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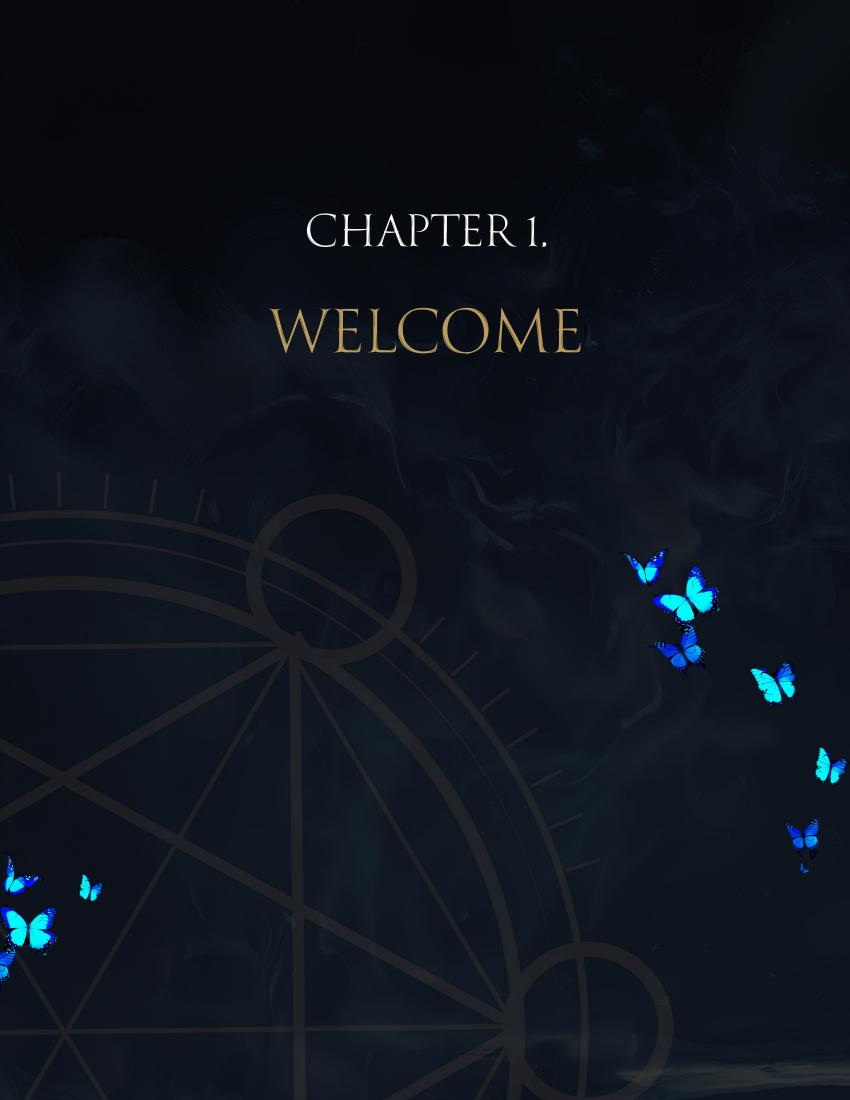
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Modern Magick is a dark fantasy horror setting crafted for the Savage Worlds rules system and tailored specifically for use on Foundry VTT. The setting reimagines modern-day Salem, Massachusetts as a shadowy, fictionalized landscape that seamlessly weaves together historical landmarks, eerie New England folklore, and tributes to the macabre works of Poe, Lovecraft, and King, all presented with a touch of Whedonesque wit and charm. It explores themes of morality and mystery, challenging players to navigate the blurred lines between Good and Evil while uncovering the greater secrets of mages living within the realms of the Modern Magick universe.

This quickstart guide is your gateway to the hauntingly atmospheric world of Modern Magick, designed to provide just enough information to get you started without becoming a burden. Within its pages, you'll find an introduction to the dark fantasy horror campaign setting of Modern Magick, offering a taste of the rich lore and thrilling mysteries that await you.

YOU ARE A MAGE

You are a Mage, one of the rare few whose Will and Imagination shape the fabric of reality itself, bending the world to their desires. Mages stand as the ultimate paragons of destructive creation, wielding forces both awe-inspiring and terrifying. They craft breathtaking beauty with one hand while conjuring unspeakable ruin with the other.

Mages live by a timeless tenet, echoed through the halls of every lodge and guild house. "Those who CAN... WILL." Those who hold power are destined to shape the world according to their will and only one question remains. What will YOU do with yours?

PRE-GAME CHECKLIS+

- 1. Voice Server Invite
- 2. Get a Foundry Login
- 3. Read This Quickstart
- 4. Select a Character

THE WORLD

The world of Modern Magick is a dark, mystical reflection of our own, where every piece of folklore and legend contains a kernel of truth. Magic exists, occasionally revealing itself in ways humanity cannot ignore, yet it remains cloaked in mystery and plausible deniability. Governments publicly outlaw its use while secretly working to exploit its power for their own purposes. Despite these efforts, concrete evidence of magic or its practitioners remains elusive. People acknowledge the existence of mages, but they struggle to identify anyone who can provide undeniable proof. Magic is the ultimate open secret and mages plan on keeping that way.

SALEM MA

Salem, Massachusetts, is one of the most mystically charged and powerful locations in North America. An unseen yet undeniable force amplifies magic within its borders, drawing from the energy coursing through its lighthouses and strategically placed landmarks. This enigmatic force serves as a beacon, calling to mages and other supernatural beings who are irresistibly drawn to its power. Salem is currently home to 13 mages (not counting players), making it one of the most densely populated regions for arcane practitioners on the planet.

HOW DOES I+ WORK?

Spellcasting is an act of pure willpower, a raw exertion of the caster's intent that bends reality to their desires. In Savage Worlds terms, this makes the Spirit attribute the primary trait for mages. While the mechanical effects of your powers are predefined on your character sheet, the narrative elements, such as the words spoken, gestures performed, materials used, and the visual or sensory manifestation of your magic, are entirely yours to define. These creative flourishes are referred to as trappings in Savage Worlds.

We have provided some examples to get you started but feel free to personalize and change this storytelling aspect of your magic. Let your character's powers reflect their unique personality and style, weaving them into the rich tapestry of the game's narrative.

...AND SO IT BEGINS

Mages follow a spectrum of moral philosophies — some align with good, others with evil, and most dwell within countless shades of grey in between. Yet, all are bound by three unbreakable rules, known as "The Gentle Covenant." Ironically, there is nothing gentle about the enforcement of these laws. Young mages quickly learn that any breach is met with unrelenting severity, and they take these tenets with deadly seriousness.

Ι.

I shall not, by will or neglect, draw the gaze of the mundane upon the Lodges of Arcane or my brethren and sisters in the Arts. For we are the few, and they are legion and fearful.

II.

I shall never wield the Arts to conquer or subjugate the mundane realms.

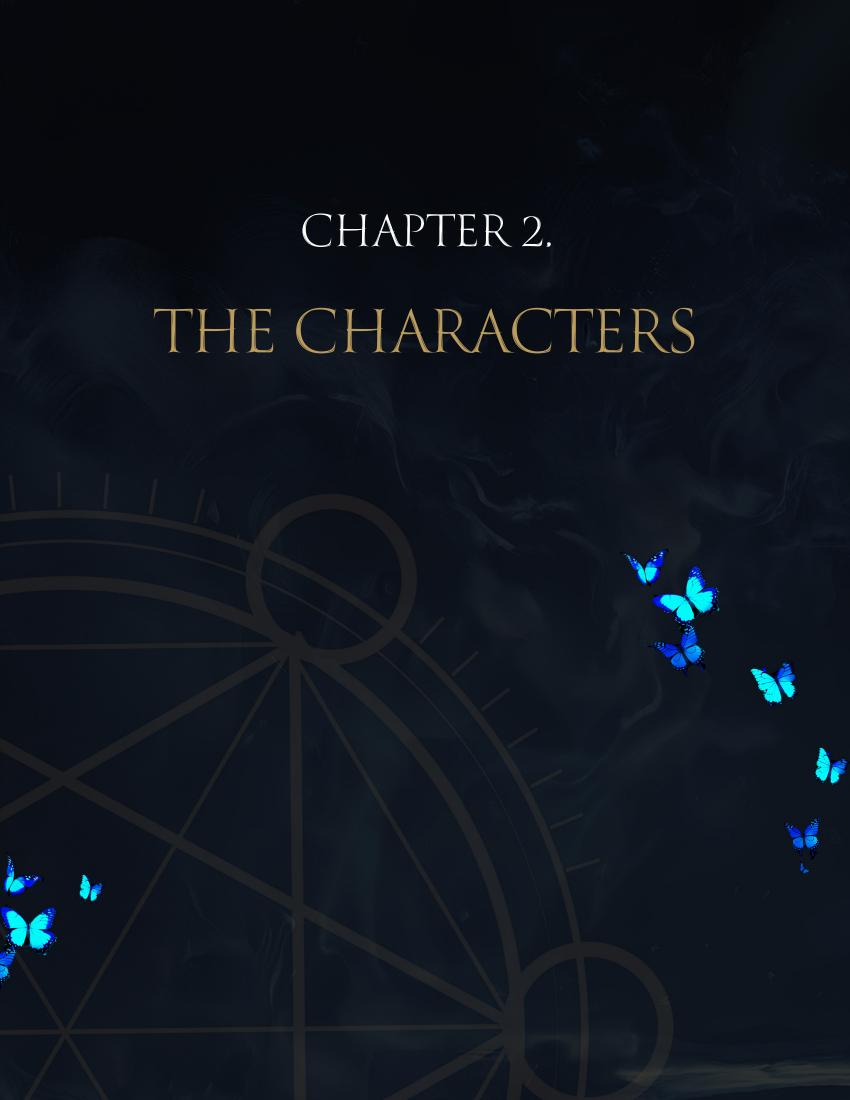
Their kingdoms hold no prize worth the peril of their scrutiny.

III.

I shall grant no mercy to a renegade. Those who bear the mark are anathema to our tenets, the undoing of our craft, and deserving only of death.

The following pages detail the seven pre-made characters designed for the introductory adventure. Each of them has, at some point, bent — or even outright broken — one of the three rules of The Gentle Covenant. While none of their infractions have warranted being declared a renegade, their actions were significant enough to prompt a formal "request" to appear at The Mage's Guild Hall for a disciplinary censure of their behavior.

This tribunal is where your story begins...





AGILI+Y D6
SMAR+S D4
SPIRI+ DI2
S+RENG+H D6
VIG⊕R D8

PACE 6
PARRY 5
TOUGHNESS 6

A+HLE+ICS D6

COMMON KNOWLEDGE D4-I

FIGH+ING D6

NO+ICE D4-I

PERSUASION DIO

PERFORMANCE DIO

SPELLCAS+ING DIO

S+EAL+H D6

D H L G A D A

HINDRANCES

Amorous (Minor)

-2 penalty to resist Tests by any character with the Attractive or Very Attractive Edge.

Big Mouth (minor)

Unable to keep secrets and constantly gives away private information.

Clueless (major)

-1 to Common Knowledge and Notice rolls.

EDGES

Arcane Background: Magick

20 power points, roll on the Willworkers's backlash table.

Charismatic

Your hero is likable for some reason. You may be trustworthy or kind, or might just exude confidence and goodwill. You get one free reroll on Persuasion rolls.

Elan

When you spend a Benny to reroll a Trait, add +2 to the total.

Famous (upgraded Fame)

Your character is a minor celebrity because of their lifestyle YouTube channel, "Doin' It with Diego."

- % iPhone 16 Pro,
- % 14" MacBook Pro
- **X** DJI drone
- M Designer Yoga Mat
- Color coordinated shoe collection.

Boost/Lower Trait

This power allows a character to increase or decrease a target's Trait (attribute or skill).

Detect/Conceal Arcana

This allows the recipient of the power to detect or conceal all supernatural persons, objects, or effects.

Disguise

Disguise allows the target to assume the appearance of another person of the same Size and shape, including clothing.

Dispel

Dispel allows a hero to negate enemy powers. It has no effect on permanent enchantments or innate abilities.

Empathy

This power grants a +1 bonus (+2 with a raise) to all Intimidation, Persuasion, Performance, or Taunt rolls against the target for the Duration of the power.

Illusion

llusion can be used to create a visual scene or replica of almost anything the caster can imagine.



ADVANCES

Novice Advances

1. Raise Attribute: Smarts

2. Edge: Charismatic

3. Edge: Fame

Seasoned Advances

4. Edge: Elan

5. Edge: Famous



TRAITS

AGILI+Y D6
SMAR+S DIØ
SPIRI+ DI2
S+RENG+H D4

VIG⊕R D4

PACE 6 PARRY 2

TOUGHNESS 4

ACADEMICS D4
ATHLETICS D4-2

COMMON KNOWLEDGE D8

NOTICE DIO
OCCUL+ DIO

PERSUASION D4

PERFORMANCE DIO

RESEARCH DIØ

SCIENCE D6

SPELLCASTING DIØ

STEALTH D6-2

HINDRANCES

Clumsy (major)

-2 penalty to Athletics and Stealth rolls.

Curious (major)

Curious characters have to check out everything and always want to know what's behind a potential mystery or secret.

EDGES

Arcane Background: Magick

20 power points, roll on the Willworkers's backlash table.

Savant

Increases a Magick total after it's rolled by +1 for 1 Power Point, or +2 for 3 Power Points. It may not be used to improve a Critical Failure.

Inquisitor

You excel at using counter magic, +2 when casting Dispel and Detect Magic.

MARCELA ARCELA

- iPhone 16 Pro
- **Sigilbound Shackles**
- M The Inquisitor's Seal
- % Locator crystal
- % Small hourglass

Boost/Lower Trait

This power allows a character to increase or decrease a target's Trait (attribute or skill).

Arcane Protection

Hostile powers suffer a -2 penalty (-4 with a raise) to affect this character

Detect/Conceal Arcana

This allows the recipient of the power to detect or conceal all supernatural persons, objects, or effects.

Dispel

Dispel allows a hero to negate enemy powers. It has no effect on permanent enchantments or innate abilities.

Sound/Silence

Sound mimics any known sound or voice, emanating from a point of origin within Range at a volume up to the sound of a loud shout. Silence does the opposite.

Stun

Victim must make a Vigor roll (at -2 with a raise on the arcane skill roll) or be Stunned.



ADVANCES

Novice Advances

1. Raise Attribute: Smarts

2. Skills: Occult/Notice

3. Edge: Inquisitor

Seasoned Advances

4. Attribute: Spirit

5. Skills: Research/ Academics



rarely get a second chance.

You have been accused of breaking the second accord of The Gentle Covenant by using fate magic to amass an obscene amount of wealth for yourself. While you're no saint, the truth is you didn't commit the crime they're accusing you of. The fallout has been devastating: you've lost your job, your connections, and most of your fortune. Yet, you've heard whispers that they will stop short of declaring you a renegade mage... for now. Finding those who set you up is high on your to-do list.

AGILI+Y D8-I

SMAR+S D6 SPIRI+ DI2

S+RENG+H D6-I

VIGOR D6-I

PACE 5

PARRY 6

TOUGHNESS 5

ATHLETICS D8

COMMON KNOWLEDGE D6

FIGHTING D8

GAMBLING D6

IN+IMIDA+ION DIO+2

NOTICE D6

⊕CCUL+ D6

PERSUASION D6-1

SPELLCASTING DIØ

STEALTH D8

TAUN+ D6



HINDRANCES

Elderly (Major)

Pace is reduced by 1, subtract 1 from running rolls. -1 penalty to Agility, Strength, and Vigor rolls, but not their linked skills. 5+ extra skill points which may be used for any skills linked to Smarts.

Mean (Minor)

Subtract I from Persuasion rolls.

Stubborn (Minor)

Stubborn individuals always want their way and never admit they're wrong.

EDGES

Arcane Background: Magick

20 power points, roll on the Willworkers's backlash table.

Martial Warrior (upgraded from Matrial Artist)

Increase the warrior's Fighting bonus to +2 and her damage die an additional step.

Menacing

+2 to her Intimidation rolls.

Wizard

A Wizard can spend 1 extra Power Point when casting a power to change its Trapping.

- **K** Foldable Smart Phone
- % 15" MacBook Pro
- M AMEX Black Card
- * Lucky Coin
- % Zippo Lighter

Barrier

Barrier creates a straight wall 5' (10 yards) long

Blast

Blast launches a ball of explosive energy or matter.

Boost/Lower Trait

This power allows a character to increase or decrease a target's Trait (attribute or skill).

Detect/Conceal Arcana

This allows the recipient the power to detect or conceal all supernatural persons, objects, or effects.

Dispel

Dispel allows a hero to negate enemy powers. It has no effect on permanent enchantments or innate abilities.

Elemental Manipulation

This power grants basic control over the four traditional elements: air, earth, fire, and water



ADVANCES

Novice Advances

1. Raise Attribute: Agility

2. Edge: Martial Artist

3. Fighting/Stealth

Seasoned Advances

4. Raise Attribute: Strength

5. Athletics/Persuasion

6. Edge: Martial Warrior

7. Wizard



TRAITS

AGILI+Y DIØ SMAR+S D6

SPIRI+ D8

S+RENG+H D6

VIGOR D6

PACE 6

PARRY 5

TOUGHNESS 5

ATHLETICS D4

COMMON KNOWLEDGE D4

DRIVING D6

FIGHTING D6

NOTICE D6

⊕CCUL+ D6

PERSUASION DIO

REPAIR D6

SHOO+ING DIO

SPELLCASTING D8

STEALTH D6

MIVER HILL HISTORY

HINDRANCES

Greedy (Minor)

You argue bitterly for more than your fair share of any loot or reward the party might come across.

Loyal (Minor)

You would risk your life for your friends without hesitation.

Talisman (Major)

The caster is dependent on a physical item to activate his powers.

EDGES

Arcane Background: Magick

20 power points, roll on the Willworkers's backlash table.

Assassin

+2 to damage rolls when your foe is Vulnerable or you have The Drop.

Heirloom

You have inherited Koschei's Needle, an unassuming relic that transforms into a weapon capable of killing anything.

- K Galaxy S24 Pro
- % 14" Laptop
- **Expensive Suit**
- Koschei's Needle

Boost/Lower Trait

This power allows a character to increase or decrease a target's Trait (attribute or skill).

Detect/Conceal Arcana

This allows the recipient of the power to detect or conceal all supernatural persons, objects, or effects.

Dispel

Dispel allows a hero to negate enemy powers. It has no effect on permanent enchantments or innate abilities.

Entangle

If cast successfully, the target is Entangled (or Bound with a raise on the arcane skill roll).

Protection

2+ points of Armor. With a raise, the bonus is applied to Toughness instead.

Smite

The weapon's damage is increased by +2, or +4 with a raise.



ADVANCES

Novice Advances

1. Raise Attribute: Agility

2. Shooting/Stealth

3. Edge: Assassin

Seasoned Advances

4. Raise Attribute: Agility

5. Shooting/Stealth



TRAITS

AGILI+Y D8 SMAR+S D8

SPIRI+ DIØ

S+RENG+H D6

VIG⊕R D6

PACE 6 PARRY 5

TOUGHNESS 5

ATHLETICS D6

COMMON KNOWLEDGE D4

FIGHTING D6
HACKING D6
N⊕TICE D6

⊕CCUL+ D6

PERSUASION D4

SPELLCASTING DIØ

STEALTH D8
TAUN+ D8

THIEVERY D8 * I

S A B B A R N I K N S

HINDRANCES

Driven (Minor)

Hans Krieger possesses an heirloom ring that rightfully belongs to your family... you are going to steal it back.

Grim (minor)

You are Provoked on any successful Taunt — whether the opponent has the Provoke Edge or not.

Thin Skinned (major)

You get -4 when resisting Taunt attacks.

EDGES

Arcane Background: Magick

20 power points, roll on the Willworkers's backlash table.

Thief

+1 to Athletics rolls made to climb in urban areas, +1 to Stealth rolls when in an urban environment, and +1 to Thievery.

- % iPhone 16 Pro
- % 14" Linux Laptop
- **K** Lockpicks
- **Electronic Key Cloner**
- % Cat's Eye Amulet

Boost/Lower Trait

This power allows a character to increase or decrease a target's Trait (attribute or skill).

Burrow

Burrow allows the recipient to meld into solid surfaces like walls or the ground.

Detect/Conceal Arcana

This allows the recipient of the power to detect or conceal all supernatural persons, objects, or effects.

Dispel

Dispel allows a hero to negate enemy powers. It has no effect on permanent enchantments or innate abilities.

Light/Darkness

Creates light or darkness in an area the size of a Large Blast Template.

Lock/Unlock

Lock or unlock doors, windows, or containers.



ADVANCES

Novice Advances

1. Raise Attribute: Smarts

2. Edge: Thief

3. Thievery/Stealth

Seasoned Advances

4. Raise Attribute: Spirit

5. Spellcasting/Occult



AGILI+Y D6 SMAR+S D6

SPIRI+ DI2

S+RENG+H D6

VIGOR D6

PACE 6

PARRY 2

TOUGHNESS 5

ACADEMICS D6

ATHLETICS D6

COMMON KNOWLEDGE D4

NOTICE D6

⊕CCUL+ D6

PERSUASION D4

PERFORMANCE DI2

RESEARCH D6

SPELLCASTING DIØ

STEALTH D6



HINDRANCES

Vow (Major)

Roman Catholic Exorcist.

Selfless (Major)

You think of others before yourself.

EDGES

Arcane Background: Magick

20 power points, roll on the Willworkers's backlash table.

Aura of Courage

Allies within 10" (20 yards) add +1 to Fear checks and subtract 1 from Fear Table results.

Mercy

As an action, the cleric can spend 1 Power Point and grant "Mercy" to any one character within a Range equal to her Spirit, automatically removing one of the following states: Distracted, Vulnerable, or Shaken.

- **Galaxy S24**
- M Old Bible
- **Exorcism Rites**
- **Blessed Rosary**
- **Holy Water**

Banish

Banish sends entities from other planes back to their native dimensions. This includes ghosts, demons, elementals, and similar beings.

Boost/Lower Trait

This power allows a character to increase or decrease a target's Trait (attribute or skill).

Detect/Conceal Arcana

This allows the recipient of the power to detect or conceal all supernatural persons, objects, or effects.

Dispel

Dispel allows a hero to negate enemy powers. It has no effect on permanent enchantments or innate abilities.

Empathy

This power grants a +1 bonus (+2 with a raise) to all Intimidation, Persuasion, Performance, or Taunt rolls against the target for the Duration of the power.

Sanctuary

Sanctuary protects the caster against area effect attacks, Tests, powers, and even ranged attacks that would affect her.



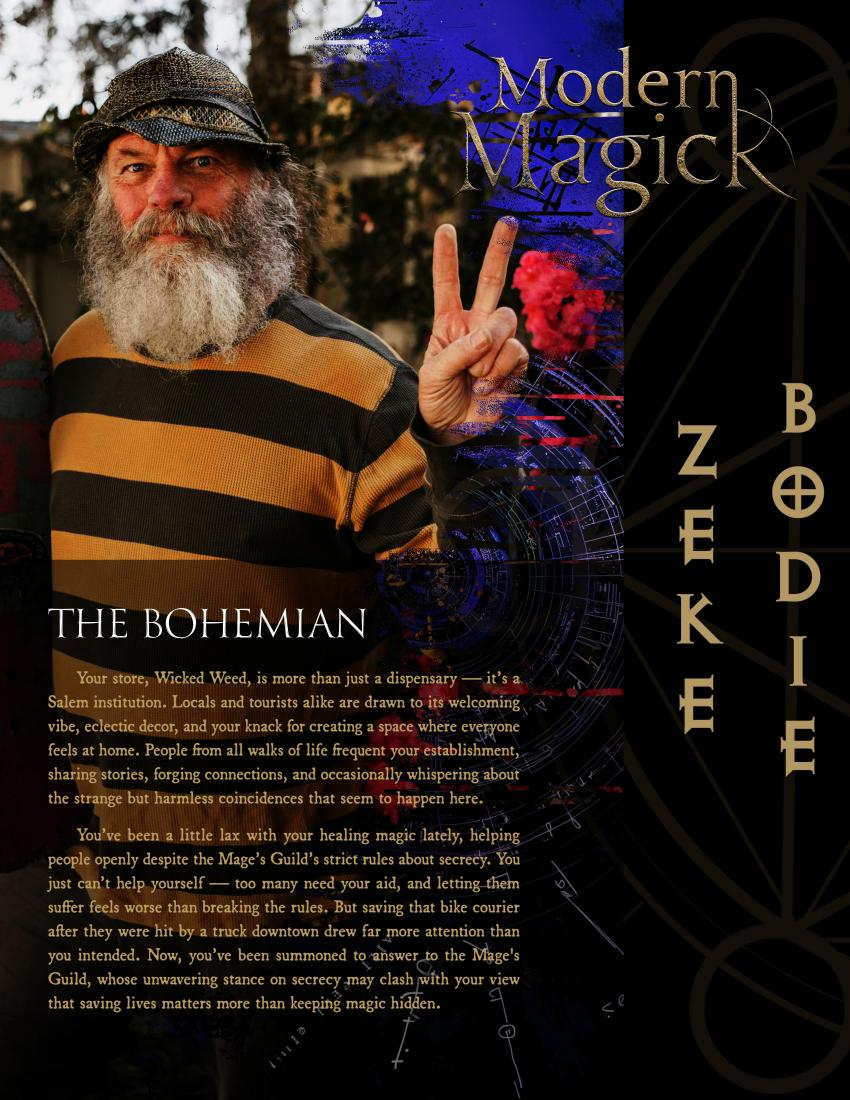
ADVANCES

Novice Advances

- 1. Raise Attribute: Spirit
- 2. Performance/Spellcasting
- 3. Performance/Spellcasting

Seasoned Advances

- 4. Edge: Mercy
- 5. Edge: Aura of Courage



AGILI+Y D6 SMAR+S D6 SPIRI+ D12

S+RENG+H D6

VIGOR D6

PACE 6

PARRY 2

TOUGHNESS 5

ACADEMICS D6

ATHLETICS D6

BOA+ING D6

COMMON KNOWLEDGE D6

HEALING D6 * 2

NOTICE D6

PERSUASION D4

REPAIR D4

SPELLCASTING DI2

STEALTH D6

SURVIVAL D66

B O D I E

HINDRANCES

Delusional (Major)

You believe that Verdant Valley Foods Company are an evil cabal trying to take over the world.

Victim (Minor)

Anytime the Game Master decides to choose a target randomly, they should usually choose the Victim instead.

Vow (Minor)

The character has sworn an oath to healing the sick and helping the poor.

EDGES

Arcane Background: Magick

20 power points, roll on the Willworkers's backlash table.

Connections

You know a lot of people in Salem through selling them weed.

Healer

+2 to all Healing rolls, whether natural or magical in nature.

- % 10 Gummi Edibles
- **Skateboard**
- **%** Old Flip Phone
- **Protest Flyers**
- % Vegan Trail Mix

Boost/Lower Trait

This power allows a character to increase or decrease a target's Trait (attribute or skill).

Detect/Conceal Arcana

This allows the recipient of the power to detect or conceal all supernatural persons, objects, or effects.

Dispel

Dispel allows a hero to negate enemy powers. It has no effect on permanent enchantments or innate abilities.

Healing

A success removes one Wound, and a raise removes two.

Relief

The caster removes one of the following negative conditions: Shaken, Distracted, or Vulnerable.

Shape Change

This power allows the caster to take the form of other living creatures.



ADVANCES

Novice Advances

- 1. Raise Attribute: Spirit
- 2. Boating/Spellcasting
- 3. Boating/Notice

Seasoned Advances

- 4. Edge: Healer
- 5. Edge: Connections