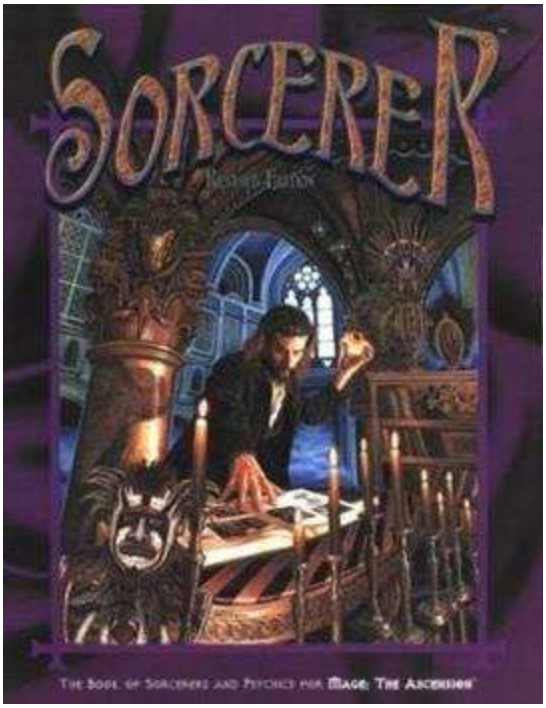
Old World of Darkness: Sorcerer Jumpchain

By Ze Bri-0n



Version 2.5

The World of Darkness is, in many ways, very similar to your own. One the surface, it is all but identical. But beneath that surface lies a much stranger world, one that is home to many fascinating and disturbing powers. Vampires, werewolves, mages, and more. Each one is a force to fear.

But there are those who are not quite a part of either world. Sorcerers. They do not wield the overwhelming power of “true” mages, but they still possess a magic all their own. And that magic can be potent too, especially when the sorcerer is driven forward by a yearning for occult secrets, as all are on some level. Often denigrated

as “hedge magic,” sorcery, or “linear magic” is not subject to Paradox, and can be used by so-called Sleepers, with the proper training, of course.

You arrive in the year 1997, the same year that World of Darkness: Sorcerer was published in your world. If you want, you may pay 50 choice points to start at any time before 2000, when Sorcerer Revised Edition was published.

Speaking of Choice Points, you’ll be getting 1000 of them.

Starting Locations

Roll a d8 to decide, or pay 50 to choose.

1. New York City
2. Harvard Campus, Massechuets.
3. California.
4. Alabama.
5. Detroit
6. Washington DC.
7. The Penumbra.
8. Free Choice of anywhere in the Solar System.

Identity

Roll up to 3d8, then add 16, or spend 50 cp to choose from between 16 and 45. Your gender remains the same as your previous jump, unless you spend 50 cp to change it.

Lone Sorcerer - You awaken at your starting location with no memory of how you got there. Or any life in this world. If you wish, you may instead choose to have the memories of a person of no particular significance with no close friends or family. This is the drop in option.

Cabal Member - You are a member of a small, close knit group of static magicians. They may be a religious group, relatives of yours, or simply a group of sorcerers who happen to live nearby. If you are aware of the Ascension War at all, it's only in the vaguest sense.

Faction Member - You are a member of either the Council of Nine Mystic Traditions, or the Technocratic Union. As a linear mage, you are likely one of the lower tier members thereof, and don't get much respect from the higher ups, but access to resources and knowledge will be worth it, especially if they can induce your Awakening. Alternatively, you may be a member of one of the sorcerous societies that dot the world, such as the Children of Osiris, the Bata'a, and the Mogen Ha Chav.

Perks

Discounts are half off, as usual. If they were only 100 CP before discounts, they're free after them.

General

Mana (Free) All magicians benefit from using Quintessence, but the ability to wield it varies. Some sorcerers can't even touch the stuff. You are lucky enough that you can store and use a small amount at a given moment. You may increase the amount you can store and wield up to four times with each costing 50 CP and the final upgrade giving you some of the greatest potential found in human mystics.

Trained Occultist (100) You have spent some time studying the supernatural workings of the universe…sort of. You don't have information about the actual facts, but you have a wealth of knowledge about stories, symbols, traditions, history, and cultural taboos related to them, and can competently gather more, all of which will help with hedge magic in different ways. You haven't quite got a doctorate in Folklore, but you're well on your way to a Masters.

Professional Parapsychologist (100) You have a scientific understanding of psychic powers and phenomenon, and can identify, describe, and experiment with them with practiced ease. This is more useful to psychics than occult lore, and can even help develop psychic powers, though it has its own limitations.

Book Learner (200) You can read two additional languages and learn from the written word almost as effectively as from instruction. This will prove useful in your path to power.

Sharp Intuition (200) You've got a sort of sixth sense for people, and you're quite competent at using it. It isn't actually mind reading, but you're attuned enough that it's hard to lie to you, or hide your thoughts. You can tell who's hurting or hiding something at a glance - usually. Just don't rely too much on these hunches and gut feelings - they're not infallible.

Iron Will (200) You've got a will like few others. While all magicians are unusual in this area, you're one of the toughest people in the world, which also provides you extra fuel for most forms of static magic.

Fae Blood (300) You've got some faerie blood in your veins, which exposes you to "chimerical" attack, but lets you walk in the Dreaming like you own the place, and build up a pool of Glamour with which to learn and use Faerie cantrips. While you cannot replenish this pool on your own, you are special and may use cantrips via Quintessence instead of Glamour, if you have it. Your presence also does not offend or harm the Fae as normal humans would.

Unbondable (400) You possess the rare, innate trait that makes you immune to the vampiric Blood Bond. You can still benefit from having Vitae in your system, but any Cainite who wishes to retain your services must find other means of doing so. Your nature as a jumper extends this protection to all long-term methods of unnaturally forcing loyalty, including non-magical forms of mind control.

Struggling Awake (600) A rarity among sorcerers, you seem to have gotten caught halfway into Awakening as a true magic. This allows you to try to simply *force* magic to happen, when you need it. Even magic you've no idea how to perform. This can be dangerous and evoke Paradox if it goes wrong, but it gives you a wider number of options. Being part way down this path to power also means that your static magic is just a bit easier, putting it on par with vampiric blood magic.

Lone Sorcerer Discounted

Arcane (100) You have the mystical trait known as "Arcane" or "Cloaking" that makes it extremely difficult to be remembered or detected when you don't want to be. This also provides a degree of protection against sympathetic magic. Unlike with others, this trait is completely under your control and toggleable.

Public Magic (200) While sorcerers don't have the fear Paradox like mages, attempting magic in front of nonbelievers is somewhat more difficult, not to mention more dangerous. Not so for you. For one reason or another, your linear magic is not penalized or made more dangerous by disbelief or Sleeper observation. The linear magic of the Mythic Age - limited though it is - is yours to command.

Clutching Power (400) Sorcerers Awaken more often than anyone else, gaining access to the more powerful and more flexible Sphere magics true mages wield. Vampire clans that practice sorcery often seek such wizards as prospective neonates. Regardless of whether they Awaken or are Embraced, however, such a

metamorphosis almost certainly costs the sorcerer access to the linear magics they've worked so hard to acquire. With this perk, you may dodge that fate, and retain your hegde magic and psychic powers through any sort of transformation, and still reap the benefits of said transformation - including the parts contingent upon losing your powers. This trait extends to all your mystical powers, from this world and others. As an added bonus your supernatural abilities and nature will never interfere with each other, they cannot be stripped from you or sealed away without your consent, and neither time nor disuse erodes your skills or capabilities.

Shockingly Dynamic (600) - How are you doing that? The Paths and spells of sorcery are meant to be self contained. Yet, for some reason, you can combine different paths and spells for more complicated and powerful effects than should be possible, like unifying Enchantment and Fortune to create a long term, autonomous ward protecting your house. It's significantly harder than it would be for an Awakened mage doing affinitive magic, but the fact that you can do it at all is fascinating. In future worlds, you will be able to combine different kinds of magic in much the same way, as long as they aren't diametrically opposed anyway.

Cabal Member Discounted

Beneath Notice (100) As a sorcerer, you are generally beneath the notice of both sides of the Ascension War. They'll try to recruit or eliminate you if you draw attention to yourself, but if you don't, you likely won't even learn there *is* an Ascension War. This perk guarantees that so long as you don't actively draw attention to yourself, you will remain beneath notice.

Day Job (200) Sorcerers of this kind generally don't devote their whole lives to their abilities, and aren't really involved with the supernatural much, beyond their own powers, that is. As such, it is necessary to hold down a "day job" to pay the bills. Choose any mundane profession. You have the equivalent of five years experience in it, and, if you're old enough, are currently employed as such. Even if your history doesn't show it, potential employers will subconsciously sense it and consider you as though you did. You can't be a major politician. At most, a local mayor.

Risk Free Botches (400) One of the risks of magic is that when it goes wrong, it tends to go *disastrously* wrong. However, even a sorcerer's worst botch is not nearly as bad as an Awakened mage's. You share this trait, regardless of what kind of magic you're using. While you can still miscast a spell, the resulting disaster shall be more annoyance than catastrophe, unless the spell was truly worldshaking, in which case there may still be worldshaking consequences - but they will definitely not be world *destroying* consequences. Even the personal consequences are dampened, in your case, so you'll never need to worry about accidentally deleting yourself from existence or shattering your own soul, though you might not survive a truly terrible screw up.

The Ritual Congregation (600) You are a true master of leading groups of magicians in joint works. If you know a kind of magic, and you can gain the

assistance of others who do as well, then you and your allies can perform ceremonies to enact spells that are not only more powerful than any of you could have performed alone, but more powerful than a single magician with the combined power of the group could have, by a significant margin. Even magicless assistants can help, so long as they're willing and able to follow instructions. This applies to other forms of magic with joint spells as well, though those without magical abilities may not be able to assist, depending on the form of magic. Truly grand ceremonies may include more than a hundred people.

Faction Member Discounted

Faction Favorite (100) Despite being a "mere sorcerer," your opinion carries a surprisingly large amount of weight in your faction. As much as a true mage of equal power, in fact. You will generally be able to sidestep any form of prejudice, so long as that prejudice isn't based on actual ability.

Linear Magic, Not Hedge Magic (200) You have the ability to enact subtle social changes on a town-wide scale. Such as, for instance, convincing the local mages to respect sorcerers a bit more. You are also a moderately skilled debater and politician.

Ritual Master (400) You know a lot about ritual magic. In fact, for every spell you know, you probably know at least one ritual version that is significantly more effective, albeit slower. These rituals may require specific reagents and circumstances to perform properly, and even the fastest will take at least ten

minutes more than the normal spell. Your expertise allows you to pick up rituals of all sorts more quickly and easily in the future, and find exploits and unconventional uses for them with ease.

The Traditional Way (600) Unlike Awakened mages, sorcerers cannot use their powers effortlessly, or without foci. As a jumper, however, you will - or have - almost certainly acquire means of sidestepping the requirements of sorcery, and other powers as well. With this perk, you may not want to. For every requirement that you can forgo but don't, the spell or power is 20% more effective. Exponentially. This applies to other powers as well.

Items

General

Focus (100) First purchase free. This is a runestone, wand, athame, holy item, or other such object of your choice, consecrated, enchanted, or otherwise prepared to do your magic, which is absolutely essential for sorcerers. Psychics don't require them, but will find their powers magnified when using them.

Appropriate Tass (100) Tass is condensed quintessence (magical energy), and can be used by magicians to empower their spells and rituals. With this, you will have a steady supply of it. This is especially useful, because sorcerers can only use specific kinds.

Local Believers (300) In your hometown, people know that you and your cabal are the people to talk to for a little supernatural help. They may not admit to believing in it in public, and they may not even really believe in magic at all, but they know that people who go to you for help tend to get an extra edge. As such, your magic, whatever the kind, takes no penalties when people from home are watching, nor from their unbelieving presence, and as a bonus they're much less likely to form an angry mob to burn you at the stake, unless you do something to actually deserve it. Additionally, people will periodically turn up asking for supernatural help that you can - usually easily - provide, and will be more than happy to pay you for your trouble. This state of affairs continues to hold sway in your starting location in later jumps.

Lone Sorcerer Discounted

Basic Books (100) You're going to need these as a drop-in. These books will provide you with enough knowledge to learn the first "dot" of four paths of linear magic. They'll get you on your feet, magically speaking.

Lucky Charm (200) A pretty simple Talisman, enchanted to give whoever holds it a little extra good fortune. Won't save you from certain death, but should give you a much needed edge at times. Can take any form you want.

Safe House (400) Occasionally, you might need somewhere to hide, and here you will find everything you need to stay off the grid for a few weeks. It's big enough for three or four people to stay comfortably, and has a refrigerator and freezer with

enough food to feed them for a month. There's also a garage, microwave, running water, a shower, heating, AC, basic toiletries, a restroom, and an old landline phone. It even has wifi. For some reason, despite having all these amenities, it has no provider for any of them. The deed to the place isn't even in your name. So as long as you don't lead anyone right to it, no one will connect it to you. The phone and wifi are untraceable by mundane means, and most of the common mystical methods. The supplies, including food, restock yearly. Will import itself to every new setting, and as long as you're in a city, it will never be more than a half hour's drive away.

Cabal Member Discounted

Professional Advertisements (100) A set of fliers, posters, and electronic files that will help you drum up some business on the mystical side of things, professionally done and self-replenishing and updating. They have a habit of finding their ways into the hands of those who are willing to believe. Just, try not to attract *too* much attention with these.

Enchanted Appliance (200) Choose any one common appliance. Anything from a cell phone to a truck. You gain an enchanted variant of it. It will never need maintenance, refueling, or recharging. Furthermore, even if it looks outdated, it will outperform the most cutting edge mundane equivalent. In fact, it will probably outperform anything from our real world, if only just.

Personal Library (400) Every magic user, sorcerer or mage, needs somewhere to write down his spells. Here's yours. A modest library detailing your form of magic, with extra, blank books for you to record new findings in. It can be added onto your warehouse or imported into each new setting post-jump.

Faction Member Discounted

Sorcery 101 (100) This text is a perfect primer and teaching aid for anyone who wants to work with magicians outside their group. It provides step by step instructions for communicating through paradigm differences, and adapting that to the actual casting of spells. It even has a few things to say about other magic systems.

Node (200) A place where quintessence naturally springs forth and can be gathered by mages and sorcerers for a variety of uses. This Node is of middling strength, but can take whatever form you want, from a sacred grove to a workshop. It can be placed on pre-existing properties as well, but cannot be added to your warehouse until after the jump. Post-jump it can be imported however you want, including being added to the warehouse or placed in a pocket dimension, including a Horizon Realm you control. The Quintessence will remain perfectly terrestrial wherever you put it.

Sanctum (400) These are not as useful to Sorcerers as they are true mages, but in this apartment sized space, your magical abilities, from this world or others, will never go awry, instead merely failing to produce any effect at all when misused.

This Sanctum can take any form, from an alchemist laboratory, to a dojo, to a temple, to a small house. It also dampens rumors about you calling up demons and whatnot while within it, and has some defenses against trespassers, otherworldly and otherwise.

Companions

Import (50-300) - Import up to eight existing companions. Each of these companions get 600 choice points to spend on items and perks, and 600 sorcery points to spend on paths.

Cabal Mates (100) A member of your cabal that practices the same paradigm of magic you do. Receives Day Job for free and Local Believers if you take it, as well as 600 choice points and 800 sorcery points. The first two purchases are free for Cabal Members.

Mentor (400) A member of the same group as you, with far more experience and power, who is willing to travel with and teach you. Receives 1200 sorcery points. You may pay 100 CP to give them 200 CP and 200 extra sorcery points, representing a more skilled or experienced mentor. You may buy this upgrade multiple times. Discounted to Cabal Member and Faction Member

Familiar (100) You have a spirit that has incarnated itself in the form of an animal. This spirit has access to some knowledge which you do not and can communicate

clearly with both you and spiritual entities. It may have some minor powers of its own as well. Unlike most familiars, you don't need to worry about feeding this one. You may import a supernatural pet into this role.

Sorcery

Finally, we get to the actual point of this jump. The actual sorcery. You will receive 1000 Sorcery Points (SP) to spend on this section alone. You may convert CP to SP on a 1:1 basis, but may not convert SP into CP.

Each ability (called a "Path") has five or six "dots," which determine the level of magical learning and thus the limits of the magical effects that a magician may achieve. Each dot costs 100 SP.

Some, but not all, Paths also have rituals, which usually take an extra ten minutes to cast (though in some cases they take much, much longer), but are more powerful than normal spells and are often capable of producing effects that cannot be replicated with normal sorcery. A sorcerer must have the appropriate dots in the appropriate path to learn a given ritual. Each ritual costs 50 SP. You receive your first three purchases for free. If you took Ritual Master, you get an additional two purchases free. If you do not purchase any dots in sorcery, but do take psychic powers, you instead gain access to the rare power to use, and with great difficulty create, Psychic Rituals, but you do not start with knowledge of any.

Different groups of magicians have different understandings and methods - different styles - of doing magic, founded in their unique understandings of their reality. A Kabbalahist sorcerer might claim to invoke the angels of God, while another magician might legitimately think themselves nothing more than a skilled chemist. These distinctions affect what ritual actions and reagents and tools are necessary for spellcasting, and what names are used, but not the strength of the magic, or a given Path. You must pick a style for each Path you choose, but you should also not feel the need to stick to any one paradigm - you can learn to predict the future with a quantum supercomputer *and* forge a contract with a spirit of the wild to shapeshift.

Note: Due to the size of White Wolf's World of Darkness line, I don't have access to every source book for sorcerers, psychics, and Faithful. As such, there are a number of Paths, rituals, psychic powers, and True Faith abilities not listed here. If you want to take those, feel free.

Alchemy - This path allows the sorcerer to create potions, chemicals, and materials with supernatural qualities. Not all users think of themselves as "alchemists," and may insist on being referred to as herbalists or simply skilled chemists.
[1] The alchemist may create more advanced versions of mundane chemicals, such as painkillers and glue. They are not overtly supernatural, and can easily be passed off as just a "better brand."
[2] All that the first dot offered and more. The alchemist can create short lived steroids and potions that grant mystical senses for short periods.

[3] The alchemist's enhancements can now create mildly superhuman physical abilities and grant low level psychic powers, at least for short periods. They can also create materials and alloys that surpass what should be possible.

[4] More potent versions of what is available at 3 dots.

[5] With great study - or a sample - of a supernatural creature, the alchemist may replicate their various mid-level abilities for short periods. More potent abilities come with side effects.

[6] At this level, an alchemist may create such miracles as the Elixir of Eternal Youth, or even induce an Awakening. However, every soul is unique, and requires its own unique formula. Inventing this formula - and acquiring its likely rare and hard to find ingredients - may require a grand labor and quest unto itself.

Alchemy Rituals

- One dot: A powder that, when mixed with alcohol, induced sleep almost instantly, or a pill that suppresses the symptoms of the common cold or flu for a full day and halves recovery time.
- Two dots: A form of LSD that grants vague but accurate visions of the future or a drug that doubles running speed for up to an hour, but leaves those with low stamina shaky and out of breath for the next.
- Three dots: A metal alloy that is lighter and stronger than titanium, but easier to work, can retain an edge almost forever, and stays more resilient than the finest blade,or a metallic dust that reveals hidden, disguised, or invisible things for what they are, disrupting illusions.

- Four dots: A chemical that raises physical abilities for up to eight hours, possibly even to superhuman levels. Side effects include an insatiable appetite during this period. Another option is a regiment of drugs that slows down the aging process to one twelve its natural speed.
- Five dots: You can learn the recipe to a pungent substance that is especially disgusting to werewolves, to the point where none dare come within five feet of whatever it is smeared upon. Anyone else with a sense of smell will also be reluctant to do so, but not to the same extent. A potion of this magnitude might allow its drinker to match the physical abilities of a vampire for an hour.

Chronomancy - The magical power to manipulate time. However, it cannot divine information about the past or future, instead altering the flow of time within the present.

[1] The chronomancer gains the ability to keep track of time perfectly, detecting its passage more precisely than any watch, and also sensing distortions in time as well as being significantly harder to surprise.

[2] The chronomancer knows how to orient themselves in time to better perform any action that requires precise timing. This spell must be cast before performing the action.

[3] The chronomancer may now accelerate their own personal timeline, allowing them to perform actions and movements in what others perceive as a fraction of the time.

[4] Just as the magician altered their own personal timeline, they may now affect the timelines of others, accelerating them or slowing them down, severely hampering their battle prowess in the process.
[5] This level of chronomancy allows its user to pause time in a small area, up to a square yard, for a short period. Under stressful situations, this spell can last up to fifteen seconds, while in calmer straights it can last up to five minutes. Anything that enters the paused area also becomes frozen, though objects only partially within the area of paused time can be manipulated from the outside.
[6] While sorcery cannot match the sheer power of true magic, this level of chronomancy comes pretty close. At this level, the sorcerer may make jumps through time, either traveling back in or turning back time by short periods. This is significantly harder during combat situations, and time hopping into occupied space can be dangerous for the mystic, though not fatal to a healthy person. The magician may also skip forward in time by the same period, should there be need to.

Chronomancy Rituals

- Grant Time Sense (1): Allows the chronomancer to grant their mystical perceptions of time to another person.
- Perfect Reaction (2): For the duration of the ritual (which can last for days if properly cast) it is nearly impossible to surprise or ambush the sorcerer.
- Time Ward (3): This ritual creates a room-sized area in which time based abilities (including this Path) encounter resistance.

- Blight of Ages (4): The subject - an object or person - ages a period of multiple years over the course of the next several seconds.
- Unaging (5) This potent ritual prevents the blight of aging from affecting the caster, allowing for truly ancient sorcerers, so long as no outside factors lead to their deaths. It must be recast every several weeks. Multiple castings do not “stack.”

Conjuration - This path allows the sorcerer to summon objects to themselves, whether through a form of telekinesis or apporation.

[1] The sorcerer can move one small object within the range of 10 feet for a few feet.

[2] The Conjurer can move simple items or conjure them from another location within the range of up to 15 feet.

[3] The Conjurer can move larger, more complex objects. In addition to conjuring it up, they may also levitate it within the air. The objects may not be heavier than 200 pounds and must be within 25 feet.

[4] The Conjurer can move large objects like a piano, and even complex life forms with at least half the mass of a human being. Maximum range is 50 feet.

[5] The Conjurer can move or conjure a human, provided the subject is willing or unconscious. Objects can be summoned from 60 feet.

[6] The Conjurer can conjure and move objects the size of a truck, as well as up to three human-sized lifeforms within the range of 100 miles.

Conjuration Rituals

- Sword Summoning (3): Usually not literal in the modern day, this ritual allows a conjurer to prepare a weapon ahead of time. This weapon may then be summoned, once, should there be need for it, so long as it is within a mile or two away. Doing so is as easily as “drawing” it from a convenient shadow or trench coat, and is even easier if the conjurer is highly familiar with the weapon in question. This ritual is not without fault, however. The affected weapon can be no larger than a shotgun or a large sword, and summoning almost always fails when performed in front of unbelievers, but a skilled or subtle magician can offset the later restriction.
- Shitstorm (4): The caster creates a whirlwind of random debris that strike and injure anyone within the affected area, which, depending on the sorcerer’s skill, can be anywhere from two to twelve yards in diameter.

Convoyence - Teleportation, flight, and other means of magically swift transportation are covered by this path.

[1] The wizard may transport themselves across roughly 10 feet.

[2] The sorcerer’s magic may transport themselves, along with 20 pounds, across roughly 100 feet.

[3] At this level, the mystic can transport themselves and one other person across roughly a mile.

[4] The magician may transport themselves and two other passengers across roughly five miles.

[5]The sorcerer’s master allows them to transport themselves and up to three other passengers across roughly ten miles.
[6] The user may transport themselves and five other passengers across roughly 100 miles.

Convoyence Rituals

- Teleportation Ward (2): The sorcerer creates a magical boundary around a room or building that interferes with any attempt to teleport into the area - unless the teleporter knows the passcode, of course. This ward degrades over the course of months if not tended to, but is easily maintained by an active magician.
- Getting Out of Here (3): Another ritual cast mostly ahead of time, this ritual allows the caster to return to a specified location with a single word, so long as that location is within 50 miles. Additional power can expand this range, but must be expended during the initial casting.
- Teleportal (5): Master sorcerers can create permanent gateways between locations. This ritual requires multiple days of preparation, some of which must be spent at both sites. Once this is done, the magician may invest as much power as they wish into the portal, which determines the range, the number of times it may be used, and any and all specifications they wish to add to who or how the portal can be used. As a final measure, the sorcerer permanently invests a small fraction of their will to complete the portal. Such an endeavor would be beyond the power of most magicians, if not for the

fact that lesser practitioners of this path may add their own magic to the ritual, but the final sacrifice must be the master's.

Divination - the ability to gain information by occult or magical means. This might mean staring at a crystal ball, drawing cards, or casting wands, among many other methods.

[1] Sorcery of this level allows the user to see one week into the past or future with an overall sense of accuracy.

[2] The sorcerer can see up to one month into the past or future with notable accuracy.

[3] Seeing one year into the past or future with greater accuracy is now possible for the diviner.

[4] This level of skill allows the diviner to see up to ten years into the past or future with remarkable accuracy

[5] The span of a lifetime into the past or future can be seen with enormous accuracy

[6] This degree of mastery over divination allows the diviner to see as far into the past or future as possible. Even when the divination is wrong, it contains elements of truth.

Enchantment - the sorcery of creating items with magical abilities and properties. The creation of such items generally takes three days per dot required to make it.

[1] The Enchanter creates a minor item with limited use only and a tight area of influence. Such as a jacket that works as abnormally good camouflage in a crowd, or glasses that never fog.

[2] The Enchanter creates a more powerful talisman that is noticeable as magic. A flask that blocks three bullets and no more, objects that increase a mundane skill by a noticeable amount when used.

[3] The Enchanter creates a talisman whose function is obviously magical. Shoes that double running speed, a charm that can protect its wearer from magic three times a day.

[4] The Enchanter creates a talisman that is able to defy several of the limitations of the Consensus. Clothing that grants superhumanly impressive but otherwise mundane abilities, a throwing knife that shall never miss.

[5] The Enchanter creates a talisman with almost miraculous powers. A golem, or a ring that hides its user from magical detection.

Ephemera - This is the path dealing with spirits and Otherworlds of all sorts. Those who walk this path are referred to, amongst other things, Mediums.

[1] The sorcerer can detect spirits in their area and even in adjacent dimensions, such as the Umbra. They can also intentionally attract the attention of said spirits, which is often a poor idea.

[2] The Medium can distinguish between different kinds of spirits and attract attention only from their kind of choice

[3] The sorcerer can now detect and summon specific spirits, if need be. Furthermore, when they call, there *will* be an answer, from one spirit or another.

[4] With this magic, a sorcerer can now pierce the veil between worlds and travel bodily to the worlds of spirits. Spirits can now be perceived even without magic, and the sorcerer will be respected for their abilities by the majority of spirits.

[5] The shaman can now compel spirits to obey their commands, as well as banishing all but the most powerful spirits back to their homes.

[6] The sorcerer is now capable of astrally projecting, connecting their spirit to their bodies with a silver cord that, if broken, leads to their deaths. This cord is protected by the sorcerer's raw will.

Rituals

- Warding (1) A combination of precautionary charms and willpower allows the sorcerer to create areas where the spirits of the dead cannot intrude, unless they're more powerful than the sorcerer, of course. These wards are not permanent, however and require periodic maintenance.
- Forbiddance (1) One of the rare rituals that can be performed as quickly as a normal spell, Forbiddance allows the Medium to use their will to attempt to banish a ghost or wraith from their presence, if need be. Once so banished, the ghost cannot reenter the area until the mystic leaves.

- Banishment (2) A variant of Forbiddance which eschews wraiths in favor of working upon nature spirits, which are unfortunately harder to deal with.
- Seal (2) A more advanced variant of Warding which allows the magician to defend an area against natural and nature spirits.
- Discerning Ward (4) This ritual allows the wizard to establish more selective and discerning wards which affect both ghosts and nature spirits but allow or disallow specific spirits or types of spirits into or out of the protected area. These distinctions must be set as the ritual is cast, and additional rituals are required to change them.
- The Distant Call (6): This is the most powerful ritual in the Path, allowing the magician that knows it to call upon the shade of any dead person, regardless of how distant whatever afterlife they've moved onto is. However, even this mighty ritual cannot summon souls that have been entirely destroyed, and sometimes this ritual fails for no apparent reason. Anyone in a "Gift of Men" situation will very probably be under some restrictions upon what they are permitted to reveal, if they can be contacted at all. Probably, but not certainly.

Fortune - For good or for ill, this path allows the sorcerer to control the fate of their target, and create both blessings and curses. For reasons unknown, this path also benefits from additional assistance more than other magics would.

[1] One, specifically named target, receives either a mild inconvenience or an equally mild boon, once. Examples include stubbing one's toe, or calling at the perfect time.

[2] Two targets, specifically named, or one ill-defined target receives either a lasting advantage or a lasting inconvenience for a day or two, such as catching the flu, or being passed over by it.

[3] A small group of closely linked individuals (up to four people) may spend up to a week under the effects of this spell. A major setback or breakthrough on a short term goal. Avoiding traffic and being stuck at the DMV. Extra good or bad luck in combat situations.

[4] A group up to the size of a football team, and no less related than one, is affected by a permanent, debilitating injury or an equivalent advantage. Winning the lottery, bankruptcy, excellence at a critical moment (in combat or otherwise), or utter failure at the same. This luck may continue for several months.

[5] Up to 100 people, with only a vague relation (all the patrons of a particular bar, for instance) can be enchanted for multiple years. Blessing of such power can save their target from otherwise inevitable death or misfortune, while curses can kill or cripple in painful and humiliating ways.

[6] An entire town, battalion, or corporation may be cursed or blessed unto the seventh generation. If there's a fate worse than death or a way to cheat death forever, this would be a good start.

Rituals

- Death Curse (1): The only ritual this path provides, the sorcerer's next curse will be their last, as this ritual causes it to consume the lifeforce of its caster. However, the effect will be several times more powerful than they could otherwise achieve. Alternatively, this ritual can confer a blessing of equal magnitude. In game terms, the user immediately loses all dots in willpower and gains that automatic successes and that many dots in Fortune for the duration of the spell, after which they immediately die.

Healing - Exactly what it sounds like, the path of Healing allows the magician to ease and heal the injuries and diseases of themselves and others. However, this magic can only be applied to a given person once every several hours.

[1] Minor bruises and headaches vanish under the tender ministrations of the sorcerer.

[2] Migraines and flus are quickly remedied by this level of magic.

[3] Broken bones are mended and coma patients awaken when struck with workings of this magnitude.

[4] Gut wounds and compound fractures are healed, infections prevented, and chronic illnesses never return.

[5] Deadly wounds and fatal diseases can be swiftly and permanently cured.

Rituals

- Healing Sleep (1): The healer may place a willing target to sleep instantly. When the target awakens, they will be revitalized and alert, with a clarity of mind and purpose, even if it was only a few hours rest.
- Mike's Cure-All (2): This ritual causes the target’s body to quickly begin flushing itself clean of any and all toxins and poisons, even alchemical ones. This may involve sweating, vomiting, crying, or defecation. The more powerful the toxin is, the more difficulty the magician faces in purging it.
- Wakey-Wakey (2): The sorcerer may cause their target to awaken from even magically induced sleep. Comas, medically or mechanically induced, are ended.

Mana Manipulation - Mana Manipulation deals with what the user perceives as the raw stuff of magic – chi, mana, ley line energy and their like. Through practices like Feng Shui and geomancy, the user learns to harness these energies for their own purposes.

[1] The sorcerer becomes aware of magical energy in the surrounding area.

[2] The mystic sense becomes more precise, allowing them to discern whether individual objects or entities are magical in nature, as well as if someone in the area is actively using magic.

[3] The magician can create primitive mana batteries, storing energy for later, as well as preventing wellsprings of such energy from producing power, but only for a short time.

[4] Drawing magical energy into oneself from places of power and attacking the life forces of others are now within the wizard's grasp. Destroying magical energy in the air or in an object or person is also possible.

[5] The sorcerer can perform powerful countermagic and manipulate and alter the nature of the mana they are working with. Unlike common counterspells and Unweaving methods, this magic is generic, and can affect any form of magic, including the powers of other supernatural creatures, even without specialized incantations or an in-depth understanding.of their natures and mechanics.

Mana Manipulation Rituals

- Infusion (1): The sorcerer imbues a consumable object with a small amount of their own for magical energy for later use. However, this ritual is inefficient, and can only store half the energy poured into it.
- Shape Mana (2): The magician alters the flow of magical energy in an area, changing its direction or effects. This can be used to attract luck and spirits of a desired type, at least in a general sense, but it can also be used to redirect ley lines and alter spells that are affecting the area.

Oneiromancy - The magic of dreams. Entering, manipulating, and transersing. Unlike most forms of magic, this Path does not cost the caster any form of energy.

[1] The dreamwalker gets flashes of the dreams of their target, with whom they must be in direct, physical contact. These flashes can, with some difficulty, be interpreted.

[2] The oneiromancer may now enter the dreams of anyone whose True Name they know, temporarily becoming part of the dream, and taking on a form and initial role provided by the dreamer's subconscious. Once within the dream, they can make small changes to it, such as conjuring small objects, with minimal difficulty, but cannot alter or defy the premise of the dream itself.

[3] The dreamwalker can not enter the dreams of others with a mere DNA sample. Upon entry, they may now illosate themselves from the dream itself, observing it without participating. They may also alter the dream itself, creating terrible nightmares or soothing fantasies.

[4] A prized possession is connection enough for a sorcerer this skilled, and they can create a dream sending, a precisely defined set of circumstances and images that repeats within the subject's dream over and over again, subtly influencing their mind in the waking world - so long as the oneiromancer doesn't push too hard and tip their hand, that is. If they so desire, the dreamer can be made to remember the dream as well as they do any waking moment.

[5] The master dreamwalker may combine the dreams of others into one, and can do so with any one of their targets' belongings, entering just as easily. They can also quicken the dreamer's minds to almost perfect awareness, without

compromising the restfulness of their slumber, and control the malleability of the dream.

Shapeshifting - Many mystics have sought to make changes to their own forms, and the forms of others. With knowledge of this path, such enchantments become possible.

[1] The shapeshifter can make one cosmetic change to themselves.

[2] Noticeable changes to oneself, such as claws and scales are possible. Or a completely different (but still human) face.

[3] This level of shapeshifting allows the sorcerer to replace any one of their body parts with an equivalent part from any animal. This can mean a fully clawed paw, an external digestive system, or a shark-like gaw. Turning into a completely different person is also possible.

[4] The magician can at last affect another person with their spells, but still cannot take on a fully non-human form with a single spell, shifting only into some half-way point between their natural form and an animal of choice.

[5] The spellcaster can affect two targets of their choice, shift fully into any mundane animal, or make multiple unrelated shifts to the same target.

Summoning, Binding, and Warding - Three paths in one, this magic is used to beckon entities forth, bind them into service, and put up the defenses necessary to survive the process. Subjects must travel under their own power, and only material

beings are susceptible. All spells from this perilous path are rituals, with dots increasing the range of entities that can be affected by it. For this reason, for every dot purchased in this path, you get one full "set" of five rituals for Warding against, Summoning, Binding, and Dismissing one sort of entity. There are two forms of bindings, Minor and Major. The distinction between the two is that Minor Bindings pit the sorcerer's will against the subject's, and if the caster wins, the subject is forced to perform one service of the sorcerer's choice before going free, which they are free to twist to the best of their ability. Usually, this is followed by a Dismissal ritual, which compels the subject to leave peaceably. Major Bindings entail a more protracted battle of wills between subject and magician. If the magician wins, they name a possible condition (such as "until I die" or "until Hayley's Comet shines in the sky") and until that condition is met the subject is bound to the sorcerer. The nature of this battle spoils any subsequent attempt at Dismissing the subject, so wizards who perform such magic with impunity rarely survive long.

[1] Smaller animals such as birds, rats, and lizards may be summoned, and in large groups.

[2] Wolf sized creatures and certain technologies are now susceptible. Multiple at once is still possible.

[3] Normal humans can be summoned. A magician attempting this must use some item from the person he wants to command (hair, clothing, etc.) and can only summon one at a time. Complex machines such as computers and self-willed nature spirits are also an option.

[4] Paranormal beings (ghouls, werewolf Kinfolk, other magicians, fomori) can be brought and warded. The limitations of normal humans apply. Such power is enough to affect technomagical devices.

[5] True supernaturals (vampires, werecreatures, mages, faeries) can be summoned and bound. Only one individual may be so treated, and some bit of fur, blood, armor, clothing, etc. must be used. This is dangerous territory, but at the same time entire buildings can be warded, and the magician's technosummoning is strong enough to call airplanes.

Diamonic Summoning - An even more high-stakes answer to the shortcomings of normal Summoning, Warding, and Binding magic, this path operates under roughly the same rules, except for the fact that it concerns itself with the entities of the Otherworlds instead of material beings, and spiritual beings can bypass normal travel when a magician is willing to tear a hole in reality as we know it, which is an integral part of this sort of magic. Negotiation is also more common than binding, for even minor spiritual beings are half again as difficult to bind their fleshy counterparts, and usually inhumanly strong willed besides. Furthermore, major spiritual entities inevitably escape even the strongest Major Bindings, and do so usually far sooner than the sorcerer anticipated, though the Minor Binding rituals must still be performed lest the spirit lose their grip on this world before their task is complete.

[1] A simple, minor entity such as a weak elemental spirit or spirit-animal Gaffling in service to a greater totem can be conjured and bent to the sorcerer's purpose.

[2] Fairly potent or intelligent minor entities are at the sorcerer’s beck and call.

[3] The lower infernal and celestial hosts, elementals of some power, Jamak spirits, and minor Jagglings attend such summoners and their needs.

[4] Infernal tempters, lesser angelics, Umbrood Preceptors, powerful and Jagglings may be invoked and commanded.

[5] The Lesser Lords - greater angelics, demonic barons, the mightiest elementals, and Umbrood Lords hear and answer such magic, and are bound to the magician’s purpose. Such rites often mark the environment for decades afterwards.

[6] The summoner is one of the few who remembers how to call the gods, the angels, and the greatest of demons as well, and Celestial entities are much the same. Perhaps even a Celestine or *the* Devil (or at least an aspect of him) might appear, if only they were called. Be warned; binding such forces with merely static magic is a futile endeavor, and many hubristic sorcerers have learned that final and fateful lesson the hard way. Still, like most spiritual entities, they are generally in a bargaining mood when they are summoned, and not all are without pity…

Weather Manipulation - Also known as Weathercraft, with this Path, the user manipulates weather patterns for their own benefit. As such a manipulation of reality is very difficult, such effects are slow to become noticable.

[1] A small change, like a warm or cold breeze, for a few seconds, in a limited area, will manifest within the next few minutes.

[2] Minor changes, like a dense fog, lasting a few minutes, within a half mile radius, will manifest within seconds or minutes, depending on the severity of the change.

[3] The weather witch may now summon or banish rains and winds, and adjust the temperature of an area up to 30 degrees in either direction. These changes are limited in scope to a few miles around, and last half an hour at most. Effects arrive within the minute.

[4] Changes up to 40 degrees in temperature, gale force winds, cold snaps, heat waves, powerful tides, undercurrents, and storms appear and disappear at the sorcerer's command, at least within a five mile radius, for up to an hour. The magician may also take control of existing weather patterns and turn them against any nearby individual or structure. Effects are instantaneous.

[5] Blizzards, droughts, tornadoes, and other destructive weather phenomena can be manipulated, for up to a day, within a twenty mile diameter, lasting several hours, perhaps even a day.

The Flow of Ki - Many people believe that a master of the martial arts possesses more than mundane prowess. That there is a spiritual level to their mastery. This ability is the truth of that belief. By expending magical energy, anyone who possesses this skill may increase their physical abilities for several seconds. Unlike the Paths of sorcery, this form of linear magic only has one level of power. Any improvement is the result of increased mana capacity.

Force of Spirit - Some people possess a raw, unbridled charisma that seems almost supernatural. With this ability, there is no "almost." An expenditure of magical energy can briefly improve your social skills, at least for a single task.

Strength of Psyche - You have learned to briefly magnify your mental abilities by tapping into the mystical energy that dwells inside you.

Psychic Abilities

In the World of Darkness, psychic abilities and mythic sorcery are, at first glance, completely different. However, both manipulate the same powers, albeit in very different ways, and are both considered forms of linear magic. While a sorcerer utilizes numerous tools and ceremonies to harness supernatural powers, a psychic makes do with lots, and lots, of willpower. Furthermore, the majority of psychic powers are innate, and can be improved, but not gained, without outside interference, in stark contrast to normal sorcery. How and why psychics develop is largely unknown amongst sorcerers, but there are many theories, ranging from Atlantean ancestry to alien experimentation. The truth is probably closer to home, and almost certainly relates to the Avatars which grant both linear and affinitive mages their powers. For the purposes of this jump, the abilities listed here can be bought with SP at the same rate as Paths. For the purposes of perks and drawbacks alike, psychic powers count as magic or a magical power.

Animal Psychic - animal psychics have power over "lower" creatures, commanding, controlling, and communicating with various members of the animal kingdom.

[1] Communication - the psychic may create a two-way channel of communication between themselves and one animal of choice. At this level, they cannot forcefully control them, but if they can turn whatever fast-talking powers they have upon the bird or beast.

[2] Command - the psychic may now command an animal to perform a single act in their name, but not one that endangers the animal. Especially complex commands, or orders that they animal is adverse to follow, are harder to impose.

[3] Mass Communication - all animals of a given species within earshot come under the effects of Communication. Additional species can be added, but doing so is more taxing for the psychic.

[4] Mind Link - the psychic links their mind to a single animal, allowing them to perceive all the animal does, and utilize any lesser power upon them more easily so long as the link persists, which can be indefinitely if the psychic wishes it. However, should the animal be injured, psychic backlash may also injure the psychic.

[5] Domination - the psychic issues an order to a specific animal, and that animal obeys, even at the cost of its life. Conditional orders are fine, but conjectional orders can be disobeyed.

Anti-psi - a rare form of psychic that creates a sort of psychic "static" that interferes with other psychic powers, even those from other worlds (though not as much as those from this world). Including their own (Unless they have Clutching

Power, or a similar perk, of course). It also confers a minor defense against magical psychic attacks, though this defense does not grow with the anti-psychic's power. Unlike other psychic powers, this one is on by default, and must be actively suppressed if the anti-psychic wishes to deactivate it. After this jump, the jumper may deactivate this power at will.

[1] A 5 yard radius is filled with the anti-psychic's static.

[2] The field is expanded to a 10 yard radius.

[3] 15 yards worth of static is now generated.

[4] The anti-psychic's energy now permeates a 20 yard radius.

[5] A 25 yard radius is insulated from psychic powers.

Astral Projection - Splitting one's spirit from their body, becoming a living ghost. In this state, they cannot affect the material world, except through the use of their psychic powers. They may also perceive other astral projections, but other forms of spirits appear hazy and indistinct, except to those with other spiritual senses. While outside their physical form, the psychic loses all awareness of it, leaving it vulnerable to attack. Should the body die without its spirit, a ghost will almost certainly result. Unfortunately, this will still count as a death for the purposes of this jump. Fortunately, short of outside intervention, the psychic may return to their body at will, regardless of distance.

[1] At this level, the astral projector is not yet worthy of their name. They can, with some difficulty, perceive the astral plane and those that dwell there, but cannot quite enter it. Some psychics prefer to close their eyes to block out the physical

world while doing this, while others have no trouble viewing both planes superimposed atop each other.

[2] The psychic is now capable of leaving their body for short periods (five minutes), though they cannot travel more than a mile from their catatonic vessel. Furthermore, whilst in astral form, they may only perceive the world through sight.

[3] The psychic's hearing now works in astral form. They may remain outside their flesh for up to an hour, and travel up to 500 miles from it.

[4] The astral form of the psychic may travel 1,000 miles from its body, and remain outside for up to five hours. With effort, they may also manifest visibly for mundane observers as a silent and translucent, ghostly apparition.

[5] The psychic may now project their astral self anywhere in the world, so long as their body remains healthy, and all their senses work normally. Manifesting visibly is no easier than before, but the psychic's appearance is now that of a blurry, translucent, idealized version of themselves that is capable of speaking in a soft whisper. Neither the projection nor voice appear upon recording.

Biokinesis - the psychic ability to manipulate their own biology. While this ability cannot replicate the powers of the Paths of Shapeshifting and Healing, its flexibility is more akin to that of the Life Sphere known to true mages.

[1] Self-Control - the biokinetic can manipulate their own body on a low level. Minor cuts stop bleeding, small amounts of pain are ignored, and breath can be held for several extra minutes. To do any of this, the biokinetic must enter a trance.

[2] Self Healing- by maintaining focus for a long period of time while relaxing comfortably, the psychic may focus their internal energies, allowing their body's natural ability to recover to move at twice it's normal rate.

[3] Hysterical Strength - the psychic gains control over their adrenal glands (or so some psychics believe, regardless of glandular response or lack thereof, the result is the same), allowing them to pump their body with the chemicals necessary to turn even a normal person into an Olympian athlete - for a short time, anyway. This lasts up to an hour, at which point the crash hits. The crash's intensity depends upon the length and strength of the boost, as well as the excess pain and stress the biokinetic endured, and will likely incapacitate the unprepared, knowing them unconscious. Of course, *having* the strength of an Olympian doesn't mean that they can *handle* the strength of an Olympian, so it's common for a biokinetic to injure themselves and, as adrenaline dulls pain, not realize it. There's a reason the adrenal gland doesn't pump constantly.

[4] Ignore Pain Response - the biokinetic may freely active and deactive their pain response. This won't actually heal them, but it will certainly make being injured less annoying. Even with no pain response, the psychic can still sense an injury, but the lack of pain will probably cause them to underestimate its severity. Pain exists for a reason.

[5] Mind Over Matter - At will, the psychic can stop their own heart, suspend their need for oxygen, regulate digestive functions, control the immune system, and accelerate or suppress cell growth, regeneration or processing. They may consciously direct their body to perform feats of biology as if their cells were responding to their mind individually. They can nullify most toxins, fight off most

mundane diseases, allergens or irritant, though the most severe may pose a challenge. With pain control, the biokinetic may flex and contort their body into unnatural positions and slip out of bonds or into tight spaces. They can hold their breath for minutes at a time while remaining active and, if necessary, actively redirect toxins to other parts of the body. With preparation, the psychic can take inhuman and even impossible amounts and forms of physical trauma in stride.

Channeling - the psychic world's answer to the Path of Ephemera, channeling is sometimes called Necro-Psi, and often confused with the aforementioned Path. It allows the psychic to interact with the spirits of the dead, but not other forms of spiritual beings, perceiving their presence and even drawing upon their skills and experiences.

[1] The channeler may sense nearby ghosts in a vague sense, and channel the skills and knowledge of one ghost of choice, once per day.

[2] The medium may now see through the Gauntlet and perceive the Shadowlands, where shades dwell. They may communicate with ghosts directly for short periods and channel twice a day.

[3] The channeler may see through the Gauntlet for an hour at a time, and channel three times a day.

[4] The channeler may channel as many times as they wish, though each attempt beyond the third is more difficult than the last, resetting only after a full sleep cycle . They may also retain awareness while possessed, forcefully eject any ghost that tries to possess them, or freely lend their skills to any wraith that they allow into their vessel.

[5] The channeler may draw upon the skills and abilities of two distinct shades simultaneously. They may also access the memories of any ghost that possesses them.

Clairvoyance - The psychic power to perceive a location of choice without being physically present. Unlike astral projectors, clairvoyants remain aware of their physical surroundings while using their abilities. Familiarity with a given local makes this power easier.

[1] The psychic sees some images of their target location, but they are hazy and indistinct. They can be no more than a mile from it.

[2] Images of the target location become clear, and the psychic can now faintly hear through their clairvoyance. Furthermore, they may now be up to ten miles distant from their target.

[3] Hearing is no longer faint, and though the psychic cannot affect the viewed location, they can "touch" things, though their sense of touch is dulled, as though wearing thick rubber gloves. Any location within fifty miles can be viewed.

[4] The clairvoyent's sense of touch is now sharp, and strong odors can be detected. The psychic's maximum range increases to five-hundred miles.

[5] All five senses may now be used perfectly, and any location within five-thousand miles is fair game.

Cyberkinesis - The ability to psychically control electronics. A relatively new ability, parapsychologists and other scholars of the supernatural argue whether it is truly new or if it has only become observable with the advent of computers.

However, this ability does not grant the ability to gain information from a machine psychically. That is a seperate ability, Cyberpathy. This particular talent benefits from non-psychic technical knowledge.

[1] Switch - the cyberkinetic may now activate and deactivate computers freely, though computers reliant on physical relays rather than electronic relays are harder.

[2] Link - operating a machine without touching it is now possible. A skilled psychic can control his tv without a remote, drive his card without his hands, or enter his password without touching his phone. Unfortunately for the psychic, this power does not provide such a password, so he still has to remember it.

[3] Scramble - small, controlled power surges can be sent throughout an electronic, causing it to fail, at least so long as the psychic keeps concentrating, anyway. Devices with surge protectors and other precautions are harder to scramble, but with enough power it can be done.

[4] Password - the cyberkinetic will never need to remember another password again, as this level of power can override the need for one, and any other code besides. The psychic can force a computer to do anything it normally could, from granting them admin access, to erasing data, or forging emails with an account on the system. The more secure a given computer is, the harder it is to manipulate thus.

[5] Run Hot - the psychic can now force a computer or other machine to outperform itself, making it more effective at its function than should be possible for it, at the cost of damaging the electronic.

Cyberpathy - the ability to read the data stored inside a computer within sight, effectively a sort of “electronic telepathy.” As a relative of Cyberkinesis, similar debates about its origins exist. Encrypted data is, of course, more difficult to read. Using this power normally takes about 10 to 15 minutes of concentration, though mundane computer skills can accelerate it.

[1] Analyze structure - the cyberpath may identify any and all files stored upon a hard drive, but not access them. Yet.

[2] Read-Only Mode - the psychic may now read files, easily understanding computer text and images. The psychic can also grasp the purpose of a program but cannot yet unscramble encrypted data.

[3] Download - the psychic can copy a file from a computer to their mind, implanting it into his memory. While they can observe text images, graphics, and videos, as well as understand the purposes of programs, the psychic cannot "run" those programs in his brain. Watching a movie is possible, playing a game is not. If the psychic is lucky enough to possess the second dot of Cyberkinesis, they can upload the data back onto another computer.

[4] Remote Access - they cyberpath can now connect to any computer that the computer they initially access can connect to. They gain now additional powers for doing so, except for the ability to access a computer beyond their grasp. The psychic does not need to be able to physically see the computer in question, only their initial device. Each “jump” requires slightly more effort than the last. If the psychic is also a Cyberkinetic, they may channel their Cyberkinetic abilities through this power, though using doing so is much harder than using it on a computer within their surrounding area.

[5] Decrypt - at last, the psychic's ability to understand computer data ascends beyond encryption's ability to prevent. Any data accessed through cyberpathic powers, whether downloaded into the psychic's mind or not, is perfectly understandable, regardless of encryption.

Mind Shield - The ability to passively shield one's mind from intrusion and assault, regardless of source. It is especially effective against other psychic powers. Can be toggled off at will. At three dots or above, the shields can tell the difference between friendly and hostile contact, and can allow select individuals to penetrate them, or select powers to go through. Note, I'm not listing individual dots for this one, because there aren't individual dots. Each dot makes this power stronger, but short of explaining how the Storyteller system works, it's hard to get more specific than that.

Precognition - one of the rarer abilities in the psychic community, this one grants insights into events yet to come, but often leads its users to forget, in the World of Darkness, the future is never *entirely* certain...

[1] Intuition - not true foresight, not yet, but the budding precog often seems "luckier" than a normal person. Predictions about random events (like say, the lottery, or roulette numbers) can be eerily accurate, and guesses about other situations can be quite correct, such as knowing the fastest ride to work, or that one person is "right" for another. However, as with all things, predictions are rarely perfect.

[2] Insight - the psychic may now induce precognitive dreams and dreamlike visions, usually through some form of meditation. These visions are never purely literal, and take the form of metaphors. An enemy may take the form of a black knight, or a demon, while a new friend may appear as a helpful guide dog. The dream's form and metaphors of choice depend primarily upon the mindset and worldview of the psychic.

[3] Danger Sense - the psychic can sense danger in their near future. Minutes, usually. How this manifests depends upon the psychic in question, but a given psychic almost always has the same manifestation every time. These manifestations can be cramps, a tingling sensation, "a bad feeling," or any number of other things. Certain magics (such as a true mage's Time or Mind spheres) or the Anti-psychic power can suppress this. Depending upon the precog's skill, they might only know that they are in danger, or they might know the best way to avoid it, such as ducking or jumping. More skilled psychics may know the exact source and direction of the danger, precise details, or even knowledge enough to recognize the person responsible (if any). This is a matter of finesse, not power. A finely tuned sense for magic and a discerning eye are more useful to this power than extra dots of Precognition.

[4] Show Me the Cards - The psychic has an almost perfect view of the immediate future. The next fifteen or so seconds of history are known to the psychic before they ever happen, though knowledge of the future may change it. Fleeing from the assailant that would have killed you might result in them giving chase. But it could also result in them striking at your ally, who is still in reach.

[5] Clear Sight - Very few precogs ever reach this level. But those that do are able to accurately predict the most probable future. The precog chooses a target to foresee the future of, be it themselves, another, their location, or an object they touch. If their target isn't themselves, they must touch it. Upon doing so, the psychic gains vague but accurate information about any and all major events in the next year of their target's existence. These predictions are rarely perfect, and only show what might happen, not what *will* happen. This particular ability can only be used infrequently. Once a week, generally, though if the precog choses to limit their vision's range, they may use it more often.

Psychic Invisibility - the ability to broadcast a telepathic command not to notice the psychic. This power is not true invisibility, and will merely cause the psychic to be ignored. Unless the psychic also possesses the Animal Psychic talent, animals are unaffected by this power.

[1] Hide - the psychic will go ignored by anyone who is not actively searching the area they are in, so long as they do not move, speak, or otherwise betray their position.

[2] Slow Movements - the psychic may now move whilst utilizing their power, but most maintain concentration to do so. Drawing attention to oneself or otherwise interacting with the world also breaks the effect. Walking into a room is fine, punching someone is not. Observant or alert people actively searching the psychic's area may notice a lack of perception, but cannot see the psychic themselves.

[3] Invisibility - the psychic may now remain "invisible" whilst walking around and behaving normally. However, they cannot vanish from view while being directly

observed. It is almost impossible for anyone without supernatural senses to detect the psychic, even if they're actively looking for them, and even those with such powers find it difficult to do so.

[4] Selective Invisibility - the psychic's power has not increased, but their control has. The psychic may now allow a small group to see through their invisibility, while still remaining so. The psychic may interact with these people without breaking their invisibility, unless something happens to draw attention to all involved, like a fistfight breaking out.

[5] Forget You Ever Saw Me - the psychic can now not only vanish from view while directly observed, when they do so, those that saw them forget the last several seconds of their presence, allowing a psychic to make people forget short encounters and vanish all the more effectively

Psychic Vampirism - an addictive ability that allows its possessor to feed upon the psychic energies of other people. This power is especially effective against vampires, though only the most powerful or foolish psychic "vampires" feed upon actual vampires.

[1] Rush - A psychic vampire may feed upon anyone within 10 yards of them that is feeling strong emotions. The vampire gains no benefit from this except a rush of power and euphoria. The victim, in turn, feels their emotions suddenly muted, but not removed.

[2] Sapping the Will - The psychic now invigorates their own will as they drain their target, exhausting their target's will even as their own is renewed. This often leaves the psychic in a state similar to a drug high.

[3] Energy Transference - The psychic's minor injuries now heal as they consume the energies of others.
[4] Life Leech - The so-called "vampire" may now heal themselves of even the most lethal wounds by outright consuming the life forces of others. However, they must maintain physical contact with their victim to do so.
[5] Emotional Vortex - After draining a person once, the psychic may now feed upon the poor unfortunate again and again, even outside their physical presence. Though distance can make the feeding harder, with effort the psychic's reach can extend to anywhere in the country.

Psychokinesis - also known as "telekinesis" the ability allows the psychic to move objects with their mind, so long as they can see them. Lifting multiple objects is exponentially more difficult.
[1] At this level, the psychokinetic's power is extremely weak, allowing them to move only a few pounds worth of objects, at a maximum rate of 7 yards per three seconds.
[2] The psychic may now move up to 40 pounds of weight with a max speed to 9 yards per three seconds.
[3] Telekinetic strength of this level may lift up to 100 pounds at 11 yards per three seconds.
[4] 250 pounds at 13 yards per three seconds. The telekinetic may also levitate, regardless of weight, though only at walking speed.
[5] 400 pounds at 15 yards per three seconds. Additionally, the psychokinetic may move two objects without additional strain.

Psychometry - The ability to pick up residual psychic energy upon objects, locations, or people and view their pasts.

[1] Vague, dreamlike impressions of past events involving strong emotions appear within the psychic's mind. Sometimes not even that. Strong hunches and feelings may be the only result.

[2] Accurate mental images of the person most closely associated with the object or place can be discerned.

[3] Impressions and dreamlike images of the most emotional incident involving the object are created, clearer than previously possibly. Furthermore, the psychic can discern the approximate age, gender, and emotional state of the object's owner, in addition to what they felt at the time, and a general idea of the owner's personality.

[4] The psychic may replay the last 24 hours of an object's past, even with no emotionally significant incidents therein. They may also gather general impressions of the incident they may have previously viewed.

[5] A clear image of the event and all present, impressions of what others present felt at the time. The object may also be used to divine it's owner's current location, at least in a general sense.

Pyrokinesis - the psionic ability to produce and manipulate heat and fire.

[1] Matches - a single thing within physical reach burst into flames as though an actual match had been used upon it.

[2] Ignite - Flammable objects within 10 yards of the pyrokinetic can be lit aflame, producing a fire the size of a torch. The more flammable to object, the easier it is.

Paper and gasoline require only the lightest of concentration, whereas igniting a person is a task for a master.

[3] Fireworks - Conjuring flames out of thin air is now possible, at least within 15 yards. This fire is supernaturally harmful, and extremely difficult to heal.

[4] Pyrotechnics - Not only can the pyrokinetic creature fire, they may now also control the shape and path of the fire. The complexity and scope of this manipulation increases its difficulty.

[5] Inferno - The psychic now possesses vast and exacting control over fire. Large fires can be conjured up to 75 yards away, as hot as a bunsen burner, and up to the size of a large room.

Telepathy - Mind reading, but also much more than that. Telepaths can speak to the minds of and alter the memories of other sapient beings. It primarily affects those that the telepath can sense, but can also affect those who are nearby, so long as the telepath know where they are.

[1] At this level the telepath can feel basic emotions and sense their target's current mood, as well as send simple impulses and rudimentary thoughts. The target can be induced to twitch or make a simple or habitual gesture.

[2] The telepath may now read the surface thoughts of their target, or induce them to make a single motion, or otherwise project a single word or idea to another person.

[3] Recent thoughts and plans for the near future can be read, and complex emotions, full sentences, and streams of memory can be transmitted. Unusual actions can be forced, and senses can be given false input.

[4] Deep thoughts and distant future plans are now visible. Multiple minds may now be linked together, so long as they are in range. False memories can be implanted, true memories can be suppressed (though not erased), multiple sentences of information can be transmitted, and the telepath may even seize control of their targets body for a few seconds.
[5] Nothing within the human mind is hidden from the telepath. They may communicate telepathically as easily as verbally, rewrite memories, alter personalities, and seize total control of their target.

True Faith

True Faith is perhaps the rarest and most powerful of the numia - the powers available to Sleepers and mortals, such as sorcery. You are one of those rare souls that are devout on a level that most people cannot imagine. With a strength of mind, spirit, and conviction, and the wholehearted approval of whatever higher power you serve, your faith has been rewarded.

Your faith can protect you from hostile magic, of whatever sort, from this world or another, break curses, and by brandishing a holy symbol you may ward off malevolent supernatural creatures, such as vampires and demons as well as perform rituals of purification and exorcism. You may heal both body and soul with the power of prayer (though you cannot raise the dead), bless allies, and are protected from mental control and poisons of all sorts. You may perform other miracles as well, interceding with your patron for other, powerful boons. Sometimes, your patron may even send you visions of how to better serve them, or

to warn you of evil. Religious rituals you lead or take part in have a noticeable "weight."

Possessing this ability causes a sign of your faith to appear to any who attempt to inspect your soul or aura, usually in the form of a white, silver, or gold halo of varying brightness, though other symbols may appear, depending upon the beliefs of the observer and the observed.

The strength of these powers grows with your faith (even if that faith is bought with perks), and they are stronger on holy ground and while wielding holy objects. The more spiritually significant the area or object and the more who believe in it, the bigger the boost. You may buy up to five dots, each of which will increase all of the above powers. Each costs 200 SP rather than the standard 100 because of how exhaustive and powerful the list is.

However, regardless of how many dots you buy, if you offend your patron of choice then you can and will be stripped of your abilities, until you pay penance. There is nothing you can do to stop them from withdrawing their gifts with their favor, even with Clutching Power or similar perks. That said, if you don't make amends, they'll forgive you for all but the worst sins at the start of your next jump. Even if they aren't stripped away for some dark sin, they may, at times, refuse to function in part of some greater plan. Your patron is the one who decides when these miracles occur, not you...

Drawbacks

You may take Drawbacks for extra CP, to a maximum of 600 extra CP. Drawbacks may be taken for double the SP instead, which does not count against your Drawback limit.

Tiring Magic (+100) Your magic and psychic powers are exhausting. It consumes twice as much of your energy as it should. For an addition 100 points, this applies to all of your out of jump abilities as well.

Recruitment Pitches (+100) You're going to get a lot of them, even if you've already got a group. At least once a week someone's gonna come up to you and ask you to join their group, and they're not gonna want to take no for an answer. Whether that group is a book club or the Order of Hermes. You can just brush it off, but it's gonna get trying.

Reputation is Everything (+100) And you've got a poor one. For some reason, everyone seems to think you're unpleasant, untrustworthy, and incompetent. People you spend large periods of time working with individually will realize that this is false, but good luck convincing the majority of people of your true character.

Hidden Power (+200) Normally, your out of jump powers and technology would be exempt from the Consensus that attacks magicians. Now? Not so much. As far as Paradox is considered, all that is affinitive magic. Keep your tech hidden, or

prepare for it to break down very quickly. Hide your powers, or have them fail. At least in front of people who don't already believe, anyway.

Vampire Target (+200) The Tremere, Tzimisce, Assamites, and other groups of vampires often Embrace human magicians, as some of their mystical knowledge carries over into blood sorcery. Now there's a rather large number of them that are after you specifically. Getting Embraced counts as a loss condition for your chain. Good luck.

Ritual Sleeper (+300) You can't do magic quickly. All your magic - psychic powers included - is going to take at least 10 minutes.

UnSorcerer (+300) For some unknown reason, you can't use sorcery or psychic powers for the remainder of this jump. Kinda missing the point, isn't it?

Sorcery Only (+300) All out of Jump powers are locked for the duration of the jump. What you bought here is what you get.

Target of the Awakened (+300) You've made a true enemy of one of the factions of the Ascension War, somehow. Regardless of whether you're a member of their opposite number or not, either the Technocrats or Traditionalists will periodically send operatives to capture or kill you. This operatives will start out as low level agents, mundane allies, other sorcerers like yourself, but will gradually escalate until the end of your stay, at which point they will send a master mage after you, or

an equivalently powerful technomancer, whichever they have access to. Such mages are quite literally responsible for creating the nuclear arsenal of their faction, so good luck. You're gonna need it.

Ending

Your choice is simple. You may either **Go Home** to a world of your choosing, whether that is your original homeworld or one of those you have visited on your chain, **Stay Here** in the World of Darkness, ending your chain, or **Move On** to another jump. Whatever you choose, all Drawbacks are removed.

Scenarios

A Little Respect, Please? (Faction Member only) Linear mages have been looked down upon and disrespected since before the Traditions and Technocracy formed. Well no more. It's your job to fix that. You must affect the culture of your specific Tradition or Convention deeply enough that a majority of affinitive mages are willing to treat magicians in accordance with their abilities and paradigm, as they do each other, and not refer to sorcery as hedge magic, nor abide others doing so. You will remain in this world until you can manage it or your faction is destroyed, which counts as a failure. In exchange, you start with an additional 1000 SP to start with, the instant, instinctive, and mutual respect of any sort of underclass you encounter, and another six free rituals. If you succeed, you also gain an additional 600 CP to spend on this document. If you fail, you may continue on your chain but must give back all benefits of this scenario.

Soci~ety - The world just doesn't have enough magicians. It's your job to change that. You must found a new sorcerous society, which can fit any description and have any magic style, but it must have at least 500 loyal members with at least mid-tier magical training who were not previously part of another magical group, a uniting philosophy, an overarching goal, mystical libraries, strongholds, sources of Quintessence, and a significant number of magicians willing to fight for it. If you succeed, you may take your minions and holdings with you and import them into future jumps as followers. Be warned, the Technocracy will either attempt to absorb you or destroy you, depending on what precisely you're trying to build. The jump is extended so you have three decades to complete your task.

Changelog 2.3 to 2.5

- Drawbacks that affect sorcery now explicitly affect psychic powers too.
- New option for drawback points.
- Starting locations expanded. Slightly.
- Some flavor text changed, lore corrected, and spelling errors fixed.
- An extra ritual is now free.
- Made Ephemera more accurate to the way it's written.
- Added Summoning, Warding, and Binding and Daimonic Summoning.
- Formatting corrected.
- Altered Risk Free Botches - both a nerf, and a buff.
- Made the text a bit more like the books by diversifying the word sorcerer with magician and wizard.

- Added scenarios.
- Upgraded Sanctum
- Added General perks
- Added Familiar