK

(stops bleeding/poison/ infection and heals do HP, Presence + 4 uses)

[d10]

1 snake

2 rat

2 rat
3 lizard
4 monkey
5 parrot
6 cat
7 dog
8 hawk
9 hermit crab
10 fish in a jar 10 fish in a jar

[d10]

1 concertina

2 drum

drum
 flute
 fiddle
 banjo
 horn
 hurdy-gurdy
 guitar
 mandolin
 voice of an angel

ABILITY SCORES

Roll 3d6 and use the table below to generate each ability score from -3 to +3. Your class alters your modifiers. Alternatively, landlubbers (PCs with no class) can roll 4d6 and drop the lowest result. The sum is not used in the game once the character is created, only the modifier.

Abilities can never exceed -3 or +6.

MODIFIERS

3-4	5-6	7-8	9-12	13-14	15-16	17-18
-3	-2	-1	<u>+</u> 0	+1	+2	+3

ABILITIES

STRENGTH AGILITY PRESENCE TOUGHNESS SPIRIT Crush, lift, strike, grapple. Defend, balance, swim, flee. Smarts, ranged weapons, perceive, charm. Drink grog, hold breath, survive falling. Willpower, using relics, casting rituals.

TESTS

DIFFICULTY RATINGS [DR]

Tests are made against a Difficulty Rating (DR). To succeed, roll d20 ± your ability with a result equal to or greater than the DR. *Creatures don't use abilities, they just roll a d20 against DR*.

- 6 easy, even for a landlubber
- 8 routine, but some chance of failure
- 10 pretty simple, but not too simple
- 12 normal
- 14 difficult

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- really hard
- nigh impossible

Examples: pick the jail lock DR14, climb the rigging DR12, lift the broken mast DR16.

HOLDING YOUR BREATH

You can hold your breath for 1 + Toughness minutes (minimum 1 minute), and half that when under physical duress (minimum 30 seconds swimming fast, combat, lifting). After that, test Toughness DR12 each round (increase the DR by 2 each round) or lose 1 HP. You drown at 0 HP.



CARRYING CAPACITY

You can carry 8+Strength *normal-sized* items without a problem. After that, testing Strength and Agility DR increases by 2 (from 12 to 14, etc.). It is impossible to carry more than double 8+Strength.

Normal-sized: cargo nets, muskets, shovels. NOT cannons, sea chests, oars, corpses.

30 | VIOLENCE

Biolence

Players roll to attack and defend. *Enemies don't roll dice in combat.*

INITIATIVE [d6]

1-3 enemies go first4-6 PCs go first

Individual initiative (if needed): AGILITY + d6

CRITICAL [natural 20] ATTACK: Deal double damage, then armor/ protection is reduced one tier. DEFENSE: PC can make an immediate free attack.

FUMBLE [natural 1]

ATTACK: The weapon breaks or is lost. DEFENSE: PC takes double damage, then their armor is reduced one tier.

FUMBLE A BLACK POWDER

WEAPON ATTACK [d6] 1-2 BACKFIRE. Take d2 damage. 3-4 BROKEN. Weapon is broken. 5-6 BOTH.

ARMOR

When you take damage, roll your Armor Die and subtract that from the total damage. TIERS: tier 3 -d6

tier 3 -d6 tier 2 -d4 tier 1 -d2 tier 0 -0

When armor is damaged (i.e., from a fumble), penalties to Strength and Agility tests still persist (see pg. 52).

Armor reduced below 1st tier is ruined and cannot be repaired. For armor repair costs, see pg. 53.

MELEE Test STRENGTH DR12

RANGED Test PRESENCE DR12

DEFENSE

Test AGILITY DR12 If you fail the enemy hits you. Enemies attack once per round unless noted otherwise.

Rounds, Movement, Rest, Reaction, Morale | 31

Rounds

Combat rounds are 6 seconds, enough time to make an attack, run across the deck of a ship, use Relic, or complete a Ritual.

Movement

Most creatures can travel 30' (or six 5-foot squares) a round. Difficult terrain or swimming: half speed.



- Short rest (about 10 minutes): recover d4 HP.
- Long rest (overnight): recover d8 HP.
- No food or drink: restore o HP. After two days of starving: lose d4 HP per day.
- Infected/sick/bleeding/poisoned: lose d6 HP every morning (instead of recovering).

[2d6] Heaction

When meeting creatures whose reaction is uncertain:

2-3	bloodthirsty
4-6	angered or alarmed
7-8	indifferent, neutral
9-10	almost friendly
11-12	helpful

[2d6] Magale

Most enemies will not fight to the death. Roll 2d6 for morale if:

- 😤 The leader is killed.
- A Half of the group is eliminated.

A single enemy has only 1/3 of its HP left. If you roll greater than the creature's Morale value it is demoralized. Roll d6 to see if the enemy (1-3) flees or (4-6) surrenders.

32 | HIT POINTS, DEATH

Hit Points [HP]

Reference your class for starting HP, or if you are a Landlubber (you have no class) begin with Toughness + d10.

You never start with less than 1HP.

Zero HP

If you are reduced to 0 HP, you are Broken.

BROKEN [d6]

- 1 Instant death*.
- 2 Hemorrhage: Death in d2 hours unless treated. All tests are DR16 the first hour. DR18 the last hour.
- **3** Brain injury: You awake in 1 hour with a -3 to Presence for d8 days.
- 4 Roll a d6: 1-5 = Broken or severed limb.
 6 = Lost eye. Can't act for d4 rounds then become active with d4 HP.
- 5 Fall unconscious for d4 rounds, awaken with 1 HP and 0 Devil's Luck.
- 6 Fall unconscious for d2 rounds, awaken with d4 HP and d2 Devil's Luck.

Pegative HP

If you are reduced to less than 0 HP: you are *Dead** (skip being *Broken*). Down to Davy Jones' Locker with ye!



*Optional: GM may allow dead PCs to return to life as a Haunted Soul, pg. 46

Baining Experience

The game master decides when a character should be improved. It might be after: taking a prize, raiding a port, dividing the plunder, burying treasure, or exploring a temple. When this happens, do these things:

I. ABILITY CHANGES

Roll a d6 against every ability. Results equal to or greater than the ability increase it by 1, to a maximum of +6. Results below the ability decrease it by 1. *Abilities from -3 to +1* are always increased by 1 unless the d6 result is 1, in which case the ability is then reduced by 1, but never below -3.

2. MORE HP

Increase your *maximum* HP by d6. You must rest or heal to increase your *current* HP.

> 3. GAIN A CLASS FEATURE See your class description to gain a new feature.

4. AMONG THE DEAD MEN YOU FIND [d6] 1-2 nothing

- 3 a weapon (d12, pg. 50)
- 4 3d10 silver
- ς 1 ancient relic (pg. 62)
- 6 1 arcane ritual (pg. 64)



When you're not bashing, smashing, slashing, or crashing, you're... well, that's all you really know how to do. You can't use Arcane Rituals, but your muscles are basically "magic."

ABILITIES Strength +1, Toughness +1, Presence -1, Spirit -1. HP: Toughness + d12. BEGINS WITH d2 Devil's Luck, pg. 54. Roll for clothing [d10] and a hat [d12], pg. 52.

Starting Seature

You begin with a trusted weapon (d6). It will never break, but you drop it on a Fumble. It is DR -2 to attack. What is its name?

 BRASS ANCHOR. Requires 2 hands, d8 damage, and target's armor is reduced by one tier (-d2) during the attack.
 WHALING HARPOON. d8 damage, can be thrown by testing AGILITY DRIO.
 MEAT CLEAVER. Caked in layers of dried blood. d4 damage, and on a damage roll of 1 it spreads a disease from one of its prior victims: the target loses d6 HP at the start of its next two turns.
 PART OF A BROKEN MAST. It has a rusted nail protruding from one end. d8 damage, plus an extra d6 on a

critical hit.

5. RUNIC MACHETE.

d6 damage. Great for chopping down vines and fopdoodles. It glows in the dark if there are undead nearby.

6. ROTTEN CARGO NET. Test AGILITY DR12 to throw it at something and stop it from moving for d2 rounds. Trapped targets take d2 damage/round.

ng Better

Every time you gain experience, gain one of the following (d6). Reroll repeats.

I. LIAR'S DICE.

A small bag of 5d6. Roll them at the start of combat. If the total is even, -2 DR for melee attacks, but defend with +2 DR.

2. BOOMSTICK.

Listen up. You find a top-of-the-line blunderbuss. You got that? "BOOMSTICK" BLUNDERBUSS DR8 to hit & dro damage when in melee range, otherwise DR12 and d4.

3. BLOOD FRENZY.

+2 to damage rolls for each enemy you've killed so far this battle. Resets/ends after 10 rounds (1 minute) of no death.

4. TAVERN BOXER. Your fists deal 2d4 and ignore Fumbles. 5. THICK SKINNED.

You count as wearing light armor even when you aren't (tier 1, -d2).

6. GROG BREATH.

When in melee range, belch to stun an opponent for 1 round. Limit once an hour unless you drink more grog.

36 | CLASS: RAPSCALLION



CLASS: RAPSCALLION 37

Drinking Grog&Rum

Test Toughness DR8 + Inumber of drinks in the last hour] to heal d4 HP. Fail and you vomit for d2 rounds. Agility is -1 for each drink (lasts one hour per drink).

Sneaty Bastard

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When striking from the shadows or while sneaking, test Agility DR12. On a success you automatically deal a critical hit.

> If taken again: -2 to DR.

Lucty Devil

Whenever you use the Devil's Luct, draw a card:

9+: Regain 1 Luck. Joker: Roll on the JOKER TABLE.

If taken again: Lower the card number needed to regain Luck by 1.

1. The Devil

comes for your

soul. You are

portal. This

is the end of

your story.

2-9. Lose

all of your

points.

remaining Luck

10-19. Regain 2

Luck points.

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20. Gain 4 Luck

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[d20]

Grog Brewer Each day you can brew da servings of Potent grog. You can soak melee weapons in it to use as a poison Grog in a wound. Test TOUGHNESS DRIA or -do HP.

If taken again, draw a card.

Red. Increase damage die ldosd8sdrosdr21 Foker. Both.

Black +2 to DR.

38 | Class: Buccaneer

HP: TOUGHNESS+d8. Devil's Luck d2

Ucanee

Skilled trackers and survivalists. Expert sharpshooters, especially with muskets & rifles: reloading black powder weapons takes you I round instead of 2. You start with a **MUSKET AND to + PRESENCE ROUNDS OF SHOT**. When you begin, and when you gain experience, roll d6 for a feature. Each can be taken twice (reroll if rolled three times).

1. TREASURE HUNTER

Ability tests related to mapping, navigating, treasure hunting, finding & disarming traps, and tracking prey are -3 DR. If taken again: -6 DR.

2. CRACK SHOT All ranged attacks are -2 DR. If taken again: -4 DR.

3. FIX BAYONETS!

You now have a bayonet (d4). You can attack with it on the same turn you reload. If taken again: d6 damage instead.

4. FOCUSED AIM

Attacks against enemies you have already shot at during this combat

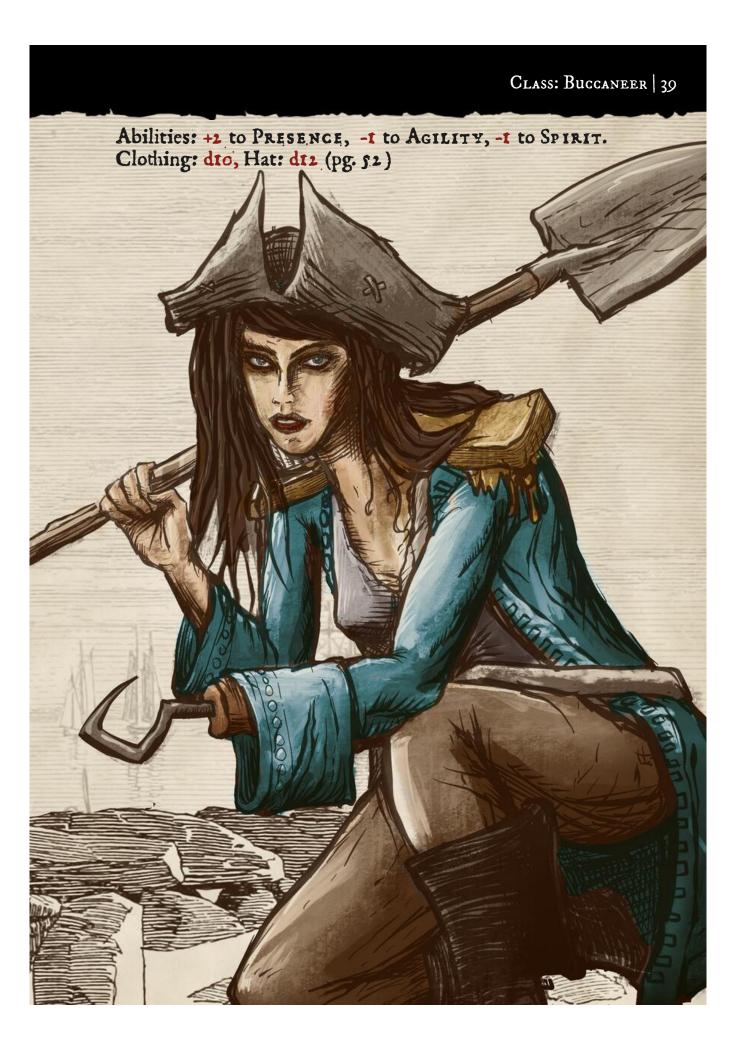
are -4. DR to hit. If taken again: the attack also deals d4 extra damage.

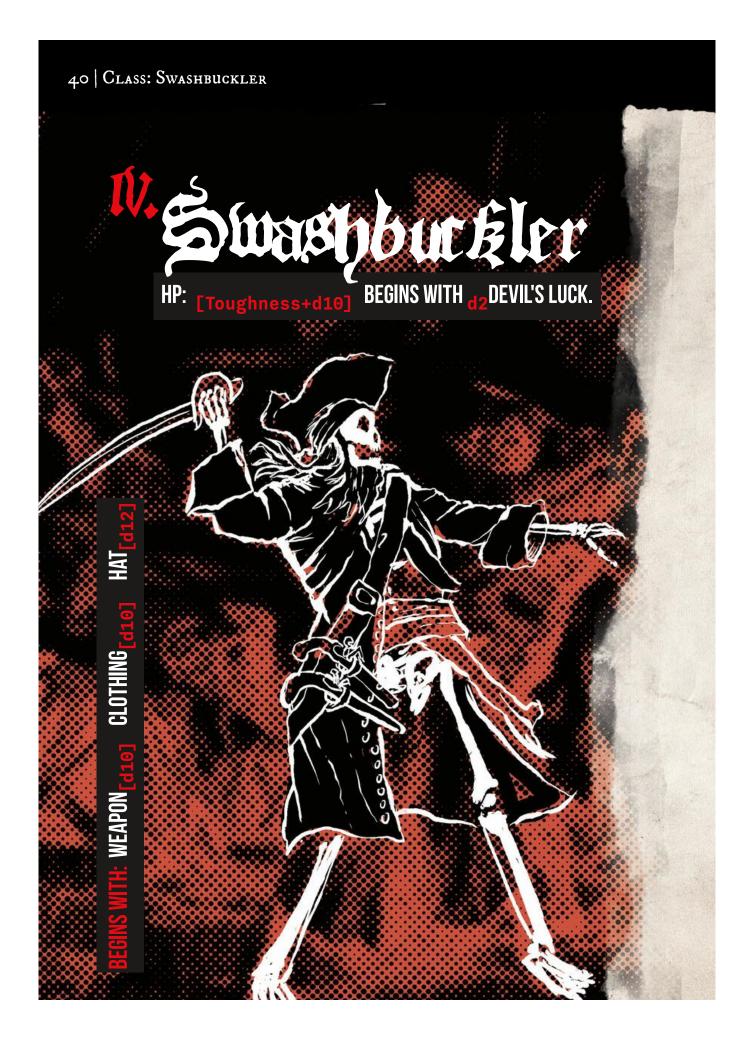
5. BUCCAN COOK

Months of island life have taught you the art of cooking meats over the buccan fire. You start with d8 rations of exquisite smoked meat. Eating it immediately recovers d4 HP, and you can make d4 more rations from any edible animal you kill. If taken again: recovers d6 instead.

6. SURVIVALIST

Your body has developed into a finely tuned machine for existing in the wild. Gain +1 TOUGHNESS. You cannot become infected, sick, or poisoned, and your maximum HP increases by d4. If taken again: -4 to DR and HP increases another d4.





a brash Fighter with Bravado

Abilities

+1 to Strength, +1 to Agility, -1 to Presence, -1 to Spirit.

You BEGIN with one of the following fighting styles (d6):

1. Ostentatious Fencer

Your melee Attack/Defense is DR10 when wielding a rapier or cutlass. When dueling one-on-one, you deal +1 damage.

2. Flintlock Fanatic

You can attack with up to three pistols on your turn (if you have them). Reloading one pistol only takes you one round.

3. Scurvy Scallywag

You don't fight fair. -2 DR when attacking an enemy that has already been attacked this turn.

4. Inspiring Leader

Once each combat, roll a d4. Each of your allies may add or subtract that value from any one roll during this combat.

5. Knife Knave

You start with 2 knives, and when attacking with them you can make two attacks a turn. They are DR10 to hit, and if the first attack hits, the 2nd is an auto-hit.

6. Black Fourder Goet You start with explosives. Roll d4 times

You start with explosives. Roll d4 times on the *Bombs* table (pg. 53). Your DR is -2 when throwing bombs.



Each TIME YOU GAIN EXPERIENCE, gain one of the following (d6, reroll if already taken):

I. Shakespeare of Insults

Your tongue is as quick as your blade. Add +1 to all your damage rolls.

2. Military Mastermind

Your experience in combat makes you and your allies a deadly threat. When combat starts, test PRESENCE DR10 to take a surprise attack round against the enemy or prevent them from surprising you.

3. Sword Master

You have mastered the art of swordplay. -2 to DR when attacking with a sword.

4. Intimidating Presence

Your stature strikes fear in the hearts and minds of your enemies. Enemies close to you suffer -2 Morale.

5. Dazzling Acrobatics

Fancy footwork, superior upper body strength, and a dash of style give you the edge in a fight. Your AGILITY is +2 when defending.

6. Calculating Cutthroat

You critical hit on natural dice rolls of 19 and 20 (when attack & defending).

42 | Class: Zealot



ealot. A clergy member, cultist, shaman, or believer. Abilities: +2 to Spirit, -1 to Agility, -1 to Toughness PP: Toughness + d8. Thou shall begin with d4 Devil's Luck. Koll for a weapon d8, pg. 50 and thy cloth d8, pg. 52.

Thou may use ancient relics and arcane rituals whilst wearing medium armor (tier 2 or lower).

PRAYERS

When thou doth begin, and every time thou doth improve, learn a single random prayer (dro, duplicates shalt be rerolled). Thou may use prayers d2+Spirit times a day (reroll when dawn breaks). It cosumes thy action to pray, but doth not require a roll or test.

I. HEAL

Heal thyself or another for d8 HP.

II. CURSE

Test Spirit DR10: deal d8 + Spirit damage to an enemy that thou *cannot* see. DR8 if it has already been hurt in this fight.

III. DEATH WARD

Touch the corpse of one who hath just died and test Spirit DR10: they return to life with 1 HP. *Crit*: Full HP. *Fumble*: They come back as a zombie and attacketh thee!

IV. CONTROL WEATHER

Test Spirit DR10 to change the direction of the wind. If thou succeedeth by 5 or more, thou can also conjure or repel precipitation. *Crit*: Lightning striketh thine enemy, d12. *Fumble*: Lightning strikes thee for d6.

V. BLESSED GUIDANCE

Thou may add d4 to any roll thee or another player maketh. Use this at any time, including after a roll (does not taketh thy action).

VI. HOLY PROTECTION

Thou or thine ally gets -4 to DRs to defend for one attack. Use this at any time, including after a roll (does not taketh thy action).

VII. DIVINE LIGHT

Bright light radiates from thee for up to d6 x 10 minutes. Enemies that see it are -2 DR to defend against.

VIII. SILENCE

For the next 2d6 x 10 minutes, everything within 25' of thee maketh no sound. The effect only ends when the time doth expire.

IX. SANCTUARY

All thy brethren in sight heal d4 HP.

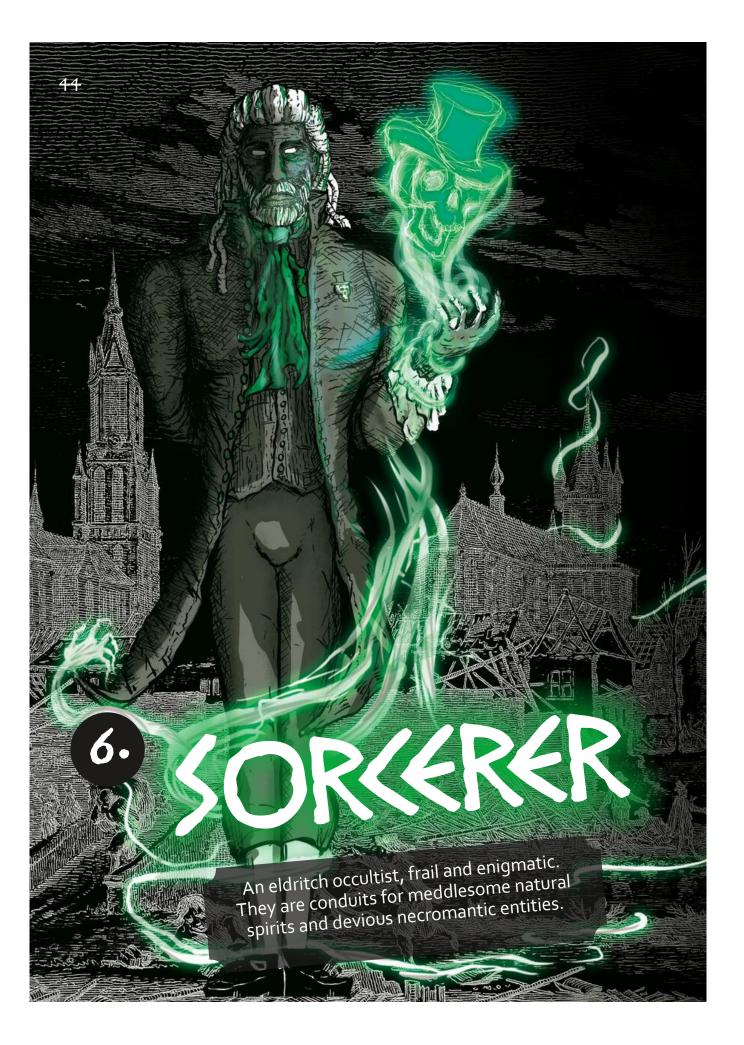
X. COMMUNE

Test Spirit DR8: Asketh thy deity a singular "yay" or "nay" query. Thy response may be "unclear" or thou may receive h no answer.

IV. CHAOS V. THE VII. THE CHURCH VIII. THE GREAT OLD ONE DEEP 666. THE DARK ONE



II. MOTHER NATURE III. THE ONE TRUE GODS



Drawing your power from supernatural spirits & ghosts, you are weak in body but strong with the old magic of the world. You can use ancient relics and arcane rituals when wearing medium armor, but never while near cold iron or while holding metal.

ABILITIES: SPIRIT + 2, STRENGTH - 1, TOUGHNESS - 1. HP: TOUGHNESS + D8. BEGINS WITH D4 DEVIL'S LUCK.

Starting Weapon: wooden knife or belaying pin. Roll **d6** on the clothing table (pg. 52).

You begin with a rank one SHL [d6]. When you gain experience, roll again, increasing your rank if you roll a spell you already have. You can cast d2+SPIRIT number of spells each day, resetting at sunset. They take your action to cast, but do not require a roll or test.

1. DEAD HEAD

You summon a flying, ghostly skull. You may spend your action and test SPIRIT DR12 to have it deal damage to 1 target. It disapates after 1 minute or if it deals any damage. Fumble: it attacks you. It ignores armor and deals: *1.2d4 11.2d6 111.2d8*

2. SPIRITUAL POSSESSION

One random creature is possessed by a spirit or ghost. Ally: -2 DR to attack and defense. Enemy: -2 DR to attack or defend against it. Any Fumbles related to this creature cause the spirit to leave, stunning the host for 1 round. I.Lasts for d2 rounds II.d4 III.Until combat ends

3. PROTECTION

You summon a ghost or spirit to watch over the souls of you and your allies. Everyone who is protected gets -d2 protection for one hour as if wearing extra armor (does not affect penalties to Strength and Agility, not affected by Fumbles).

I.1 soul II.2 souls III.3 souls

4. CLAIRVOYANCE

Ask the spirits a question about an adjacent room or area, though their answer may be a lie. Test SPIRIT to know if they are telling the truth. *I.DR12 II.DR10 III.DR8*

5. NECRO-SLEEP

A living creature *appears* to fall over dead, but when they awake they remember <u>everything</u>. Test SPIRIT DR12 to see if it falls "dead" asleep for: *I.d2 rounds II.d6 rounds III.d8 hours*

6. RAISE THE $D \in A D$

You can create skeletal thralls from nearby corpses. They are stupid, but obey your verbal commands. They tumble into bones at sunrise.

SKELETAL THR

I.1 thrall II.2 thralls III.d2+2 thralls

46 | Optional Class: Haunted Soul

A possessed, infected, cursed, troubled, or undead individual.

aunted Soul

Roll a D6 to learn your ailment, then roll a D6 to gain an additional class.

1. Chost

You are a lost soul from beyond the grave inhabiting the body of another.

Once per night, you can apparate and terrify a target with your ghostly visage: test SPIRIT DR14 to deal d12 damage.

If you are reduced to 1 HP or are somehow exorcised from your vessel, you become incorporeal and must find a new host in d12 hours or dissipate into the void.

Possessing a new target: test SPIRIT DR16 (limit one attempt per target).

2. Conduit

Restless spirits often use you to communicate with the corporeal world.

Every day at dawn, roll for a random Arcane Ritual (pg. 64). You can use that ritual once without testing SPIRIT, after which the spirits leave your body.

If you do not cast the Ritual by dawn you lose dz HP.

3. Eldritch Mind

Something dark and terrible wells underneath your conscious thoughts. You are drawn to The Deep and are prone to nightmarish visions of antediluvian horrors.

Every time combat starts, test PRESENCE DR12 to attempt to control your evil thoughts.

Fail: They are coming! You panic. Your attacks are +4 DR to hit, but you may make 2 a turn.

Pass: You harness the fear. Attacks are -2 DR to hit for this combat.

4. Jombie

You are secretly a zombie.

Your flesh slowly rots and falls from your skin. You lose dz HP every day that you don't consume human flesh.

Eating a human brain restores 2d6 HP.

As long as your brain is intact, you maintain control of all of your body parts, attached or not.

5. Dampirism

You have been infected by a fiendish creature.

You cannot be healed by resting or other normal means, but drinking fresh animal blood restores dz HP and fresh human blood restores d6 HP. You can only recover HP from drinking blood once an hour.

You are faster at night (move 40' a turn), but feel hungover in sunlight (-2 to TOUGHNESS).

6. Stzeleton

You are an undead skeleton reanimated by unknowable dark magic, but somehow possessing free will.

If you are killed, reroll the damage dice that killed you. On a 3 or less, your bones reform and you return to life with 1 HP. 48 | Optional Class: Tall Tale

1-2. Merfolk

One of the children of Poseidon, your lower half is fish-like and you have gills. Both can be magically hidden as you masquerade as a human. Lower all DRs by 4 when underwater. You die if you go 1+TOUGHNESS days without submerging in fresh seawater (minimum 1 day). Roll d6 to gain an additional class.

3-4. Aquatic Mutant

You are the spawn from an abominable union between man and the sea. Roll d8 to discover what creature makes up half of your ancestry, then roll d6 to gain an additional class.

- I. Anglerfish. See in the dark. Bite: d4.
- 2. Crab. Pincher: d6.
- 3. Jellyfish. Tendril: d2 & Stun t round, to' reach.
- 4. Octopus. Tentacles: 2d4.
- 5. Sea Turtle. Extra -d2 to armor.
- 6. Electric Eel. +t to Agility. Electric skin: d6.
- 7. Shark. Bite: d8.
- 8. The Great Old One. Learn one random Ritual (pg. 64).



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5-6. Sentient Animal

You are a mystically intelligent animal (d6). Maybe you were human once. When you begin:

- Roll 3d6 for each stat. You get -2 to all of your modifiers except as listed.
- Reroll any backstory details that don't make sense.
- Equipment you can't conceivably carry can be given away or left behind.
- Devil's Luck: d4



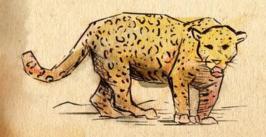
t. Foul Forwl

Gain the ability from one random Relic & one random Ritual. When you are killed, the ghosts of a hundred chickens swarm your assailant, ripping their spiritual soul from their flesh.

Spirit: +3. HP: d4+toughness. Beak Peck: d2.

2. Jaguar You're a deadly jungle cat.

STRENGTH: +2. Agility: +2. HP: d8+toughness. Bite/Claws: d8.



3. Crocodile

You can swim & hide well in water.

Strength: +3. Toughness: +1. HP: d10+toughness. Bite: d10.

4. Bilge Rat

You are a filthy rodent.

AGILITY: +3. TOUGHNESS: +2. HP: D2+TOUGHNESS. DISEASED BITE: d2 damage, t-in-6 chance the target dies in d4 rounds from whatever disease you are carrying.

S. Lucky Parrot

A colorful, talking, flying bird. Roll d6 for Devil's Luck points each day.

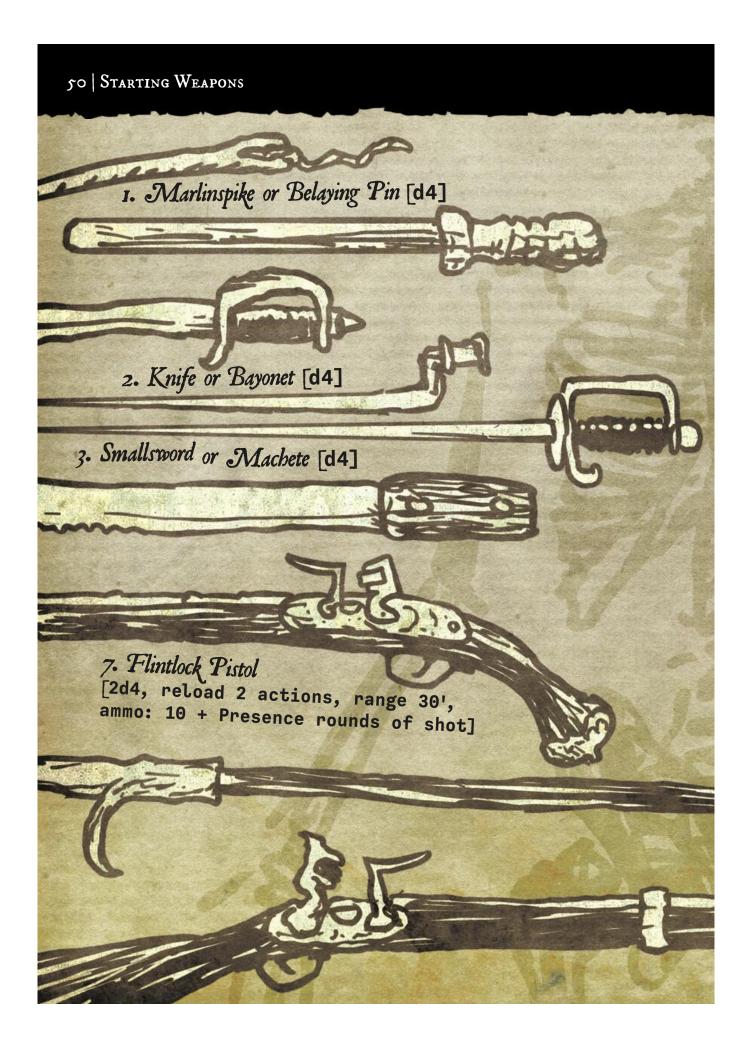
Agility: +1. Presence: +2. HP: d2+toughness. Beak Peck: d4.

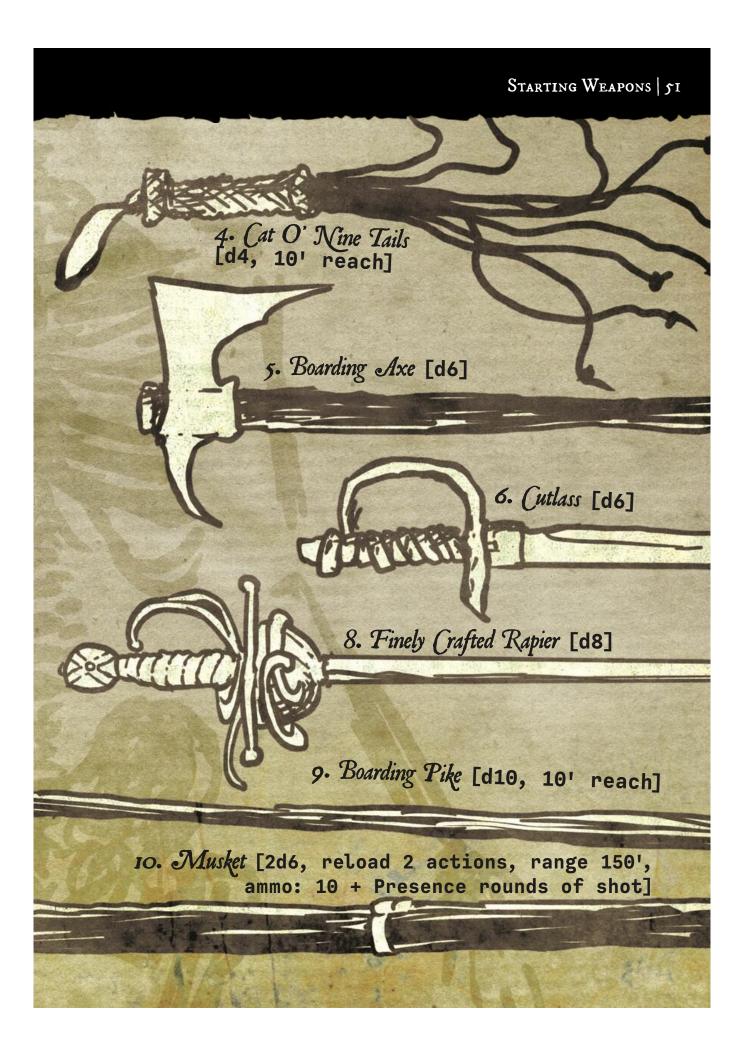
6. Clever Monkey

You're an excellent climber. Roll dto for a starting weapon, pg. 50.

Strength: -1. Agility: +2. Presence: +0. HP: d6+toughness. Bite: d4.







52 | Equipment

irates and sailors almost *never* wear armor or use shields: *Metal isn't bulletproof—black powder weapons ignore armor*—and getting around a ship while wearing it will get you snagged, thrown overboard, and probably drowned. Hats & clothing do not count towards your carrying capacity.

Check your class for your starting clothing die. Landlubbers roll a d10.

-2	rags		tier 0
3-4	common clothes	2s	tier 0
5	old uniform	8s	tier 0
5	fancy clothes	250s	tier 0. You look amazing.
1	leather armor	20s	tier 1: -d2 damage
3	hide armor	25s	tier 1: -d2 damage
7	chain shirt	100s	tier 2: -d4 damage
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		DR +2 on AGILITY tests
			including defense
0	conquistador plate	200s	tier 3: -d6 damage
			DR +4 on AGILITY tests, defense
		1	is DR +2. You'll most likely
			sink and drown in water.

Relics and Arcane Rituals never work when wielding tier 2 or 3 armor or cold iron.

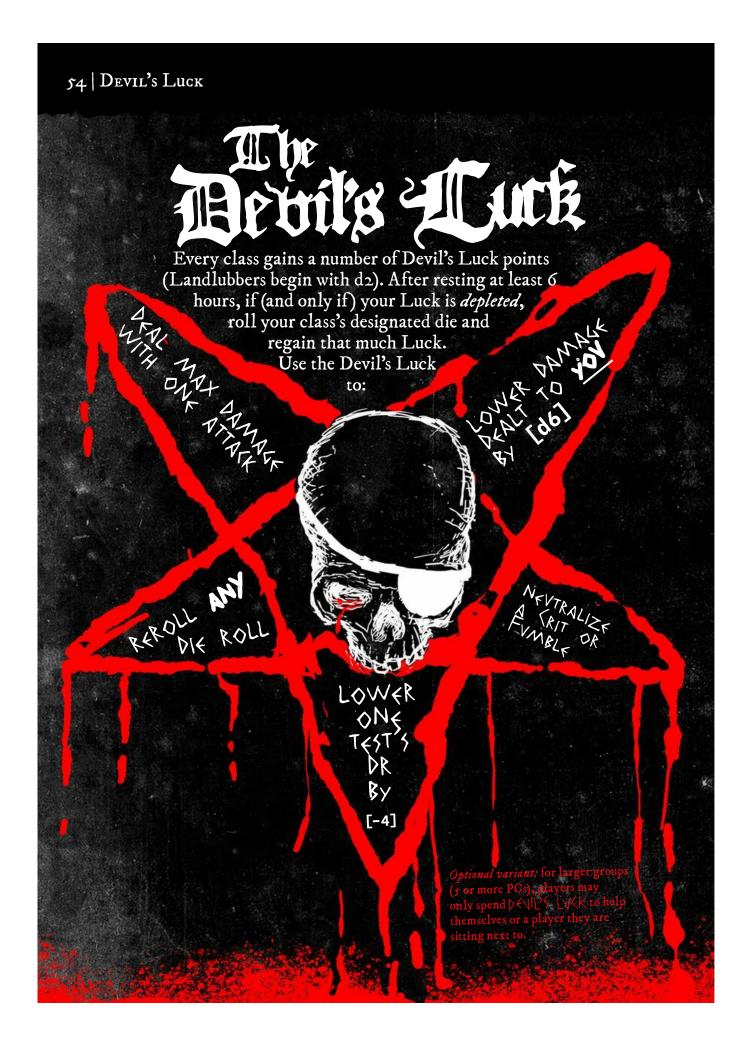
Check your class for your starting hat. Landlubbers roll a d12.

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Weapons | 53

RANGED AMMO BOMBS[d6]

WEAPONS: MELEE	unarmed broken bottle knife/dagger hook bayonet belaying pin marlinspike wood plank whale bone smallsword cudgel cat o' nine tails (10' reac heavy club	d2 d2 d4 d4 d4 d4 d4 d4 d4 d4 d4 d4 d4 d4 d4	- 10s 8s 15s 10s 10s 10s 20s 10s 15s 20s	GOODS & SEI	HOSPITALITY night at an inn 4s night at a brothel 15-250s grog 1s good rum 3s fine wine 10s a day's rations 1s decent meal 2s admiral's feast 25s REPAIRING ARMOR*		
ELEE	chain grappling hook machete boarding axe hatchet/tomahawk cutlass/scimitar rapier broadsword officer's cutlass harpoon finely crafted rapier anchor boarding pike (10' reacl	d10	25s 35s 25s 20s 20s 25s 30s 35s 50s 35s 50s 60s 60s		tier 1 to tier 2 tier 2 to tier 3 *Armor cannot be repaired to a tier higher than its original Armor reduced below 1st tier is ruined and cannot be repaired. handed handed		
RANGED	throwing knives blowpipe throwing axes harpoon gun flintlock pistol blunderbuss musket buccaneer musket	d4 - d6 d8 2d4 d4(d10) 2d6 2d8	8s 30s 20s 60s 50s 65s 80s 100s	Stren Reloa Reloa Reloa	larts. <i>Fumble</i> : hit self or ally. agth DR12 or pulled to shooter. ad 2, range 30'. d 2, range 30', deals d10 under 10'. ad 2, range 150'. ad 2, range 150'.		
AMIMO	20 rounds of shot 10 berserk darts 10 poison darts 10 sleep darts	d4+ d4+ d4+	10s 20s 20s 20s	close Tough Tough	nness DR12 or must attack. st creature for d4 rounds. nness DR12 or d6 damage. nness DR12 or fall asleep 6 rounds.		
AMMO BOMBS[d6]		amage. <i>Ci</i>		roll d smok	2: Anyone within 5' must test age. <i>Fumble</i> : hit d4 allies instead. age cloud, blind for d4 rounds 6 each turn: 1-2 it spreads, fire goes out. aness DR12 or poisoned.		



BACKGROUNDS | 55

d100 Background 1-20 sailor actor 21 apothecary artist 22 23 24 assassin bandit 26 barkeep blacksmith 28 bosun business man 29 cabin boy 30 captain former captive 32 castaway chef 33 34 cook craftsman 26 criminal 37 cultist deserter 39 doctor 41 explorer farmer first mate 43 gambler grave robber guard gunner harlot 45 16 48 heretic 49 homemaker hunter 51 former servant 52 innkeeper landowner 53 <u>5</u>4 55 loner cartographer marine 57 medic merchant 59 military 61 missionary 62 monk 63 musician 64 naval deserter 65 navigator noble nobody 67 68 nurse officer 69 orphan performer 70 71 philosopher 72 pilot pirate 74 politician priest 76 privateer quartermaster refugee religious follower <u>79</u> 80 revolutionary rumored sorcerer 81 82 runaway sail maker 84 85 scholar scoundrel scout shaman 88 89 shipwright smuggler soldier 90 Ő1 92 spy student 93 surgeon thief **9**4 vagabond 96 victim warrior whaler 100 writer

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Distinctive flaws d20 15. Impulsive 8. Slightly deranged 16. Ostentatious Drunken lush 9. Aggressive 1. 17. Paranoid Stubborn to. Anxious 2. 18. Pretentious Mocking 11. Cheater 3. 19. Sadistic sardonic cheer 12. Selfish 20. Disloyal 4. Way too loud 13. Lazy s. Stupid 14. Hedonistic 6. Coward Cocky 7.

d20

- Cursed: visibly part skeleton ghost/water/flames/coral
- 2 Missing an eye

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- 3 Matted, dreaded hair
- 4 Missing a leg: pegleg or crutch
- 5 Missing a hand: hook or claw instead.
- 6 Missing an ear
- 7 Many, many tattoos
- 8 Never blinks. Ever.
- 9 Rotten or broken teeth

- 10 Twitches constantly, especially trigger finger
- 11 A nigh incurable case of scurvy: permanently bleeding gums
- 12 Infested with bugs
- 13 Gnarly facial scar
- 14 Hideously ugly
- 15 Corpulent
- 16 Increasingly gangrenous
- 17 Putrid, bilge stench
- 18 Contagious
- 19 Gaunt & frail
- 20 So good looking people are jealous

Idiosyncrasies

ONE MIGHT HAVE DEVELOPED and will certainly never be rid of ...

Yet that certainly won't stop you from trying.



- 1. You smokes *constantly*, and cough even more.
- "Functioning" alcoholic. You're probably drunk right now.
- You bet on everything possible.
 Constantly counting. Teeth,
- cannon balls... everything.
- 5. Rats are your favorite meal.
- 6. You know every tall tale ever told. You make sure everyone else knows you know them.
- 7. You are afraid of prime numbers larger than 3. dzo rolls of 5, 7, 11, 13, and 17 fill you with superstitious terror.
- 8. You become a murderous grump when hungry.
- 9. Habitual procrastinator... if you even finish the task.
- 10. You are a voluntary insomniac. Sleep is for the dead.

11. You prefer to shoot first and never ask questions.

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- 12. Overly, annoyingly religious.
- 13. You collect something, and you often talk to your collection. They are your *friends*.
- 14. Always trying to trick your crewmates, just for fun.
- 15. Why pay for anything when you can steal it?
- 16. You talk to yourself when alone, but you often think you are alone when you aren't.
- 17. You secretly enjoy the taste of human flesh.
- 18. You always say you "know the right way" but are prone to getting lost.
- 19. You blame everyone but yourself for all of your mistakes.
- 20. Extremely obsessive with tasks and relationships.

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Unfortunate Incidents & Conditions

HAVING OCCURRED or DEVELOPED WITH or WITHOUT

ONE'S express consent, desire, knowledge, or general understanding.

1. Your loved ones were burned alive. Revenge is imminent.

- 2. You are a known pirate. You face the gallows if caught.
- 3. You betrayed former crewmates. Now they hunt you.

4. You were marooned on an island for far too long. The voices *must* be real.

5. You stole a ship. The owner wants your money or your head, but will settle for both.

- 6. You escaped captivity, and will *never* go back.
- 7. A close relative has become your greatest enemy.
- 8. The last three ships you crewed all sank.
- 9. Your last crew was killed by undead. They left you alive on purpose.
- 10. Political leaders hold your loved one(s) captive.

- 11. An undead spirit you don't like possesses you regularly.
- 12. You wronged an infamous pirate lord.
- 13. You narrowly escaped a cannibalistic ending, but you didn't escape *that smell*.
- 14. You slaughtered them. Like animals.
- 15. You are the mysterious lone survivor of a treasure expedition gone awry.
- 16. [dz] 1: Failed mutineer.2: Successful mutineer.
- 17. A silent ghost haunts you. It is always there, but only you can see it.
- 18. You deserted the military, but you're not sure who knows so.
- 19. You have no memory before a few days ago.
- You died once already, but Hell didn't want you.

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Thing of Importance [d100]

- 1. animal pelt
- 2. oyster pearl
- 3. silver locket
- 4. conch shell
- 5. pipe carved from wood
- 6. pipe carved from bone
- 7. small jade figurine
- 8. ancient gold coin
- 9. ruined piece of a treasure map
- 10. map of an unknown place
- 11. diary written by an ancestor
- 12. silver ring
- 13. ivory chess piece
- 14. sea creature carved from obsidian
- 15. spherical prism
- 16. jar containing a severed hand
- 17. necklace of bones & feathers
- 18. book of scripture
- 19. novel you loved as a child
- 20. bizarre silk handkerchief
- 21. pouch containing animal teeth
- 22. old fillet knife
- 23. fossil of an extinct fish
- 24. piece of colorful coral
- 25. small ship in a bottle
- 26. letter from a loved one
- 27. the journal of a dead explorer
- 28. stone embossed with a mermaid
- 29. vial of holy water from clergy in your hometown
- 30. the remains of a small squid in a jar
- 31. precious cooking salts in a tiny chest
- 32. tankard made from a horn
- 33. jar of the finest tobacco
- 34. golden letter opener
- 35. small, cast bronze owl figurine
- 36. collection of sea shells and rocks
- 37. necklace carved from jade

- 38. a recently deceased relative's will naming you as the sole heir
- 39. drawing of a loved one
- 40. bag of "magical" white powder
- 41. old rusted key with a blue gem that glows in the moonlight
- 42. compass that doesn't point north
- 43. clay jar you are using as an urn
- 44. definitive proof of an enemy's (or loved one's) crime
- 45. small golden bell
- 46. old bottle of red wine (Bordeaux, incredible vintage)
- 47. jar of dried jellyfish dust
- 48. multi-colored feather
- 49. necklace from a loved one
- 50. ring that doesn't fit on your fingers
- 51. single diamond earring
- 52. finely made leather eye patch
- 53. set of gardening tools
- 54. dried flower
- 55. animal skull
- 56. human skull
- 57. gem that glows in seawater
- 58. dinosaur or monster bone or claw
- 59. jar of fireflies
- 60. leather-bound tome in a language you don't recognize
- 61. blueprints to a new type of ship
- 62. carved arrowhead
- 63. stone tablet inscribed with ancient pictographs or hieroglyphs
- 64. perfect cube made of crystal
- 65. tattoo, d4: 1 love, 2 revenge, 3 ancestors, 4 unknown origin
- 66. bottle of perfumed oil
- 67. broken set of manacles
- 68. broken compass

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- 69. pistol with one shot meant for someone special
- 70. flag of personal significance
- 71. broken spyglass with a scroll or map hidden inside
- 72. length of rope you made
- 73. carved gaming pieces
- 74. set of rune stones
- 75. twig from a very old tree
- 76. noose taken from a corpse
- 77. 6' length of chain
- 78. 4d10 scars from lashes on your back 94. petrified egg
- 79. long scar on your face
- 80. two coconut shells
- 81. dark robe, cape, or cloak
- 82. cask of strong sassafras beer
- 83. set of keys on a large key ring
- 84. small keg of something valuable (rum, powder, ashes, ASH)
- 85. magnifying lens (glass only)

- 86. cork from a bottle, from a special occasion
- 87. cannonball
- 88. deck of cards with 1d4 cards missing and 1d6 "extra" cards
- 89. garment from someone special
- 90. wanted poster, d4: 1 legend, 2 enemy, 3 loved one, 4 stranger
- 91. fancy wig
- 92. letter of political importance
- tanned whale skin or jar of blubber 93.
- 95. monkey paw extending 1 finger
- 96. memorized poem that sounds like a map
- 97. medallion that might be the top of a staff
- 98. talisman shaped like a snake
- 99. glass vial of dark blood
- 100. shard of crystal

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1. Cross of the Paragon

One ally gets +1 to attack and +1 to damage for d6 turns.

2. Conch Shell from the Abyss

Ask a nearby corpse (or any creature that died at sea within 100 miles) one question.

3. Map Inked in Ectoplasm

Learn the location of all traps and secret doors within 30' for **d4+SPIRIT** rounds.

4. Will-o'-the-Wisp Lantern

Emit 15' of light or darkness for **d6+SPIRIT** rounds.

5. Pages from the Necronomicon

All creatures that can hear your voice test DR14 or lose d4+SPIRIT HP (ignore armor).

6. Rune Encrusted Flintlock Pistol

One creature you see loses **d6+SPIRIT** HP (ignore armor). Takes 1 action to reload.

7. Jade Die

Roll a die. Odd: you gain **d8** temporary HP. Even: Choose a creature. It gets **+d8** on its next damage roll.

8. Undead Bird

It can speak with animals (dead or alive) for **d6+SPIRIT** rounds.

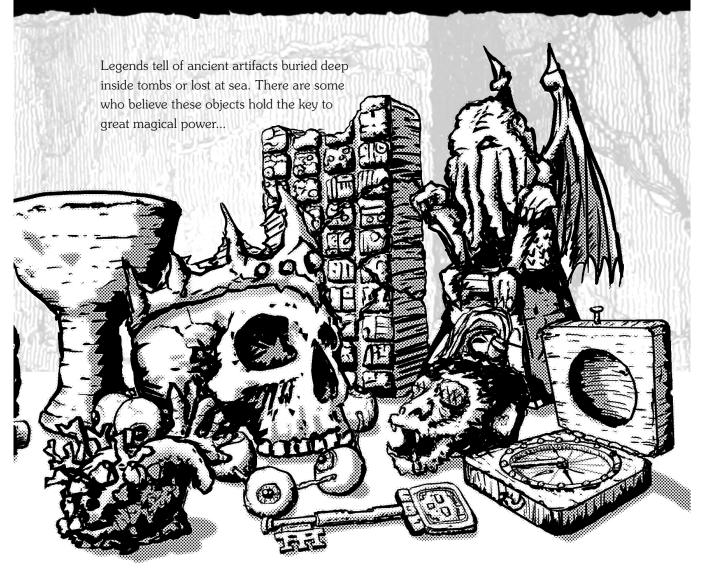
9. Mermaid Scales

Eat a scale: breathe underwater for **d4** hours.

10. Charon's Obol

If you are killed, return to life the next round with 1 HP. Disappears after one use.

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11. Cup of the Carpenter

Choose a creature to regain d6+SPIRIT HP.

12. Heart of the Sea

Create or destroy 15 gallons water or 30 square feet of fog.

13. Necklace of Eyeballs

Become invisible for **d6+SPIRIT** rounds or until you attack or take damage. Attack and defend with **DR6**.

<u>14. Crown of the Sunken Lord</u>

A water shield surrounds you. **-d2** protection for **d2+SPIRIT** rounds (in addition to armor).

15. Crystalline Skull

The skull can hear & repeat the thoughts of a nearby creature for **d6+SPIRIT** minutes.

16. Codex Tablet

Read and understand any language, glyphs, or runes for **1+SPIRIT** rounds.

17. Skeleton Key

Open any door or lock. Crumbles after 1 use.

18. Mummified Monkey Head

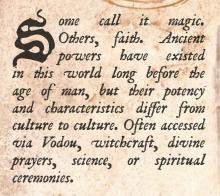
The head speaks: 1 creature tests **SPIRIT DR12** or must obey a 1 word command.

<u>19. Great Old One Figurine</u>

One human is terrorized for **d4** rounds unless they succeed a **PRESENCE DR14** test. They can test each round.

20. Broken Compass

The compass points in the direction of an object you know of for **1+SPIRIT** rounds.



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While some rituals may be found in the libraries of the old world transcribed into dusty tomes and ancient grimoires, many are banded down via word of mouth or serendipitously discovered by those whose minds are properly prepared to receive them.

ARCANE RITUALS

Every dawn, roll D4+spirit to see how many times you can cast rituals that day.

You may use your action (or longer, see below) and test SPIRITORI2 to attempt to cast aritual you know. If you succeed, subtract 1 from your daily total.

If you fail, roll on the MYSTICAL MISHAPS table (pg. 66), and you can't use that ritual again until dawn. The GM decides the effect on a Crit or a Fumble, if any.

RITUALS always fail if the caster is carrying anything made of cold iron or touching metal.

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Optionally, rituals might be easier or harder depending on conditions. Casting under duress: +2 DR or more Take 1 minute to cast: -2 DR Take 1 hour to cast: -4 DR Several casters working together: roll twice, keep higher roll Spend HP in blood: -1 DR per HP

1. Call of the Sea

d6 creatures can breathe underwater and swim 40' a round for D4+SPIRIT hours.

11. Clurse of the Prowned

For d6 rounds, a creature gets +4 to all DRs and is DR-4 to defend against.

m. Dark Delusions

An illusion or vision of your design appears in the mind of any creatures you can see for D4+SPIRIT minutes.

w. Obfuscate Aime

d2 creatures recovers 2010+spirit HP, but age 2d10 months.

v. Eldritch Aentacles

They appear and attack up to d6 creatures of your choice, taking d6 damage each.

vi. Theart They

Increase the reaction of one creature by one level (pg. 31). If they are already friendly, they fall in love with a creature of your choice for D4+SPIRIT days.

vn. Thalassomancy

D2+SPIRIT creatures lungs fill with sea water. They suffocate for d4 rounds, losing d4 HP each round.

vm. Light of a Thousand Stars

30' of light radiates from an object for 2d12 hours. It cannot be extinguished. All attacks are -4 DR to hit/+4 to defend.

18. Return from the Locker

A recently killed creature returns to life with tHP, their lungs expel black ichor and bilge water.

X. Mind Manarles

One creature you can see must obey your commands for D2+SPIRIT rounds.

A. Mists of Confusion

D4+SPIRIT creatures each roll for a new reaction (pg. 31).

A. Divination

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Ask the spirits or gods 3 yes or no questions.

An. Phantasmal Fauna

You summon a ghostly hound or shark. It obeys your commands. It dissipates at sunset.

HP 5 MORALE - CHOSTLY FORM -d2 BITE d6.

Nv. Release the Braken

The Kraken (pg. 105) appears in nearby waters.

Fv. Reopen the Grave

You summon D2+SPIRIT zombies (pg. 94) or skeletons (pg. 92). They are under your control.

VI. Mermaid's Kiss

A creature gains +1 to strength, Agility, and toughness for d4 days.

WIL. Spiritual Schard

One creature gains -d4 protection for d2 days. Works in addition to armor.

VIII. Summon the Ferryman

A human of your choice loses 3d8 HP. If you fail, you or an ally loses instead (don't roll a Mishap).

NI. The Black Spot

Name a human you have met. They must test DR12 or die within d8 days.

XX. Scheathercraft

For the next d4 hours, the weather obeys your commands. Change the direction & speed of the wind (all ships get ±1 speed) and start or stop rain, fog, or thunderstorms. Effects in italic are things the caster might not immediately realize.

MYSTICAL MISHADS

1. All before you vanishes, and you are alone on a gray island. A figure robed in black can be seen on a boat in the distance. *Welcome to purgatory*.

- 2. Everyone within d20 feet vomits briny water and sea urchins (and loses 4 HP).
- 3. A <u>wraith</u> appears, the ghost of an old captain. Roll reaction for it (pg. 31). It leaves after d6 rounds.
 - 4. You are possessed by an ancient, arcane spirit for d4 rounds. Roll reaction (pg. 31) to see how you react to others.
 - 5. You go insane, as you become convinced that this world is a dream and that you must wake up. Test SPIRIT DR12 every dawn to see if you come to your senses.

If the same mishap is rolled twice, the caster's body slowly melts into sea water.

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- 6. Nothing happens...until the Kraken appears in d6 days.
- 7. Gravity behaves as if everything within 30' is underwater... for d8 minutes.
- 8. d12 BIRDS! They swarm you and all around.

HP 2 Morale - No Armor Bite d2. They flee when half are defeated.

- All metal within 30' become molten hot and glows red. The effect lasts for 1 minute. Any one touching metal after the first round is burned for dz damage.
- 10. Your vision permanently fills with water and the world around you looks submerged and obfuscated. Presence Tests involving sight are +4 DR from now on. Underwater you see like fish.
 - 11. The weather and time of day are immediately, completely different. You and everything within a 3 mile radius have traveled 4d12 hours into the future.

- 13. A massive earthquake shakes the ground. At sea, tidal waves swell.
- 14. You've simply forgotten how to cast the ritual. You no longer know it. Remove it from your sheet.
- Eldritch voices whisper in your ears. Test SPIRIT DR12 or take dz damage out of horror.

If you pass, then next time you consider accessing the arcane you discover you know one random new ritual.

- 16. The ritual succeeds, but in the worst way possible. GM decides: different target, goes off at the wrong time, you cast it on yourself, etc.
- 17. Your mind is lost at sea for what seems like 3d10 years, yet no time has passed. Others watch as you age 3d10 years in a matter of seconds.
- Hundreds of tiny crabs swarm you. They are harmless, and provide an extra -2 armor. They leave after d6 days, but return every full moon.

12. Clouds darken, winds pick up, the temperature drops d10 x 10 degrees. A thunderstorm moves in. 19. Everyone you can see recovers 3d6 HP including your enemies...

20. Time stops. You experience a moment of absolute cosmic understanding and bliss. When you gain your composure, time resumes and you have learned a new ritual of your choice and your Spirit score is increased by +1.