WALK HARD

THE DEWEY COX STORY

Introduction

Welcome to a golden age of music! You have arrived in post war America just in time to join the rock and roll revolution. Here you will have a chance to number amongst some of the greatest musicians to ever live. Legends like Ray Charles, Bob Dylan, Buddy Holly, The Beatles, and even the great Dewey Cox.

What do you mean you've never heard of Dewey Cox? He's only one of rock and roll's most influential and controversial figures. The globetrotting, genre-breaking mad genius that defined, redefined and undefined rock and roll itself. Some say he learnt to play music by ear after a tragedy in his youth left him smell blind. Some say he went to the crossroads and sold his soul to the devil to learn to play.

Regardless, you'll have your chance to meet that tortured artist and all the other (in)famous musicians of the day. Say hi to Janis Joplin for me.

Here's 1000 CP for you to spend as you wish. Have fun.

LOCATION

United States of America

Dewey Cox went everywhere during the course of his long and storied career, though it began in his hometown of Springberry, Alabama. To reflect this you may begin anywhere in the US, and may choose any time to start from 1946 to 1997. Additionally, you may freely choose to stay longer than ten years up to the end of Dewey Cox's natural lifespan the year 2007.

IDENTITY

Choose any one background presented below. You may select your starting age and gender as you wish.

Drop In

You've come into this world with no history, no friends, no family, and no particular place to go. Still, there is a freedom in anonymity. Whatever you did or whatever was done to you, it doesn't matter anymore. You've got a lot of music left ahead of you friend, time to get to it.

Frontman

You are the star of the show! Every town you play in has your name up in lights! Stadiums are packed like sardines every night to watch you play! Well, that's the dream anyway. For now your music career is in its infancy. Still, with your undoubtedly tremendous musical ability you will probably end up famous in your own right. Just try not to let the pressure get to you or let the success go to your head...

Backup

For every frontman (or frontwoman) hogging the spotlight, there are always a group of other musicians that support them in the background. That's you. Sure,

you miss out on some of the glory and fame, but you also miss out on the pressure and the whole tortured genius bit.

Spouse
Behind every great man is a woman. Or behind every great woman is a man, I guess. Whatever, behind every great person is another person. Whatever your gender, you are a normal everyday person that happened to end up married to a rock and roll superstar. You might even be a musician yourself, though it isn't required.

PERKS

Undiscounted

A Particularly Bad Case of Being Cut In Half [Free while here, 100 to keep]
The hard times have made the people here pretty tough. Being cut in half is not always lethal, and if you are bisected then a doctor can usually fix you up pretty easily.

Talent [Free/50]
Wouldn't be much of a musician if you couldn't play, now would you? You are now an expert with one instrument or at vocals. Everyone receives one purchase for free. This can be purchased multiple times, choosing a new instrument each time.

Perfect Soundtrack [Free]
Wherever you go, whatever you do, you carry a little music with you. And by "a little music" I mean a constantly changing soundtrack that fits whatever situation you find yourself in. The genre, style, and lyrics are all perfectly attuned to your tastes. If you really want an army of didgeridoos then have at it. This perk automatically toggles on or off as you desire. It will also toggle between being

audible to others or not as you desire. Having the entire soundtrack feature Dewey Cox is encouraged but not mandatory.

Drop In

Here Today [100]
You're good at living in the moment and enjoying the good times while you have them, and no matter how stressful life gets you always manage to relax. God only knows where you'd be if you weren't made for these times and couldn't hang on to your ego. Sloop John B.

More Blankets! [200]
I have no clue how this works but somehow you can be cured of diseases and conditions with the application and removal of blankets. This won't work for physical wounds like being cut in half.

Crossover Appeal [400]
There are a lot of different genres out there and a lot of them just aren't for everybody. You're the exception. No matter what style of media you go to you always manage to adapt. Rock to punk? Easy. Jazz to metal? No problem. Reggae to Mongolian Throat Singing? Tricky but doable.

Ghost [600]
You're dead! Sorta. See, when you die you become a ghost, forced to wander the earth for all eternity. Well, except as a special dispensation you can turn back to a mortal whenever you want. However, once you become all fleshy again your next death will be for real. The ability to become a ghost resets once every ten years or once per jump, whichever is sooner.

While you are a ghost you can only be seen by those that were extremely close to you or those with magical powers and you are totally unable to interact with the mortal world and you cannot use any powers that rely on a physical body or a living soul. Your spiritual form can still be killed and is vulnerable to exorcism,

which I guess would make you double dead. Furthermore, ghosts can’t feel any pleasure at all. Ghosts can't smell, touch, feel, or even masturbate. You ever tried to jerk off with a ghost hand? Nothing!

Frontman

Inspiration [100]
Even the most innocuous words, phrases, and events can stimulate your creative processes. It's almost silly how much you can come up with on the fly once you get going.

Play By Ear [200]
Strangely, and in a great departure from the norm (perhaps due to being afflicted with smell blindness) you’ve learned to play music by ear. You just listened carefully and suddenly you could hit every note pitch perfect and play it back easily. Learning a new song is as easy as hearing it.

Maestro [400]
Presley. Dylan. Wilson. McCartney. Lennon. Cox. Like all of these master songwriters you possess tremendous creative talent. You can improvise a true masterpiece that will become a hit song in 35 minutes flat. Your music really speaks to the heart and can make all but the most bitter and hateful of people get up and dance.

Walk Hard [600]
Life's a race, and you're in it to win it. You have a burning desire, a hunger, a need to succeed. Other people need breaks, lose focus, get tired and discouraged. You don't. This isn't about willpower, you just plain don't give up, can't give up. You're driven to achieve your ambitions with a single-minded intensity that is almost scary. That vision of victory stays fixed in your mind's eye until you turn it into reality.

Backup

Rock On! [100]
You might not have the best singing voice, but boy do you have a talent with musical instruments. There is nothing you can't play, from the bass to the flute to the theremin. You are merely proficient however. This perk stacks with Talent, making you a master in any instrument you chose with that perk.

When The Music's Over [200]
Some people can't handle the fame and the glory of a rock star, the screaming fans and the drugs and the women might go to some people's heads. You're different. You've never had a problem with living a crazy high profile life and then just going home and being a normal person. Creating a perfect balance between your musical career and your home life is almost trivially easy.

You Don't Want No Part Of This Shit [400]
Well, maybe a little. No matter what drugs you take or what you put in your body you never seem to have any unwanted effects or dependencies. Go ahead, smoke some whiskey and drink straight marijuana, they won't hurt. This also works for poisons but not for inedible things. Eating rocks is still a bad idea, unless you meant the other kind of rock.

Accompaniment [600]
Not everyone can be the star of the show. Just because you aren't the focus doesn't mean you shouldn't give it your all. After all, the stars can't shine without a night sky to shine on. In the same way you manage to bring out the absolute best in the people you chose to support. With you by their side they'll be able to reach their full potential in no time.

Spouse

Let's Duet [100]

Love is such a small word that means so much. You are capable of love, and you feel it very strongly. If that isn't enough, you also have a sense of whether what you feel is true love, friendly love, or just a passing passion.

Stand by Your Man [200]
Everyone can be tempted. However, your lovers seem to be able to ignore those temptations pretty easily. From now on no one you are in a relationship with will ever intentionally cheat on you.

Double (Triple?) Married [400]
No woman would ever want to have to share her man, right? Well, sometimes you'd be surprised. Your spouses don't seem to mind having to share you, no matter how many spouses you might accumulate. That's only for having multiple spouses, not other issues. If you neglect them to spend time with your other spouses they might still be upset.

Muse [600]
You are an inspiration, a figure of true (not necessarily physical) beauty that will spark the creative process in those that see you. Your electrifying presence will no doubt be the subject of many a ballad and story. This scales in effect with the talent of the artist. A wannabe writer might see you and get an idea for a book but a true master would be galvanized to write the next great American novel. This will also have a greater effect on those you are close to, with those that truly love you being inspired to even greater heights.

ITEMS

Unless otherwise specified all items will repair themselves after a day and will return to you if lost. After this jump all properties can either be imported or become warehouse add-ons. Importing similar items is free.

Drop In

Walk Weird: The Jumper Story [100]
A constantly updating collection of biopics about you, jumper! Each jump you go to will be condensed into a two hour long film that you'll be able to view whenever you want. They will fit the general tone of the setting and will have an amazing soundtrack. Works retroactively.

Machete [200]
Be careful, wouldn't want any tragic accidents to occur. This machete is sharp enough to cut someone in half but good. Fortunately, no one that is cut in half by the machete will ever die from it unless you want them to. They would still be in a pretty awful state until they had a doctor to fix them up.

Stage Name [400]
This pseudonym is more than just a fake name. It's a persona, an ideal. It represents something larger than life. When you're on the stage you become something greater. The crowd can't help but hang on every word. This mask is more real than reality, and people can feel it. Your performances are enhanced in every aspect imaginable and seen to resonate and electrify all that watch.

There is a slight catch however. In order to slip into this persona you need to think about your entire life up to this point. Considering how long your life might be that may seem to be quite a detriment, but somehow you manage to go through the entirety in only ten minutes no matter how long it is. Still, that kind of intense retrospection can be painful.

Frontman

Guitar [100]
Three cords and a dream. You might not have much but that just means it will be even more amazing when you finally get your big break. This guitar never needs tuning, never needs new strings, and never gets dirty. Even better, it can change

what kind of guitar it is on the fly, switching from acoustic to electric and back with not a hitch. Bob Dylan eat your heart out.

Studio [200]
Your own personal music studio. This place has it all. It comes fully stocked with everything you need to produce a masterpiece album. In fact, this studio seems to have an absurd amount of resources. Why would anyone need all this? Still, if your vision requires fifty thousand didgeridoos or some other completely insane musical accompaniment then this studio can provide.

The Jumper Show [400]
Don't knock it, this is a good gig. You now have your own TV show. You can choose the genre and can go wild, though if you're hoping for special effects then you'll have to provide them yourself. Further, the rest of the cast that appears on it is either made up of actors you don't recognize or your companions.

Strangely, you don't actually need to go to any recording studio in order for the show to get made. Stranger still, your program is broadcast on your own personal network that isn't restricted by any regulations. It almost seems to just show up on television. One season is produced and broadcast every year, although you can record more yourself if that isn't fast enough for you. If you purchased the Studio item above then that can also double as your television studio.

Backup

Gear [100]
Can't play without it. For every instrument you know how to play you'll receive a finely crafted version that requires no maintenance and plays beautifully. Comes with an amp that requires no power to function. Vocalists receive a microphone.

Siamese Glass Cat [200]
It’s a statue of a Siamese cat made out of glass. Siamese cats were a symbol of nobility in ancient Egypt. This kind of statue is worth a fair amount of money

(approximately 1,000 USD in 1970s) to collectors, and you will receive one as a gift twice a week and on every holiday. They aren't even being given to you by the same people, you apparently just have a reputation for loving these things now. These are not fiat backed if sold and you won't get them back, even if you'll always have more.

Drug Stash [400]
You don’t want no part of this shit! But okay here you go: A massive supply of every recreational drug that has ever existed. This stash will expand with a supply of the local drugs of whatever strange world you find yourself on next, and while not limitless is more than any ten normal people could hope to consume in a lifetime. The stash refills every year.

Spouse

Day Job [100]
The money to support these high-flying dreams has to come from somewhere. You are “somewhere”. Whether it’s washing dishes, pumping gas, or cleaning floors you have a day job that you can rely on to earn enough money to support you and your spouse until this music thing takes off. No matter where you go you always seem to be able to easily and quickly find work in similar low level positions. For some reason you also seem to be making way more money than is reasonable for this kind of work, enough to support yourself, your spouse, their music career, and ten or twelve children comfortably.

Scrapbook [200]
Ah, memories. This automatically updating scrapbook manages to perfectly capture all of the most precious and wonderful moments of your life and that of your family and friends, regardless of if anyone actually took a picture at the time or not. Works retroactively.

Home [400]

It's where the heart is. This house is basically your dream home. The style and design are all up to you but regardless once you enter you'll know you're at home. People that you care for that live in this house seem to lead blessed lives, age gracefully, and avoid sickness and serious accidents.

There are a few sensible limitations on the house's design. The home cannot be larger than 8,000 square feet and it cannot be more high tech than what is expected for the time and place it is in. This house does have to obey physics, but otherwise it can be almost anything, aesthetically speaking. It could even be made out of candy and, due to pure architectural genius, not instantly fall apart. However, I wouldn't recommend being inside when it rains.

COMPANIONS

Spouses receive one purchase of either an Import, Rockstar, or Up and Comer for free to be their spouse. Companions cannot purchase companions

Import [100 per companion, 300 for eight companions]
If you like, you can import your friends or companions to come along if you really can't live without them. They receive a background and 600 CP each to buy items and perks.

Canon Companion [50]
You may bring one person per purchase with you on your journey.

Chimp [50]
An adult chimpanzee. It is extremely clever and fiscally responsible for an ape, but all it cares about is fruit and touching itself.

Up and Comer [50]
A new face in the music industry. This person is still a relative unknown and is working bar gigs in a probably vain hope to hit it big. Still, they have a drive to

reach the top and plenty of talent to back it up. They receive either the Frontman or Backup background and 600 CP each to buy items and perks.

Rockstar [100]
This is no greenhorn. They have at least two studio albums to their name and one top ten hit already. They're in the prime of their life and have a long and promising music career ahead of them. They're a little eccentric and they party harder than they probably should. It might be a smart idea to convince them to go to rehab for their own good. They receive either the Frontman or Backup background, the Maestro perk and 600 CP each to buy items and perks.

Darling [50]
You got married. Till death do you part, white wedding and all that jazz. They're attractive and are really deeply in love with you. Try to treat them right, will ya? They receive the Spouse background and 600 CP each to buy items and perks.

SCENARIOS

Dear Mister President

It's time to stand up for the little guy. You must use your music to inspire positive change in America. It doesn't have to happen all at once but by the end of your time here you must have helped cause serious social change in a positive way on the same level as the Civil Rights Movement using your music. Bob Dylan is a good benchmark for success in this scenario.

Reward: Black Sheep

Your music moves people even if they aren't on the dance floor. The music you make is powerful and can reach people that it normally wouldn't. Soldiers that listen to a song you made about peace, love, and understanding may put down their rifles and pick up flowers. A song about injustice might cause weak men to

take up arms and make a stand. This isn't absolute as there are always people that cannot be moved by words and those that are dead inside won't be moved by the beauty of music. Still, your music is remarkably effective at inspiring others to get up, stand up. Like this you really could start a revolution and change the world. Just drop the pictures of Chairman Mao.

Make a Little Music Everyday Until You Die

You know their names. Elvis Presley. Paul McCartney. John Lennon. Chuck Berry. Buddy Holly. Dewey Cox. The near mythical fathers of rock and roll, each of them a legend in their own right. And now you. For this scenario you must become one of the most popular and influential musicians in the world. It isn't enough to just be good, you have to be one of the greats and you have to stay there. From 1953 onwards you must release at least one chart topping hit every year until 2007.

Reward: Beautiful Ride

What a wonderful world. Your perspective from your long career allows you to truly enjoy every beautiful minute of life. It might have been the work of a lifetime but at the end of this long and winding road you have finally learned to love yourself, but not only yourself. You have accepted your mistakes, your regrets, and your mortality. Go and enjoy the rest of your life.

DRAWBACKS

No Sense of Smell [100]
You had an extremely traumatic experience in your childhood and as a result you've lost all olfactory function. This terrible trauma will be a constant companion, and hurts like new every time you think of it. Unfortunately, you'll constantly be reminded of it due to being smell blind.

Double Married [100]

This is terrible. Somehow you've ended up married to two people at once, and people seem to have a problem with that for some reason. Both of your spouses are furious with you and it is just tearing you up inside. Also, I guess this is illegal?

Instant Karma [200]
It all falls down. No matter what you do you can't seem to stop making problems for yourself. Your every success will directly or indirectly cause another two problems to pop up. These range from minor annoyances to full blown (and highly improbable) tragedies.

Band on the Run [200]
Uh-oh. Looks like the moral authority is after you. You weren't writing songs about something lascivious like hand-holding, were you? Regardless, everyone around you seems to want to hold you to some truly ridiculous puritanical standards. All these restrictions chafe you horribly and suck the fun out of all of your favourite activities. What's worse is that your conscience agrees with them and you find yourself following the rules even when no one is around. Now let me check your clothes. I have to make sure that your skirts terminate six feet below the knee, like a proper lady.

You Really Didn’t Want No Part Of This [300]
Aww now ya gone and done it. You’re addicted to just about every drug there is. Alcohol cocaine and marijuana were what you started on, but now you regularly consume smack, crack, angel dust, speed, crank, uppers, downers, middlers, blow, mushrooms, dexies, LCD, heroin, meth, eggs, ludes, and even boner pills! If it alters your mind or body you’ve probably tried it at some point. You constantly have to use and abuse all the above drugs and try out as many new ones as you can just to chase that dragon. Even worse, your withdrawals are about a thousand times worse than anyone else and can very easily be lethal.

Wrong Kid Died [300]
Oh golly. You were the direct cause of a loved one’s death, and you’ll never forget it. Your other loved ones will blame you and the pain will always be just as fresh

as the day it happened. The guilt will forever haunt you and nothing and no one will ever make you feel better or less responsible. Further, the ghost of the one that died will haunt you. Unlike Nate, your loved one is not nearly so sanguine about their death and will do their best to drive you to suicide.

Notes and Clarifications

Version 1.1

Changelog

Updated the Ghost description to show how limiting the form is supposed to be.
Updated the Home description so that a house made out of candy can technically stand for a little while, maybe, but that it will fall apart eventually because yeah of course.

Please, if someone thinks they can do a better job of this than me I implore you to do so. Take what you want from this jump as well if you want, you cannot imagine how little I care about jump claims.