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# In Space, No One Can Hear You Journaling

Greetings, and welcome to the 46th issue of *Mythic Magazine*! This edition goes out of this world with explorations in space, and tackles a found journal style of solo roleplaying.

The “Star System Creator” generates random star systems, along with points of interest, for your exploration. It’s a star system starter kit, giving you enough information to quickly create a sector of space that feels alive and full of possibility.

“Solo Adventures In The Style Of Found Journals” emulates the found journal/found footage genre and bring it into the world of solo roleplaying. This article presents ideas for how to get that found journal feeling, with suggestions to make it run smoothly.

I’m doing something different in this issue, where I combine the Big Examples for both articles into one. You can find it at the tail end of the “Found Journals” article. It seemed to me that the two systems really mixed well together, like peanut butter and chocolate, so I couldn’t resist playing them both at the same time!

Happy journaling, and happy adventuring :)

*Nana Sp*



# TOOL BOX

*Something for you to consider or use*

## Star System Creator

### LIFE AMONG THE STARS

*Travel with me, if you will, to a faraway place that is like nothing you have ever seen. New worlds, new frontiers, places where billions of years have cooked up unique wonders.*

*Among the stars!*

Welcome to the Star System Creator, a system for randomly generating stars, their planets, and other points of interest for you to find, encounter, and explore.

By its nature, this is a science fiction oriented system, but of course you can use it for anything you like. It's ideal for space-faring adventures where you explore the universe, or for less traveled sci-fi where you want detailed information about the star system involved.

It could also be used to create the home worlds and systems of alien civilizations in your games.

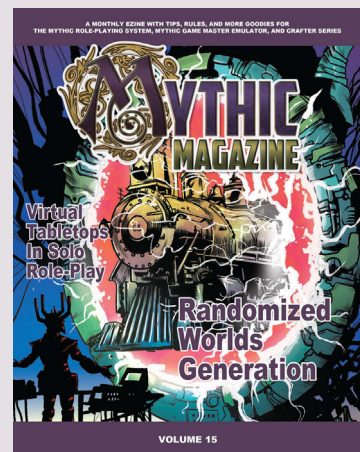


### WORLDS OF WONDER

If you enjoy this Star System Creator and are looking for more sci-fi Mythic goodness, there are some past issues of Mythic Magazine that may interest you.

Mythic Magazine #7 includes "Randomized Starship Generation" that uses the Randomized Location Crafting rules to make procedurally explorable ships. That pairs nicely with the Star System Creator if you encounter a starship while exploring.

Mythic Magazine #15 has "Randomized Worlds Generation" which also uses the Randomized Location Crafting method. This article is about encountering new dimensions, planets, and eras of time. Planets are what is most applicable here, and you can find tables to help create situations taking place on these worlds, what a planet is like, and guidance on exploration. Both systems can be combined for more options.







## THIS IS ROCKET SCIENCE, BUT NOT REALLY

I feel I should state up front that this article about creating star systems is, in no way, reflective of actual, real world science. Everything I know about the formation and life cycles of star systems I learned from *Star Trek*. Which is to say, I know nothing.

This article is about creating science fiction star systems. While I have no doubt that actual star systems out there in deep space are completely fascinating, and people who know what they're doing would find planets made of liquid ammonia chock full of scientific wonders, the kind of stars and planets we'll be making have all manner of dramatic and improbable things going on. We're talking stars with energy clouds near them, civilizations embroiled in inter-planetary war, and spheres built around stars to harness their immense energy.

It is possible to generate a more mundane star system with this article, one that looks like our own Solar system rather than something from the latest sci-fi epic, but just about anything is possible with random generation and I've tried not to pull any creative punches.

On a side note, one of my favorite classes I took in college was Cosmology 101. It is the only class in college I got an A+ in, which was exciting for this solid B student. I didn't even know you could get an A "plus" in college. I did well not because I'm any kind of stealth Stephen Hawking, but because the class was so general and touched on so many topics that were enticingly adjacent to my beloved sci-fi that I kind of geeked out. I think it helped that the professor, who was likely accustomed to a room full of bored students who only took it as an easy class to satisfy their lower education Physics requirement, was bemused by my ridiculous enthusiasm for his topics.

That grade isn't reflective of scholarly achievement, but is a trophy I'm proud of that shows my extreme nerdiness, which I like to think is my defining characteristic.

Enough of all of this! Let's get out among the stars!





## Details And Inspiration

I'm approaching this article with two primary uses in mind: star system inspiration, and star system exploration

### STAR SYSTEM INSPIRATION

This system can be used lightly when you want to create some ideas for a star system. By "used lightly", I mean you take the results as inspiration and use them or not. At some point you may decide you've generated enough material and don't need more.

Used in this way the Star System Creator is like starter fuel. Since a star system could be composed of just about anything, that blank slate can be creatively daunting at first. You can use this system to get the ball rolling, and then take it from there when you have enough.

### STAR SYSTEM EXPLORATION

The second use is to generate a star system as you encounter it. This is treating the Star System Creator as an environment generator, similar to mechanics like *The Location Crafter*.

For instance, when first encountered you generate the most basic characteristics of the system, including the star's name. From there you may define notable and explorable areas, and then encounter events as you venture forth.

These details are meant to be combined with your normal Mythic play, blending in with your adventure. The Star System Creator may also throw other elements into the mix, such as introducing dangers unique to that star system.



## STAR SYSTEMS AS PLACES

It can be unclear where to start when roleplaying in a space as vast as ... well, space. Most locations we find our Player Characters in automatically suggest things to do and Scenes to experience. In a dungeon we explore and search rooms, looking for treasure and monsters. A superhero may investigate a crashed alien spacecraft, looking for survivors and clues to their ruin.

But a star system is so big, and contains so much, that it may be difficult to conceptualize it's exploration in solo roleplaying terms.

My suggestion is to take it one small step at a time, and draw as much from each step as you can. For instance, one Scene is entering the star system. This is where you take the place's first measure, identifying the star and any obvious, notable features of the system.

The next Scene may be moving toward an objective. Rather than just zooming straight to it, we can have a travel Scene. Later in this article is a section on generating space encounters and dangers, so this is a good time to utilize it to see if something happens.

If entering the star system is part of an ongoing Mythic adventure, then take that narrative one step at a time as well. Maybe your PC's ship is being pursued by pirates, so you enter this system looking for a place to hide. This can be broken into numerous Scenes, based on first entering the system, an attempt to evade the pirates, and perhaps a few Scenes of cat and mouse as you discover moments when they spot you and moments when you are clear.

Ultimately, the bulk of a star system adventure will likely take place on or in something within the system. You reach a planet to explore, or arrive at a station drifting in a meteor belt.

Still, the star system should be more than just a device to deliver that final destination. It should have flavor of its own. This can be achieved by taking your time and treating each step through the star system as an event itself.



## WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THIS NECK OF THE GALAXY?

Encountering an unfamiliar star system is no small thing. Even in the most wild space opera stories, there is a sense of wonder when a star system or a planet is approached.

It's a big deal!

So why are you there? What brought you to this area of space?

### Stars Are My Jam

If you're incorporating these rules into a Mythic (or any kind of) adventure, then you probably already have your reason for being in this sector of the cosmos. Your narrative demands that you encounter a star. Maybe your game is about exploring space, and you're using these rules to help. Or, maybe you're starting a new sci-fi adventure and you want to generate the homeworld and system of your Player Character.

### Stars Are My Adventure

Maybe you don't have an ongoing adventure, but after reading this article you really want to jump into space. It's like a dungeon crawl in fantasy games: you want to explore a dungeon, so let's find a reason to make that happen.

If that's the case, then you can use an idea generator for creating the seed to a star exploring sci-fi adventure. This is meant to explain why you are where you are and should get you started with forming a first Scene for your adventure.

### THE STAR SYSTEM EXPLORATION FOCUS TABLE

Start by rolling d100 on the Star System Exploration Focus table. This will give a general reason for why you're among a star. Follow that up by rolling on Mythic's Action Meaning tables for a word pair, or another Meaning table from



## STARS ARE FUN

Here's one more use for this system: just to make a star system for the fun of it!

We talk a lot in *Mythic Magazine* about taking our Player Characters on adventures, pursuing quests, and all kinds of ways to go about that. However, solo roleplaying can also be just simply working out the details of an interesting place or Character.

I've had a lot of fun testing this article, and I realized it would make an enjoyable evening to do just that. Sit down, generate a star system, and add details to it. There's no adventure, no Characters, no conflict, no Scenes, just me sitting there constructing a made up star system that has no purpose beyond my own interest in creating it.

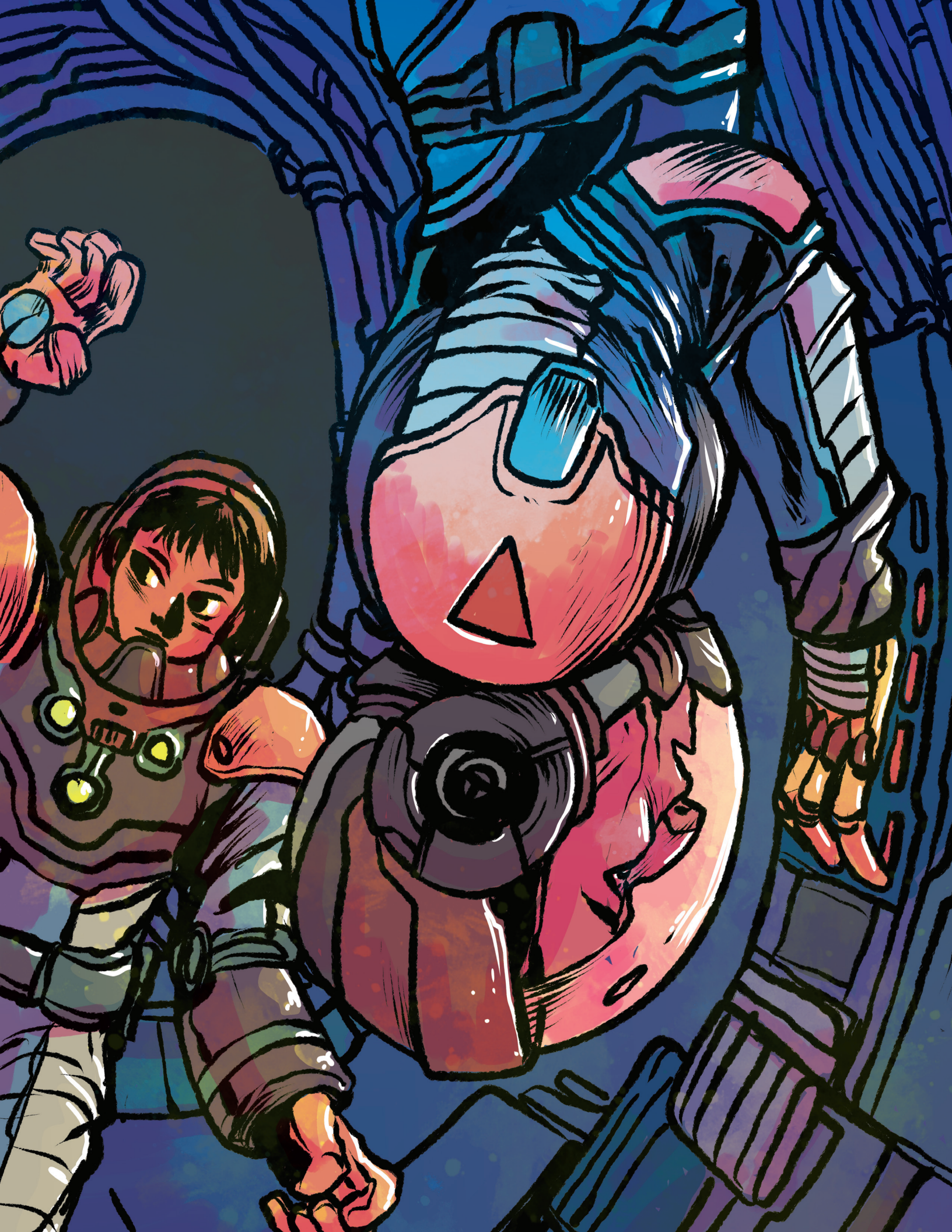
You could follow the rules in this article to help with

the big picture of the star system, generating details and characteristics. This could be embellished with Fate Questions, asking things like, "Is there life on any of the planets?" or "Does this planet have a ring around it?"

You could Discover Meaning on Meaning tables to create geographies for planet surfaces, biomes, plant and animal life.

There's really no end to the level of detail you could create. It's literally a star system full of possible questions and answers. If you took this far enough you might even create maps, draw symbols found on stone carvings of a long lost alien civilization, or test a ponderable such as, "I wonder what would happen if a nearby black hole started to pull this star system apart."







## STAR SYSTEM EXPLORATION FOCUS

D100	RESULT
1-5	<b>LOST IN SPACE:</b> Somehow, you're lost. Really lost. Hopefully something here can help you. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about how you became so lost.</i>
6-15	<b>A BEACON IN THE BLACK:</b> You're following a beacon of some kind. Maybe it's a distress call, maybe it's an unidentifiable transmission. The beacon is artificial, but mysterious, and you are here to check it out. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what the beacon is. If you determine it's a message, roll on the Character Conversations Meaning table for inspiration about what it says.</i>
16-25	<b>FOLLOWING THE BREAD CRUMBS:</b> You're on a mission to find something, and clues have led you to this star system. <i>Roll on the Plot Twists Meaning table to determine what you are searching for. If you determine it's an item, roll on the Objects Meaning table to determine what it is. Roll on the Action Meaning tables to determine the clue or event that told you to come here.</i>
26-35	<b>EXPLORATION:</b> You're exploring, looking for new worlds. This is all about discovery. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what angle your exploration is taking. For instance, you may be an explorer, but the organization or planet you represent is hoping to find new energy sources.</i>
36-40	<b>DESPERATE CIRCUMSTANCES:</b> You're looking for something you desperately need, such as resources for your ship, something needed back home, or escape from someone. You think you can find it in this star system. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what crisis you are trying to resolve.</i>
41-50	<b>WE COME IN PEACE:</b> You're here to meet someone or something, and this system is their home. This can be as simple as picking up a new crew member to something grander like first contact with an alien species. <i>Roll on the Character Identity Meaning table for inspiration about who you are meeting. If you need inspiration for why, roll on the Action Meaning tables.</i>
51-60	<b>A PITSTOP GONE WRONG:</b> You've arrived at this star system for a routine reason. Maybe your ship skims energy from stars for fuel, or perhaps there is a known station in this system where you can take a break. Something goes wrong, however, flinging you into an adventure. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration for your original, routine reason for coming here. Then, roll on Plot Twists for what goes wrong.</i>
61-65	<b>BUSINESS TRIP:</b> You have traveled to this star system as part of your line of work. Maybe you're an interstellar trader (or smuggler), or perhaps you are an ambassador. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration for the kind of business you are looking to transact.</i>



## STAR SYSTEM EXPLORATION FOCUS

D100	RESULT
66-70	<b>A SPACECATION:</b> You've arrived in this solar system for purely personal, recreational reasons. It's a vacation. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what influenced you to choose this place. If you'd like this to take an immediate, exciting turn, then treat this similar to A Pitstop Gone Wrong and roll on Plot Twists to see what goes awry.</i>
71-75	<b>COERCED EXPLORATION:</b> You are not here by choice. Perhaps your PC has been abducted, or a naturally occurring anomaly like a wormhole transported you here. This is similar to Lost In Space, except there is a known force, person, or being that took you here. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what made you come here and why.</i>
76-80	<b>SPACE FORCE:</b> You are here for a military reason. Perhaps you are part of an invading force, or maybe you are setting up a defensive station against an enemy. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about why military activity is taking place in this star system.</i>
81-90	<b>OOPS, WRONG STAR:</b> You're not lost, per se, there's a star system you were heading for but this one is not it. Maybe something threw you off course, or perhaps the ship's autopilot took a detour for some reason. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about why you're here and not somewhere else.</i>
91-95	<b>CRASH LANDING:</b> Your ship is failing and you need to set down somewhere fast, this is the closest star you can reach. Likely, once you arrive, you will need to land as soon as possible. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what went wrong with your ship.</i>
96-100	<b>RANDOM:</b> <i>There is no additional Context to add. Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about why you have come to this star system.</i>

*Mythic Game Master Emulator Second Edition* if the Exploration Focus table indicates it (tables referenced are included on the next two pages to make them easy to find).

Use the result from the Exploration table as Context and make an interpretation about what's going on based on the Meaning words you rolled.

*A Player wants to run a game using their favorite space RPG. Their Player Character is the pilot of an exploratory science vessel, and most of their adventures up to this point have been examining new worlds.*

*The Players uses the Star System Creator for this adventure, rolling for a random beginning.*

*The Star System Exploration Focus table results in "Crash Landing".*

*Rolling on the Action Meaning tables for what went wrong, the Player gets "Change" and "Object".*

*The Player makes this interpretation: While returning from a successful exploration mission, the ship's alarms suddenly go off. Engineering reports that the interesting crystal we picked up on the last planet wasn't benign after all. It's emitting energy that is making the ship's warp core crash.*



### CHARACTER CONVERSATIONS

1 Abuse	51 Ideas
2 Advice	52 Inform
3 Aggressive	53 Innocent
4 Agree	54 Inquire
5 Amusing	55 Intense
6 Angry	56 Interesting
7 Anxious	57 Intolerance
8 Assist	58 Irritating
9 Awkward	59 Joyful
10 Betray	60 Judgmental
11 Bizarre	61 Juvenile
12 Bleak	62 Kind
13 Bold	63 Leadership
14 Business	64 Lie
15 Calm	65 Loud
16 Careful	66 Loving
17 Careless	67 Loyal
18 Cautious	68 Macabre
19 Cheerful	69 Mature
20 Classy	70 Meaningful
21 Cold	71 Miserable
22 Colorful	72 Mistrust
23 Combative	73 Mocking
24 Crazy	74 Mundane
25 Creepy	75 Mysterious
26 Curious	76 News
27 Defiant	77 Nice
28 Delightful	78 Normal
29 Disagreeable	79 Odd
30 Dispute	80 Offensive
31 Efficient	81 Official
32 Energetic	82 Oppose
33 Enthusiastic	83 Peace
34 Excited	84 Plans
35 Fearful	85 Playful
36 Fierce	86 Polite
37 Foolish	87 Positive
38 Frantic	88 Praise
39 Frightening	89 Quarrelsome
40 Generous	90 Quiet
41 Gentle	91 Reassuring
42 Glad	92 Refuse
43 Grateful	93 Rude
44 Haggle	94 Rumor
45 Happy	95 Simple
46 Harsh	96 Threatening
47 Hasty	97 Truce
48 Helpful	98 Trust
49 Helpless	99 Warm
50 Hopeless	100 Wild

### PLOT TWISTS

1 Action	51 Location
2 Attack	52 Lucky
3 Bad	53 Mental
4 Barrier	54 Missing
5 Betray	55 Mundane
6 Business	56 Mystery
7 Change	57 Necessary
8 Character	58 News
9 Conclude	59 Object
10 Conditional	60 Oppose
11 Conflict	61 Outcast
12 Connection	62 Overcome
13 Consequence	63 Past
14 Control	64 Peace
15 Danger	65 Personal
16 Death	66 Persuade
17 Delay	67 Physical
18 Destroy	68 Plan
19 Diminish	69 Power
20 Disaster	70 Prepare
21 Discover	71 Problem
22 Emotion	72 Promise
23 Enemy	73 Protect
24 Enhance	74 Public
25 Enter	75 Pursue
26 Escape	76 Rare
27 Evidence	77 Remote
28 Failure	78 Repair
29 Family	79 Repeat
30 Free	80 Require
31 Friend	81 Rescue
32 Good	82 Resource
33 Group	83 Response
34 Harm	84 Reveal
35 Headquarters	85 Revenge
36 Help	86 Reversal
37 Helpless	87 Reward
38 Hidden	88 Skill
39 Idea	89 Social
40 Immediate	90 Solution
41 Impending	91 Strange
42 Important	92 Success
43 Incapacitate	93 Tension
44 Information	94 Trap
45 Injustice	95 Travel
46 Leader	96 Unknown
47 Legal	97 Unlikely
48 Lethal	98 Unusual
49 Lie	99 Urgent
50 Limit	100 Useful

### OBJECTS

1 Active	51 Information
2 Artistic	52 Intriguing
3 Average	53 Large
4 Beautiful	54 Lethal
5 Bizarre	55 Light
6 Bright	56 Liquid
7 Clothing	57 Loud
8 Clue	58 Majestic
9 Cold	59 Meaningful
10 Colorful	60 Mechanical
11 Communication	61 Modern
12 Complicated	62 Moving
13 Confusing	63 Multiple
14 Consumable	64 Mundane
15 Container	65 Mysterious
16 Creepy	66 Natural
17 Crude	67 New
18 Cute	68 Odd
19 Damaged	69 Official
20 Dangerous	70 Old
21 Deactivated	71 Ornamental
22 Deliberate	72 Ornate
23 Delightful	73 Personal
24 Desired	74 Powerful
25 Domestic	75 Prized
26 Empty	76 Protection
27 Energy	77 Rare
28 Enormous	78 Ready
29 Equipment	79 Reassuring
30 Expected	80 Resource
31 Expended	81 Ruined
32 Extravagant	82 Small
33 Faded	83 Soft
34 Familiar	84 Solitary
35 Fancy	85 Stolen
36 Flora	86 Strange
37 Fortunate	87 Stylish
38 Fragile	88 Threatening
39 Fragrant	89 Tool
40 Frightening	90 Travel
41 Garbage	91 Unexpected
42 Guidance	92 Unpleasant
43 Hard	93 Unusual
44 Harmful	94 Useful
45 Healing	95 Useless
46 Heavy	96 Valuable
47 Helpful	97 Warm
48 Horrible	98 Weapon
49 Important	99 Wet
50 Inactive	100 Worn



### CHARACTER IDENTITY

1	Abandoned	51	Killer
2	Administrator	52	Laborer
3	Adventurous	53	Lackey
4	Adversary	54	Law
5	Advisor	55	Leader
6	Ally	56	Legal
7	Art	57	Lost
8	Artist	58	Mechanical
9	Assistant	59	Mediator
10	Athlete	60	Merchant
11	Authority	61	Messenger
12	Bureaucrat	62	Military
13	Business	63	Mundane
14	Combatant	64	Mystery
15	Competitor	65	Official
16	Controller	66	Organizer
17	Crafter	67	Outsider
18	Creator	68	Performer
19	Criminal	69	Persecutor
20	Deceiver	70	Planner
21	Deliverer	71	Pleaser
22	Dependent	72	Power
23	Driver/Pilot	73	Prisoner
24	Elite	74	Professional
25	Enemy	75	Protector
26	Enforcer	76	Public
27	Engineer	77	Punish
28	Entertainer	78	Radical
29	Executive	79	Religious
30	Expert	80	Represent
31	Explorer	81	Rogue
32	Family	82	Ruffian
33	Farmer	83	Ruler
34	Fighter	84	Scholar
35	Fixer	85	Scientist
36	Foreigner	86	Scout
37	Friend	87	Servant
38	Gambler	88	Socialite
39	Gatherer	89	Soldier
40	Guardian	90	Student
41	Healer	91	Subverter
42	Helpless	92	Supporter
43	Hero	93	Survivor
44	Hunter	94	Teacher
45	Information	95	Thief
46	Innocent	96	Trader
47	Inspector	97	Victim
48	Intellectual	98	Villain
49	Investigator	99	Wanderer
50	Judge	100	Warrior

*The ship needs to land, fast, before it explodes. Your chart a course for the nearest star, hoping there is some place there to land and conduct repairs.*

## STAR SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

There are a few basic aspects of a star system that can be determined quickly. These are the kind of details that a star system registry or database would have, or the first things that a ship's sensors would pick up when encountering an unknown star system.

These are details like the star's name (if it's been named), the number of explorable planets, and any other obvious distinguishing features.

### Naming Stars

To randomly name the star at the heart of a system, you can use the Star Name Focus and Star Name Meaning table on the next page.

A d100 roll on Star Name Focus will get you started with the basic construction of the star name. The Star Name Meaning tables are composed of two tables: First Half and Second Half. Roll on First Half for the beginning of a star's name, and Second Half for the rest of the name.

*Getting back to our example of the beleaguered ship making a crash landing, which star happened to be the closest they could jump to?*

*Rolling on Star Name Focus gets "Star Name + Number".*

*For star name, rolling on First Half gets "P", and on Second Half "ildun". Put together, this is Pildun.*

*For the number portion, the Player rolls 23 and 71.*

*The final name of the star is Pildun-2371.*

### The System's Environment

There are lots and lots of things in a star system. From the star (or stars) itself to planets, moons, asteroids, ships and constructions of civilizations, natural anomalies, an unfathomable amount of

## STAR NAME FOCUS

D100	RESULT
1-60	<b>STAR NAME:</b> Roll on the Star Name Meaning tables, First Half and Second Half. Combine them as rolled, or use them as inspiration for a star name. <i>For example, "X" and "an" could be Xan, Xanthar, etc.</i>
61-70	<b>STAR NAME + PRIME:</b> Same as Star Name, except add "Prime" or "Alpha" after the name.
71-85	<b>STAR NAME + NUMBER:</b> Same as Star Name, except add a number designation after it by rolling d100 twice. <i>For example, 19 and 24 could be Xan-1924.</i>
86-100	<b>DESIGNATION:</b> Roll on the Star Name First Half table twice, but only use the first letter of each rolled result. Add a number after by rolling d100 twice. <i>For example, rolls of "Cap", "H", 20", and "11" would be star CH-2011.</i>

## STAR NAME

FIRST HALF		SECOND HALF	
1 A	51 Les	1 a	51 ia
2 Absol	52 M	2 ab	52 iah
3 Achery	53 Ma	3 act	53 ian
4 Acr	54 Mouh	4 afnir	54 ias
5 Aldeb	55 N	5 ah	55 ibal
6 Alt	56 Nash	6 air	56 igae
7 Andr	57 Nos	7 akan	57 ih
8 Ant	58 Nus	8 alas	58 ihe
9 Arct	59 O	9 alhaut	59 ika
10 B	60 Ogm	10 ami	60 il
11 Ba	61 Ok	11 an	61 ildun
12 Barn	62 Ori	12 ana	62 ilii
13 Bat	63 P	13 ang	63 ilmun
14 C	64 Par	14 ania	64 im
15 Can	65 Pav	15 aph	65 iph
16 Cap	66 Ph	16 ar	66 ira
17 Cast	67 Pho	17 aran	67 itate
18 D	68 Proc	18 ard	68 ium
19 Dab	69 Q	19 ares	69 ius
20 Dal	70 Qu	20 armatha	70 iw
21 Danf	71 R	21 asat	71 nath
22 Drac	72 Ras	22 asp	72 oeia
23 E	73 Reg	23 asym	73 oit
24 Ebl	74 Rig	24 atar	74 on
25 El	75 S	25 ati	75 ondor
26 F	76 Sa	26 attle	76 onis
27 Fel	77 Sag	27 aurus	77 opus
28 Fom	78 Sans	28 ausi	78 or
29 Form	79 Sir	29 axa	79 ore
30 G	80 T	30 eal	80 orum
31 Gacr	81 Ta	31 eb	81 osa
32 Graff	82 Th	32 ecca	82 oun
33 Grum	83 Torc	33 ectra	83 uange
34 H	84 U	34 ed	84 uban
35 Had	85 Ukl	35 ega	85 ui
36 He	86 Ur	36 eh	86 uk
37 Hun	87 Urs	37 ekdu	87 ular
38 I	88 V	38 el	88 ulus
39 Illyr	89 Veg	39 elis	89 un
40 Inq	90 Ver	40 ella	90 una
41 Ir	91 W	41 en	91 uni
42 Iz	92 Wo	42 ena	92 uri
43 J	93 X	43 eng	93 urren
44 Jabb	94 Xi	44 enka	94 ursa
45 Jish	95 Xu	45 enos	95 urus
46 K	96 Y	46 erna	96 usica
47 Kent	97 Yild	47 ertas	97 utno
48 Kosj	98 Z	48 esath	98 ux
49 L	99 Zan	49 eumleo	99 uy
50 Lern	100 Zib	50 euse	100 ze



dust, and enough other things to fill a Guide To The Galaxy. There's just a lot of stuff floating around stars.

We're going to concern ourselves with very little of that.

## FOCUSING ON SHINY THINGS

What the Star System Generator is most interested in is interesting things. These are things that your Player Character can explore or interact with, things that make your adventure spin.

The tables that follow are for randomly generating these interesting bits in a star system. Everything else is abstracted.

For instance, we won't determine how many planets are in the system, just the planets that are most interesting. If you'd like an exact count of the number of planets, you could pose it as a Fate Question. Any abstracted, unmentioned details can be brought into focus this way.

These rules treat the star system like an environment. This environment has notable features, which further our adventures, and background features, that we know are there and add to the environment but they exist more to give the interesting parts extra substance.

This is similar to how other busy environments are usually treated in a roleplaying game. If your Player Character wanders into the trading center of a bustling city, you're likely going to generalize that there are "lots of shops, selling various wares, goods, and food". That's all you need until your PC hones in on a particular vendor that is interesting and stands out.

Star systems are the same. We can assume there are more planets than the ones we identify, and various moons, and other features. Those can become relevant if your Player Character chooses to focus on them. But the bulk of these rules are about generating parts of the system we want to explore.



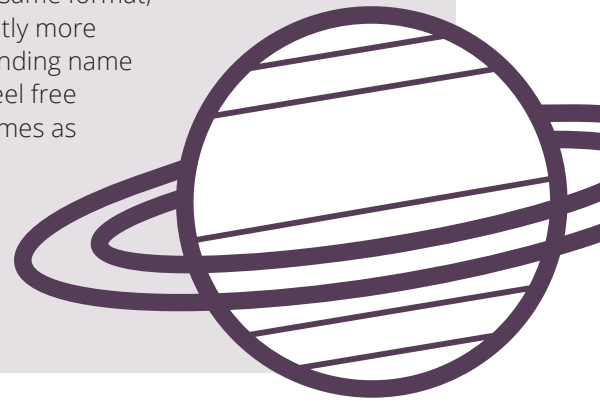
## A STAR BY ANY OTHER NAME SHINES JUST AS BRIGHT

Like most things Mythic, the star naming tables can be used with a generous dose of interpretation. However, unlike most Mythic Meaning Tables, the results can also be taken literally most of the time. The choice is yours.

For instance, in the earlier example the Player ended up with a star name of Pildun-2371. That was the literal result from the tables without any interpretation, and that name works.

But, maybe the Player would rather use the rolled results as a starting point and interpret it into something more to their liking. You could end up with all kinds of variations, such as Pillodunia-20, Pildun Zeta 2-3-7-1, 237 Pildun, and so on.

The same is true of the planet naming tables, which come a little later. They are very similar, following the same format, with just slightly more "planety" sounding name fragments. Feel free to use the names as generated, or have fun with them and twist them around.



## LAYERS IN SPACE

Just as most details of a star system are abstracted, so too is the relationship of objects within the system. To make it easier to place everything, star systems are divided into four layers: Deep Space, Outer Rim, Middle Sphere, and Inner Region.

Each layer represents distance from the central star, and each layer is a vast area with its own characteristics. When a Feature is found in a



star system, it is placed in one of the three layers within the system (Outer, Middle, or Inner). Deep Space is considered the area just outside the system itself.

The Star System Layers table (on the next page) gives a summary of what each Layer is usually composed of. You also use it to randomly determine the Layer a Feature is found in.

## Star System Features

Features are aspects of the star system that stand out. This can run a wide gamut, from the mundane such as planets, to the fascinating like evidence of life, to the bizarre like mega structures such as artificial moons.

### ROLLING STAR SYSTEM FEATURES

When generating a star system, first roll 1d4+2 to determine how many Features it has, anywhere from 3 to 6.

To determine each Feature, roll to see which Layer the Feature is in using the Star System Layers table. Then roll on the Star System Feature Focus table for general Context of what the Feature is, and a word from the Star System Feature table to interpret. If you need more Meaning Words, roll a second or a third word.

Interpret the rolled results into a meaningful Feature.

While a star system can have up to 6 Features, no more than 4 can be found in a single Layer. If a Layer is full of Features and the dice say to place another one, then place it one Layer deeper, if possible. For instance, if the Middle Sphere already has four Features in it and you roll a fifth, then place it in the Inner Region.

If the Inner Region is full, then place it in the Middle Sphere.



A star system's environment will include plenty of dangerous places, such as volcanically active lava planets. Tread there at your own risk.



STAR SYSTEM LAYERS		
D10	LAYER	DESCRIPTION
1-2	Outer Rim	<p><b>WHAT IT'S USUALLY LIKE:</b> This is the furthest reaches of the system, where's the star's gravitational pull is the weakest and the energy from it at its lowest. This is the largest part of a star system by pure vastness of area, but it is usually the least populated by Features.</p> <p><b>PLANETS AND COMMON FEATURES:</b> Planets in the Outer Rim are usually small, cold, and lifeless. This is where the least energy reaches, so nature just doesn't have a lot to work with. If star systems had garages, it would be the Outer Rim because this is where a lot of material that didn't turn into planets, and other discard objects, end up forever circling the star.</p>
3-5	Middle Sphere	<p><b>WHAT IT'S USUALLY LIKE:</b> The Middle Sphere is the vast region between the Outer Rim and the Inner Region. This is usually an active place, with planets and asteroid belts and possible anomalies. When objects, such as asteroids, enter a star system and make it past the Outer Rim they usually end up caught up in the Middle Sphere.</p> <p><b>PLANETS AND COMMON FEATURES:</b> Planets are common in the Middle Sphere. You are likely to find massive gas planets and planets in the Middle Sphere usually have more moons than planets in other Layers.</p> <p>If the star system feature an intelligent, space-faring civilization, you may find evidence of them in the Middle Sphere as asteroid mining operations or space bases. However, the Middle Sphere is only marginally more likely to hold life than the Outer Rim.</p>
6-10	Inner Region	<p><b>WHAT IT'S USUALLY LIKE:</b> This is the warmest, most energy rich part of the system, closest to the star. This Layer usually has planets and other Features.</p> <p><b>PLANETS AND COMMON FEATURES:</b> Planets within the Inner Region are the most likely to hold life. If the star system is home to a space traveling species, their home planet is probably in the Inner Region. While the innermost part of this Layer can be too hot for life, the outer portion is the "goldilocks" area where the amount of energy from the star is just right to foster life. Or at least, life as we know it.</p> <p>In star systems with civilizations that have reached for space, this is likely to be their busiest Layer.</p>

*Back to the star system of Pildun-2371, the Player needs to land their ship somewhere solid, and fast. The Player generates Features for this star system, rolling a  $d4+2$  and gets 4 Features.*

*Rolling for the first Feature, the Player determines it's in the Inner Region. This is far from the PC's ship, as it just moved from Deep Space to the Outer Rim, but the Player generates the Feature anyway because who knows, this may be all the PC has to work with.*

*The Star System Feature Focus table gives a result of "Living Planet, Hostile To Humans". Rolls on the Star System Features table gives "Communication". The Player makes the interpretation that their navigator has located a planet deep in the system. It doesn't have a breathable atmosphere, but there is a signal coming from it indicating there are people there. Maybe another ship.*

*The Player decides their PC treats this as an option B if nothing else pans out. That planet is far away, and there's no guarantee that whoever is there is friendly.*

*The second Feature is in the Middle Sphere. Still far away, but closer. This one is a "Hot Dead World". The Meaning words are "Water" and*



## ABSTRACTING TRAVEL IN SPACE



Thinking of a star system in Layers makes it easier to conceptualize travel through space. Each Layer is a distinct area to move from and to, like neighborhoods.

You start in Deep Space, outside of the system, and arrive when you've entered the Outer Rim. Next is the Middle Sphere and then the Inner Region, which is closest to the star.

Moving from one Layer to the next will take time. How much time depends on your game and mode of travel. A ship with warp engines could zip into a given Layer in a matter of seconds, while more conventional engines may require days, weeks, or months.

Layers also make it easier to think about where possible encounters happen and when to time them. Moving from one Layer to another can be treated as a signal to check if something happens or is discovered. This is discussed more in Star System Events on page 28.

**DEEP SPACE**

**OUTER RIM**

**MIDDLE SPHERE**

**INNER REGION**





*“Mysterious”. The Player interprets this to mean that a hot lava planet is located that mysteriously has a body of water somewhere that isn’t instantly vaporizing from the high temperatures. That may be something to explore later, if everyone survives. For now, that does not sound like a planet they can set down on.*

*The third Feature is in the Inner Region again, a “Solid Planet Of Interest”. The Meaning words are “Debris” and “Anomaly”. The Player interprets it to mean it’s a lifeless, solid world with sensors picking up signs of wreckage on the surface. Maybe a ship crashed there. That’s not a great sign, but at least it’s a place to land.*

*The final Feature is in the Inner Region, an “Interesting Moon” with Meaning words of “Rare” and “Chaos”. The Player interprets this to mean that the moon has an atmosphere but it’s not suitable to breathe. The surface is beset with constant high speed winds and storms.*

*The PC decides to head for the Inner “debris” planet, hoping they don’t end up adding to the wreckage.*



## THIS IS GETTING WEIRD

The Star System Feature Focus table is geared toward “high” sci fi, where reality follows mostly the real rules but anything is possible and some very strange star systems can occur, including aliens, bizarre natural phenomena, and other oddities.

If this doesn’t fit the tone of your adventure there are ways to adjust your rolls on the table:

**HARD SCI-FI:** If you want results more grounded in reality as we know it, then roll twice and use the result that seems most fitting to your setting.

**GONZO STYLE:** On the other hand, if the more weirdness the better, then roll twice and use the stranger of the two results.

**REALISTIC:** If you want the most natural star systems possible, without any sci-fi (aside from the fact that we’re making a star system), then discard any results that include aliens, strange energies or anomalies, or anything that is truly weird. Treat those results as “None”. This will likely result in star systems with fewer Features, or no Features at all.



STAR SYSTEM FEATURE FOCUS			
OUTER D100	MIDDLE D100	INNER D100	STAR SYSTEM FEATURE
1-20	1-6	1-2	<b>COLD DEAD WORLD:</b> A frozen, icy planet that seems devoid of life. Still, something there is of possible interest to you.
21-30	7-18	3-4	<b>ASTEROID BELT:</b> This is a massive field of asteroids and space rock that ring the entire Layer. Travel through the belt may be hazardous at times.
31-32	19-20	5-8	<b>CIVILIZATION ARTIFACT:</b> You find a remnant of an alien civilization. It could be pieces of a ship, a satellite, or some other evidence that someone was once here and is probably long gone.
33-34	21-22	9-10	<b>STRANGE ENERGY:</b> There is an unusual source of power or energy in this star system. This could be some kind of energized cloud, an artificial object like a small manufactured sun, or some other oddity that is powerful.
35-37	23-24	11-12	<b>ROUGH PATCH:</b> There is some kind of spacial anomaly in this Layer that may be hazardous to travel through. It could be high levels of radiation, abnormal gravity fluctuations, a tear in space-time, or even something stranger.
38	25-26	13-16	<b>LIVING PLANET, HOSTILE TO HUMANS:</b> A planet abundant with life, such as plants and animals. However, it's not suitable for humans without environmental protection. These are places where life has evolved along lines different than Earths.
39	27-28	17-20	<b>LIVING, EARTH-LIKE PLANET:</b> A planet with plants, animals, oceans, and a breathable atmosphere. It is about as close to being Earth without actually being on Earth. Still, it's another world, and will have its own unique features.
40-41	29-30	21-24	<b>SPACE FARING SPECIES:</b> This star system is home to a space faring species, you're detecting something of theirs right now. This could be a ship, a space station, a mining operation, or just about anything.
42-43	31-32	25-26	<b>IT'S BIG AND IT'S WEIRD:</b> This Feature is something really big, and really strange. We're talking big even by star system standards. This could be natural, artificial, or unknown. Examples could include two planets tethered together by a giant beam of energy, or an artificial sphere around the sun collecting it's energy.



## STAR SYSTEM FEATURE FOCUS

OUTER D100	MIDDLE D100	INNER D100	STAR SYSTEM FEATURE
44-47	33-36	27-30	<b>SOMETHING ABOUT THE STAR:</b> There's something unusual about the star in this system. This can be something naturally unusual, such as a binary system with two stars orbiting each other, or something very unusual such as the star is not a star at all but a contained black hole.
48-49	37-38	31-32	<b>STRANGE PHENOMENON:</b> There's something in this star system that defies physics, yet there it is. It's naturally occurring (or at least seems to be). For instance, a wormhole in space that will travel you instantly to another point in the universe or a temporal distortion field that will throw your ship back in time.
53-55	39-44	33-46	<b>HOT DEAD WORLD:</b> A planet so hot surely nothing can live on it. Still, something there is of possible interest to you.
56-64	45-56	47-62	<b>SOLID PLANET OF INTEREST:</b> It's a planet, apparently devoid of life, but it has a complex and interesting geological system. These are planets that aren't cold or hot dead worlds, or worlds with abundant life, but they offer their own natural richness. The planet is solid and can be landed on and explored.
65-70	57-68	63-76	<b>INTERESTING MOON:</b> A moon orbiting a planet draws your attention for some reason.
71-72	69-80	77-80	<b>GAS PLANET OF INTEREST:</b> It's a large planet formed of gases with no apparent solid space inside. There is something of interest there for you.
73-82	81-86	81-84	<b>ROCK OF INTEREST:</b> A large asteroid, or perhaps a dwarf planet or untethered moon, has caught your attention for some reason.
83-84	87-88	85-88	<b>WE'RE NOT ALONE:</b> There's another ship or ships here, doing something.
85-90	89-94	89-92	<b>SOMETHING IS OUT THERE:</b> You detect something, but you don't know what it is. It's a signal, or a beacon, or an energy signature. Something. You know generally where it's coming from, but that's all. The only way to know more is to go investigate it.
91-100	95-100	93-100	<b>RANDOM:</b> There is no special Context for the Feature, roll directly on the Star System Feature Meaning table and make an interpretation. This could be anything.

### STAR SYSTEM FEATURES

1	Abnormal	51	Hot
2	Aggressive	52	Ice
3	Alien	53	Inert
4	Anomaly	54	Large
5	Artificial	55	Life
6	Asteroid	56	Light
7	Battle	57	Location
8	Beam	58	Machine
9	Beautiful	59	Magnetism
10	Bizarre	60	Mineral
11	Bright	61	Moon
12	Broken	62	Multiple
13	Burst	63	Mundane
14	Catastrophe	64	Mysterious
15	Chaos	65	Natural
16	Character	66	New
17	Civilization	67	Obstacle
18	Cloud	68	Old
19	Cold	69	Orbit
20	Colorful	70	Pale
21	Comet	71	Partial
22	Communication	72	Particles
23	Conceal	73	People
24	Conflict	74	Phenomenon
25	Connected	75	Physics
26	Control	76	Planet
27	Create	77	Powerful
28	Damage	78	Radiation
29	Danger	79	Rare
30	Dark	80	Resources
31	Debris	81	Shape
32	Declining	82	Ship
33	Defense	83	Signal
34	Destroyed	84	Simple
35	Distortion	85	Size
36	Elements	86	Small
37	Enemy	87	Solid
38	Energy	88	Space
39	Enormous	89	Star
40	Environment	90	Strange
41	Expanding	91	Technology
42	Fragile	92	Threatening
43	Fragment	93	Time
44	Friend	94	Unusual
45	Gas	95	Useful
46	Goal	96	Valuable
47	Gravity	97	Warning
48	Group	98	Water
49	Guide	99	Wondrous
50	Helpful	100	Wreckage

### USING STAR SYSTEM FEATURES

Generating a Feature gives a point of interest within the star system. This can be developed through normal Mythic play.

If it's something that naturally connects with your adventure then you can work it in organically. For instance, if your sci-fi game has taken you to a distant star in search of a lost ship, and the Feature you roll is a ship, then this is probably the one you're searching for.

If the Feature doesn't automatically connect with the narrative of your adventure, then consider it a possible adventure seed. It's something you can explore further if you wish and develop through normal Mythic play, or leave it alone.

For instance, maybe your sci fi game is about following an ancient star map to find a new and unlimited source of energy. When you enter the star system, the Feature you generate is the presence of another ship. You weren't expecting to find a ship and it doesn't automatically connect with your adventure, but you can develop this new element. For instance, you may ask a Fate Question like "Does the ship react to our presence here?"

### STAR SYSTEM CHART

Keep your star system record keeping orderly with the Star System Chart, found on the next page. This gives you space to name the Features you find, placing them in their system Layer. Details for those Features can be summarized in the boxes in the lower half of the sheet.

### NAMING PLANETS

Stars have their name tables, and the planets have their own. You can find them on page 22.


To name a planet, roll on the Planet Name Focus table for the style of name. For instance, it has a name and number, or just a name.

Next, roll on the Planet Name Meaning tables for the first half and second half of the name, if the Focus table called for it.

As with star names, feel free to play around with the generated name until it sounds the way you want it to.


You can see an example of the planet name tables in action in the sample Star System Chart on page 27.






# STAR SYSTEM CHART

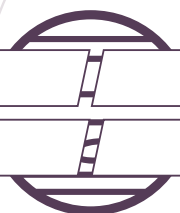
STAR NAME




## SYSTEM MAP

**DEEP SPACE**
**OUTER RIM**
**MIDDLE SPHERE**
**INNER REGION**







## SYSTEM DETAILS

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## PLANET NAME FOCUS

ROLL	RESULT
1-60	<b>PLANET NAME:</b> Roll on the Planet Name Meaning tables, First Half and Second Half. Combine them as rolled, or use them as inspiration for a planet name. <i>For example, "Kal" and "apra" could be Kalapra, Calpra, etc.</i>
61-70	<b>PLANET NAME + PRIME:</b> Same as Planet Name, except add "Prime" or "Alpha" after the name.
71-85	<b>PLANET NAME + NUMBER:</b> Same as Planet Name, except add a number after it by rolling d100 twice. <i>For example, 31 and 42 could be Kalapra-3142.</i>
86-100	<b>DESIGNATION:</b> Roll on the Planet Name First Half table twice, but only use the first letter of each rolled result. Add a number after by rolling d100 twice.

## PLANET NAME

FIRST HALF		SECOND HALF	
1 A	51 Lin	1 a	51 iaq
2 Adr	52 Lys	2 ac	52 ica
3 Aer	53 M	3 adus	53 ican
4 Alm	54 Magn	4 agua	54 ichi
5 Alt	55 Math	5 ah	55 icon
6 Am	56 Melm	6 aka	56 id
7 Anyt	57 Merc	7 ake	57 ides
8 Ar	58 Met	8 alia	58 ilia
9 Ard	59 Mim	9 althea	59 imia
10 Ast	60 Mo	10 amund	60 inda
11 B	61 N	11 an	61 ines
12 C	62 O	12 ance	62 inus
13 Call	63 Obs	13 andra	63 ion
14 Cap	64 Ori	14 anke	64 iope
15 Car	65 P	15 ant	65 iorix
16 Ceph	66 Pas	16 antu	66 ir
17 Cori	67 Pele	17 ao	67 is
18 Cors	68 Phae	18 apetus	68 isto
19 D	69 Pho	19 apra	69 isus
20 Da	70 Pl	20 ara	70 iter
21 Dac	71 Q	21 aris	71 o
22 Dei	72 R	22 ars	72 oal
23 E	73 Rak	23 arth	73 oebe
24 Ed	74 Rhe	24 arus	74 olis
25 Eg	75 Rom	25 arvos	75 olla
26 El	76 Ros	26 as	76 on
27 Er	77 S	27 astea	77 ona
28 Eu	78 Sin	28 ate	78 one
29 Eur	79 Sol	29 atea	79 opa
30 F	80 T	30 atis	80 ope
31 G	81 Ta	31 avis	81 orn
32 Ga	82 Term	32 awa	82 os
33 Gall	83 Terr	33 ea	83 oth
34 Gan	84 Th	34 ebe	84 ra
35 Gas	85 Them	35 ebos	85 rey
36 Gen	86 Ti	36 ede	86 ron
37 Glob	87 Tor	37 en	87 thea
38 H	88 U	38 ene	88 ulo
39 Hal	89 Ur	39 enia	89 ulus
40 Him	90 V	40 ere	90 ungar
41 Hyp	91 Val	41 eria	91 ura
42 I	92 Ven	42 erion	92 ury
43 Id	93 Ven	43 ero	93 us
44 J	94 Vog	44 esina	94 uta
45 Ju	95 W	45 esis	95 utin
46 K	96 Wo	46 eso	96 uvis
47 Kal	97 X	47 etheus	97 x
48 Kron	98 Xan	48 ethon	98 yl
49 Kry	99 Y	49 eus	99 yria
50 L	100Z	50 ia	100yx



## GENERATING MORE DETAILS

Facts and details created for your star system so far have been “big picture” stuff, like the name of the star, interesting features that stand out, that kind of thing.

Getting down to more detail will likely be a matter of regular Mythic roleplay. That planet has no life but it has atmosphere. I wonder what it's like down there? How many planets does this system have anyway? Is there a rock hurtling through this system I can mine?

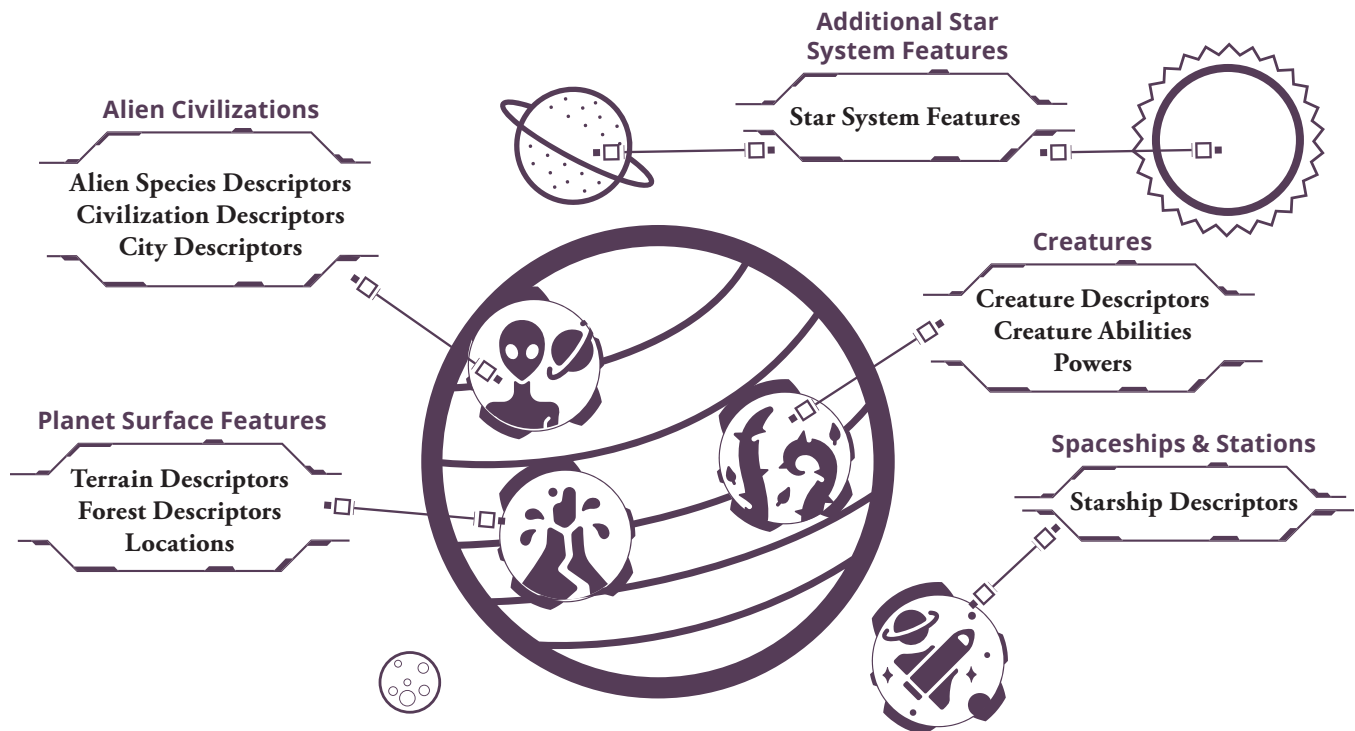
These are questions that can be handled through Fate Questions and Discovering Meaning. The chart below shows table suggestions for Discovering Meaning to learn details about your Star System. Aside from “Star System Features”, which can be found on page 20, all the other tables are from *Mythic Game*

*Master Emulator Second Edition*. To make them easier to find, they've been reprinted on the following pages.

*Back to star system Pildun-2371, our intrepid starship crew has made an emergency landing on Venorn-262. We know the planet is without life, but it has an atmosphere. It's not breathable, but it's better than nothing.*

*To get an idea of what the planet looks like the Player rolls on Mythic's Terrain Descriptors Meaning table and gets “Riches” and “Nature”. The Player interprets this to mean that the planet is composed of many mineral deposits that are valuable, including materials they will need to repair the ship.*

## STAR SYSTEM DESCRIPTIVE MEANING TABLE SUGGESTIONS



### ALIEN SPECIES DESCRIPTORS

1 Advanced	51 Lethal
2 Aggressive	52 Levitating
3 Agile	53 Liquid
4 Amphibious	54 Mammalian
5 Ancient	55 Many-eyed
6 Anxious	56 Militaristic
7 Aquatic	57 Mysterious
8 Arrogant	58 Nightmarish
9 Artistic	59 Odd
10 Avian	60 Oppressive
11 Beautiful	61 Passive
12 Bizarre	62 Peaceful
13 Carapace	63 Perfect
14 Clawed	64 Plant
15 Colorful	65 Powered
16 Combative	66 Powerful
17 Conquering	67 Powers
18 Dangerous	68 Primitive
19 Declining	69 Prosperous
20 Defensive	70 Psychic
21 Desperate	71 Reptilian
22 Destructive	72 Robotic
23 Dominating	73 Scary
24 Emotionless	74 Scientific
25 Enormous	75 Secretive
26 Exploitative	76 Servitor
27 Explorers	77 Simple
28 Familiar	78 Skilled
29 Fast	79 Slender
30 Feeble	80 Slow
31 Feral	81 Small
32 Ferocious	82 Smelly
33 Friendly	83 Strange
34 Frightening	84 Strong
35 Fungal	85 Suffering
36 Furry	86 Tail
37 Generous	87 Tall
38 Gentle	88 Technological
39 Glowing	89 Tentacled
40 Graceful	90 Threatening
41 Harsh	91 Toothy
42 Helpful	92 Travelers
43 Humanoid	93 Treacherous
44 Hungry	94 Violent
45 Immortal	95 Warlike
46 Insectlike	96 Wary
47 Insubstantial	97 Watery
48 Intelligent	98 Weak
49 Intimidating	99 Wings
50 Large	100 Wormish

### CITY DESCRIPTORS

1 Activity	51 Loud
2 Aggressive	52 Magnificent
3 Aromatic	53 Masses
4 Average	54 Meaningful
5 Beautiful	55 Mechanical
6 Bleak	56 Messy
7 Block	57 Mighty
8 Bridge	58 Military
9 Bustling	59 Miserable
10 Calm	60 Misfortune
11 Chaotic	61 Modern
12 Clean	62 Mountain
13 Cold	63 Mundane
14 Colorful	64 Mysterious
15 Commerce	65 Nature
16 Conflict	66 Odd
17 Control	67 Old
18 Crime	68 Oppress
19 Dangerous	69 Opulence
20 Dense	70 Peace
21 Developed	71 Poor
22 Dirty	72 Powerful
23 Efficient	73 Protected
24 Energy	74 Public
25 Enormous	75 Quiet
26 Environment	76 Rare
27 Extravagant	77 Reassuring
28 Festive	78 Remarkable
29 Flawless	79 River
30 Frightening	80 Rough
31 Government	81 Ruined
32 Happy	82 Rustic
33 Harsh	83 Simple
34 Healthy	84 Small
35 Helpful	85 Sparse
36 Hills	86 Structures
37 History	87 Struggle
38 Illness	88 Success
39 Important	89 Suffering
40 Impressive	90 Technology
41 Industry	91 Tension
42 Interesting	92 Travel
43 Intrigues	93 Troubled
44 Isolated	94 Valuable
45 Lacking	95 Warm
46 Lake	96 Water
47 Large	97 Weak
48 Lavish	98 Weather
49 Leadership	99 Wild
50 Liberty	100 Work

### CIVILIZATION DESCRIPTORS

1 Active	51 Happy
2 Advanced	52 Healthy
3 Adventurous	53 Helpful
4 Aggressive	54 Helpless
5 Agricultural	55 Historical
6 Ancient	56 Important
7 Angry	57 Industrial
8 Anxious	58 Influential
9 Artistic	59 Intolerant
10 Average	60 Large
11 Beautiful	61 Lawful
12 Bizarre	62 Lawless
13 Bleak	63 Magnificent
14 Bold	64 Mighty
15 Bureaucratic	65 Militaristic
16 Carefree	66 Miserable
17 Careful	67 Modern
18 Careless	68 Mundane
19 Cautious	69 Mysterious
20 Classy	70 Old
21 Clean	71 Open
22 Colorful	72 Oppressive
23 Combative	73 Peaceful
24 Commercial	74 Polite
25 Competitive	75 Poor
26 Constructive	76 Powerful
27 Controlling	77 Primitive
28 Crazy	78 Punitive
29 Creative	79 Quaint
30 Creepy	80 Religious
31 Cruel	81 Ruined
32 Curious	82 Rustic
33 Dangerous	83 Ruthless
34 Declining	84 Scary
35 Defiant	85 Simple
36 Delightful	86 Small
37 Developed	87 Strange
38 Disagreeable	88 Strong
39 Distrustful	89 Struggling
40 Dominant	90 Successful
41 Dull	91 Suffering
42 Efficient	92 Suppressed
43 Expanding	93 Suspicious
44 Failed	94 Treacherous
45 Famous	95 Warlike
46 Fearful	96 Weak
47 Festive	97 Wealthy
48 Free	98 Welcoming
49 Generous	99 Wild
50 Greedy	100 Young



### CREATURE ABILITIES

1 Ambush	51 Imprison
2 Animate	52 Increase
3 Armor	53 Intelligent
4 Arrive	54 Itself
5 Attach	55 Lethal
6 Attack	56 Light
7 Attract	57 Limited
8 Bite	58 Mind
9 Block	59 Move
10 Blunt	60 Multiple
11 Break	61 Natural
12 Breath	62 Normal
13 Carry	63 Open
14 Change	64 Others
15 Climb	65 Paralyze
16 Cold	66 Physical
17 Common	67 Pierce
18 Communicate	68 Poison
19 Conceal	69 Power
20 Contact	70 Protection
21 Control	71 Proximity
22 Create	72 Pursue
23 Damage	73 Ranged
24 Dark	74 Rechargeable
25 Death	75 Resistance
26 Deceive	76 Self-Sufficient
27 Decrease	77 Senses
28 Defense	78 Skill
29 Depower	79 Sleep
30 Detect	80 Speed
31 Disrupt	81 Spy
32 Distract	82 Stealth
33 Dominate	83 Stop
34 Drain	84 Strange
35 Element	85 Stun
36 Energy	86 Substance
37 Enhanced	87 Summon
38 Entangle	88 Suppress
39 Environment	89 Swim
40 Extra	90 Take
41 Fear	91 Telepathy
42 Fight	92 Touch
43 Fire	93 Transform
44 Flight	94 Travel
45 Harm	95 Trick
46 Heal	96 Uncommon
47 Illness	97 Vision
48 Illusion	98 Vulnerable
49 Imitate	99 Weak
50 Immune	100 Weapon

### CREATURE DESCRIPTORS

1 Aggressive	51 Mammalian
2 Agile	52 Mandibles
3 Air	53 Masculine
4 Alien	54 Mechanical
5 Amorphous	55 Metallic
6 Animal	56 Movement
7 Aquatic	57 Multiple
8 Armored	58 Mutant
9 Avian	59 Natural
10 Beast	60 Nature
11 Beautiful	61 Nightmarish
12 Body	62 Object
13 Bony	63 Odorous
14 Carapace	64 Passive
15 Clawed	65 Plant
16 Clothed	66 Reptilian
17 Cold	67 Robotic
18 Color	68 Rooted
19 Composite	69 Rough
20 Constructed	70 Shape
21 Decayed	71 Shifting
22 Defensive	72 Silent
23 Dripping	73 Simple
24 Elements	74 Slender
25 Exotic	75 Small
26 Extra Limbs	76 Solitary
27 Fangs	77 Spider-like
28 Feminine	78 Spiked
29 Feral	79 Steaming
30 Filthy	80 Sticky
31 Fire	81 Stinger
32 Fungal	82 Strange
33 Furry	83 Strong
34 Gaunt	84 Supernatural
35 Glowing	85 Tail
36 Group	86 Tentacled
37 Growling	87 Tongue
38 Healthy	88 Toothy
39 Horns	89 Transparent
40 Humanoid	90 Tree-like
41 Inscribed	91 Twisted
42 Insect-like	92 Undead
43 Insubstantial	93 Unnatural
44 Intelligent	94 Verbal
45 Intimidating	95 Warm
46 Large	96 Weak
47 Levitating	97 Weapon
48 Limited	98 Wings
49 Liquid	99 Wooden
50 Loud	100 Wormish

### FOREST DESCRIPTORS

1 Adversity	51 Lethal
2 Aggressive	52 Loud
3 Ambush	53 Magnificent
4 Ancient	54 Majestic
5 Animal	55 Masses
6 Aromatic	56 Mature
7 Art	57 Message
8 Assist	58 Mighty
9 Average	59 Mundane
10 Beautiful	60 Mysterious
11 Bizarre	61 Natural
12 Bleak	62 Nature
13 Block	63 Nondescript
14 Boulder	64 Normal
15 Cave	65 Odd
16 Chaotic	66 Old
17 Cliff	67 Path
18 Cold	68 Peaceful
19 Colorful	69 Plants
20 Combative	70 Pond
21 Communicate	71 Possessions
22 Creepy	72 Powerful
23 Damaged	73 Pursue
24 Danger	74 Quiet
25 Dark	75 Rare
26 Death	76 Reassuring
27 Delicate	77 Remarkable
28 Dry	78 River
29 Elements	79 Rocks
30 Encounter	80 Rough
31 Enormous	81 Ruined
32 Environment	82 Scary
33 Fearful	83 Simple
34 Feeble	84 Slope
35 Fierce	85 Small
36 Food	86 Sounds
37 Fortunate	87 Strange
38 Fresh	88 Strong
39 Harsh	89 Threatening
40 Healthy	90 Tranquil
41 Helpful	91 Tree
42 Important	92 Unusual
43 Information	93 Valuable
44 Intense	94 Violent
45 Interesting	95 Warm
46 Lacking	96 Watery
47 Lake	97 Weak
48 Large	98 Weather
49 Lean	99 Wild
50 Ledge	100 Young

### LOCATIONS

1 Abandoned	51 Lively
2 Active	52 Lonely
3 Artistic	53 Long
4 Atmosphere	54 Loud
5 Beautiful	55 Meaningful
6 Bleak	56 Messy
7 Bright	57 Mobile
8 Business	58 Modern
9 Calm	59 Mundane
10 Charming	60 Mysterious
11 Clean	61 Natural
12 Cluttered	62 New
13 Cold	63 Occupied
14 Colorful	64 Odd
15 Colorless	65 Official
16 Confusing	66 Old
17 Cramped	67 Open
18 Creepy	68 Peaceful
19 Crude	69 Personal
20 Cute	70 Plain
21 Damaged	71 Portal
22 Dangerous	72 Protected
23 Dark	73 Protection
24 Delightful	74 Purposeful
25 Dirty	75 Quiet
26 Domestic	76 Reassuring
27 Empty	77 Remote
28 Enclosed	78 Resourceful
29 Enormous	79 Ruined
30 Entrance	80 Rustic
31 Exclusive	81 Safe
32 Exposed	82 Services
33 Extravagant	83 Simple
34 Familiar	84 Small
35 Fancy	85 Spacious
36 Festive	86 Storage
37 Foreboding	87 Strange
38 Fortunate	88 Stylish
39 Fragrant	89 Suspicious
40 Frantic	90 Tall
41 Frightening	91 Threatening
42 Full	92 Tranquil
43 Harmful	93 Unexpected
44 Helpful	94 Unpleasant
45 Horrible	95 Unusual
46 Important	96 Useful
47 Impressive	97 Warm
48 Inactive	98 Warning
49 Intense	99 Watery
50 Intriguing	100 Welcoming

### POWERS

1 Absorb	51 Heat
2 Adversity	52 Help
3 Alter	53 Hide
4 Animate	54 Illusion
5 Assist	55 Imbue
6 Attach	56 Immunity
7 Attack	57 Increase
8 Block	58 Information
9 Body	59 Life
10 Change	60 Light
11 Chemical	61 Limb
12 Cold	62 Limited
13 Colorful	63 Location
14 Combat	64 Magic
15 Combine	65 Major
16 Communicate	66 Manipulate
17 Control	67 Matter
18 Cosmetic	68 Mental
19 Create	69 Minor
20 Creature	70 Natural
21 Damage	71 Nature
22 Dark	72 Object
23 Death	73 Others
24 Deceive	74 Physical
25 Defense	75 Plants
26 Delay	76 Poison
27 Destroy	77 Power
28 Detect	78 Protect
29 Dimensions	79 Radius
30 Diminish	80 Ranged
31 Disrupt	81 Reflect
32 Distance	82 Repel
33 Dominate	83 Resistance
34 Duplicate	84 Reveal
35 Electricity	85 Self
36 Elements	86 Sense
37 Emission	87 Skill
38 Emotion	88 Spirit
39 Enemies	89 Stealth
40 Energy	90 Strange
41 Enhance	91 Summon
42 Environment	92 Switch
43 Explosion	93 Take
44 Extra	94 Technology
45 Fire	95 Time
46 Flight	96 Transform
47 Free	97 Trap
48 Friend	98 Travel
49 Harm	99 Weapon
50 Heal	100 Weather

### STARSHIP DESCRIPTORS

1 Activity	51 Magnificent
2 Adversity	52 Maintenance
3 Assist	53 Meaningful
4 Automated	54 Mechanical
5 Battle	55 Message
6 Beautiful	56 Messy
7 Bestow	57 Mighty
8 Bleak	58 Military
9 Block	59 Modern
10 Bright	60 Multiple
11 Business	61 Mundane
12 Clean	62 Mysterious
13 Cold	63 Natural
14 Colorful	64 Normal
15 Combative	65 Odd
16 Communicate	66 Portal
17 Computer	67 Possessions
18 Contain	68 Power
19 Control	69 Powerful
20 Creepy	70 Prison
21 Crew	71 Protection
22 Damaged	72 Quiet
23 Danger	73 Rare
24 Dark	74 Reassuring
25 Death	75 Remarkable
26 Defense	76 Resources
27 Elaborate	77 Room
28 Empty	78 Rough
29 Energy	79 Ruined
30 Engine	80 Scary
31 Enormous	81 Security
32 Environment	82 Simple
33 Escape	83 Small
34 Exit	84 Sounds
35 Exterior	85 Start
36 Fear	86 Stop
37 Food	87 Storage
38 Full	88 Strange
39 Hall	89 Supplies
40 Health	90 Survival
41 Helpful	91 System
42 Important	92 Tactics
43 Information	93 Technology
44 Inquire	94 Travel
45 Interesting	95 Unusual
46 Lacking	96 Valuable
47 Large	97 Vehicle
48 Lavish	98 Warm
49 Lethal	99 Weapon
50 Loud	100 Work



### TERRAIN DESCRIPTORS

1 Abandoned	51 Mechanical
2 Abundant	52 Message
3 Activity	53 Mighty
4 Advanced	54 Misfortune
5 Allies	55 Mountainous
6 Ancient	56 Multiple
7 Animals	57 Mundane
8 Atmosphere	58 Mysterious
9 Barren	59 Natural
10 Beautiful	60 Nature
11 Bizarre	61 Nondescript
12 Catastrophe	62 Ocean
13 Chaotic	63 Odd
14 City	64 Peaceful
15 Civilization	65 People
16 Cliffs	66 Plants
17 Clouds	67 Populated
18 Cold	68 Powerful
19 Colorful	69 Primitive
20 Combative	70 Rain
21 Communicate	71 Rare
22 Conflict	72 Remarkable
23 Damaged	73 Resourceful
24 Danger	74 Riches
25 Defense	75 River
26 Desert	76 Rocky
27 Dry	77 Rough
28 Dull	78 Ruined
29 Elements	79 Ruins
30 Empty	80 Sandy
31 Energy	81 Scary
32 Enormous	82 Simple
33 Environment	83 Small
34 Fertile	84 Strange
35 Frightening	85 Strong
36 Habitable	86 Technology
37 Harsh	87 Threatening
38 Hazy	88 Toxic
39 Healthy	89 Tranquil
40 Helpful	90 Trees
41 Hostile	91 Unusual
42 Hot	92 Valuable
43 Intense	93 Violent
44 Interesting	94 Warm
45 Large	95 Water
46 Lethal	96 Weak
47 Life	97 Weather
48 Lovely	98 Wild
49 Magnificent	99 Windy
50 Masses	100 Wonders

Visually, the Player interprets this to mean that the planet is very rocky and barren.

To get more detail about the spot they made the hard landing, the Player rolls on Terrain Descriptors again and gets “Odd” and “Hazy”.

The Player interprets this to mean that the atmosphere is very thick out there, giving the planet a hazy, purplish color. It's like the ship is blanketed in a colorful and very thick fog.

It's time to don the environment suits and go mine some materials to fix this ship!

**STAR SYSTEM CHART**

STAR NAME  
Pildun-2371

**SYSTEM MAP**

DEEP SPACE

OUTER RIM

MIDDLE SPHERE

INNER REGION

Halichi-52

Venorn-262

Alma-Prime

Thicon

**SYSTEM DETAILS**

DETAIL NAME  
Halichi-52

KNOWN DATA  
Planet. Natural life, hostile atmosphere. Someone is there.

DETAIL NAME  
Thicon

KNOWN DATA  
Super hot planet, dangerous. Odd, it has liquid water.

DETAIL NAME  
Venorn-262

KNOWN DATA  
Planet. Lifeless, but atmosphere. Wreckage on surface.

DETAIL NAME  
Alma-Prime

KNOWN DATA  
Moon. Orbits Venorn. Atmosphere is hostile. Lifeless. HEAVY storms.

DETAIL NAME

KNOWN DATA

DETAIL NAME

KNOWN DATA

This is what the star system generated in the ongoing example might look like on the Star System Chart.

## STAR SYSTEM EVENTS

Space may be vast, but that void can get very exciting when things go wrong or a discovery is made.

When focusing on an adventure in a star system, you can use a Star System Event to toss random trouble and encounters at your Player Character.

### When To Check For An Event

Check for a Star System Event when the Player Character enters the star system; they've traveled from the Deep Space Layer to one of the three Layers closer to the star.

Which Layer you begin in may depend on your mode of travel, your chosen RPG rules, and your intentions. For instance, a warp capable starship can probably appear anywhere, going from Deep Space to the Inner Region in a single hop. A slower ship may have to start with the Outer Rim. Or, maybe even that warping ship needs to arrive outside the system because gravity messes with their travel. It's conventional engines from there on out.

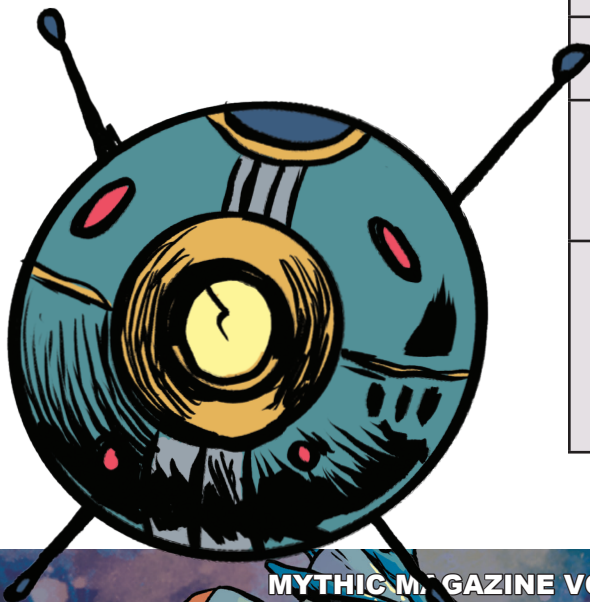
Even if a ship can travel faster than light, they may still begin with the Outer Rim as a way to scope out the star system before venturing further inside.

Check for Events each time you move from one Layer to another. This is an easy method for

abstracting time during space travel. For instance, if your ship is slow enough that it must move from one Layer to the next then that takes a long time, opening up the possibility for more Events. If the ship is fast enough to instantly appear anywhere, then less time is spent in travel and there may only be one Event triggered.

### "IS THERE AN EVENT?"

ANSWER	INTERPRETATION
<b>YES</b>	There is an Event. Roll on the Star System Events Focus table, and the Star System Events Meaning table.
<b>EXCEPTIONAL YES</b>	There are two Events. Roll on the Star System Events Focus table and the Star System Events Meaning table for the first Event. When that is resolved, create a second Event in the same way. This second Event can take place immediately after in the same Scene, or it can wait until the next Scene, whichever seems most fitting.
<b>NO</b>	There is no Event at this time.
<b>EXCEPTIONAL NO</b>	There is no Event at this time, and there won't be one in the next Layer either.
<b>RANDOM EVENT</b>	Generate the Random Event as part of the Star System Event, if there is one. If there isn't, then this is a standard Random Event.





## STAR SYSTEM EVENT FOCUS

ROLL	RESULT
1-5	<b>ENEMY ACTION:</b> Your ship is attacked by an enemy. If you have enemies then it's probably one of them. If not, you have enemies now.
6-15	<b>CHECK ENGINE LIGHT ON:</b> Your ship develops a problem that requires immediate attention. For instance, this could be a random mechanical failure, or some hazardous interaction with something in the star system.
16-20	<b>LAND IMMEDIATELY:</b> You must land as soon as possible somewhere in the star system. The reason for the emergency landing could be just about anything, from mechanical trouble to pursuit from an enemy where your best course of action is to hide on a planet.
21-30	<b>ADDITIONAL FEATURE:</b> You discover another Star System Feature not previously detected. Generate a new Feature using the Star System Feature rules. This new Feature is in addition to the original d4+2 generated and is located in the Layer you are currently in.
31-35	<b>DRAMA IN THE SHIP:</b> Something happens on board your ship. This doesn't necessarily have anything to do with the star system itself. Roll a Random Event that takes place within the ship.
36-40	<b>OBJECTS IN SPACE:</b> Your ship detects something floating in space outside the ship. You had not previously detected it until getting closer. Roll on the Objects Meaning table for inspiration of what it is. If it's an active item, roll on the Action Meaning tables for what it is doing.
41-45	<b>IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?:</b> You receive a message from somewhere in the star system. This could be a recorded, repeating message, like a distress call, or a live person making direct contact. Use the Character Conversation or Cryptic Message Meaning tables, whichever you think is more appropriate. Roll on the Star System Layers table to determine which Layer in the system the message is coming from. If that Layer has any Features in it, the message is from one of those Features.
46-55	<b>SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM:</b> You detect another ship that is dealing with something. Roll on the Starship Descriptors Meaning table for inspiration about the ship, and the Action Meaning tables for what they're dealing with. It could be anything from battling another ship to engaging in a salvage operation. It's up to you whether you want to approach them or not.
56-80	<b>WE NEED TO CHECK THIS OUT:</b> Someone other than the Player Character, perhaps a crew member or ship's computer, makes a strong suggestion to investigate one of the system's Features. Roll on the Action Meaning tables for why they want this, with Context that they think it is very important.
81-100	<b>RANDOM:</b> There is no additional Context with this Event, roll on the Star System Events Meaning table for inspiration.

### STAR SYSTEM EVENTS

1 Activate	51 Help
2 Alarm	52 Hidden
3 Alien	53 Hinder
4 Ambush	54 Hope
5 Asteroid	55 Important
6 Atmosphere	56 Increase
7 Attack	57 Inform
8 Battle	58 Information
9 Business	59 Inspect
10 Celebrate	60 Location
11 Change	61 Mechanical
12 Chaos	62 Military
13 Close	63 Move
14 Collision	64 Multiple
15 Communication	65 Mundane
16 Completion	66 Mystery
17 Conflict	67 Natural
18 Control	68 Natural
19 Create	69 Navigation
20 Crew	70 Needs
21 Crisis	71 News
22 Damage	72 Object
23 Danger	73 Obstacle
24 Deceive	74 Oppose
25 Decrease	75 Path
26 Defend	76 Personal
27 Delay	77 Planet
28 Deny	78 Plot
29 Destroy	79 Portal
30 Detection	80 Power
31 Dispute	81 Problem
32 Distant	82 Project
33 Distress	83 Protect
34 Emergency	84 Proximity
35 Enemy	85 Pursuit
36 Energy	86 Resources
37 Environment	87 Reward
38 Equipment	88 Salvage
39 Explosion	89 Ship
40 Failure	90 Signal
41 Fear	91 Star
42 Flee	92 Strange
43 Fortunate	93 Technology
44 Friend	94 Trap
45 Goal	95 Unfortunate
46 Government	96 Unknown
47 Gravity	97 Valuable
48 Group	98 Warning
49 Guide	99 Weapon
50 Harm	100 Wreckage

### OBJECTS

1 Active	51 Information
2 Artistic	52 Intriguing
3 Average	53 Large
4 Beautiful	54 Lethal
5 Bizarre	55 Light
6 Bright	56 Liquid
7 Clothing	57 Loud
8 Clue	58 Majestic
9 Cold	59 Meaningful
10 Colorful	60 Mechanical
11 Communication	61 Modern
12 Complicated	62 Moving
13 Confusing	63 Multiple
14 Consumable	64 Mundane
15 Container	65 Mysterious
16 Creepy	66 Natural
17 Crude	67 New
18 Cute	68 Odd
19 Damaged	69 Official
20 Dangerous	70 Old
21 Deactivated	71 Ornamental
22 Deliberate	72 Ornate
23 Delightful	73 Personal
24 Desired	74 Powerful
25 Domestic	75 Prized
26 Empty	76 Protection
27 Energy	77 Rare
28 Enormous	78 Ready
29 Equipment	79 Reassuring
30 Expected	80 Resource
31 Expended	81 Ruined
32 Extravagant	82 Small
33 Faded	83 Soft
34 Familiar	84 Solitary
35 Fancy	85 Stolen
36 Flora	86 Strange
37 Fortunate	87 Stylish
38 Fragile	88 Threatening
39 Fragrant	89 Tool
40 Frightening	90 Travel
41 Garbage	91 Unexpected
42 Guidance	92 Unpleasant
43 Hard	93 Unusual
44 Harmful	94 Useful
45 Healing	95 Useless
46 Heavy	96 Valuable
47 Helpful	97 Warm
48 Horrible	98 Weapon
49 Important	99 Wet
50 Inactive	100 Worn

### CHARACTER CONVERSATIONS

1 Abuse	51 Ideas
2 Advice	52 Inform
3 Aggressive	53 Innocent
4 Agree	54 Inquire
5 Amusing	55 Intense
6 Angry	56 Interesting
7 Anxious	57 Intolerance
8 Assist	58 Irritating
9 Awkward	59 Joyful
10 Betray	60 Judgmental
11 Bizarre	61 Juvenile
12 Bleak	62 Kind
13 Bold	63 Leadership
14 Business	64 Lie
15 Calm	65 Loud
16 Careful	66 Loving
17 Careless	67 Loyal
18 Cautious	68 Macabre
19 Cheerful	69 Mature
20 Classy	70 Meaningful
21 Cold	71 Miserable
22 Colorful	72 Mistrust
23 Combative	73 Mocking
24 Crazy	74 Mundane
25 Creepy	75 Mysterious
26 Curious	76 News
27 Defiant	77 Nice
28 Delightful	78 Normal
29 Disagreeable	79 Odd
30 Dispute	80 Offensive
31 Efficient	81 Official
32 Energetic	82 Oppose
33 Enthusiastic	83 Peace
34 Excited	84 Plans
35 Fearful	85 Playful
36 Fierce	86 Polite
37 Foolish	87 Positive
38 Frantic	88 Praise
39 Frightening	89 Quarrelsome
40 Generous	90 Quiet
41 Gentle	91 Reassuring
42 Glad	92 Refuse
43 Grateful	93 Rude
44 Haggle	94 Rumor
45 Happy	95 Simple
46 Harsh	96 Threatening
47 Hasty	97 Truce
48 Helpful	98 Trust
49 Helpless	99 Warm
50 Hopeless	100 Wild



### CRYPTIC MESSAGE

1	Abandoned	51	Language
2	Activity	52	Leadership
3	Adventure	53	Legal
4	Adversity	54	Legend
5	Advice	55	Liberty
6	Allies	56	Lies
7	Anger	57	Lost
8	Bestow	58	Love
9	Betray	59	Malice
10	Bizarre	60	Messy
11	Bleak	61	Misfortune
12	Business	62	Mistrust
13	Care	63	Move
14	Colorful	64	Mundane
15	Communicate	65	Mysterious
16	Conflict	66	Neglect
17	Creepy	67	Normal
18	Damaged	68	Obscured
19	Danger	69	Official
20	Death	70	Old
21	Deceive	71	Oppose
22	Defiant	72	Partial
23	Dispute	73	Passion
24	Divide	74	Plans
25	Emotions	75	Possessions
26	Enemies	76	Power
27	Environment	77	Propose
28	Evil	78	Punish
29	Expose	79	Pursue
30	Failure	80	Rare
31	Fame	81	Reassuring
32	Fear	82	Recipient
33	Fight	83	Reveal
34	Frantic	84	Riches
35	Free	85	Riddle
36	Friendship	86	Rumor
37	Goals	87	Secret
38	Good	88	Start
39	Guide	89	Stop
40	Harm	90	Strange
41	Help	91	Struggle
42	Helpful	92	Success
43	Hidden	93	Tension
44	Hope	94	Threaten
45	Horrible	95	Truce
46	Important	96	Trust
47	Information	97	Unknown
48	Innocent	98	Vengeance
49	Instruction	99	Violence
50	Intrigues	100	Warning

## Star System Event Check

To see if a Star System Event happens, ask the Fate Question, “Does an Event happen?” Assign appropriate Odds based on the Context of the adventure and how likely you think it is to encounter an occurrence or problem.

The “Is there an Event?” table shows the results of the answers.

## Generating The Event

To create a Star System Event, roll on the Star System Event Focus table for the Context of the event, and then one to three times on the Star System Event Meaning table to help with inspiration. Interpret your results in the Context of the adventure and what you expect to find in the star system, which helps connect the event to your ongoing adventure if it makes sense to.

Some of the Focus table results call for rolling on various Meaning tables. Those that haven’t already appeared in this article are reprinted for ease of finding them.

*Venorn-262 may have been a giant rock, but it contained the resources necessary to flush the corrosive energy out of the ship’s engines and make repairs.*

*The Player uses the opportunity of the forced landing to spend a few Scenes exploring the place. Using Fate Questions and Discovering Meaning on the Terrain table, the Player Character finds a cave and makes a few scientific recordings to bring home later.*

*It took some days, but once the ship was ready, and after a little exploration of the world’s surface, they took off from the planet.*

*With the emergency over and finding themselves in the Inner Region of the Pildun-2371 system, the captain decides to give the area a closer look. There are some interesting features in this system to check out, including the wreckage and the mysterious cool spot on Thicon. There’s also Halichi-52, which has abundant life. There’s someone there, it seems; the captain will have to decide if disturbing the stranger is worth the risk.*

*The Player takes this as a cue to ask the Fate Question, “Is there an Event?” They assign it Odds of 50/50 because the captain is actively looking for things, so it’s possible he’ll find something.*

*Rolling, Mythic says Yes.*

*A roll on the Star System Event Focus table gets “Additional Feature”. They discover something in the Inner Region they had not previously noticed.*

*The Star System Feature Focus table says “Solid Planet Of Interest”. The Player interprets this to mean one of the planets in the system that the ship’s computer had previously discounted is now discovered to have noteworthy features.*



## IT JUST SOUNDS RIGHT

Science fiction star and planet names are a funny thing. I can’t really say why a planet name sounds right, but I know it when I hear it. It just sounds ... very cool.

When generating star and planet names, you can go with the results the tables generate, or twist them into something that sounds better to you.

Here are some additional star and planet naming ideas:

**DOUBLE NAME:** Roll two names and put them together. For instance, a star named Daboun Quosa.

**SHIFT THE NUMBERS AROUND:** If the name has a number with it, consider putting it in front or behind the name. You could also use one or two digits instead of all that you rolled. For instance, Phaebos-4391 could be 91 Phaebos, or Phaebos 941.

**MORE THAN PRIME:** The Star and Planet Name + Prime results can be expanded into more ordering sounding words, such as: Secundus, Epsilon, First, 1, 2, Tau, Beta, Theta, Majoris, Minoris, A, B, C, etc.

**NAMED AFTER:** You could use Mythic’s Name Meaning table to help create a person’s name, then name the star or planet after that person. For instance, Malcolm’s Star, or Blanchard’s Rock.

*Rolling on the Star System Features table for inspiration about what makes the planet interesting the Player gets “Control” and “Hot”. Rolling to name the planet, they get Phona.*

*The Player makes this interpretation: Phona is another desolate planet, much like Venorn-262. There is no life, and it has an unbreathable atmosphere. The mixture of gases in its atmosphere combined with energy from the star makes the surface of the planet very hot. It’s not as hot as Thicon, but it’s still very toasty.*

*Strangely, sensors detect a pocket on the surface of the world that is much cooler than the rest of it. This is similar to the pocket detected earlier on Thicon. The Player Character begins to wonder, what if these pockets are artificial? They could be colonies of some kind, designed to create a micro-environment within the hostile environment of the planet.*

*The captain considers investigating, but decides to first travel out toward Thicon to take readings there. They sped by it so fast when they arrived they didn’t have time to really study the anomaly on its surface. Now the captain wants to take his time and see if the cool spot is similar to Phona’s.*

*The ship moves from the Inner Region to the Middle Sphere, which takes a day. The captain isn’t risking the newly repaired engines, keeping thrust at a minimum.*

*Moving from one Layer to another calls for checking for a new Event.*

*The “Is there an Event?” Fate Question comes back as Yes again. The Star System Event Focus table says “We need to check this out.”*

*Rolling on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration, the Player gets “Heal” and “Health”.*



*The Player makes this interpretation:*

*As the ship nears Thicon, engineers begin to scan the temperature anomaly from orbit.*

*The Player doesn't know what the readings will come back with, so they roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration and get "Support" and "Location".*

*The Player interprets this as a crewmember reporting that the area of cool temperature appears to be an artificially constructed shield. It reads much like the kind of environmental emergency bubble sometimes used on deep space colony ships if they are*

*stranded on a hostile world. Although, this one is much larger than most.*

*The crewmember informs the captain that they are obligated to investigate under interstellar law, since this may be a group of survivors from a crashed starship. Maybe a colony ship ran into trouble, had to abandon ship, and half of them ended up on Thicon while the other half landed on Phona. That would explain the two, nearly identical cool spots on two different planets in this system.*

*The captain prepares a shuttle and an exploration team to go take a look. It seems this emergency diversion has turned into a rescue mission. 🕒*



## WHO MOVED MY BIG EXAMPLE??

The Big Example for this article has been combined with the next article, "Solo Adventures In The Style Of Found Journals". The two systems seemed to work well together, so let's match them up for one Big, Big Example! You can find it on page 58.



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## WHAT IF

*Discussion of some aspect of solo, Mythic, or Crafter play for you to chew on.*

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# Solo Adventures In The Style Of Found Journals

## MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

When I think of a “found journal” style of narrative storytelling, the first thing that comes to mind are the stories of H. P. Lovecraft. I love his chilling and strange tales, often told from the first person perspective, and commonly in the form of a letter left behind or an entry in a journal.

There is something enticing about the concept of a story told from the perspective of found materials. There’s a personal aspect to it, because the account you are reading was written by someone experiencing it, and you can’t help but get to know that person through their words.

It has an additional, special and mysterious quality, in that if someone took the time to write all this down then it must be important and consequential. However, as a found journal, presumably you may be the only person who has read it. That means you’ve discovered a secret story that only you are privy to, at least at the moment.



## YOU, OR SOMEONE ELSE

If we’re creating a solo adventure that’s about reading a found journal, then who is the author? Is it our Player Character, or are we a third party reading this account with no direct involvement in it?

That is up to you. I’ve written this article so you can come at this from either angle. If the story is yours, then your Player Character is the one writing it. In this case, it plays out very much like a regular Mythic adventure, with some special rules and considerations included.

If you’d rather have a full found journal experience, where you take no part in it at all and every fact is a discovery, then you can do that too. It changes the rules a bit and your involvement becomes more passive, as your choices are limited to your interpretation of the prompts. However, I felt it important to include this option since it feels so true to the genre. There’s also an element of excitement when you’re not making direct choices because everything is pure discovery.





## FOUND JOURNAL ADVENTURE, OR FOUND JOURNAL INTERLUDE?

I think there are two main ways you can use the suggestions in this article for your solo adventures. First, make an entire adventure about the found journal.

In this case, right from the beginning the adventure is the journal. We'll get into suggestions on how to make this happen, but it boils down to a Scene 0 preparation moment where you determine where this journal came from. This helps you build your first Scene, which is the beginning of the found journal, footage, message, archive, or whatever it is.

If the journal is the entire adventure, then you may want to start the adventure with a short paragraph that sets the stage. For instance, if you've determined that your found journal adventure is about recordings from a robot discovered on a derelict space ship by a salvage expedition, you might start with something like this: "Following is a transcript describing the recorded contents of Android R-82, found critically damaged aboard Orion Schooner Alpha 68694. The ship was seemingly abandoned and drifting in orbit above planet FP-8089 in the Fil star system. We believe the audio and video captured by R-82 explains what happened on Alpha 68694. We also suggest the Fil star system be designated a No Enter Zone and that the contents of this transcript be classified as Omega Secret Encoded, Earth Governing Council's Eyes Only."

A second option is to treat the found journal as a mini-adventure within a larger adventure. For instance, perhaps in your solo adventure your Player Character is the captain of that salvage ship that comes across the dead vessel. Getting an account of what happened through an android's recordings could be resolved with Fate Questions and Discovering Meaning.

Or, you could pause your adventure and hold a found journal sub adventure to play out what is recorded. You might do this to make a deep dive into the message, then once it's done continue with your regular adventure. Or, you could decide that the adventure you were playing was only for the purpose of getting you to the journal adventure. From this point on, the found journal is what matters.

## Found Journals, Solo RPG Style

This article is about translating the found journal experience into a solo roleplaying experience. I'm using the term "found journal" because that feels the most appropriate to me, but it could be any kind of found material. A discovered letter, found video footage, the final recording of a captain's log, or a hologram delivering the tale of the end of the world.

### ATMOSPHERE MATTERS

There are some crunchy rules in this article to help you craft your found journal, but I'm focusing mostly on the feel of the experience. There's an atmosphere to the found journal genre that is tough to put your finger on, but it's palpable. There is a sense of discovery, of unfolding mystery, of personality as we get to know the person delivering the account, and often of surprise. There is also a sense of privacy to it as you read something special and personal.

We'll be creating these adventures as we play, in Mythic GME fashion, but I'm still thinking of them as being read or heard or however the story is delivered. We are creating the story that we are reading.



## EPISTOLARY AND BEYOND!

Given that we're solo roleplayers, and you likely have a favorite method for recording your adventures, there's a good chance that some level of journaling or making a written account is involved.

This dovetails nicely with the literary tradition of found journals, epistolary novels written in the first person and crafted as personal accounts such as letters and diary entries.

When recording your solo adventures in a found journal style, you simply adjust your writing style and attitude toward it. Instead of a summary such as "PC discovers cave entrance, strange markings on the walls", you might jazz it up into something like this: "Morning of February 23, 1934. I ascended the mountain at dawn, following the path as indicated by my guide. The guides wouldn't come though, they were afraid. Bad mojo or something. Nevertheless, I found the cave entrance! It was right where the inscription said it would be. There are carvings on the walls just inside. Strange, fantastical shapes. I don't know if it's a language. Maybe? I am working up the courage to explore further. Feeling quite alone."

So how do we handle other forms of found material, like found video footage? This may be a little trickier and harder to maintain the immersion of simulated authenticity, but there are a few options.

First, you could treat this as a written account of someone who had seen or witnessed the video or other medium that the original material is from. That allows you to maintain a sense of verisimilitude while the found material still technically being from any source.

Another option is to treat this like a regular Mythic adventure in the way you record it, and state what the video or other material is revealing. This may feel less realistic, because now your journal isn't actually THE journal, but it can still have that found narrative feel.

For instance, you could write it something like this: "The next section of the video tape was grainy, but showed the lab clearly. Scientists busy at work, mostly ignoring that they were filming themselves. The crystal can clearly be seen as a lab worker removes it from a shielded box. The red glow of the crystal is unmistakable. This must be when the experiments began."



## WHERE DID THIS JOURNAL COME FROM?

Found journals, or found footage, as a genre covers a lot of ground because stories can be delivered in a wide range of mediums, from written to video and so on. Regardless of the journal's format, there is usually drama and mystery around the found material.

For instance, it may be an account found in a very unlikely place, such as a modern notebook

dug up in a ten-thousand year old cave dwelling. It might be the final message from a doomed expedition, a diary left behind from someone who witnessed the incredible, a confession to a terrible crime, and so on.

They can be anything, but they are always revelatory.

### FOUND JOURNAL ORIGIN FOCUS

ROLL	RESULT
1-20	<b>I NEED TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED HERE:</b> The found journal is located from the site of a disaster or crisis where there are no survivors and appears to explain what happened.
21-45	<b>DEAR DIARY:</b> The found journal is a personal diary or work log from someone telling the story of something they experienced or witnessed.
46-50	<b>CALL TO ACTION:</b> The found journal is an account of something that happened, and an urgent appeal for the reader to do something that the journal author either could not do or failed to do. Consider it Context for your found journal adventure that the author of the journal will, at some point, ask the reader to do something. The request may be overt, such as "You must trap the beast!" or implied, such as the journal including a map to something the journal creator hid.
51-70	<b>IT STARTED OFF INNOCENTLY ENOUGH:</b> The found journal starts off as an innocent and intentional account of something. For instance, it may be a video recording made by tourists visiting a foreign city. Events take a dramatic turn, however. When constructing this found journal adventure, treat it as Context that the first Scene in the Beginning Section is mundane or innocent, but changes at the first opportunity to something dramatic.
71-75	<b>DOCUMENTARY IN PROGRESS:</b> The creator of the found journal meant to make the material for journalistic or scientific purposes, but underestimated what they were getting into. For instance, they may be a documentary film maker or a scientist recording notes during an experiment. This is similar to "It Started Off Innocently Enough" where the first Scene should establish that the account is intentional, but it likely takes an unexpected twist in Scene 2.
76-80	<b>IT'S FAKE, BUT NOT REALLY:</b> The found journal recounts someone engaging in something fake that turns out not to be fake after all. For instance, it could be an audio recording of someone casting a ritual spell as a practical joke, only to discover that the spell actually works.
81-100	<b>RANDOM, NO CONTEXT:</b> Roll only on the Found Journal Meaning table for inspiration about the journal's origin without any additional Context from this table.

## FOUND JOURNAL

1 Accident	51 Hope
2 Action	52 Important
3 Adventure	53 Information
4 Amazement	54 Injustice
5 Ambition	55 Innocent
6 Anger	56 Instructions
7 Art	57 Justice
8 Attack	58 Location
9 Betray	59 Loss
10 Business	60 Love
11 Change	61 Misfortune
12 Character	62 Mundane
13 Confession	63 Mystery
14 Conflict	64 Nature
15 Consequence	65 News
16 Control	66 Object
17 Create	67 Obligation
18 Danger	68 Observed
19 Death	69 Official
20 Deception	70 Outcast
21 Desperation	71 Overcome
22 Destroy	72 Past
23 Diary	73 People
24 Disaster	74 Personal
25 Discovery	75 Persuade
26 Disrupt	76 Plan
27 Emotion	77 Plea
28 Enemy	78 Power
29 Energy	79 Pride
30 Environment	80 Problem
31 Escape	81 Promise
32 Evidence	82 Regret
33 Experience	83 Repair
34 Experiment	84 Report
35 Explanation	85 Rescue
36 Failure	86 Reveal
37 Family	87 Reward
38 Fear	88 Science
39 Fight	89 Secret
40 Find	90 Solution
41 Free	91 Strange
42 Friend	92 Success
43 Goal	93 Survivor
44 Group	94 Travel
45 Guide	95 Unexpected
46 Guilt	96 Urgent
47 Harm	97 Useful
48 Heal	98 Warning
49 Help	99 Witness
50 Hide	100 Work

## Found Journal Origin Table

If you're running a found journal segment in a larger adventure, then you may already know what the journal is and where it came from. For instance, in the earlier example the Player knows the journal is the recorded entries from an android aboard a discovered space craft.

If you'd like to randomly determine where a found journal comes from you can use the Found Journal Origin Focus table on the previous page. This can help you start an adventure that is only about the found journal.

Roll on the Found Journal Origin Focus Table for starting Context, then roll a word from the Found Journal Meaning table as inspiration for an interpretation. If you need more inspiration, roll a second or third word.

## Journal Format

If you'd like to randomize the medium the journal is in, roll on the Found Journal Format table. This will give a general idea of how the journal is recorded, such as if it's in written form, a video, personal letters between people, documentation, or some other method.

*A Player wants a found journal adventure, starting from scratch. To see what kind of journal this is, they roll on the Found Journal Origin Focus table and get "Documentary In Progress". This journal is some kind of journalistic or scientific project.*

*For more details, they roll on the Found Journal Meaning table and get "Desperation", "Solution", and "Fear".*

*Ideas are percolating, but the Player wants to see what medium the journal is recorded on. A roll on the Found Journal Format table gives "Video".*

*The Player makes this interpretation: The found journal is a video recording made by the head scientist of an expedition to find cures to modern diseases in ancient bacteria. It is filmed in the arctic, where the scientist and his crew are drilling ice samples and studying bacteria found there from millions of years ago.*

*The Player knows, as Context, that something goes horribly awry in this expedition leading to fear and desperation at some point. The*



## FOUND JOURNAL FORMAT

ROLL	RESULT
1-30	<b>IT IS WRITTEN:</b> The found journal is in written form, in whatever format makes the most sense given the journal's origin. This could be a captain's log, a diary, a last will and testament, or any other written form where the author is directly describing events in a single volume.
31-50	<b>DEAR ...:</b> The found journal is in the form of personal letters written to someone. Treat each Scene in this adventure as a separate letter, with each letter revealing more. The letters may or may not have been written to the PC if this adventure has a Player Character.
51-80	<b>VIDEO:</b> The found journal is a video recording, or other recorded media such as a Youtube video or hologram projection.
81-90	<b>DOCUMENTED:</b> The found journal is less of a cohesive account of something and more a collection of various documents that together tell a story. For instance, it could include personal letters, newspaper clippings, police reports, flyers about missing people, etc. Each Scene in your adventure is a different document where, when studied, reveals the details of that Scene either directly or indirectly.
91-100	<b>RANDOM:</b> Roll on Mythic's Objects Meaning table for inspiration of what medium the found journal is recorded on.

*video begins by documenting the expedition's progress, but will change at some point into a desperate telling of what they are experiencing.*

### Journal Context

Regardless of how the found journal comes into play, it will likely carry Context of its own. For instance, in the example above the Player knows that the found journal is the video recording of a scientist in a doomed arctic expedition. This is all known before the adventure begins, making it important Context to guide the Player.

Found Journals may come with Context by virtue of how your Player Character comes across them. For instance, when discovering a ship in space where all the crew are dead, it's reasonable to assume that when the captain's log is reviewed it will contain an account of what happened.



## OBJECTS

1 Active	51 Information
2 Artistic	52 Intriguing
3 Average	53 Large
4 Beautiful	54 Lethal
5 Bizarre	55 Light
6 Bright	56 Liquid
7 Clothing	57 Loud
8 Clue	58 Majestic
9 Cold	59 Meaningful
10 Colorful	60 Mechanical
11 Communication	61 Modern
12 Complicated	62 Moving
13 Confusing	63 Multiple
14 Consumable	64 Mundane
15 Container	65 Mysterious
16 Creepy	66 Natural
17 Crude	67 New
18 Cute	68 Odd
19 Damaged	69 Official
20 Dangerous	70 Old
21 Deactivated	71 Ornamental
22 Deliberate	72 Ornate
23 Delightful	73 Personal
24 Desired	74 Powerful
25 Domestic	75 Prized
26 Empty	76 Protection
27 Energy	77 Rare
28 Enormous	78 Ready
29 Equipment	79 Reassuring
30 Expected	80 Resource
31 Expended	81 Ruined
32 Extravagant	82 Small
33 Faded	83 Soft
34 Familiar	84 Solitary
35 Fancy	85 Stolen
36 Flora	86 Strange
37 Fortunate	87 Stylish
38 Fragile	88 Threatening
39 Fragrant	89 Tool
40 Frightening	90 Travel
41 Garbage	91 Unexpected
42 Guidance	92 Unpleasant
43 Hard	93 Unusual
44 Harmful	94 Useful
45 Healing	95 Useless
46 Heavy	96 Valuable
47 Helpful	97 Warm
48 Horrible	98 Weapon
49 Important	99 Wet
50 Inactive	100 Worn

Context like this should carry into the found journal adventure. There are a number of ways you can do this using Mythic's standard rules.

## SCENE EXPECTATIONS

Found journal adventures are constructed of Scenes, just like any other Mythic adventure. A Scene could consist of each section of the journal, whether that's ten minutes of a video tape, a few pages of a diary, or however the journal is experienced. As with any Mythic Scene, each Scene of a found journal contains some specific action or point.

When creating Expected Scenes for what happens next in the found journal, you can incorporate Context you already know. For instance, in the example on the previous page the found journal is a video recording of an ill fated science expedition. Early Scene expectations might be about mundane scientific stuff, like setting up base, starting drilling, or interviewing other members of the crew. These are all valid expectations for Scenes given the Context.

You also know something goes wrong. Really wrong. Rather than wait for Mythic to randomly create a tense moment, you can create



## BUILDING CONTEXT BEFORE THE ADVENTURE

This section talks about using the Context you know while playing the found journal adventure. You can take this a step further and purposefully generate more Context before you play to help guide you later.

So far the Context you are aware of about the found journal is limited to the tables rolled in this article and the Context of the adventure the journal is found in, if it's part of a larger adventure.

Before diving into the found journal Scenes, you could pause and seek more Context by asking Fate Questions or Discovering Meaning. This could be details that give background and depth to the found journal.

For instance, back to the example of the arctic expedition, the Player could take a moment to ask Fate Questions about the scientist and their mission. What scientific discipline is he? Is he a medical doctor, a biologist, a pathologist, or a geologist? You might ask Fate Questions like, "Is this expedition legal?"

These are all things you might discover during the found journal Scenes, but if it makes sense to know some of this ahead of time that could be helpful. This is especially true if these are details that aren't likely to come up during the journal Scenes.



one using a Scene Expectation. It could be as simple as, “In this Scene, things go wrong.”

Some of the journal origins require Context that will change the narrative as you go. For instance, “It’s Fake, But Not Really” requires that the found journal was made intentionally for a fake purpose, but it turns into a real one. If you decide it’s the audio recording of a group of campers who jokingly search for Bigfoot, you know that they do indeed encounter Bigfoot. Or, at least, they come across some other forest dwelling creature or monstrosity. This is Context you know going in, and it can form the basis of Expected Scenes until it happens.

## FATE QUESTIONS

Similarly, known Context can inform the Fate Questions you ask during the adventure.

For instance, maybe you’re playing a Scene where the scientist is filming his colleagues thawing a chunk of ice to examine the bacteria inside. You, as the Player, know that somewhere in this expedition things go badly. You don’t know how, why, or when. Maybe the bacteria comes alive as an ancient and horrible disease, or perhaps they disturbed something else under the ice when they drilled.

You don’t know what happens yet, you just know something happens. So as you conduct the Scene about thawing the bacteria, it makes good Context sense to ask a Fate Question like, “Does something awful happen right now?” Maybe this is the moment things go downhill for them, maybe it isn’t. But knowing that something is coming gives you the opportunity for fish for it with Fate Questions when it seems appropriate.

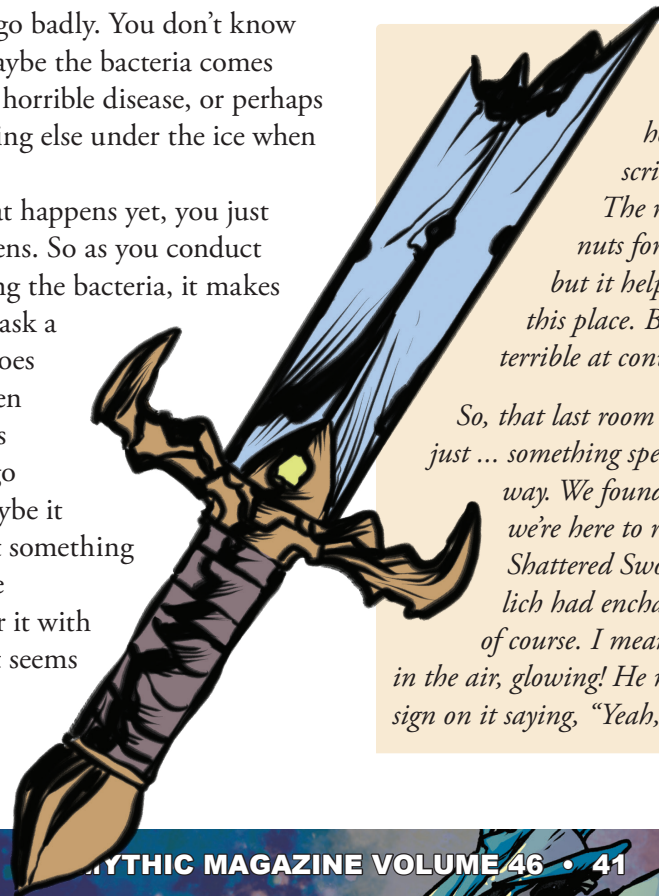
## CHOOSING THE FOUND JOURNAL AUTHOR

A found journal adventure could feature your Player Character, where you control what they do, or you can take a step back and control no Characters and act as the game’s interpreter.

### Player Character As Journal Author

A found journal adventure could be played as a regular Mythic adventure, where your Player Character is the protagonist. It would function similar to any other Mythic adventure, with the addition of the tables and suggestions in this article, and the style in which you record your adventure.

This is a fun option where you play Mythic as you normally might, but with the addition of the found journal style. A fantasy dungeon crawl could look like this in your adventure journal:



*We’re taking a break right now, so I’m sitting here in some dank corridor scribbling in my notebook. The rest of the party thinks I’m nuts for recording our experiences, but it helps keep me grounded in this place. Besides, the rest of them are terrible at conversation.*

*So, that last room we checked out. That was just ... something special. And not in a good way. We found one of the stolen artifacts we’re here to retrieve. This one was the Shattered Sword Of King Ululuth. The lich had enchanted it. Clearly trapped, of course. I mean, the thing was floating in the air, glowing! He might as well have hung a sign on it saying, “Yeah, I totally magicked this up*

*with wards and curses. I dare you to touch it!"*

*Of course, the barbarian touched it even though we all yelled at him not to. Instantly it did something to him, you could see it in his eyes. That was right before they went all wet with tears and he rolled up into a ball on the floor crying like a toddler. Apparently the curse made him feel intense emotions about his childhood.*

*That took him out of commission just in time for the skeletons to pour in. We had to fight like crazy without our barbarian, who normally would have waded through these walking sticks.*

In this example the Player ran through a dungeon room exploration using Mythic and their chosen fantasy RPG, but gave it some personal journal flare when recording it.

Creating found journals in your own adventure journal could end up being another way to record your adventures, but in a fashion that adds extra personality.

## Player As Journal Reader

Another option is not having a Player Character in the adventure. It's as if you, the Player, are reading the found journal. In this capacity, it's a normal Mythic adventure, except there's no Player Character.

You're not directly controlling any Characters. Instead, your role is to advance the adventure narrative by asking Fate Questions, Discovering Meaning, and interpreting Mythic's responses.

Going this route is a more passive experience for the Player, but it may also feel more like a genuine found journal. After all, you're not a part of it, at least not directly. It's as if you, the Player, are reading a found journal as you create it.

When rolling Random Events, treat any Focus Table result that refers to the Player Character,



## LISTS WITHIN LISTS

If found journal Scenes are a portion of a larger adventure, and not the entire adventure itself, then treat it as a separate adventure when it comes to Lists.

The found journal interlude would have its own Threads and Characters Lists. Put any elements onto these Lists that you think are important within the narrative of the found journal itself.

The found journal origin and format can give you some List element clues right away. For instance, in the found journal setup example on page 38, the Player may have starting Lists that look like this:

### THREADS

- 🔍 Retrieve ancient bacteria
- 🔍 Study ancient bacteria
- 🔍 Protect against harsh arctic weather

### CHARACTERS

- 🔍 Head scientist/narrator
- 🔍 Members of the crew

As an interlude, the found journal is an adventure within an adventure. It's Lists are separate from the main adventure Lists, unless something happens to be present in both narratives.

It would also have its own Chaos Factor, which would begin at 5.

Once the found journal Scenes are done, or whenever you return to your regular adventure, you would resume with your regular adventure Lists and Chaos Factor where you left off.

such as PC Negative and PC Positive, as being about an NPC, effectively doubling up the NPC Negative and NPC Positive possibilities.

Apart from not having an active PC to control (which, admittedly, is a big part missing) everything else functions as a normal Mythic adventure. Generate NPCs and ask Fate Questions about what they're doing, Discover Meaning, create Scenes, and so on.





## FINDING YOUR FOUND JOURNAL VOICE

Found journal and found footage genres are fun and exciting because they are immersive. The first person perspective and realistic delivery of the narrative lends it an immediacy and emotional impact that gives it a lot of character even if it doesn't always explain itself very well. In fact, the sometimes lack of a cohesive narrative and occasionally jarring chaotic nature of the genres makes it even more exciting because you're left sifting through the narrative for clues to the real story.

When running your own found journal adventure, much of the flavor will come through in the tone, and that has a lot to do with the voice you're using. "Voice" here means how the adventure is being presented. For instance, who's writing or speaking about the events, how are they delivering it, and so on.

I think the best way to find that voice is to have fun with it. If your found journal is the log book of a frigate navigator trapped in the Bermuda Triangle, give them a personality and let that shine in the writing. Lean into their emotions and their character. Go with your gut about what they say and how they say it.

If the journal is following the "Documented" format, then get creative with what each Scene is based on. Maybe one is a police report written in a dry, bureaucratic manner. Another Scene is a personal letter someone is writing to a friend. Yet another Scene could be the copy of a social media thread exchange, revealing adventure details post by post.

Translating a solo adventure into a found journal format is a license to present the content any way you wish, in the most fun and entertaining way possible.



*A Player is running an adventure in the world of their favorite post-apocalypse RPG. It's a gonzo, over the top setting of mutated animals and humans, ancient war machines running amok, and other wild elements.*

*While their PC investigates an old laboratory, they come across a room full of dusty documents. The Player discovers that this place once housed researchers trying to understand, and stop, the end of the world.*

*This is a good spot to run a found journal sub adventure! The Player treats the whole room as the found journal, using the "Documented" format.*

*They create a new set of Threads and Characters Lists, placing elements on them that fit this found journal Context. The Player's PC isn't involved*

*in the unfolding events of the found journal, of course, since they are the one going through the room and piecing all of this together.*

*For the first Scene of the found journal story, the Player decides the Expected Scene is the PC spotting an old newspaper article tacked to the wall that reports on the early events of The End.*

*The Player Discovers Meaning on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration of what the article is about, and gets "Open" and "Pain".*

*The Player makes this interpretation to start the Scene:*

*Newspaper date, Nov. 18, 2046. Headline: Opening Of Orbs Spawns Panic. The story begins with - Military officials from the Pentagon authorized the forced opening of one of the*



## DEFINING THE JOURNAL NARRATOR WHEN IT'S NOT YOUR PC

If you go with the Player as journal reader route, who is the author? We're treating this as a normal Mythic adventure with no Player Character, so you're managing the NPCs, interpreting Mythic prompts, asking Fate Questions, etc. But who is the actual author or narrator?

### CHOOSE AN NPC

If the author is a single person, you can choose from among the NPCs and write the found journal from their perspective. You may want to work out a few details about this NPC to help, such as using Mythic's Character Personality Meaning table to get a feel for the style they might record the journal.

As an NPC, they are the narrator but they are also a participant who is subject to the whims of Random Events and other factors.

### ROTATING NPCS

You could choose to have the narration come from multiple points of view, choosing a different NPC at times. Maybe the first NPC narrator dies or disappears, and another NPC picks up the journal duties. Or, maybe it's just the nature of this kind of journal that different NPCs could be involved at any time. You could even start each Scene with a roll on the Characters List to see who the narrator for this Scene is.

### FLOATING POINT OF VIEW

Not all found journals will have a specific author or narrator. For instance, found footage stories often show groups of people. The person holding the camera is the one we don't see, but we can still hear them. Or it could be automated security camera footage or a crystal ball showing events from the past.

This is a sort of omnipresent point of view for you, where you view the events of the found journal adventure through no particular lens.



Which approach you take will likely depend on the type of found journal you have, the story being told, and what you'd like to do.

*mysterious orbs that appeared on Earth last Friday. Witnesses say the orb responded immediately with a flash of light and a release of energy.*

*While the Pentagon officially denies the operation went awry, one witness who was on site and spoke anonymously said, "We shouldn't have opened it. It's Pandora's Box. I think this is very, very bad."*

## PLAYING A FOUND JOURNAL SCENE

So far we've talked about what found journals are, how to generate their origin and format, and how to have fun with it by developing a voice and style.

But, how do we actually go from typical Mythic adventure to found journal adventure?

My suggestion is to treat each Scene as a section of the journal. Since playing a found journal adventure is either a full adventure in itself, or a sub adventure to a larger adventure, we are fully within the found journal narrative while we play it.

That means the normal definitions of what a Mythic Scene are may have to be adjusted a bit. Typically, a Mythic Scene begins with something of interest or a goal, and ends when that item of interest is done. For instance, a Player Character sitting in the corner of a tavern trying to decipher the spell on a cryptic scroll. That Scene could end when the PC figures it out, fails to figure it out, or maybe accidentally blows up the tavern. End Scene!

Playing out a found journal Scene may be a little fuzzier, with less defined start and stop cues. For instance, if your found journal



adventure is about reading the diary of a woman who attempted to summon a demon, and how that turned out, you would assume that each passage she records is about some step in the process or her thoughts.

Some sections in such a journal may be fragmentary or disjointed, for instance if she's having doubts about what she's doing and is voicing them. There's no goal or defined point of action to frame a Scene around.

However, you can frame it by ideas.

## USING NARRATIVE SHIFT TO START AND STOP FOUND JOURNAL SCENES

Narrative Shift is mentioned in *Mythic Game Master Emulator Second Edition* as an alternative option for deciding when and where to start and end Scenes.

While you can use this approach with any Mythic adventure, it may work especially well with found journal adventures.

Instead of Scenes being goal oriented, now they are narrative oriented. The Scene begins with a narrative point, much like a typical Mythic Scene might begin. But it ends when the narrative of the adventure shifts. In other words, when things substantially change, not necessarily when something is completed or finished.

Let's run an example to see this point in action.

*The adventure genre is a gritty war set in the future, but not too far. It's World War III, and things are not going well.*



## JUST WHEN IT WAS GETTING GOOD!

One potentially frustrating thing about using narrative shift to stop a Scene is that it could often end Scenes just when something interesting happens.

This is not necessarily bad.

Leaving us hanging at a crucial tension moment is kind of a found journal and found footage thing to do. It's like a found footage film of someone walking in the woods, bird watching, when they suddenly scream, "OH MY GOD!", the camera pans wildly and we get a glimpse of some kind of string and twig dream catcher type thing hanging from a tree and a shape moving, and the film cuts out.

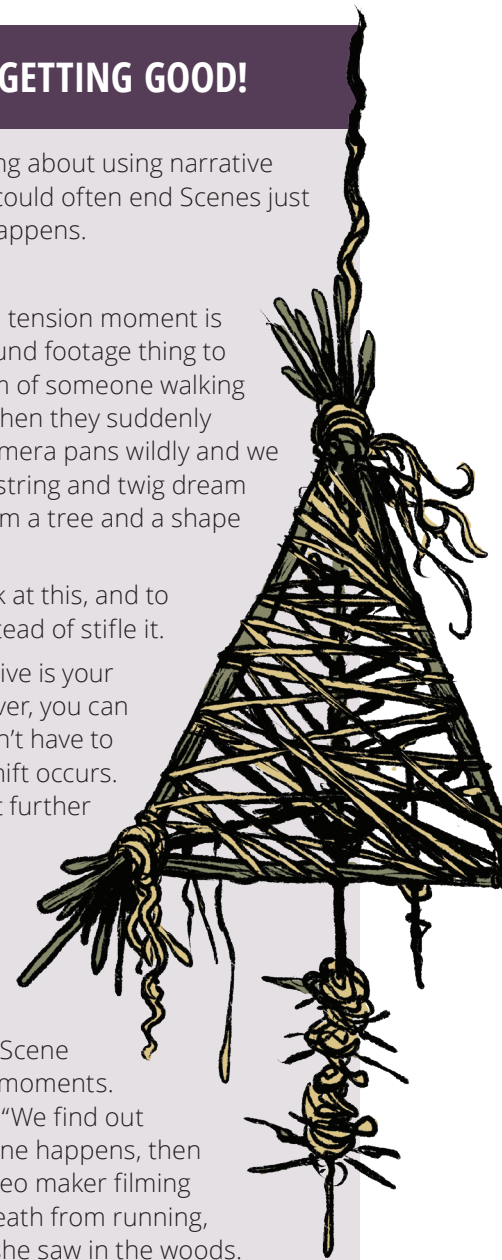
Here's a couple of ways to look at this, and to make it encourage the fun instead of stifle it.

First, a shift in a Scene's narrative is your signal to end the Scene. However, you can choose when to end it. It doesn't have to happen just as the narrative shift occurs. Feel free to drag the Scene out further if you wish. You can think of it more as a suggestion that you should end the Scene soon.

Second, cutting the action at a high point gives you the opportunity to frame what happens next as an Expected Scene and to set up future dramatic moments. Maybe the Expected Scene is, "We find out why she screamed." If that Scene happens, then the next Scene may be the video maker filming again. She's panting, out of breath from running, and tries to explain what she saw in the woods.

Or, you could get an Altered Scene that implies she scared herself with something totally innocent. This was a jump scare, a red herring with no substance to it.

Or, you get an Interrupt Scene that picks up later. She's back in her cabin in the woods trying to calm herself with a cup of tea, looking very nervous, but not talking about what happened. You have no idea what she saw, you just know she saw something. That's a juicy bit of Context that will certainly come up again later.



*The Player is running the entire adventure as a found journal, so there is no larger story this fits into. They worked out that the journal is a video diary recorded by someone at a secret ocean platform research base where experiments into mind control technology are carried out.*

*The Player takes time asking Fate Questions and determining some details before beginning play. This allows them to place some NPCs on the Characters List. This includes Andre, who is some kind of base chaplain or spiritual advisor. Apparently the work is so emotionally taxing at the station that personal need people like Andre to stay sane.*

*The Player decided that Andre is going to be the narrator of this found footage journal.*

*In the first Scene, the Player determines that Andre chooses to start recording because there is a major breakthrough in development this day. We start with Andre out on the compound grounds, several people walking about. Cheering can be heard, and the Player determines that Andre turns the camera on a group of scientists exiting a building. They are all smiles, apparently pleased with the success of a crucial part of the experiment.*

*The Player determines that this suddenly changes. Smiles quickly turn to screams and people running wild. It's chaos, and the camera view is bouncing sharply as Andre starts to run too.*

This is where the Player decides to end the Scene. The narrative has shifted. They could have played it out further, but where you stop is up to you. The important thing is that the Player detected the change in tone of the narrative, and took it as a signal that they should wrap up the Scene.

## From Prompt To Writing

Given the nature of the found journal format, creating adventures in this style may feel more journalistic than most Mythic adventures. There are parallels with this style and solo journaling games, where you take a prompt and write about it.

We can borrow from that prompt mentality to enhance our found journal games.

*Mythic Game Master Emulator Second Edition* gives advice on how far to run with expectations in a Scene and when to stop and ask a Question of Mythic. That's always a Player choice, but in the found journal style of play running as far as you can with each prompt from Mythic may enhance the journal feel.

When asking a question of Mythic, whether it's a Fate Question, a Scene check, or Discovering Meaning, take the answer Mythic gives you and embellish on it as much as you can in the found journal adventure. As ideas occur to you, follow that vision and inspiration. You might go further than you normally would in a typical Mythic adventure, where you would stop and ask another Fate Question or Discover Meaning. Try to wait as long as you can, getting every drop of creativity from each prompt interpretation.

It could look something like this:

*The Player in our future gritty world war is ready for the next Scene of the found journal.*

“  
**We can borrow from that prompt mentality to enhance our found journal games.**  
”



*The Expected Scene is “Andre explains what went wrong”, and Mythic says this Scene happens.*

*The Player starts with how they expect such a Scene to begin:*

*“After a few seconds of black, empty tape, the video resumes. We see a close-up of Andre’s face, the camera turned toward him. His expression is stressed. He speaks.*

*‘So ... that ... didn’t turn out so well after all. The serums used on the test subjects, well, it ...’*

*The Player isn’t sure what went wrong, and needs input from Mythic. They Discover Meaning to answer the question, “What went wrong?” rolling on the Action Meaning tables. They get “Truce” and “Opposition” and run with this interpretation:*

*“Andre leans forward, eyes wide as he stares into the camera. ‘It’s as if the serum interacted with the subject’s brain cooperatively at first, taking control like expected. They became very malleable to suggestion. But then ... it’s as if the serum, once firmly seated in their brains, suddenly turned on them. The serum itself began to control them. Not only did the subjects become uncontrollable, but somehow ... and I don’t understand this at all ... but somehow they were BROADCASTING the serum’s influence to those around them. Even though they hadn’t taken the chemicals! The serum was using the subject’s brains to reach out and control everyone!’”*

In this example the Player took a single answer from Mythic, the results of Action Meaning table rolls, and ran with it for a whole speech from Andre about the root of a crisis.



## FROM “FOUND JOURNAL” TO JOURNALING GAME

The next section of this article talks about Scene Denouement prompt questions, which seeks an answer from the Player. These rules were inspired by *Mythic Magazine* #30’s “Mythic As A Solo Journaling Game”.

If you like the approach of using Meaning Tables to create questions for you to answer, instead of answering your questions, then I encourage you to check that article out as it explains a system for using that approach to play adventures.



## Scene Denouement

We’re going to take the journaling prompt idea a step further and use it as a way to end each found journal Scene.

While found journal adventures are run much like typical Mythic adventures in most regards, they are not a typical Mythic adventure. There’s a narrative difference between adventures that unfold through direct action, as a typical roleplaying adventure does, and those that are stories being told to us.

## ENDING WITH MEANING

A found journal Scene uses Narrative Shift to find the end point of a Scene because the meaning of a Scene matters more than adventure progress. Every Scene means something, even if that meaning doesn’t do much for the resolution of the adventure.

To make sure each Scene has meaning, we end with a Scene Denouement. “Denouement”

in literature or plays is the part of the story where threads of the plot are drawn together and explained. If we do that for each Scene, we always end on a meaningful note. This also gives you the chance to smooth over rough narrative edges in the Scene and get across any great ideas you'd like to see expressed.

## SCENE DENOUEMENT PROMPT

Create a question to answer about the Scene by Discovering Meaning on the Action tables. Instead of using the word pair to create an answer to a question, use it to create a question that we answer.

Roll the words and think about what's happened in the Scene up to that point. What question about this Scene do the words inspire?

Let's try this with the last example from the previous page:

*The Player continued the Scene of Andre monologuing into the video camera, talking about the chaos that ensued on the base after everyone started losing their minds.*

*The Player stops, figuring that's a good enough place to end the Scene. Now it's time for the final Scene Denouement prompt.*

*Rolling on the Action Meaning tables gets "Expose" and "Goal". That makes the Player ponder this prompt question: "What if the crisis hadn't been an accident at all?"*



## DENOUEMENT MAXIMUS

The Scene Denouement Prompt is your chance to put a final spin on the found journal Scene. It might be more of an epilogue with the events of the Scene being the main event.

Or, you could lean more heavily into the Denouement Prompt if you wish. In this case, you may keep the Scene fairly short prior to this. Perhaps the Scene consists only of the start of the Scene, and your interpretation of one or two inputs from Mythic. Then, leap into the Scene Denouement Prompt with the intention of that being where most of the Scene is developed.

This approach treats the Scene opening and the few Mythic prompts you seek as a way to seed just enough Context into the Scene to give you something to sink your teeth into with the Scene Denouement Prompt, where you really run with your interpretation of the Scene.

For instance, maybe you're playing a found journal adventure about the personal log of a Galactic Federation member aboard their first mission into space. It's their journal of a training exercise from the academy they are about to graduate from.

Things turn bad on the training mission as the captain of the ship goes rogue, taking it over to complete a mission of his own.

In the latest Scene, the cadet is recording himself as he attempts to talk to crew members and find out who among them oppose the captain. Using Fate Questions, the Player determines that the cadet finds a couple of crew members who want to join him in a revolt to take the ship back.

The Player wants to maximize the Denouement Prompt for this Scene, so stops with Mythic's normal Scene rules and jumps straight to the Denouement. The Action Meaning tables give words of "Control" and "Suffering". The Player is inspired to make this Denouement Prompt Question: "Can we take over the ship by taking over life support?"

With this prompt in mind, the Player answers it with a long section in the Scene where the cadet meets with his fellow mutineers in a cargo bay closet and he proposes the life support plan. The others agree this can work, and they divvy out duties each of them must do to gain control of the ship's life support systems.

The Player used the first portion of this Scene, the cadet finding sympathetic crew members, to fuel the Denouement Prompt, where they put most of their creative energy into.



Answering this question, the Player finishes the Scene with this Denouement Prompt response:

*“Andre stops talking suddenly, looking away for a moment as if deep in thought. He turns back to the camera, his eyes more haunted than before.*

*‘What if... this wasn’t an accident. The serum’s effects on the subject, it was so intense and ... deliberate. Could it have been a random error in*

*the experiment? Or could this be what the serum is meant to do and we ... we’re all part of the experiment.’”*

## WHEN TO ANSWER THE PROMPT

You can end your found journal Scenes when you think it’s appropriate, heading to the Scene Denouement Prompt for that last touch. Creating and answering the prompt can be as simple as summing up what happened in the Scene, or it could create a new twist as in the example above, or it’s the narrator going off on a tangent of some sort.

You can do just about anything with the Prompt using the Scene as Context and the Meaning words as inspiration.

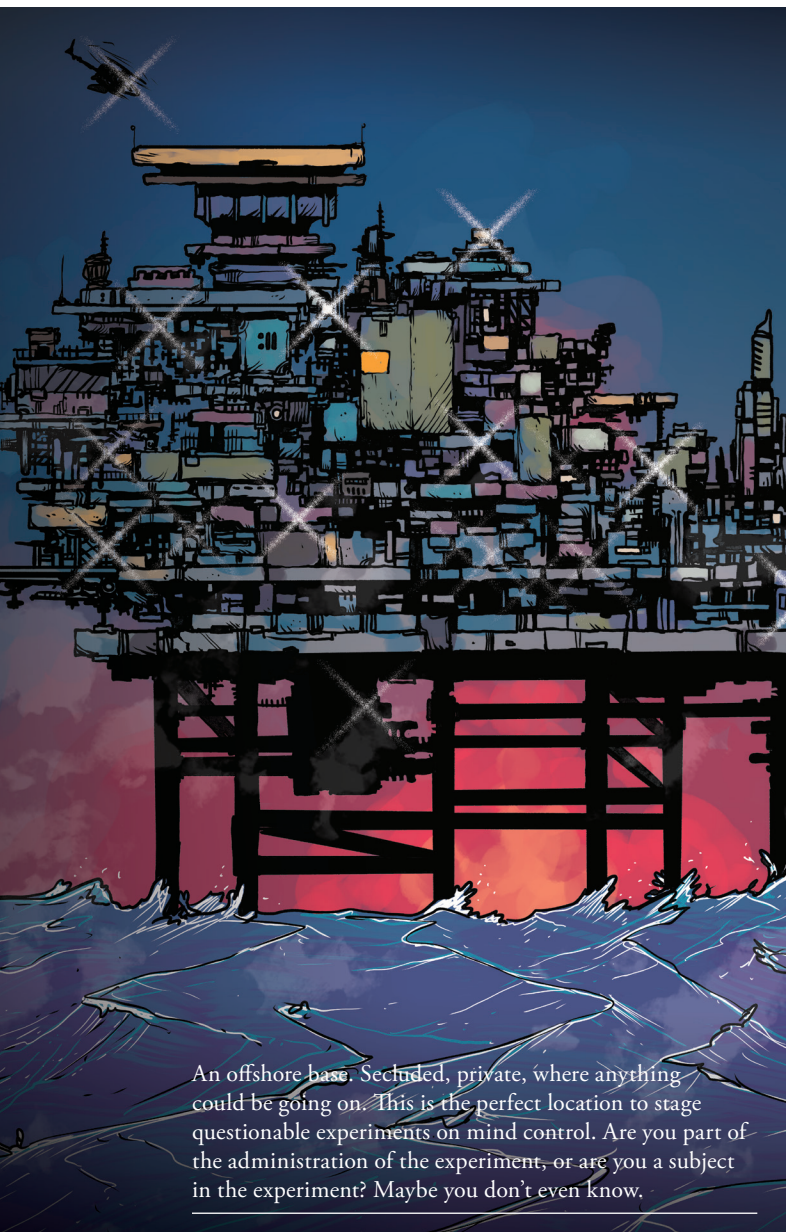
## FOUND JOURNAL SECTIONS

The Scene Denouement Prompt isn’t the only way we can make a found journal adventure feel more journal-like.

The narrative of a found journal story isn’t going to be just like a normal Mythic adventure. It’s not unfolding through actions, even if we’re playing that way, but by someone telling it as a story. That story can come in many forms, from direct written accounts to disjointed video footage that is pieced together, but in the end it’s still an account delivered by people.

To make it feel more like a delivered narrative, a found journal adventure is broken into Sections: Beginning, Middle, and End. Each Section reflects part of a story being told and has a few special rules that go along with Scenes in that Section.

All the Scenes of a found journal adventure fall into one of the three Sections, starting, naturally, with the Beginning.



An offshore base. Secluded, private, where anything could be going on. This is the perfect location to stage questionable experiments on mind control. Are you part of the administration of the experiment, or are you a subject in the experiment? Maybe you don't even know.

## Beginning

Scenes set in the Beginning Section of a found journal adventure are about setting the stage for the story. These Scenes are where important Characters are introduced, the location where events happen is revealed, and either the main issue itself or the preamble before the main issue occurs.

For instance, a found footage adventure could show a family recording a vacation to a tropical destination. Most of the Beginning Section Scenes are about them getting ready for the trip, sailing on a private yacht, and enjoying the beach. We're introduced to the members of the family and the crew piloting their boat.

There may be Scenes in this narrative that foreshadow events to come. For instance, someone tells the family about a special island they can take them to.

Beginning Scenes don't have to be coy, however. They can jump right into the meat of the found journal story. For instance, maybe the Beginning Scenes are about an explorer describing

a dungeon that you ultimately know he did not survive. Right from the beginning, the journal could be talking about the dungeon, its denizens and its traps.

## BEGINNING SECTION CONTEXT

Each Section of a found journal adventure contains additional Context for the creation of Expected Scenes. For Beginning Section Scenes, the Context is that these Scenes should introduce the reader or viewer of the journal to the people and places involved in the narrative. It's the proverbial, "It all started when ..."

## BEGINNING SECTION FINAL SCENE DENOUEMENT PROMPT

The Denouement Prompt for the final Scene of each Section works differently than the other Scenes, with its own end of Scene Denouement question instead of rolling to create a question. For the Beginning Section, the question is: "How do the events of the Beginning escalate into the Middle?"

FOUND JOURNAL SECTIONS		
SECTION	CONTEXT FOR EXPECTED SCENES	SECTION FINAL SCENE DENOUEMENT PROMPT
<b>BEGINNING</b>	This is the beginning of the narrative, so these Scenes should explain who is involved and where, but not necessarily the "what" just yet (although they can).	"How do the events of the Beginning escalate into the Middle?"
<b>MIDDLE</b>	We are past the Beginning and into the heart of the narrative. These Scenes should show how the events of the journal develop and move along.	"How do the events of the Middle culminate and set up the End?"
<b>END</b>	This is the end of the found journal narrative. Scenes in the End should explain how the events leading up to this point reach a conclusion.	"How does the found journal end?"



Before you answer this Prompt, you still roll for a pair of Meaning words from the Action Meaning tables. This time, however, use the words as inspiration to help answer the question.

*Let's get back to Andre and the mind control experiments.*

*The Scenes of the Beginning Section of this found journal adventure focus on the aftermath of the "accident", and Andre's speculations that it was intentional.*

*These Scenes nicely satisfy the Context required for the Beginning Scenes about setting the stage, introducing important people and places, and getting us into the narrative.*

*For the final Scene of the Beginning Section, the Player determined that Andre thinks he has identified the scientist who is at the heart of the hidden goal of the research center. He follows the scientist covertly, filming him, hoping to catch him doing something suspicious.*

*Since this is the last Scene of the Beginning Section, it has a pre-determined Denouement Prompt of "How do the events of the Beginning escalate into the Middle?"*

*The Player rolls for a pair of words from the Action Meaning tables to help answer the question, and gets "Struggle" and "Power".*

*The Player ends the Scene with this interpretation of the Prompt:*

*"Andre has become more agitated as he follows the scientist, who seems to be going about his normal daily business.*

*"I don't understand, I was sure it was Dr. Shear. Maybe he knows I'm on to him and is playing*



## MANAGING FOUND JOURNAL SCENES

With Scenes divided into Sections, and each Section having Context to apply to each Scene, there's a degree of Scene management required with a found journal adventure. It's not a lot, but when you consider how to start an Expected Scene you should consider the Section's Context.

For instance, in the example on this page the Player is playing out the found footage adventure of Andre and the mind control experiments. This is the Beginning Section of the adventure, so all the Expected Scenes have been about the crisis that happened, Andre gathering information about it, and developing suspicions. The stage is set for this found journal adventure and for what is to come later. We don't know what that will be yet, but these Scenes line it all up.

This Context can be applied to Expected Scenes, Altered Scenes, and Interrupt Scenes, to make sure the found journal narrative carries the right story beats at the right time.

This applies to the Denouement Prompt for the last Scene in a Section, as well. This Scene is where the Section wraps up, so the Denouement Prompt answer should give the Section a satisfying conclusion.

*me for a fool! I ... I need to take matters into my own hands.'*

*"The video shows Dr. Shear entering his office, the camera point of view following him inside. Shear turns in surprise, but before he can say anything we see Andre strike him, knocking him unconscious.*

*'Now we'll get some answers,' we hear Andre's voice right before this segment of the video ends.*

## Middle

The Middle Section Scenes are about how the elements mentioned in the Beginning develop and advance. The Middle Section is the meat of the found journal narrative, hitting its stride.

### MIDDLE SECTION CONTEXT

These Scenes should show events started in the Beginning Section moving forward and evolving somehow.

### MIDDLE SECTION FINAL SCENE DENOUEMENT PROMPT

The Denouement Prompt of the last Scene in the Middle Section is: “How do the events of the Middle culminate and set up for the End?”

We’re getting near the conclusion of the narrative. Having mostly finished the Middle Section, we know a lot about the found journal adventure. This Prompt is about how those events shift toward a possible conclusion.

*Back to Andre and the secret lab, the found footage narrator has taken Dr. Shear hostage and has him trapped in a hidden room.*

*The Middle Section Scenes are about Andre trying to convince Shear to tell him about the secret project, and Shear denying he knows anything about it.*

*Andre tearing Shear’s office apart doesn’t help, he finds nothing incriminating.*

*In the meantime, facility security has become aware of Dr. Shear’s absence and is looking for him. Andre is getting desperate, he needs to get his answers before he is discovered.*

*The last Scene in the Middle Section is about Andre making one last appeal to Shear,*

*threatening him. The prisoner continues to deny knowledge of any secret projects.*

*For the Denouement Prompt of “How do the events of the Middle culminate and set up the End?” the Player rolls Meaning words of “Release” and “Agreement”.*

*The Player interprets it this way:*

*“Andre is very agitated, yelling at Shear, who is tied to a chair. The camera has been set on a table, a little crooked, and is recording the exchange.*

*“Andre turns from Shear, running his fingers through his hair in exasperation. Shear lets out a sigh, and seems to visibly relax.*



### INCLUDING THE CRUNCHY BITS

Since found journal adventures are told through a point of view, you may not always be sure when to run with your expectations and when to use the crunchy parts of the chosen RPG you are using with this adventure.

In many respects, these kinds of adventures aren’t any different from a normal Mythic adventure. Use your chosen RPG’s rules for task resolution, combat, and anything else that comes up that’s applicable.

Depending on how you’re recording the actual journal part of the journal, you may want to roll and resolve portions of a Scene before writing anything down. For instance, you could handle a combat, then summarize it in the journal.

There will be times during a found journal adventure where you may want to skip the crunchy bits. For instance, when answering a Scene Denouement Prompt. Rather than rolling for Character successes to see if what you say happens, just conclude that it happens. During Denouement, you are taking control of the narrative. Your answer to the question is all that’s required.



*“Okay,” Shear says, his voice calm. ‘Alright. You’re correct, there is a secret project.’*

*“Andre turns, stunned, staring at the scientist.*

*“It’s conducted in a special lab, only a few of us know about it. I can take you there, if you agree to let me go after. You will find all of your answers there. I promise.”*

## End

End Section Scenes are about how it all comes to a conclusion. This doesn’t necessarily mean that all questions are answered. In fact, the End may leave you with more questions.

## END SECTION CONTEXT

Scenes in the End should lean toward events that would bring the narrative to a conclusion. For example, if the journal author is pursuing someone, they are now closing in on them. If it’s about a mage creating an ancient artifact, he’s almost done and just needs one more ingredient.

## END SECTION FINAL SCENE DENOUEMENT PROMPT

This is it. THE END. Finale. Curtain comes down.

The Denouement Prompt of the last Scene of the End Section is: “How does the found journal end?”

That is for you to answer, using rolled Meaning words to help with inspiration. Consider everything leading up to this point, and give the found journal narrative it’s closing moment.

*The Scenes of the End Section for the mind control lab are about Dr. Shear taking Andre to the secret lab, located on a remote section of the ocean platform.*

*There, Andre is astonished to find a fully stocked lab with strange experiments going on. Dr. Shear explains how mind control is achieved through a specially developed parasite that is inserted into a subject’s brain.*

*Andre films a tube filled with fluid, showing a large version of one of the parasites.*

*These Scenes satisfy the End Section Context of bringing the found journal narrative to a conclusion. It appears Andre has gotten his answers and knows what is going on.*

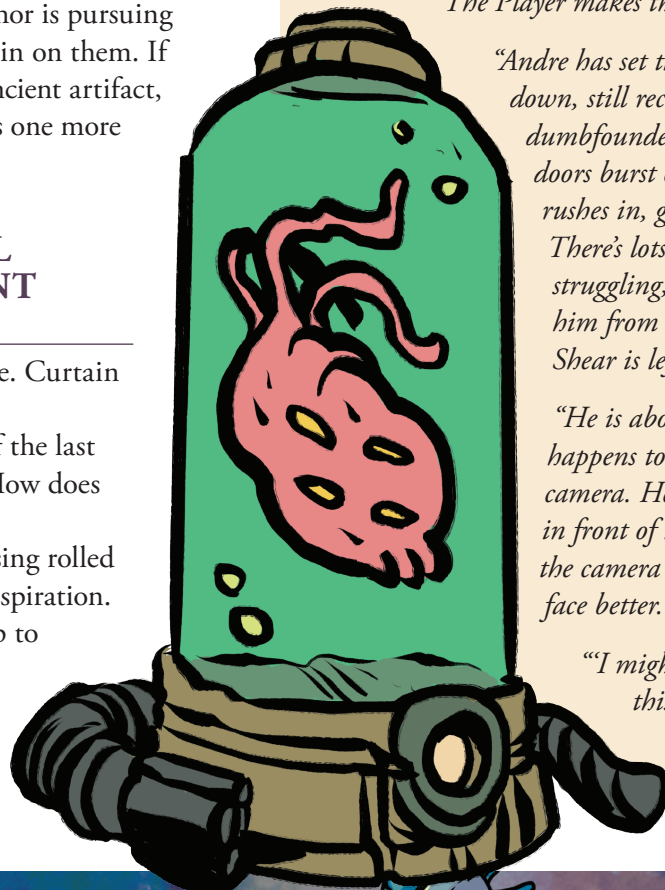
*The Denouement Prompt is “How does the found journal end?” The Player rolls words of “Betray” and “Misfortune”.*

*The Player makes this interpretation:*

*“Andre has set the camera down, still recording. He looks dumbfounded. Suddenly the doors burst open and security rushes in, grabbing Andre. There’s lots of yelling, Andre struggling, but they drag him from the lab. Only Dr. Shear is left.*

*“He is about to leave, then happens to glance at the camera. He walks closer, sits in front of it, and straightens the camera so it frames his face better.*

*“I might as well record this. We finally discovered*



*who was conducting the secret experiments. We knew someone was taking materials from the lab and trying their own twist. I never would have imagined it would be this ... sophisticated.*

*"It seems, at some point during his illegal research, Andre became infected with his own parasite. It caused him to infect others and wiped his memory of his own actions. That eventually led to his confusion. He was aware something was happening, but he thought I was doing it. Maybe he thought that because I was investigating."*

*"Shear pauses. 'We need to lock this experiment up. This is just too dangerous.'"*

*"With that, he leans forward and turns the camera off."*

## Advancing The Sections

Before each Scene of a found journal adventure, roll to see if the Scene is the last Scene of the Section. If it is, then keep that in mind as Context when creating the Scene. It will also use the Section Final Scene Denouement Prompt

Roll a d10 and add to your roll the number of completed Scenes in this Section. For instance, if this is the very first Scene of the found journal adventure, the roll would be d10+0 because there have been no Scenes before this. If you've had three Scenes in this Section so far, then the roll would be d10+3.

This only includes Scenes from that Section. If this is the last Scene of a Section, the following Scene starts a new Section (unless this was the last Scene of the End Section, then the found journal adventure is over) and the Scene count goes back to zero.



## FRACTURED FOUND JOURNALS

If you're playing a found journal adventure as an interlude to a larger adventure, consider breaking the journal into chunks for extra dramatic tension.

For instance, a hero trying to locate a powerful lost spell to stop a cosmic god from devouring their realm has got her hands on a scroll describing where to find the spell.

However, the Player is breaking the journal portions into the three Section parts of Beginning, Middle, and End. The larger adventure itself is about the hero trying to find the three parts of the scroll. Once a scroll is discovered the Player goes through the found journal Scenes of that Section as the hero reads from the author discussing the spell.

This can make for a fun adventure device where unraveling the found journal story happens in installments, and the goal of the adventure is to locate those pieces. The information contained in each portion could lead the Player Character in new directions, providing a back and forth between the main adventure and the found journal adventure.

## TARGET NUMBER

If the total of your roll plus Scene modifier is 10 or more, then this is the last Scene of the Section. This will result in up to 30 Scenes in the adventure, although around 12 is most likely.

If you'd like a shorter found journal adventure, then set a lower target number. For instance, a target number of 5 would get you up to 15 Scenes, but most likely you would only get 5 or 6.

If you want the shortest found journal adventure possible, then skip rolling to advance Sections and just have one Scene per Section. That would be three Scenes, and each Scene would be considered the last Scene of the Section so would include the Section Final Scene Denouement Prompt.



## FOUND JOURNAL ADVENTURE DURATION

SECTION ADVANCEMENT TARGET NUMBER	POSSIBLE & LIKELY NUMBER OF SCENES IN THE ADVENTURE
10	The longest adventure, with up to 30 Scenes, and most likely around 12.
6	Up to 15 Scenes, and most likely around 5.
1	The shortest adventure with no need to roll. This is 3 Scenes long, each Scene being the last Scene of its Section.

## FOUND JOURNAL SPECIAL QUALITIES

We're not done yet heaping atmosphere onto our found journal adventure! Here are more ideas, some a little weird perhaps, to make your journal adventure feel truly found.

### Unreliable Narrator

If the found journal adventure is narrated by an NPC, you could include the idea that the narrator is unreliable. Since they're telling the story, you don't know what's true and what's false. The narrator might lie, or they may be wrong. Either way, the narrator is unreliable and it shows at some point.

If you'd like to include this possibility, then each Scene after the first Scene roll a d10. If you get a 1 or 2, then something reveals a detail provided earlier by the narrator is not true.

Roll a Random Event with Context that whatever that is now revealed runs counter to something the narrator said or implied earlier.

This can be subtle, if you like. For example:

*You're running a fantasy adventure set in the midst of a war between orcs and humans. You come across ground zero where the war began, a human town that is all but ashes now.*

*Locating the home of the mayor, you find his diary still intact in a half burnt desk. The Player treats reading the diary as a found journal sub adventure.*

*The diary seems to tell the story of how the war*



## FOUND JOURNAL, ACT ONE

Found journal Sections is a simple 3-act story structure. If you like this style of adventure creation, then you may also like "3-Act Structure For Mythic Adventures" in *Mythic Magazine* #42. It's a detailed system for running the classic 3-act story structure applied to Mythic adventures.



You could even use those rules to make a more detailed version of the found journal adventure generation. Run the found journal adventure like a 3-Act Structure Mythic Adventure. Include the Scene Denouement Prompt, the Scene Context for each Section, and the Section Final Scene Denouement Prompt. You're eliminating the found journal rules for advancing through Sections since the 3-Act rules take over that function.

It would require a few minor adjustments, but the two systems should mesh well together.

began. The town and a village of nearby orcs enjoyed an uneasy truce that had lasted for decades. There was even some trade between the two communities.

During a trade mission when the orc chieftain visited the mayor, he brought a gold gauntlet encrusted with jewels. It was an heirloom from the founder of his clan, and the chieftain wanted to show it off as a measure of good faith.

The visit went well, and the chieftain departed. However, not a day had gone by when an angry letter was delivered by the orcs stating that the gauntlet had been stolen and they blamed the humans.

Suspicion fell upon the mayor or his staff, since the chieftain had spent the most time in their company during his trip. However, in the diary, the mayor claims his innocence, that he did not steal the gauntlet!

As the journal adventure continues, ire over the theft led to sporadic battles as orc raiding parties made incursions into human lands looking for the relic. This led to human reprisals, and before long a full out war engulfing the kingdom.

At the beginning of this journal adventure the Player allowed for the possibility of an unreliable narrator. Each Scene they had rolled a d10, without getting a 1 or 2.

However, this next Scene the Player rolls a 1. For the Random Event they get Current Context, and Meaning words of "Conceal" and "Depletion". The Player interprets this to mean that the mayor had, in fact, stolen the gauntlet

and was lying about it, even in his own personal diary. The Player interpreted it like this:

"This war has cost us everything. Everything. They keep accusing me of starting it! Like I had taken the blasted thing! But I hadn't I say! Not really. It was so easy, like they wanted me to have it. So I couldn't have taken it! It was more like a gift."





Depicting how a narrator is unreliable can be tricky, but it can also be a lot of fun. Depending on the style of the journal you probably don't have to worry about contradicting adventure continuity. If it's a written journal, then anything the narrator said could be wrong. If it's recorded, like a video, the implied context of what was previously seen could be wrong, or something critical was left out of earlier footage that is now being shown.

## The Distressed Journal

If you really want to get into the found journal spirit, then let's rough up your document! Here are a few ideas to make your journal "distressed", and thus more authentic.

### IT WAS LIKE THIS WHEN I FOUND IT

If you're making a written found journal, like a scroll or old diary, and if it's likely been through some hard times, then consider showing that on the pages themselves.

For instance, write up the journal as the actual journal, using the voice of the narrator. And then ... take it outside, drop it in the dirt, and stomp on it. Maybe the scroll was buried in a landslide when discovered.

### INSTANT AGING

To make it look old, toss the pages in a pillow case, pack in a pair of old sneakers, tie the pillow case closed and put in your dryer set to tumble no heat. Let it roll around in there with your shoes. When it comes out it may look like it's aged a few decades.

Or, just crumple it up then smooth it out again. Leaving it out in the sun or in a hot car for a few days would also likely age it.

## COFFEE (STAINS) IS LIFE

Or, my personal most likely distresser, place your coffee mug on it and give it a nice, round coffee stain. Stains of any kind are a fine way to say, "This document has been among real people, doing real things. And they weren't careful."

## MONKS WERE THE BEST AT DOODLE ART

Doodling in the margins of books is a time honored tradition that goes way beyond just sitting bored in high school math class. The art in the margin of some medieval books shows the incredible artistic talent of the monks who spent their lives copying the texts.

Or there's the English poet William Blake who often accompanied his poetry with art on the same page.

If you feel inspired, doodle away on your found journal. It doesn't even have to be good art, or to make sense, just whatever comes to mind and is inspired by the adventure. For instance, it may just be a bunch of random numbers, which would make sense for a journal adventure about a code-breaker. Or it could be geometric shapes or circles. You could experiment with paints and colors.



## PROP MAKER

Since we're getting into embellishing the physical journal, this would be a fun way to make roleplaying props for your gaming group. If you're the GM, you could solo play a found journal adventure, make the journal pages and apply some ... shall we say ... conditioning to it, and then hand this to your players on game day.





## THE BIG EXAMPLE: THE GHOST OF BATTLECRUISER MEPHISTOPHELES

This Big Example incorporates both “Solo Adventures In The Style Of Found Journals” and “Star System Creator”.

The Player is using a science fiction roleplaying game about enormous ships, an intergalactic monarchy, thousands of populated worlds and millions of visited stars, space weirdness, magic, monsters, and the supernatural. There’s a lot going on.

The Player Character is Regina Stamp, captain of the Regionale. They are a mercenary vessel, crew of 200, whose bread and butter is ferrying cargo that needs protection. When the price is right, they can also be hired for search and rescue, and search and destroy. It’s the latter they’ve been contracted for in this adventure.

### The Ill-Fated Journey Of Captain Signid Foil

One hundred years ago, the legendary ship Battlecruiser Mephistopheles went missing. The ship, and its captain Signid Foil, were respected and feared across the Magesterium for their heroic exploits during the Plenary War.

Times after the war were chaotic, and

occasionally Magesterium warships would go rogue as their captains and crew realized they could make a fortune in deep space on their own.

Captain Foil and the Mephistopheles was dispatched to bring to heel one such rogue warship. Foil departed on his mission, and was never heard from again.

Until now, a hundred years later.

### Ghosts In The Void

There have been reports coming in from around the Hinterland regions of the Magesterium of a ghost ship appearing out of nowhere and attacking merchant vessels, orbital stations, and sometimes firing planetside down on colonies. The attacks are brief, and within minutes the attacker is gone.

The ship has been positively identified as Battlecruiser Mephistopheles.

The Psychic Vizier of the Magesterium believes the ship is, in fact, a spectral manifestation of Captain Foil’s legendary warship. Stamp and her crew are hired to locate the remains of the original ship and destroy it, which should put the ghost and its random assaults to rest.

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## How It's Going So Far

The adventure begins with the PC doing some investigative work, visiting sites where the ghost ship was known to have attacked. Stamp learns they are all locations where the original Mephistopheles had engaged in combat encounters during the Plenary War. It's as if the ship is reliving old glory moments.

Further investigation leads to trying to figure out where the original ship was headed when it left in pursuit of the traitor. With the passage of a century, however, those records were lost.

## FOIL'S LOST, LAST WORDS

The PC comes across an apocryphal account of Captain Foil having sent a final message before his disappearance. The communication was delivered to a former crewmember.

Through shrewd detective work, Stamp is able to locate who the person was and their current descendent, a granddaughter who is living on a backwater world.

Stamp visits her, and she is initially hostile to the point where Stamp and her crew have to fight off traps set around the woman's compound.

Once getting to speak with her, however, she is startled by the news of the return of the Mephistopheles. She reveals that the rumored final message from Captain Foil does exist, and has been handed down to her.

She gives it to Stamp.

## Found Journal Adventure Time

Up to this point, the Player has run this as a typical Mythic adventure coupled with their chosen RPG.

Having come this far, and built up so much anticipation about Foil's final message, the Player decides to do it justice by making a found journal



## FOUND JOURNALS AS A CHANGE OF PACE

When found journal adventures are used as a mini adventure within a larger adventure, it can serve as a break from your main storyline. This can be a welcome vacation if you've been finding interest in your adventure waning.

A found journal adventure is a wholly separate adventure, not necessarily connected to your primary adventure at all. It allows you to step away from your game, without really stepping away from it.

Running a found journal sub adventure can be a good way to revitalize your interest in a flagging game. You're starting a brand new adventure, but it's also part of your on-going adventure, so you get the best of both worlds: something new, and continuing what you started.

The contents of the found journal sub adventure could also add new goals and elements to your main adventure to liven it back up for you.

sub adventure to reveal what the message says.

Before the Player begins, they ask the Fate Question "Does the journal reveal where Foil ended up?", and Mythic says Yes. So right away, we know this journal will lead us to the destination we seek. What other secrets it may contain are currently a mystery.

## Journal Origin

To determine more about the journal's origins, the Player rolls on the Found Journal Origin Focus table and gets "It Started Off Innocently Enough". For more inspiration, the Player rolls on the Found Journal Meaning table and gets "Guide" and "Repair".

Before making an interpretation, the Player

wants to know the medium the journal is in, so rolls on the Found Journal Format table getting “It Is Written”.

The Player is going to treat the reading of the found journal as a sub adventure, using the Section rules with a target number set to 6 so the adventure doesn’t take too long.

The Player is going to use the information already generated to make the first Scene. Before that, they prepare a fresh set of Threads and Characters List to represent the found journal sub-adventure.

## Section 1: The Beginning

The Player rolls a d10 before the first Scene to see if this is also the last Scene of the Beginning Section. The Player rolls a 6, so this is the first and only Scene in the Beginning Section. That means it carries the Context of setting in motion all the details necessary to get this found journal story going, and includes the Section Final Scene Denouement Prompt of “How do the events of the Beginning escalate into the Middle?”

The Player is choosing to make Signid Foil the narrator. This means the Player will act as interpreter of events, not having an active PC in the found journal adventure itself.

To help shape the narrator’s words, the Player rolls on Mythic’s Character Personality Meaning table for inspiration and gets “Restless” and “Interesting”. The Player interprets this to mean that Captain Foil is restless, which is why he’s writing the journal. He also tends to go off on tangents that interest him.

The Player makes this interpretation for the first Scene:

*Captain Stamp takes the tube back to her office onboard the Regionale. The tube contains a data chip, which she inserts into her desk. A holographic screen pops up, with the written journal of Captain Signid Foil.*

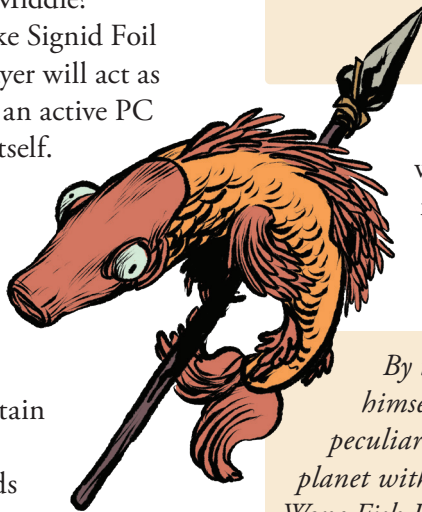


*Captain Signid Foil, Battlecruiser Mephistopheles  
879-3853-9*

*Good day old friend. You must tire of my constant missives, but without you here in my stateroom to hear me vent my only choice is to cast my words into the black and hope they find you. I’ll have you back on board my ship some day, once your current troubles are well behind you.*

*So, what now, you ask? It’s a hunt. Another ship’s captain has forgotten that the war is over and decided to find their fortunes on their own, taking a vast amount of Magistracy property along with them, of course. Off we go to show the folly of this*

*Oh goodness, the steward just arrived with lunch. Be back in a moment!*



The Player decides the captain will have a tangent about lunch, rolling for inspiration on the Description Meaning tables and getting “Joyfully” and “Mighty”.

*By the Monarch, the steward outdid himself today! Lunch was one of those peculiar fish from Wone. You know, that planet with the flying rock looking things. Wone Fish Fillet In Garlic And Lemon Sauce. Highly recommend.*

*Must remember to increase the steward’s pay. He’s worth more to me than my navigator.*



*Where was I ... right, pursuit. Traitor. Blah blah.*

*He's easy to follow since he appears to have hit every sentry point from the inward curl of the galaxy on out. It's like a guide of bread crumbs made of damaged ships and angry local authorities.*

*We would have been upon him yesterday, no doubt, if we hadn't needed to stop and make repairs of our own. The Mephistopheles has been acting up lately. Strange system failures and shudderings and the like.*

*We got it straightened out, but I don't like it.*

That seems to be enough to set the story into motion. Now it's time for the Scene Denouement Prompt. As the last Scene of this Section, the Prompt is automatically "How do the events of the Beginning escalate into the Middle?" modified by the Action Meaning table. The Player rolls words of "Escape" and "Misfortune".

They make this interpretation:

*Captain Signid Foil, Battlecruiser Mephistopheles*

*879-4759-6*

*I have but a minute. We're almost upon our prey. The crew is itching for a fight!*

*The traitor has detected us in the wake of his Warp Drive and knows he can't outrun us. He's seeking escape in a nearby star system. No doubt, he's hoping to find a place to settle for a while where we can't find him.*

*This is an unfortunate miscalculation on his part, as there is no place I dare not go.*

*Be well, my friend.*

*P.S. I've included a summary of the system we just entered. It has some interesting peculiarities I'd like your thoughts when you have the time.*

That begins and ends the first Section of the found journal.

## Star Charting

The Player takes this opportunity to generate the star system the chased ship fled into using the Star System Creator rules. This star system will serve both as material for the found journal adventure, and for the main adventure itself since the Player Character will have to journey there to find the wreckage of the Mephistopheles.

There's no need to roll on the Star System Exploration Focus table since the Player knows why Captain Foil has entered the system.

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**This is an unfortunate miscalculation on his part, as there is no place I dare not go.**

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## STAR NAME

The Star Names table gives us “Designation”. Rolling on the Star Name Meaning tables, First Half, we get “Ras” and “Fel”. For numbers we get 5386. The star’s name is RF-5386.

## NUMBER OF STAR SYSTEM FEATURES

Rolling d4+2 for the number of Features, we get 2+2=4.

### FEATURE #1

The first Feature is located in the Middle Sphere. The Player rolls “Interesting Moon” on the Star System Feature Focus table, and “Warning” and “Fragile” on the Star System Features table.

The Player rolls on the Planet Names table and gets “Designation”. Rolling on the Planet Name Meaning table, First Half, they get “G” and “Obs”. The Player rolls numbers of 10 and 81. The moon’s name is GO-1081.



## WHERE DO THE MOONS GO?

When generating Features for a star system, the only placement information you get is which Layer it’s located in. Any other information, such as proximity to other features and elements in the system, you can decide through your expectations or determine through Fate Questions.

When a star system starts coming together, some relationships between Features may come about naturally. A moon in the same Layer as a planet may circle that planet. If a Feature needs another element nearby, such as a moon needing a planet, you can assume it has one but it’s not remarkable enough to be called a Feature.

The star system is full of lots of other elements that don’t get the Feature treatment, so we can use that assumption to provide elements we need.

The Player makes this interpretation:

*GO-1081 is a moon in the RF-5386 system that is mostly composed of dense clouds. There is a very old notation in a star chart that the moon’s gases are extremely volatile and can be set on fire by rocket engines.*

### FEATURE #2

The second Feature is located in the Inner Region, and is a “Hot Dead World” with Meaning words of “Planet” and “Mysterious”. Its name is Arutin-127.

*Planet Arutin-127 is a molten hot planet with portions that are liquid rock. However, there is an unusual energy signature emanating from the planet that cannot be fully explained by initial readings.*

### FEATURE #3

The third feature is in the Inner Region and is “Random”, so there is no additional Context to go with the Meaning words which are “Old” and “Mysterious”.

*Sensors detect a large, dense mass orbiting RF-5386. It does not appear to be a moon or asteroid as the material it is composed of is unknown. It is far too large to be a starship. Alien artifact?*

### FEATURE #4

The final Feature is located in the Middle Sphere and is “Something Is Out There” with Meaning words of “Rare” and “Communication”.

*An energy signature emanates from an unknown source within the Middle Sphere. It is composed of regular pulses and appears to be a message or*



*communication, but not of any known human or plenary language or transmission method.*

The finished Star System Chart looks like this:

**STAR SYSTEM CHART** STAR NAME **RF-5386**

**SYSTEM MAP**

**DEEP SPACE** **OUTER RIM** **MIDDLE SPHERE** **INNER REGION**

**SYSTEM DETAILS**

<p>DETAIL NAME <b>GO-1081</b></p> <p>KNOWN DATA Densely gaseous moon orbiting rocky planet. Warning: clouds volatile and very combustible.</p>	<p>DETAIL NAME <b>Arutin-127</b></p> <p>KNOWN DATA Molten lava planet emanating strange and unknown energy signature.</p>	<p>DETAIL NAME <b>Unknown A</b></p> <p>KNOWN DATA Large, unnatural mass, made of unknown material. Alien construction?</p>
<p>DETAIL NAME <b>Signal</b></p> <p>KNOWN DATA Unknown signal, source unknown. Appears to be communication. Non human.</p>	<p>DETAIL NAME</p> <p>KNOWN DATA</p>	<p>DETAIL NAME</p> <p>KNOWN DATA</p>

## Section 2: The Middle

The next Scene is the first of the Middle Section of the found journal adventure. At the end of the last Scene the Player updated the Threads and Characters Lists for the sub-adventure, and moved the Chaos Factor from 5 to 6 to reflect the unknown nature of the star system Foil is flying into.

The Player expects the Scene to be about Foil catching up to and battling the ship in pursuit. The Player tests this Expected Scene and Mythic says the Expected Scene happens.

A battle ensues, the Player using the ship combat rules of their chosen RPG to see how it all pans out.

The Player also rolls a d10 to see if this is the last Scene in the Middle Section and rolls 10, indicating it is.

*Captain Signid Foil, Battlecruiser Mephistopheles  
879-4759-6*

*We just engaged with the Conundrum and defeated it easily. The ship is Corsair Class, so no match for any Battlecruiser let alone the Mephistopheles. I don't know how that fool of a captain thought this would all end.*

*"Conundrum" indeed. I would say question answered!*

*Eh, that was bad. You were always more the poet than I.*

### EVENT CHECK

The Player figures that Captain foil caught up to the Conundrum in the Outer Rim of the star system. This calls to

check for a Star System Event, so the Player asks the Fate Question "Is there an Event?"

Normally the Player would give this Odds of Unlikely or even Very Unlikely, but there are oddities about this star system that suggest it may be occupied by someone or something. If something is kicking around, maybe a battle between human warships might get their attention.

The Player goes with Odds of 50/50 and rolls a Yes.

The Star System Event Focus table results in "Additional Feature", which means another Feature about the star system is discovered in the Outer Rim.

The Player gets "Something About The Star" on the Star System Feature Focus table, and "Energy" and "Chaos" as Meaning words on the Star System Features table.

The Player incorporates their interpretation of this result into the found journal adventure.

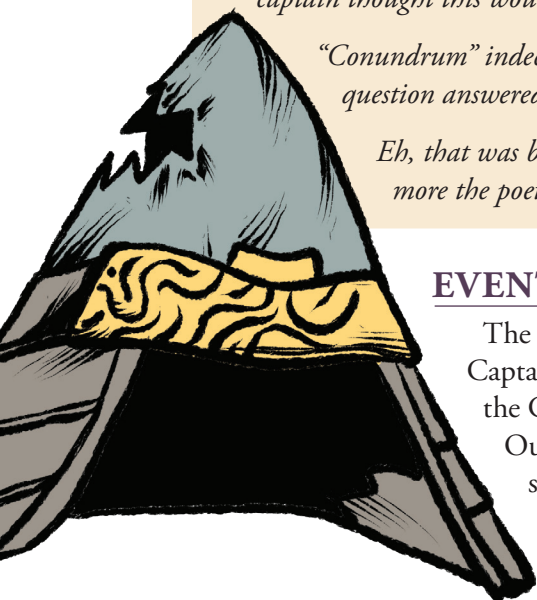
*The fight was routine, but ... there was something else. I can't explain it, since even my astrophysicists on board are stumped.*

*A beam of energy runs directly from the star to the Outer Rim. It's like a solar flare or star storm, but much more focused and it appears to extend all the way to the edge of the system.*

*We know this because we ran into it when dueling the Conundrum and it caused all manner of chaos on board. Systems went wild and I feared we would lose power in the midst of a pitched battle.*

The Player pursues the concept of the strange occurrence with a Fate Question, "Are there more of these strange beams?" Mythic says Yes.

*As we subdued the Conundrum and a boarding party took action, we scanned the beam and discovered there are an astonishing number of*





*them spread throughout the entire system. When shown to me visually on a screen, the beams looked like a massive web with the star at its center.*

*There is no natural explanation for this phenomenon. Certainly, no logs or science databases mention anything like this. It makes me wonder about the other anomalies in this system.*

*I have to say, I suppressed a shudder when I first beheld the lattice of beams. It looked like a spiderweb, and the Mephistopheles was but a fly.*

## DENOUEMENT PROMPT

The Player prepares the Denouement Prompt. Since is the last Scene of this Section, the Prompt has the additional question of “How do the events of the Middle culminate and set up the End?”

The Player rolls Action Meaning table words of “Bestow” and “Disadvantage”.

They make this interpretation:

*Captain Signid Foil, Battlecruiser Mephistopheles  
879-4760-6*

*I wish now I had not compared these beams to a spider's web, because that appears to be exactly what it is.*

*We cannot leave the system.*

*Any attempt to draw away leads to inertia, as if the ship is held in place. Thrusters are useless against it, and it would be madness to attempt Warp if held, the ship would likely be reduced to dust in a millisecond.*

*We can maneuver and fly freely, however, as long as we move toward the interior of the system. It appears we have no choice.*

*We must find the source of this control and end it.*

*I hope at least these messages can escape this snare*

*we have found ourselves in.*

*Your friend always, Signid*

## Section 3: The End

### END SECTION, SCENE 1

The next Scene starts the End Section. Rolling d10 to see if this is also the last Scene, the Player gets 1. This is not the final Scene.



### DENOUEMENTS AS A SIDE SCENE

Denouement Prompts are meant to wrap up a found journal Scene in a way the feels true to the narrator, or whatever method the story is being told.

However, since it comes at the tail end of the Scene, you may feel the Scene is complete already without the additional Denouement content.

If that's the case, and continuing the Scene by answering the Denouement Prompt feels forced, there are a couple of options.

First, you can make the Denouement answer very brief and simple. A single line, even a single word. It might even be something hinted at, like, “It seemed like it was all over. But I was so wrong.”

Or, answer the Denouement Prompt as fully as you like, but treat it like a separate Scene. You can remove it from the action of the Scene it springs from any way you wish.

When you do this, you can answer it as completely as you like without having to worry about it being a continuation of the Scene it's from. It's like a Scene unto itself that doesn't test the Expected Scene or anything else. It's a kind of side-Scene, or epilogue to the previous Scene.

You'll see that happen in this example, where the Denouement Prompt is answered as if it is happening later than the events of the Scene it's from.

The Expected Scene is that the Mephistopheles travels inward, into the Middle Sphere, to explore the mysterious signal coming from that region. Perhaps it will give a clue to their predicament.

The Player runs the Scene using Mythic's normal rules and the mechanics of their chosen RPG. It turns into a wild Scene, where Foil discovers the source of the signal is an alien orb drifting near the moon GO-1081.

Signid and members of his crew board the orb, finding it's a station inside. It seems abandoned until they encounter an enormous, one-eyed, tentacled creature.

This leads to a fierce battle that doesn't end when Signid escapes from the orb, the creature flying into space after them. They ultimately lure the thing into the upper atmosphere of the combustible moon and fire the Mephistopheles's thrusters, igniting the gases and incinerating the gigantic creature.

The Player records it in the journal like this:

*Captain Signid Foil, Battlecruiser Mephistopheles  
879-2226-6*

*I feel foolish even writing this, but I must because it's too insane to keep to myself. We just fought a giant monster. From an alien space station. And blew it up by lighting a moon on fire.*

*Yes. Read that again. I did not mis-write that.*

*We learned some things, however. This system appears to have once been the home to a very advanced alien civilization. From what we can ascertain, that station hasn't seen active operation for a million years.*

*And yet, it still works. And that creature was still alive. It seemed starved of energy. My scientists tell me if fully healthy, it would likely be three times the size of the Mephistopheles. Imagine that!*



## HANDLING END SECTION SCENES

The Beginning and Middle Section Scenes of a found journal adventure set up the narrative and move it forward. There's a lot of wiggle room with that, and you can't really go wrong.

However, the End Section Scenes have a finite goal: to finish the found journal adventure.

With this in mind, Scenes in the End Section should be constructed with Context in mind that events are wrapping up, one way or another.

If you find you have miscalculated, don't worry about it. For instance, maybe you've pretty much wrapped up the found journal adventure in an End Section Scene, but it wasn't the last Scene of the Section. There's more. Where do you go from here?

Or the other end of the spectrum, you reach the end of the last Scene of the End Section, and you haven't really ended it.

It's okay. This is a found journal adventure. It doesn't have to be complete. It doesn't have to even fully make sense. If you finish too early, have another Scene that's about anything related to the found journal adventure. You can treat it like an end credit's scene from a movie. If you finish without a real end, wrap it up as best you can in the final Denouement Prompt. Those Prompts are all you anyway, so you can answer them in whatever way seems best. Knowing this is the last word of a found journal adventure, you can end it as tidy as you like, even if it's with a mystery.

For the Scene Denouement, the Player rolls on the Meaning tables for words to make a question out of. Since this isn't the last Scene of the Section, there is no additional question tacked onto it.

The Player rolls "Flee" and "Freedom". They interpret it into the prompt question of: "What will it take to escape this trap and be free?"

The Player answers it by finishing the Scene this way:







*The web still holds us and draws us ever inward,  
but I have hope that the technology is so old that  
it has a weakness we can exploit. We will win our  
freedom, even though I have never seen power  
wielded on a scale this mighty before.*

*The spider is strong, but the bug is undaunted.*

*Your friend, and fly, Signid.*

## END SECTION, SCENE 2

The Player rolls d10 to see if the next Scene is the last. This roll gets a +1 because there has been one Scene already in this Section. The Player rolls 5+1=6; this is the last Scene of the Section and of the found journal adventure.

The Player has to assume that this Scene ends the adventure and concludes the events seen so far. With that in mind, their Expected Scene is: “Sigmund discovers the source of the trap, but likely dies trying to turn it off.”

Testing this Expected Scene, Mythic says that it is Altered. The Player Alters the Expected Scene to: “Sigmund discovers the source of the trap, but that is where the story ends without any further information.”

The Player plays out the Scene, with Signid traveling to the Inner Region to check out item “Unknown A” on the Star System Chart. He hopes this is the control station for the system-wide web.

Since Signid is crossing another Layer threshold, the Player asks the Fate Question “Is there an Event?”, and Mythic says Exceptional Yes. There are two Events, and since this is the last Scene, the Player has both happen now as Signid makes his way to Unknown A.

The Events are “We Need To Check This Out” and “Additional Feature”.

This turns out to be a very full Scene, as one of Signid’s sensor engineers detects another signal as they approach Unknown A. This signal is human,

“**People, citizens of the Magistr  
and the descendents of those  
trapped in this system long,  
long ago. They’re living on  
a world made of detritus.  
Essentially, the discarded  
carcasses of the ships the  
Spider has consumed.**”

from a Magistr ship.

They approach the signal and find what appears to be another planet they hadn’t noticed before. It’s composed entirely of clumped together asteroids and the waste of hundreds of thousands of starships. It’s the wreckage of the victims this star system has destroyed over the many centuries.

There are survivors on this artificial world, who have managed to create an artificial atmosphere and even Earth-like conditions. There are operable ships parked around it, starships like the Mephistopheles that are trapped by the system and cannot leave, but still function.

The Player writes it like this:

*Captain Signid Foil, Battlecruiser Mephistopheles  
879-9152-6*

*I believe Unknown A, an artificial mass near  
Arutin-127, is the answer to this riddle. We  
were heading toward it when we encountered  
another oddity.*

*People, citizens of the Magistr and the  
descendents of those trapped in this system long,  
long ago. They’re living on a world made of*



*detritus. Essentially, the discarded carcasses of the ships the Spider has consumed.*

*I visited this strange world, which the inhabitants have named Calvin's Bridge, apparently after a leader long ago who first collected them into a society.*

*When we stepped out of our shuttle, we were greeted like friends. No, more than that.*

*They treated us like fellow countrymen because this place is now our home. No one leaves this system. No one can.*

*I do not accept this. They may have given up, and countless before them as well, but we will press on.*

*We bid our farewells and are heading now toward Unknown A.*

## FINAL DENOUEMENT

It's time for the final Denouement, focused around the question "How does the found journal end?" The Player rolls Meaning words of "Fight" and "Tactic".

They make this interpretation:

*Captain Signid Foil, Battlecruiser Mephistopheles  
879-3736-6*

*We near Unknown A, and there are great stressors afflicting the Mephistopheles. I leave the bridge only briefly to send this message as it may be my last.*

*The strands that hold us now seek to strangle us as we near Unknown A, which only strengthens my belief that it is the key to escape. I see now why no one has succeeded in breaching its secrets, but we won't retreat!*

*I return to my duties. I hope this finds you.*

*Your friend, Signid*

With that, the found journal ends.

The Player Character now knows where to go, and what may be facing them when they get there. 🐛

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## STAR SYSTEM EXPLORATION FOCUS

D100	RESULT
1-5	<b>LOST IN SPACE:</b> Somehow, you're lost. Really lost. Hopefully something here can help you. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about how you became so lost.</i>
6-15	<b>A BEACON IN THE BLACK:</b> You're following a beacon of some kind. Maybe it's a distress call, maybe it's an unidentifiable transmission. The beacon is artificial, but mysterious, and you are here to check it out. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what the beacon is. If you determine it's a message, roll on the Character Conversations Meaning table for inspiration about what it says.</i>
16-25	<b>FOLLOWING THE BREAD CRUMBS:</b> You're on a mission to find something, and clues have led you to this star system. <i>Roll on the Plot Twists Meaning table to determine what you are searching for. If you determine it's an item, roll on the Objects Meaning table to determine what it is. Roll on the Action Meaning tables to determine the clue or event that told you to come here.</i>
26-35	<b>EXPLORATION:</b> You're exploring, looking for new worlds. This is all about discovery. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what angle your exploration is taking. For instance, you may be an explorer, but the organization or planet you represent is hoping to find new energy sources.</i>
36-40	<b>DESPERATE CIRCUMSTANCES:</b> You're looking for something you desperately need, such as resources for your ship, something needed back home, or escape from someone. You think you can find it in this star system. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what crisis you are trying to resolve.</i>
41-50	<b>WE COME IN PEACE:</b> You're here to meet someone or something, and this system is their home. This can be as simple as picking up a new crew member to something grander like first contact with an alien species. <i>Roll on the Character Identity Meaning table for inspiration about who you are meeting. If you need inspiration for why, roll on the Action Meaning tables.</i>
51-60	<b>A PITSTOP GONE WRONG:</b> You've arrived at this star system for a routine reason. Maybe your ship skims energy from stars for fuel, or perhaps there is a known station in this system where you can take a break. Something goes wrong, however, flinging you into an adventure. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration for your original, routine reason for coming here. Then, roll on Plot Twists for what goes wrong.</i>
61-65	<b>BUSINESS TRIP:</b> You have traveled to this star system as part of your line of work. Maybe you're an interstellar trader (or smuggler), or perhaps you are an ambassador. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration for the kind of business you are looking to transact.</i>



## STAR SYSTEM EXPLORATION FOCUS

D100	RESULT
66-70	<b>A SPACECATION:</b> You've arrived in this solar system for purely personal, recreational reasons. It's a vacation. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what influenced you to choose this place. If you'd like this to take an immediate, exciting turn, then treat this similar to A Pitstop Gone Wrong and roll on Plot Twists to see what goes awry.</i>
71-75	<b>COERCED EXPLORATION:</b> You are not here by choice. Perhaps your PC has been abducted, or a naturally occurring anomaly like a wormhole transported you here. This is similar to Lost In Space, except there is a known force, person, or being that took you here. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what made you come here and why.</i>
76-80	<b>SPACE FORCE:</b> You are here for a military reason. Perhaps you are part of an invading force, or maybe you are setting up a defensive station against an enemy. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about why military activity is taking place in this star system.</i>
81-90	<b>OOPS, WRONG STAR:</b> You're not lost, per se, there's a star system you were heading for but this one is not it. Maybe something threw you off course, or perhaps the ship's autopilot took a detour for some reason. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about why you're here and not somewhere else.</i>
91-95	<b>CRASH LANDING:</b> Your ship is failing and you need to set down somewhere fast, this is the closest star you can reach. Likely, once you arrive, you will need to land as soon as possible. <i>Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about what went wrong with your ship.</i>
96-100	<b>RANDOM:</b> <i>There is no additional Context to add. Roll on the Action Meaning tables for inspiration about why you have come to this star system.</i>

**CHARACTER CONVERSATIONS**

1 Abuse	51 Ideas
2 Advice	52 Inform
3 Aggressive	53 Innocent
4 Agree	54 Inquire
5 Amusing	55 Intense
6 Angry	56 Interesting
7 Anxious	57 Intolerance
8 Assist	58 Irritating
9 Awkward	59 Joyful
10 Betray	60 Judgmental
11 Bizarre	61 Juvenile
12 Bleak	62 Kind
13 Bold	63 Leadership
14 Business	64 Lie
15 Calm	65 Loud
16 Careful	66 Loving
17 Careless	67 Loyal
18 Cautious	68 Macabre
19 Cheerful	69 Mature
20 Classy	70 Meaningful
21 Cold	71 Miserable
22 Colorful	72 Mistrust
23 Combative	73 Mocking
24 Crazy	74 Mundane
25 Creepy	75 Mysterious
26 Curious	76 News
27 Defiant	77 Nice
28 Delightful	78 Normal
29 Disagreeable	79 Odd
30 Dispute	80 Offensive
31 Efficient	81 Official
32 Energetic	82 Oppose
33 Enthusiastic	83 Peace
34 Excited	84 Plans
35 Fearful	85 Playful
36 Fierce	86 Polite
37 Foolish	87 Positive
38 Frantic	88 Praise
39 Frightening	89 Quarrelsome
40 Generous	90 Quiet
41 Gentle	91 Reassuring
42 Glad	92 Refuse
43 Grateful	93 Rude
44 Haggle	94 Rumor
45 Happy	95 Simple
46 Harsh	96 Threatening
47 Hasty	97 Truce
48 Helpful	98 Trust
49 Helpless	99 Warm
50 Hopeless	100 Wild

**PLOT TWISTS**

1 Action	51 Location
2 Attack	52 Lucky
3 Bad	53 Mental
4 Barrier	54 Missing
5 Betray	55 Mundane
6 Business	56 Mystery
7 Change	57 Necessary
8 Character	58 News
9 Conclude	59 Object
10 Conditional	60 Oppose
11 Conflict	61 Outcast
12 Connection	62 Overcome
13 Consequence	63 Past
14 Control	64 Peace
15 Danger	65 Personal
16 Death	66 Persuade
17 Delay	67 Physical
18 Destroy	68 Plan
19 Diminish	69 Power
20 Disaster	70 Prepare
21 Discover	71 Problem
22 Emotion	72 Promise
23 Enemy	73 Protect
24 Enhance	74 Public
25 Enter	75 Pursue
26 Escape	76 Rare
27 Evidence	77 Remote
28 Failure	78 Repair
29 Family	79 Repeat
30 Free	80 Require
31 Friend	81 Rescue
32 Good	82 Resource
33 Group	83 Response
34 Harm	84 Reveal
35 Headquarters	85 Revenge
36 Help	86 Reversal
37 Helpless	87 Reward
38 Hidden	88 Skill
39 Idea	89 Social
40 Immediate	90 Solution
41 Impending	91 Strange
42 Important	92 Success
43 Incapacitate	93 Tension
44 Information	94 Trap
45 Injustice	95 Travel
46 Leader	96 Unknown
47 Legal	97 Unlikely
48 Lethal	98 Unusual
49 Lie	99 Urgent
50 Limit	100 Useful

**OBJECTS**

1 Active	51 Information
2 Artistic	52 Intriguing
3 Average	53 Large
4 Beautiful	54 Lethal
5 Bizarre	55 Light
6 Bright	56 Liquid
7 Clothing	57 Loud
8 Clue	58 Majestic
9 Cold	59 Meaningful
10 Colorful	60 Mechanical
11 Communication	61 Modern
12 Complicated	62 Moving
13 Confusing	63 Multiple
14 Consumable	64 Mundane
15 Container	65 Mysterious
16 Creepy	66 Natural
17 Crude	67 New
18 Cute	68 Odd
19 Damaged	69 Official
20 Dangerous	70 Old
21 Deactivated	71 Ornamental
22 Deliberate	72 Ornate
23 Delightful	73 Personal
24 Desired	74 Powerful
25 Domestic	75 Prized
26 Empty	76 Protection
27 Energy	77 Rare
28 Enormous	78 Ready
29 Equipment	79 Reassuring
30 Expected	80 Resource
31 Expended	81 Ruined
32 Extravagant	82 Small
33 Faded	83 Soft
34 Familiar	84 Solitary
35 Fancy	85 Stolen
36 Flora	86 Strange
37 Fortunate	87 Stylish
38 Fragile	88 Threatening
39 Fragrant	89 Tool
40 Frightening	90 Travel
41 Garbage	91 Unexpected
42 Guidance	92 Unpleasant
43 Hard	93 Unusual
44 Harmful	94 Useful
45 Healing	95 Useless
46 Heavy	96 Valuable
47 Helpful	97 Warm
48 Horrible	98 Weapon
49 Important	99 Wet
50 Inactive	100 Worn



**CHARACTER IDENTITY**

1 Abandoned	51 Killer
2 Administrator	52 Laborer
3 Adventurous	53 Lackey
4 Adversary	54 Law
5 Advisor	55 Leader
6 Ally	56 Legal
7 Art	57 Lost
8 Artist	58 Mechanical
9 Assistant	59 Mediator
10 Athlete	60 Merchant
11 Authority	61 Messenger
12 Bureaucrat	62 Military
13 Business	63 Mundane
14 Combatant	64 Mystery
15 Competitor	65 Official
16 Controller	66 Organizer
17 Crafter	67 Outsider
18 Creator	68 Performer
19 Criminal	69 Persecutor
20 Deceiver	70 Planner
21 Deliverer	71 Pleaser
22 Dependent	72 Power
23 Driver/Pilot	73 Prisoner
24 Elite	74 Professional
25 Enemy	75 Protector
26 Enforcer	76 Public
27 Engineer	77 Punish
28 Entertainer	78 Radical
29 Executive	79 Religious
30 Expert	80 Represent
31 Explorer	81 Rogue
32 Family	82 Ruffian
33 Farmer	83 Ruler
34 Fighter	84 Scholar
35 Fixer	85 Scientist
36 Foreigner	86 Scout
37 Friend	87 Servant
38 Gambler	88 Socialite
39 Gatherer	89 Soldier
40 Guardian	90 Student
41 Healer	91 Subverter
42 Helpless	92 Supporter
43 Hero	93 Survivor
44 Hunter	94 Teacher
45 Information	95 Thief
46 Innocent	96 Trader
47 Inspector	97 Victim
48 Intellectual	98 Villain
49 Investigator	99 Wanderer
50 Judge	100 Warrior

**ALIEN SPECIES DESCRIPTORS**

1 Advanced	51 Lethal
2 Aggressive	52 Levitating
3 Agile	53 Liquid
4 Amphibious	54 Mammalian
5 Ancient	55 Many-eyed
6 Anxious	56 Militaristic
7 Aquatic	57 Mysterious
8 Arrogant	58 Nightmarish
9 Artistic	59 Odd
10 Avian	60 Oppressive
11 Beautiful	61 Passive
12 Bizarre	62 Peaceful
13 Carapace	63 Perfect
14 Clawed	64 Plant
15 Colorful	65 Powered
16 Combative	66 Powerful
17 Conquering	67 Powers
18 Dangerous	68 Primitive
19 Declining	69 Prosperous
20 Defensive	70 Psychic
21 Desperate	71 Reptilian
22 Destructive	72 Robotic
23 Dominating	73 Scary
24 Emotionless	74 Scientific
25 Enormous	75 Secretive
26 Exploitative	76 Servitor
27 Explorers	77 Simple
28 Familiar	78 Skilled
29 Fast	79 Slender
30 Feeble	80 Slow
31 Feral	81 Small
32 Ferocious	82 Smelly
33 Friendly	83 Strange
34 Frightening	84 Strong
35 Fungal	85 Suffering
36 Furry	86 Tail
37 Generous	87 Tall
38 Gentle	88 Technological
39 Glowing	89 Tentacled
40 Graceful	90 Threatening
41 Harsh	91 Toothy
42 Helpful	92 Travelers
43 Humanoid	93 Treacherous
44 Hungry	94 Violent
45 Immortal	95 Warlike
46 Insectlike	96 Wary
47 Insubstantial	97 Watery
48 Intelligent	98 Weak
49 Intimidating	99 Wings
50 Large	100 Wormish

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8 Clue	58 Majestic
9 Cold	59 Meaningful
10 Colorful	60 Mechanical
11 Communication	61 Modern
12 Complicated	62 Moving
13 Confusing	63 Multiple
14 Consumable	64 Mundane
15 Container	65 Mysterious
16 Creepy	66 Natural
17 Crude	67 New
18 Cute	68 Odd
19 Damaged	69 Official
20 Dangerous	70 Old
21 Deactivated	71 Ornamental
22 Deliberate	72 Ornate
23 Delightful	73 Personal
24 Desired	74 Powerful
25 Domestic	75 Prized
26 Empty	76 Protection
27 Energy	77 Rare
28 Enormous	78 Ready
29 Equipment	79 Reassuring
30 Expected	80 Resource
31 Expended	81 Ruined
32 Extravagant	82 Small
33 Faded	83 Soft
34 Familiar	84 Solitary
35 Fancy	85 Stolen
36 Flora	86 Strange
37 Fortunate	87 Stylish
38 Fragile	88 Threatening
39 Fragrant	89 Tool
40 Frightening	90 Travel
41 Garbage	91 Unexpected
42 Guidance	92 Unpleasant
43 Hard	93 Unusual
44 Harmful	94 Useful
45 Healing	95 Useless
46 Heavy	96 Valuable
47 Helpful	97 Warm
48 Horrible	98 Weapon
49 Important	99 Wet
50 Inactive	100 Worn

## CITY DESCRIPTORS

1 Activity	51 Loud
2 Aggressive	52 Magnificent
3 Aromatic	53 Masses
4 Average	54 Meaningful
5 Beautiful	55 Mechanical
6 Bleak	56 Messy
7 Block	57 Mighty
8 Bridge	58 Military
9 Bustling	59 Miserable
10 Calm	60 Misfortune
11 Chaotic	61 Modern
12 Clean	62 Mountain
13 Cold	63 Mundane
14 Colorful	64 Mysterious
15 Commerce	65 Nature
16 Conflict	66 Odd
17 Control	67 Old
18 Crime	68 Oppress
19 Dangerous	69 Opulence
20 Dense	70 Peace
21 Developed	71 Poor
22 Dirty	72 Powerful
23 Efficient	73 Protected
24 Energy	74 Public
25 Enormous	75 Quiet
26 Environment	76 Rare
27 Extravagant	77 Reassuring
28 Festive	78 Remarkable
29 Flawless	79 River
30 Frightening	80 Rough
31 Government	81 Ruined
32 Happy	82 Rustic
33 Harsh	83 Simple
34 Healthy	84 Small
35 Helpful	85 Sparse
36 Hills	86 Structures
37 History	87 Struggle
38 Illness	88 Success
39 Important	89 Suffering
40 Impressive	90 Technology
41 Industry	91 Tension
42 Interesting	92 Travel
43 Intrigues	93 Troubled
44 Isolated	94 Valuable
45 Lacking	95 Warm
46 Lake	96 Water
47 Large	97 Weak
48 Lavish	98 Weather
49 Leadership	99 Wild
50 Liberty	100 Work

## CIVILIZATION DESCRIPTORS

1 Active	51 Happy
2 Advanced	52 Healthy
3 Adventurous	53 Helpful
4 Aggressive	54 Helpless
5 Agricultural	55 Historical
6 Ancient	56 Important
7 Angry	57 Industrial
8 Anxious	58 Influential
9 Artistic	59 Intolerant
10 Average	60 Large
11 Beautiful	61 Lawful
12 Bizarre	62 Lawless
13 Bleak	63 Magnificent
14 Bold	64 Mighty
15 Bureaucratic	65 Militaristic
16 Carefree	66 Miserable
17 Careful	67 Modern
18 Careless	68 Mundane
19 Cautious	69 Mysterious
20 Classy	70 Old
21 Clean	71 Open
22 Colorful	72 Oppressive
23 Combative	73 Peaceful
24 Commercial	74 Polite
25 Competitive	75 Poor
26 Constructive	76 Powerful
27 Controlling	77 Primitive
28 Crazy	78 Punitive
29 Creative	79 Quaint
30 Creepy	80 Religious
31 Cruel	81 Ruined
32 Curious	82 Rustic
33 Dangerous	83 Ruthless
34 Declining	84 Scary
35 Defiant	85 Simple
36 Delightful	86 Small
37 Developed	87 Strange
38 Disagreeable	88 Strong
39 Distrustful	89 Struggling
40 Dominant	90 Successful
41 Dull	91 Suffering
42 Efficient	92 Suppressed
43 Expanding	93 Suspicious
44 Failed	94 Treacherous
45 Famous	95 Warlike
46 Fearful	96 Weak
47 Festive	97 Wealthy
48 Free	98 Welcoming
49 Generous	99 Wild
50 Greedy	100 Young

## CREATURE ABILITIES

1 Ambush	51 Imprison
2 Animate	52 Increase
3 Armor	53 Intelligent
4 Arrive	54 Itself
5 Attach	55 Lethal
6 Attack	56 Light
7 Attract	57 Limited
8 Bite	58 Mind
9 Block	59 Move
10 Blunt	60 Multiple
11 Break	61 Natural
12 Breath	62 Normal
13 Carry	63 Open
14 Change	64 Others
15 Climb	65 Paralyze
16 Cold	66 Physical
17 Common	67 Pierce
18 Communicate	68 Poison
19 Conceal	69 Power
20 Contact	70 Protection
21 Control	71 Proximity
22 Create	72 Pursue
23 Damage	73 Ranged
24 Dark	74 Rechargeable
25 Death	75 Resistance
26 Deceive	76 Self-Sufficient
27 Decrease	77 Senses
28 Defense	78 Skill
29 Depower	79 Sleep
30 Detect	80 Speed
31 Disrupt	81 Spy
32 Distract	82 Stealth
33 Dominate	83 Stop
34 Drain	84 Strange
35 Element	85 Stun
36 Energy	86 Substance
37 Enhanced	87 Summon
38 Entangle	88 Suppress
39 Environment	89 Swim
40 Extra	90 Take
41 Fear	91 Telepathy
42 Fight	92 Touch
43 Fire	93 Transform
44 Flight	94 Travel
45 Harm	95 Trick
46 Heal	96 Uncommon
47 Illness	97 Vision
48 Illusion	98 Vulnerable
49 Imitate	99 Weak
50 Immune	100 Weapon



**CREATURE DESCRIPTORS**

1	Aggressive	51	Mammalian
2	Agile	52	Mandibles
3	Air	53	Masculine
4	Alien	54	Mechanical
5	Amorphous	55	Metallic
6	Animal	56	Movement
7	Aquatic	57	Multiple
8	Armored	58	Mutant
9	Avian	59	Natural
10	Beast	60	Nature
11	Beautiful	61	Nightmarish
12	Body	62	Object
13	Bony	63	Odorous
14	Carapace	64	Passive
15	Clawed	65	Plant
16	Clothed	66	Reptilian
17	Cold	67	Robotic
18	Color	68	Rooted
19	Composite	69	Rough
20	Constructed	70	Shape
21	Decayed	71	Shifting
22	Defensive	72	Silent
23	Dripping	73	Simple
24	Elements	74	Slender
25	Exotic	75	Small
26	Extra Limbs	76	Solitary
27	Fangs	77	Spider-like
28	Feminine	78	Spiked
29	Feral	79	Steaming
30	Filthy	80	Sticky
31	Fire	81	Stinger
32	Fungal	82	Strange
33	Furry	83	Strong
34	Gaunt	84	Supernatural
35	Glowing	85	Tail
36	Group	86	Tentacled
37	Growling	87	Tongue
38	Healthy	88	Toothy
39	Horns	89	Transparent
40	Humanoid	90	Tree-like
41	Inscribed	91	Twisted
42	Insect-like	92	Undead
43	Insubstantial	93	Unnatural
44	Intelligent	94	Verbal
45	Intimidating	95	Warm
46	Large	96	Weak
47	Levitating	97	Weapon
48	Limited	98	Wings
49	Liquid	99	Wooden
50	Loud	100	Wormish

**FOREST DESCRIPTORS**

1	Adversity	51	Lethal
2	Aggressive	52	Loud
3	Ambush	53	Magnificent
4	Ancient	54	Majestic
5	Animal	55	Masses
6	Aromatic	56	Mature
7	Art	57	Message
8	Assist	58	Mighty
9	Average	59	Mundane
10	Beautiful	60	Mysterious
11	Bizarre	61	Natural
12	Bleak	62	Nature
13	Block	63	Nondescript
14	Boulder	64	Normal
15	Cave	65	Odd
16	Chaotic	66	Old
17	Cliff	67	Path
18	Cold	68	Peaceful
19	Colorful	69	Plants
20	Combative	70	Pond
21	Communicate	71	Possessions
22	Creepy	72	Powerful
23	Damaged	73	Pursue
24	Danger	74	Quiet
25	Dark	75	Rare
26	Death	76	Reassuring
27	Delicate	77	Remarkable
28	Dry	78	River
29	Elements	79	Rocks
30	Encounter	80	Rough
31	Enormous	81	Ruined
32	Environment	82	Scary
33	Fearful	83	Simple
34	Feeble	84	Slope
35	Fierce	85	Small
36	Food	86	Sounds
37	Fortunate	87	Strange
38	Fresh	88	Strong
39	Harsh	89	Threatening
40	Healthy	90	Tranquil
41	Helpful	91	Tree
42	Important	92	Unusual
43	Information	93	Valuable
44	Intense	94	Violent
45	Interesting	95	Warm
46	Lacking	96	Watery
47	Lake	97	Weak
48	Large	98	Weather
49	Lean	99	Wild
50	Ledge	100	Young

**LOCATIONS**

1	Abandoned	51	Lively
2	Active	52	Lonely
3	Artistic	53	Long
4	Atmosphere	54	Loud
5	Beautiful	55	Meaningful
6	Bleak	56	Messy
7	Bright	57	Mobile
8	Business	58	Modern
9	Calm	59	Mundane
10	Charming	60	Mysterious
11	Clean	61	Natural
12	Cluttered	62	New
13	Cold	63	Occupied
14	Colorful	64	Odd
15	Colorless	65	Official
16	Confusing	66	Old
17	Cramped	67	Open
18	Creepy	68	Peaceful
19	Crude	69	Personal
20	Cute	70	Plain
21	Damaged	71	Portal
22	Dangerous	72	Protected
23	Dark	73	Protection
24	Delightful	74	Purposeful
25	Dirty	75	Quiet
26	Domestic	76	Reassuring
27	Empty	77	Remote
28	Enclosed	78	Resourceful
29	Enormous	79	Ruined
30	Entrance	80	Rustic
31	Exclusive	81	Safe
32	Exposed	82	Services
33	Extravagant	83	Simple
34	Familiar	84	Small
35	Fancy	85	Spacious
36	Festive	86	Storage
37	Foreboding	87	Strange
38	Fortunate	88	Stylish
39	Fragrant	89	Suspicious
40	Frantic	90	Tall
41	Frightening	91	Threatening
42	Full	92	Tranquil
43	Harmful	93	Unexpected
44	Helpful	94	Unpleasant
45	Horrible	95	Unusual
46	Important	96	Useful
47	Impressive	97	Warm
48	Inactive	98	Warning
49	Intense	99	Watery
50	Intriguing	100	Welcoming

**POWERS**

1 Absorb	51 Heat
2 Adversity	52 Help
3 Alter	53 Hide
4 Animate	54 Illusion
5 Assist	55 Imbue
6 Attach	56 Immunity
7 Attack	57 Increase
8 Block	58 Information
9 Body	59 Life
10 Change	60 Light
11 Chemical	61 Limb
12 Cold	62 Limited
13 Colorful	63 Location
14 Combat	64 Magic
15 Combine	65 Major
16 Communicate	66 Manipulate
17 Control	67 Matter
18 Cosmetic	68 Mental
19 Create	69 Minor
20 Creature	70 Natural
21 Damage	71 Nature
22 Dark	72 Object
23 Death	73 Others
24 Deceive	74 Physical
25 Defense	75 Plants
26 Delay	76 Poison
27 Destroy	77 Power
28 Detect	78 Protect
29 Dimensions	79 Radius
30 Diminish	80 Ranged
31 Disrupt	81 Reflect
32 Distance	82 Repel
33 Dominate	83 Resistance
34 Duplicate	84 Reveal
35 Electricity	85 Self
36 Elements	86 Sense
37 Emission	87 Skill
38 Emotion	88 Spirit
39 Enemies	89 Stealth
40 Energy	90 Strange
41 Enhance	91 Summon
42 Environment	92 Switch
43 Explosion	93 Take
44 Extra	94 Technology
45 Fire	95 Time
46 Flight	96 Transform
47 Free	97 Trap
48 Friend	98 Travel
49 Harm	99 Weapon
50 Heal	100 Weather

**STARSHIP DESCRIPTORS**

1 Activity	51 Magnificent
2 Adversity	52 Maintenance
3 Assist	53 Meaningful
4 Automated	54 Mechanical
5 Battle	55 Message
6 Beautiful	56 Messy
7 Bestow	57 Mighty
8 Bleak	58 Military
9 Block	59 Modern
10 Bright	60 Multiple
11 Business	61 Mundane
12 Clean	62 Mysterious
13 Cold	63 Natural
14 Colorful	64 Normal
15 Combative	65 Odd
16 Communicate	66 Portal
17 Computer	67 Possessions
18 Contain	68 Power
19 Control	69 Powerful
20 Creepy	70 Prison
21 Crew	71 Protection
22 Damaged	72 Quiet
23 Danger	73 Rare
24 Dark	74 Reassuring
25 Death	75 Remarkable
26 Defense	76 Resources
27 Elaborate	77 Room
28 Empty	78 Rough
29 Energy	79 Ruined
30 Engine	80 Scary
31 Enormous	81 Security
32 Environment	82 Simple
33 Escape	83 Small
34 Exit	84 Sounds
35 Exterior	85 Start
36 Fear	86 Stop
37 Food	87 Storage
38 Full	88 Strange
39 Hall	89 Supplies
40 Health	90 Survival
41 Helpful	91 System
42 Important	92 Tactics
43 Information	93 Technology
44 Inquire	94 Travel
45 Interesting	95 Unusual
46 Lacking	96 Valuable
47 Large	97 Vehicle
48 Lavish	98 Warm
49 Lethal	99 Weapon
50 Loud	100 Work

**TERRAIN DESCRIPTORS**

1 Abandoned	51 Mechanical
2 Abundant	52 Message
3 Activity	53 Mighty
4 Advanced	54 Misfortune
5 Allies	55 Mountainous
6 Ancient	56 Multiple
7 Animals	57 Mundane
8 Atmosphere	58 Mysterious
9 Barren	59 Natural
10 Beautiful	60 Nature
11 Bizarre	61 Nondescript
12 Catastrophe	62 Ocean
13 Chaotic	63 Odd
14 City	64 Peaceful
15 Civilization	65 People
16 Cliffs	66 Plants
17 Clouds	67 Populated
18 Cold	68 Powerful
19 Colorful	69 Primitive
20 Combative	70 Rain
21 Communicate	71 Rare
22 Conflict	72 Remarkable
23 Damaged	73 Resourceful
24 Danger	74 Riches
25 Defense	75 River
26 Desert	76 Rocky
27 Dry	77 Rough
28 Dull	78 Ruined
29 Elements	79 Ruins
30 Empty	80 Sandy
31 Energy	81 Scary
32 Enormous	82 Simple
33 Environment	83 Small
34 Fertile	84 Strange
35 Frightening	85 Strong
36 Habitable	86 Technology
37 Harsh	87 Threatening
38 Hazy	88 Toxic
39 Healthy	89 Tranquil
40 Helpful	90 Trees
41 Hostile	91 Unusual
42 Hot	92 Valuable
43 Intense	93 Violent
44 Interesting	94 Warm
45 Large	95 Water
46 Lethal	96 Weak
47 Life	97 Weather
48 Lovely	98 Wild
49 Magnificent	99 Windy
50 Masses	100 Wonders



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13 Bold	63 Leadership
14 Business	64 Lie
15 Calm	65 Loud
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45 Happy	95 Simple
46 Harsh	96 Threatening
47 Hasty	97 Truce
48 Helpful	98 Trust
49 Helpless	99 Warm
50 Hopeless	100 Wild

**CRYPTIC MESSAGE**

1 Abandoned	51 Language
2 Activity	52 Leadership
3 Adventure	53 Legal
4 Adversity	54 Legend
5 Advice	55 Liberty
6 Allies	56 Lies
7 Anger	57 Lost
8 Bestow	58 Love
9 Betray	59 Malice
10 Bizarre	60 Messy
11 Bleak	61 Misfortune
12 Business	62 Mistrust
13 Care	63 Move
14 Colorful	64 Mundane
15 Communicate	65 Mysterious
16 Conflict	66 Neglect
17 Creepy	67 Normal
18 Damaged	68 Obscured
19 Danger	69 Official
20 Death	70 Old
21 Deceive	71 Oppose
22 Defiant	72 Partial
23 Dispute	73 Passion
24 Divide	74 Plans
25 Emotions	75 Possessions
26 Enemies	76 Power
27 Environment	77 Propose
28 Evil	78 Punish
29 Expose	79 Pursue
30 Failure	80 Rare
31 Fame	81 Reassuring
32 Fear	82 Recipient
33 Fight	83 Reveal
34 Frantic	84 Riches
35 Free	85 Riddle
36 Friendship	86 Rumor
37 Goals	87 Secret
38 Good	88 Start
39 Guide	89 Stop
40 Harm	90 Strange
41 Help	91 Struggle
42 Helpful	92 Success
43 Hidden	93 Tension
44 Hope	94 Threaten
45 Horrible	95 Truce
46 Important	96 Trust
47 Information	97 Unknown
48 Innocent	98 Vengeance
49 Instruction	99 Violence
50 Intrigues	100 Warning

STAR NAME FOCUS	
D100	RESULT
1-60	<b>STAR NAME:</b> Roll on the Star Name Meaning tables, First Half and Second Half. Combine them as rolled, or use them as inspiration for a star name. <i>For example, "X" and "an" could be Xan, Xanthar, etc.</i>
61-70	<b>STAR NAME + PRIME:</b> Same as Star Name, except add "Prime" or "Alpha" after the name.
71-85	<b>STAR NAME + NUMBER:</b> Same as Star Name, except add a number designation after it by rolling d100 twice. <i>For example, 19 and 24 could be Xan-1924.</i>
86-100	<b>DESIGNATION:</b> Roll on the Star Name First Half table twice, but only use the first letter of each rolled result. Add a number after by rolling d100 twice. <i>For example, rolls of "Cap", "H", 20", and "11" would be star CH-2011.</i>

STAR NAME			
FIRST HALF		SECOND HALF	
1 A	51 Les	1 a	51 ia
2 Absol	52 M	2 ab	52 iah
3 Achery	53 Ma	3 act	53 ian
4 Acr	54 Mouh	4 afnir	54 ias
5 Aldeb	55 N	5 ah	55 ibal
6 Alt	56 Nash	6 air	56 igae
7 Andr	57 Nos	7 akan	57 ih
8 Ant	58 Nus	8 alas	58 ihe
9 Arct	59 O	9 alhaut	59 ika
10 B	60 Ogm	10 ami	60 il
11 Ba	61 Ok	11 an	61 ildun
12 Barn	62 Ori	12 ana	62 ilii
13 Bat	63 P	13 ang	63 ilmun
14 C	64 Par	14 ania	64 im
15 Can	65 Pav	15 aph	65 iph
16 Cap	66 Ph	16 ar	66 ira
17 Cast	67 Pho	17 aran	67 itate
18 D	68 Proc	18 ard	68 ium
19 Dab	69 Q	19 ares	69 ius
20 Dal	70 Qu	20 armatha	70 iw
21 Danf	71 R	21 asat	71 nath
22 Drac	72 Ras	22 asp	72 oeia
23 E	73 Reg	23 asym	73 oit
24 Ebl	74 Rig	24 atar	74 on
25 El	75 S	25 ati	75 ondor
26 F	76 Sa	26 attle	76 onis
27 Fel	77 Sag	27 aurus	77 opus
28 Fom	78 Sans	28 ausi	78 or
29 Form	79 Sir	29 axa	79 orea
30 G	80 T	30 eal	80 orum
31 Gacr	81 Ta	31 eb	81 osa
32 Graff	82 Th	32 ecca	82 oun
33 Grum	83 Torc	33 ectra	83 uange
34 H	84 U	34 ed	84 uban
35 Had	85 Ukl	35 ega	85 ui
36 He	86 Ur	36 eh	86 uk
37 Hun	87 Urs	37 ekdu	87 ular
38 I	88 V	38 el	88 ulus
39 Illyr	89 Veg	39 elis	89 un
40 Inq	90 Ver	40 ella	90 una
41 Ir	91 W	41 en	91 uni
42 Iz	92 Wo	42 ena	92 uri
43 J	93 X	43 eng	93 urren
44 Jabb	94 Xi	44 enka	94 ursa
45 Jish	95 Xu	45 enos	95 urus
46 K	96 Y	46 erna	96 usica
47 Kent	97 Yild	47 ertas	97 utno
48 Kosj	98 Z	48 esath	98 ux
49 L	99 Zan	49 eumleo	99 uy
50 Lern	100 Zib	50 euse	100 ze



PLANET NAME FOCUS	
ROLL	RESULT
1-60	<b>PLANET NAME:</b> Roll on the Planet Name Meaning tables, First Half and Second Half. Combine them as rolled, or use them as inspiration for a planet name. <i>For example, "Kal" and "apra" could be Kalapra, Calpra, etc.</i>
61-70	<b>PLANET NAME + PRIME:</b> Same as Planet Name, except add "Prime" or "Alpha" after the name.
71-85	<b>PLANET NAME + NUMBER:</b> Same as Planet Name, except add a number after it by rolling d100 twice. <i>For example, 31 and 42 could be Kalapra-3142.</i>
86-100	<b>DESIGNATION:</b> Roll on the Planet Name First Half table twice, but only use the first letter of each rolled result. Add a number after by rolling d100 twice.

PLANET NAME			
FIRST HALF		SECOND HALF	
1 A	51 Lin	1 a	51 iaq
2 Adr	52 Lys	2 ac	52 ica
3 Aer	53 M	3 adus	53 ican
4 Alm	54 Magn	4 agua	54 ichi
5 Alt	55 Math	5 ah	55 icon
6 Am	56 Melm	6 aka	56 id
7 Anyt	57 Merc	7 ake	57 ides
8 Ar	58 Met	8 alia	58 ilia
9 Ard	59 Mim	9 althea	59 imia
10 Ast	60 Mo	10 amund	60 inda
11 B	61 N	11 an	61 ines
12 C	62 O	12 ance	62 inus
13 Call	63 Obs	13 andra	63 ion
14 Cap	64 Ori	14 anke	64 iope
15 Car	65 P	15 ant	65 iorix
16 Ceph	66 Pas	16 antu	66 ir
17 Cori	67 Pele	17 ao	67 is
18 Cors	68 Phae	18 apetus	68 isto
19 D	69 Pho	19 apra	69 isus
20 Da	70 Pl	20 ara	70 iter
21 Dac	71 Q	21 aris	71 o
22 Dei	72 R	22 ars	72 oal
23 E	73 Rak	23 arth	73 oebe
24 Ed	74 Rhe	24 arus	74 olis
25 Eg	75 Rom	25 arvos	75 olla
26 El	76 Ros	26 as	76 on
27 Er	77 S	27 astea	77 ona
28 Eu	78 Sin	28 ate	78 one
29 Eur	79 Sol	29 atea	79 opa
30 F	80 T	30 atis	80 ope
31 G	81 Ta	31 avis	81 orn
32 Ga	82 Term	32 awa	82 os
33 Gall	83 Terr	33 ea	83 oth
34 Gan	84 Th	34 ebe	84 ra
35 Gas	85 Them	35 ebos	85 rey
36 Gen	86 Ti	36 ede	86 ron
37 Glob	87 Tor	37 en	87 thea
38 H	88 U	38 ene	88 ulo
39 Hal	89 Ur	39 enia	89 ulus
40 Him	90 V	40 ere	90 ungar
41 Hyp	91 Val	41 eria	91 ura
42 I	92 Ven	42 erion	92 ury
43 Id	93 Ven	43 ero	93 us
44 J	94 Vog	44 esina	94 uta
45 Ju	95 W	45 esis	95 utin
46 K	96 Wo	46 eso	96 uvis
47 Kal	97 X	47 etheus	97 x
48 Kron	98 Xan	48 ethon	98 yl
49 Kry	99 Y	49 eus	99 yria
50 L	100 Z	50 ia	100 yx

STAR SYSTEM FEATURE FOCUS			
OUTER D100	MIDDLE D100	INNER D100	STAR SYSTEM FEATURE
1-20	1-6	1-2	<b>COLD DEAD WORLD:</b> A frozen, icy planet that seems devoid of life. Still, something there is of possible interest to you.
21-30	7-18	3-4	<b>ASTEROID BELT:</b> This is a massive field of asteroids and space rock that ring the entire Layer. Travel through the belt may be hazardous at times.
31-32	19-20	5-8	<b>CIVILIZATION ARTIFACT:</b> You find a remnant of an alien civilization. It could be pieces of a ship, a satellite, or some other evidence that someone was once here and is probably long gone.
33-34	21-22	9-10	<b>STRANGE ENERGY:</b> There is an unusual source of power or energy in this star system. This could be some kind of energized cloud, an artificial object like a small manufactured sun, or some other oddity that is powerful.
35-37	23-24	11-12	<b>ROUGH PATCH:</b> There is some kind of spacial anomaly in this Layer that may be hazardous to travel through. It could be high levels of radiation, abnormal gravity fluctuations, a tear in space-time, or even something stranger.
38	25-26	13-16	<b>LIVING PLANET, HOSTILE TO HUMANS:</b> A planet abundant with life, such as plants and animals. However, it's not suitable for humans without environmental protection. These are places where life has evolved along lines different than Earths.
39	27-28	17-20	<b>LIVING, EARTH-LIKE PLANET:</b> A planet with plants, animals, oceans, and a breathable atmosphere. It is about as close to being Earth without actually being on Earth. Still, it's another world, and will have its own unique features.
40-41	29-30	21-24	<b>SPACE FARING SPECIES:</b> This star system is home to a space faring species, you're detecting something of theirs right now. This could be a ship, a space station, a mining operation, or just about anything.
42-43	31-32	25-26	<b>IT'S BIG AND IT'S WEIRD:</b> This Feature is something really big, and really strange. We're talking big even by star system standards. This could be natural, artificial, or unknown. Examples could include two planets tethered together by a giant beam of energy, or an artificial sphere around the sun collecting it's energy.



STAR SYSTEM FEATURE FOCUS			
OUTER D100	MIDDLE D100	INNER D100	STAR SYSTEM FEATURE
44-47	33-36	27-30	<b>SOMETHING ABOUT THE STAR:</b> There's something unusual about the star in this system. This can be something naturally unusual, such as a binary system with two stars orbiting each other, or something very unusual such as the star is not a star at all but a contained black hole.
48-49	37-38	31-32	<b>STRANGE PHENOMENON:</b> There's something in this star system that defies physics, yet there it is. It's naturally occurring (or at least seems to be). For instance, a wormhole in space that will travel you instantly to another point in the universe or a temporal distortion field that will throw your ship back in time.
53-55	39-44	33-46	<b>HOT DEAD WORLD:</b> A planet so hot surely nothing can live on it. Still, something there is of possible interest to you.
56-64	45-56	47-62	<b>SOLID PLANET OF INTEREST:</b> It's a planet, apparently devoid of life, but it has a complex and interesting geological system. These are planets that aren't cold or hot dead worlds, or worlds with abundant life, but they offer their own natural richness. The planet is solid and can be landed on and explored.
65-70	57-68	63-76	<b>INTERESTING MOON:</b> A moon orbiting a planet draws your attention for some reason.
71-72	69-80	77-80	<b>GAS PLANET OF INTEREST:</b> It's a large planet formed of gases with no apparent solid space inside. There is something of interest there for you.
73-82	81-86	81-84	<b>ROCK OF INTEREST:</b> A large asteroid, or perhaps a dwarf planet or untethered moon, has caught your attention for some reason.
83-84	87-88	85-88	<b>WE'RE NOT ALONE:</b> There's another ship or ships here, doing something.
85-90	89-94	89-92	<b>SOMETHING IS OUT THERE:</b> You detect something, but you don't know what it is. It's a signal, or a beacon, or an energy signature. Something. You know generally where it's coming from, but that's all. The only way to know more is to go investigate it.
91-100	95-100	93-100	<b>RANDOM:</b> There is no special Context for the Feature, roll directly on the Star System Feature Meaning table and make an interpretation. This could be anything.

## STAR SYSTEM FEATURES

1	Abnormal	51	Hot
2	Aggressive	52	Ice
3	Alien	53	Inert
4	Anomaly	54	Large
5	Artificial	55	Life
6	Asteroid	56	Light
7	Battle	57	Location
8	Beam	58	Machine
9	Beautiful	59	Magnetism
10	Bizarre	60	Mineral
11	Bright	61	Moon
12	Broken	62	Multiple
13	Burst	63	Mundane
14	Catastrophe	64	Mysterious
15	Chaos	65	Natural
16	Character	66	New
17	Civilization	67	Obstacle
18	Cloud	68	Old
19	Cold	69	Orbit
20	Colorful	70	Pale
21	Comet	71	Partial
22	Communication	72	Particles
23	Conceal	73	People
24	Conflict	74	Phenomenon
25	Connected	75	Physics
26	Control	76	Planet
27	Create	77	Powerful
28	Damage	78	Radiation
29	Danger	79	Rare
30	Dark	80	Resources
31	Debris	81	Shape
32	Declining	82	Ship
33	Defense	83	Signal
34	Destroyed	84	Simple
35	Distortion	85	Size
36	Elements	86	Small
37	Enemy	87	Solid
38	Energy	88	Space
39	Enormous	89	Star
40	Environment	90	Strange
41	Expanding	91	Technology
42	Fragile	92	Threatening
43	Fragment	93	Time
44	Friend	94	Unusual
45	Gas	95	Useful
46	Goal	96	Valuable
47	Gravity	97	Warning
48	Group	98	Water
49	Guide	99	Wondrous
50	Helpful	100	Wreckage

## STAR SYSTEM EVENTS

1	Activate	51	Help
2	Alarm	52	Hidden
3	Alien	53	Hinder
4	Ambush	54	Hope
5	Asteroid	55	Important
6	Atmosphere	56	Increase
7	Attack	57	Inform
8	Battle	58	Information
9	Business	59	Inspect
10	Celebrate	60	Location
11	Change	61	Mechanical
12	Chaos	62	Military
13	Close	63	Move
14	Collision	64	Multiple
15	Communication	65	Mundane
16	Completion	66	Mystery
17	Conflict	67	Natural
18	Control	68	Natural
19	Create	69	Navigation
20	Crew	70	Needs
21	Crisis	71	News
22	Damage	72	Object
23	Danger	73	Obstacle
24	Deceive	74	Oppose
25	Decrease	75	Path
26	Defend	76	Personal
27	Delay	77	Planet
28	Deny	78	Plot
29	Destroy	79	Portal
30	Detection	80	Power
31	Dispute	81	Problem
32	Distant	82	Project
33	Distress	83	Protect
34	Emergency	84	Proximity
35	Enemy	85	Pursuit
36	Energy	86	Resources
37	Environment	87	Reward
38	Equipment	88	Salvage
39	Explosion	89	Ship
40	Failure	90	Signal
41	Fear	91	Star
42	Flee	92	Strange
43	Fortunate	93	Technology
44	Friend	94	Trap
45	Goal	95	Unfortunate
46	Government	96	Unknown
47	Gravity	97	Valuable
48	Group	98	Warning
49	Guide	99	Weapon
50	Harm	100	Wreckage

## FOUND JOURNAL

1	Accident	51	Hope
2	Action	52	Important
3	Adventure	53	Information
4	Amazement	54	Injustice
5	Ambition	55	Innocent
6	Anger	56	Instructions
7	Art	57	Justice
8	Attack	58	Location
9	Betray	59	Loss
10	Business	60	Love
11	Change	61	Misfortune
12	Character	62	Mundane
13	Confession	63	Mystery
14	Conflict	64	Nature
15	Consequence	65	News
16	Control	66	Object
17	Create	67	Obligation
18	Danger	68	Observed
19	Death	69	Official
20	Deception	70	Outcast
21	Desperation	71	Overcome
22	Destroy	72	Past
23	Diary	73	People
24	Disaster	74	Personal
25	Discovery	75	Persuade
26	Disrupt	76	Plan
27	Emotion	77	Plea
28	Enemy	78	Power
29	Energy	79	Pride
30	Environment	80	Problem
31	Escape	81	Promise
32	Evidence	82	Regret
33	Experience	83	Repair
34	Experiment	84	Report
35	Explanation	85	Rescue
36	Failure	86	Reveal
37	Family	87	Reward
38	Fear	88	Science
39	Fight	89	Secret
40	Find	90	Solution
41	Free	91	Strange
42	Friend	92	Success
43	Goal	93	Survivor
44	Group	94	Travel
45	Guide	95	Unexpected
46	Guilt	96	Urgent
47	Harm	97	Useful
48	Heal	98	Warning
49	Help	99	Witness
50	Hide	100	Work



STAR SYSTEM LAYERS		
D10	LAYER	DESCRIPTION
1-2	Outer Rim	<p><b>WHAT IT'S USUALLY LIKE:</b> This is the furthest reaches of the system, where's the star's gravitational pull is the weakest and the energy from it at its lowest. This is the largest part of a star system by pure vastness of area, but it is usually the least populated by Features.</p> <p><b>PLANETS AND COMMON FEATURES:</b> Planets in the Outer Rim are usually small, cold, and lifeless. This is where the least energy reaches, so nature just doesn't have a lot to work with. If star systems had garages, it would be the Outer Rim because this is where a lot of material that didn't turn into planets, and other discard objects, end up forever circling the star.</p>
3-5	Middle Sphere	<p><b>WHAT IT'S USUALLY LIKE:</b> The Middle Sphere is the vast region between the Outer Rim and the Inner Region. This is usually an active place, with planets and asteroid belts and possible anomalies. When objects, such as asteroids, enter a star system and make it past the Outer Rim they usually end up caught up in the Middle Sphere.</p> <p><b>PLANETS AND COMMON FEATURES:</b> Planets are common in the Middle Sphere. You are likely to find massive gas planets and planets in the Middle Sphere usually have more moons than planets in other Layers.</p> <p>If the star system feature an intelligent, space-faring civilization, you may find evidence of them in the Middle Sphere as asteroid mining operations or space bases. However, the Middle Sphere is only marginally more likely to hold life than the Outer Rim.</p>
6-10	Inner Region	<p><b>WHAT IT'S USUALLY LIKE:</b> This is the warmest, most energy rich part of the system, closest to the star. This Layer usually has planets and other Features.</p> <p><b>PLANETS AND COMMON FEATURES:</b> Planets within the Inner Region are the most likely to hold life. If the star system is home to a space traveling species, their home planet is probably in the Inner Region. While the innermost part of this Layer can be too hot for life, the outer portion is the "goldilocks" area where the amount of energy from the star is just right to foster life. Or at least, life as we know it.</p> <p>In star systems with civilizations that have reached for space, this is likely to be their busiest Layer.</p>



# STAR SYSTEM CHART

STAR NAME



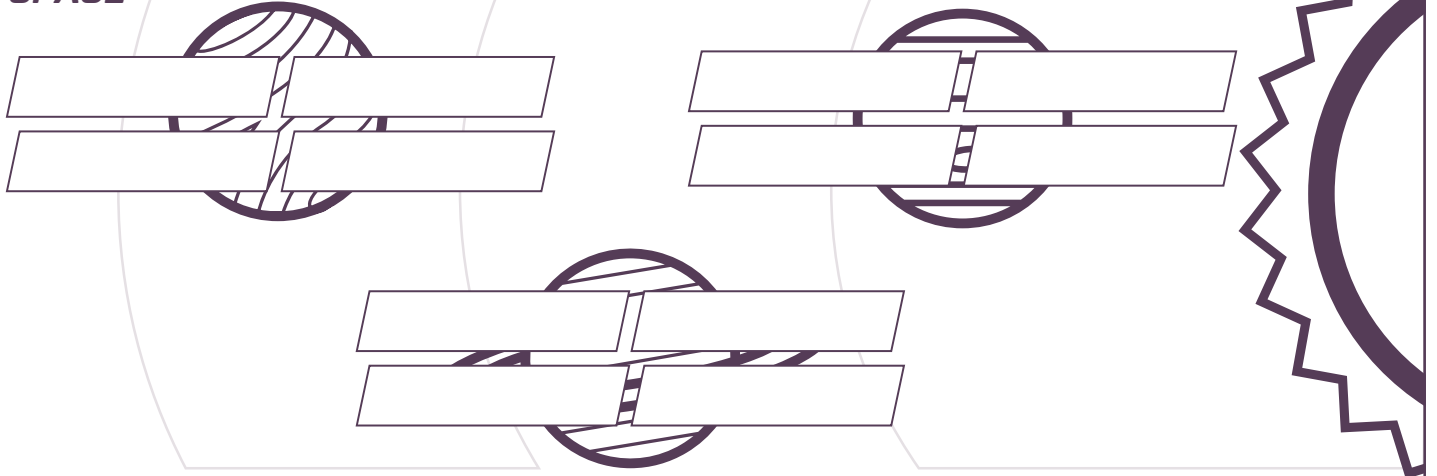
## SYSTEM MAP

DEEP SPACE

OUTER RIM

MIDDLE SPHERE

INNER REGION



## SYSTEM DETAILS

DETAIL NAME

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## "IS THERE AN EVENT?"

ANSWER	INTERPRETATION
<b>YES</b>	There is an Event. Roll on the Star System Events Focus table, and the Star System Events Meaning table.
<b>EXCEPTIONAL YES</b>	There are two Events. Roll on the Star System Events Focus table and the Star System Events Meaning table for the first Event. When that is resolved, create a second Event in the same way. This second Event can take place immediately after in the same Scene, or it can wait until the next Scene, whichever seems most fitting.
<b>NO</b>	There is no Event at this time.
<b>EXCEPTIONAL NO</b>	There is no Event at this time, and there won't be one in the next Layer either.
<b>RANDOM EVENT</b>	Generate the Random Event as part of the Star System Event, if there is one. If there isn't, then this is a standard Random Event.

## STAR SYSTEM EVENT FOCUS

ROLL	RESULT
1-5	<b>ENEMY ACTION:</b> Your ship is attacked by an enemy. If you have enemies then it's probably one of them. If not, you have enemies now.
6-15	<b>CHECK ENGINE LIGHT ON:</b> Your ship develops a problem that requires immediate attention. For instance, this could be a random mechanical failure, or some hazardous interaction with something in the star system.
16-20	<b>LAND IMMEDIATELY:</b> You must land as soon as possible somewhere in the star system. The reason for the emergency landing could be just about anything, from mechanical trouble to pursuit from an enemy where your best course of action is to hide on a planet.
21-30	<b>ADDITIONAL FEATURE:</b> You discover another Star System Feature not previously detected. Generate a new Feature using the Star System Feature rules. This new Feature is in addition to the original d4+2 generated and is located in the Layer you are currently in.
31-35	<b>DRAMA IN THE SHIP:</b> Something happens on board your ship. This doesn't necessarily have anything to do with the star system itself. Roll a Random Event that takes place within the ship.
36-40	<b>OBJECTS IN SPACE:</b> Your ship detects something floating in space outside the ship. You had not previously detected it until getting closer. Roll on the Objects Meaning table for inspiration of what it is. If it's an active item, roll on the Action Meaning tables for what it is doing.
41-45	<b>IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?:</b> You receive a message from somewhere in the star system. This could be a recorded, repeating message, like a distress call, or a live person making direct contact. Use the Character Conversation or Cryptic Message Meaning tables, whichever you think is more appropriate. Roll on the Star System Layers table to determine which Layer in the system the message is coming from. If that Layer has any Features in it, the message is from one of those Features.
46-55	<b>SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM:</b> You detect another ship that is dealing with something. Roll on the Starship Descriptors Meaning table for inspiration about the ship, and the Action Meaning tables for what they're dealing with. It could be anything from battling another ship to engaging in a salvage operation. It's up to you whether you want to approach them or not.
56-80	<b>WE NEED TO CHECK THIS OUT:</b> Someone other than the Player Character, perhaps a crew member or ship's computer, makes a strong suggestion to investigate one of the system's Features. Roll on the Action Meaning tables for why they want this, with Context that they think it is very important.
81-100	<b>RANDOM:</b> There is no additional Context with this Event, roll on the Star System Events Meaning table for inspiration.



## FOUND JOURNAL ORIGIN FOCUS

ROLL	RESULT
1-20	<b>I NEED TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED HERE:</b> The found journal is located from the site of a disaster or crisis where there are no survivors and appears to explain what happened.
21-45	<b>DEAR DIARY:</b> The found journal is a personal diary or work log from someone telling the story of something they experienced or witnessed.
46-50	<b>CALL TO ACTION:</b> The found journal is an account of something that happened, and an urgent appeal for the reader to do something that the journal author either could not do or failed to do. Consider it Context for your found journal adventure that the author of the journal will, at some point, ask the reader to do something. The request may be overt, such as "You must trap the beast!" or implied, such as the journal including a map to something the journal creator hid.
51-70	<b>IT STARTED OFF INNOCENTLY ENOUGH:</b> The found journal starts off as an innocent and intentional account of something. For instance, it may be a video recording made by tourists visiting a foreign city. Events take a dramatic turn, however. When constructing this found journal adventure, treat it as Context that the first Scene in the Beginning Section is mundane or innocent, but changes at the first opportunity to something dramatic.
71-75	<b>DOCUMENTARY IN PROGRESS:</b> The creator of the found journal meant to make the material for journalistic or scientific purposes, but underestimated what they were getting into. For instance, they may be a documentary film maker or a scientist recording notes during an experiment. This is similar to "It Started Off Innocently Enough" where the first Scene should establish that the account is intentional, but it likely takes an unexpected twist in Scene 2.
76-80	<b>IT'S FAKE, BUT NOT REALLY:</b> The found journal recounts someone engaging in something fake that turns out not to be fake after all. For instance, it could be an audio recording of someone casting a ritual spell as a practical joke, only to discover that the spell actually works.
81-100	<b>RANDOM, NO CONTEXT:</b> Roll only on the Found Journal Meaning table for inspiration about the journal's origin without any additional Context from this table.

## FOUND JOURNAL FORMAT

ROLL	RESULT
1-30	<b>IT IS WRITTEN:</b> The found journal is in written form, in whatever format makes the most sense given the journal's origin. This could be a captain's log, a diary, a last will and testament, or any other written form where the author is directly describing events in a single volume.
31-50	<b>DEAR ...:</b> The found journal is in the form of personal letters written to someone else. Treat each Scene in this adventure like a separate letter, with each letter revealing more. Keep in mind that the letters may or may not have been written to the PC.
51-80	<b>VIDEO:</b> The found journal is a video recording, or other recorded media such as a Youtube video or hologram projection.
81-90	<b>DOCUMENTED:</b> The found journal is less of a cohesive account of something and more a collection of various documents that together tell a story. For instance, this could include things like personal letters, newspaper clippings, police reports, flyers for lost people, etc. Each Scene in your adventure is a different document where, when studied, reveal the details of that Scene.
91-100	<b>RANDOM:</b> Roll on Mythic's Objects Meaning table for inspiration of what medium the found journal is recorded on.



FOUND JOURNAL SECTIONS		
SECTION	CONTEXT FOR EXPECTED SCENES	SECTION FINAL SCENE DENOUEMENT PROMPT
<b>BEGINNING</b>	This is the beginning of the narrative, so these Scenes should explain who is involved and where, but not necessarily the “what” just yet (although they can).	“How do the events of the Beginning escalate into the Middle?”
<b>MIDDLE</b>	We are past the Beginning and into the heart of the narrative. These Scenes should show how the events of the journal develop and move along.	“How do the events of the Middle culminate and set up the End?”
<b>END</b>	This is the end of the found journal narrative. Scenes in the End should explain how the events leading up to this point reach a conclusion.	“How does the found journal end?”

FOUND JOURNAL ADVENTURE DURATION	
SECTION ADVANCEMENT TARGET NUMBER	POSSIBLE & LIKELY NUMBER OF SCENES IN THE ADVENTURE
<b>10</b>	The longest adventure, with up to 30 Scenes, and most likely around 12.
<b>6</b>	Up to 15 Scenes, and most likely around 5.
<b>1</b>	The shortest adventure with no need to roll. This is 3 Scenes long, each Scene being the last Scene of its Section.

## MEANING TABLES: ACTIONS

### ACTION 1

1: Abandon	21: Communicate	41: Escape	61: Misuse	81: Ruin
2: Accompany	22: Conceal	42: Expose	62: Move	82: Separate
3: Activate	23: Continue	43: Fail	63: Neglect	83: Start
4: Agree	24: Control	44: Fight	64: Observe	84: Stop
5: Ambush	25: Create	45: Flee	65: Open	85: Strange
6: Arrive	26: Deceive	46: Free	66: Oppose	86: Struggle
7: Assist	27: Decrease	47: Guide	67: Overthrow	87: Succeed
8: Attack	28: Defend	48: Harm	68: Praise	88: Support
9: Attain	29: Delay	49: Heal	69: Proceed	89: Suppress
10: Bargain	30: Deny	50: Hinder	70: Protect	90: Take
11: Befriend	31: Depart	51: Imitate	71: Punish	91: Threaten
12: Bestow	32: Deposit	52: Imprison	72: Pursue	92: Transform
13: Betray	33: Destroy	53: Increase	73: Recruit	93: Trap
14: Block	34: Dispute	54: Indulge	74: Refuse	94: Travel
15: Break	35: Disrupt	55: Inform	75: Release	95: Triumph
16: Carry	36: Distrust	56: Inquire	76: Relinquish	96: Truce
17: Celebrate	37: Divide	57: Inspect	77: Repair	97: Trust
18: Change	38: Drop	58: Invade	78: Repulse	98: Use
19: Close	39: Easy	59: Leave	79: Return	99: Usurp
20: Combine	40: Energize	60: Lure	80: Reward	100: Waste

### ACTION 2

1: Advantage	21: Disadvantage	41: Hope	61: Object	81: Representative
2: Adversity	22: Distraction	42: Idea	62: Obscurity	82: Riches
3: Agreement	23: Elements	43: Illness	63: Official	83: Safety
4: Animal	24: Emotion	44: Illusion	64: Opposition	84: Strength
5: Attention	25: Enemy	45: Individual	65: Outside	85: Success
6: Balance	26: Energy	46: Information	66: Pain	86: Suffering
7: Battle	27: Environment	47: Innocent	67: Path	87: Surprise
8: Benefits	28: Expectation	48: Intellect	68: Peace	88: Tactic
9: Building	29: Exterior	49: Interior	69: People	89: Technology
10: Burden	30: Extravagance	50: Investment	70: Personal	90: Tension
11: Bureaucracy	31: Failure	51: Leadership	71: Physical	91: Time
12: Business	32: Fame	52: Legal	72: Plot	92: Trial
13: Chaos	33: Fear	53: Location	73: Portal	93: Value
14: Comfort	34: Freedom	54: Military	74: Possession	94: Vehicle
15: Completion	35: Friend	55: Misfortune	75: Poverty	95: Victory
16: Conflict	36: Goal	56: Mundane	76: Power	96: Vulnerability
17: Cooperation	37: Group	57: Nature	77: Prison	97: Weapon
18: Danger	38: Health	58: Needs	78: Project	98: Weather
19: Defense	39: Hindrance	59: News	79: Protection	99: Work
20: Depletion	40: Home	60: Normal	80: Reassurance	100: Wound



## MEANING TABLES: DESCRIPTIONS

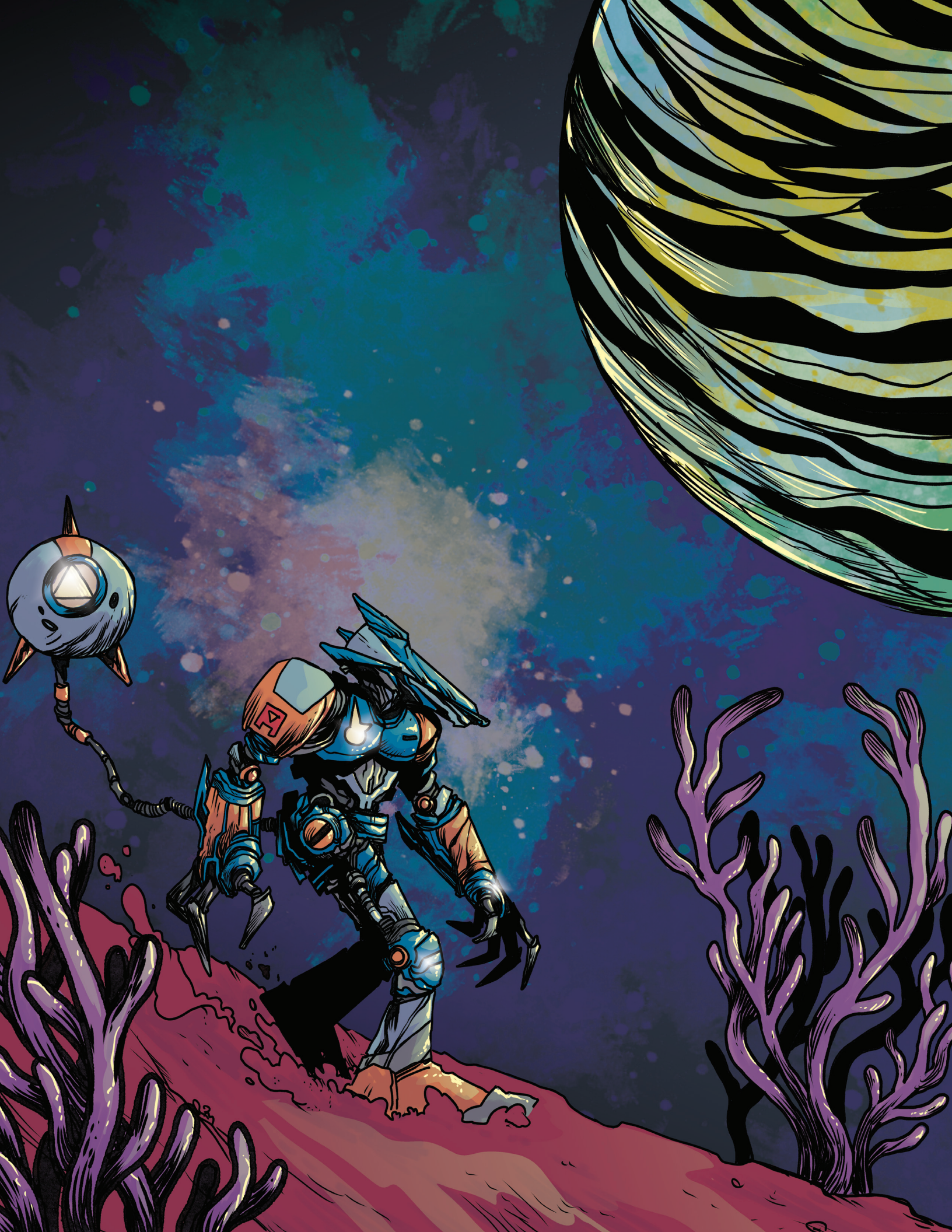
### DESCRIPTOR 1

1: Adventurously	21: Defiantly	41: Generously	61: Loudly	81: Playfully
2: Aggressively	22: Deliberately	42: Gently	62: Lovingly	82: Politely
3: Anxiously	23: Delicately	43: Gladly	63: Loyally	83: Positively
4: Awkwardly	24: Delightfully	44: Gracefully	64: Majestically	84: Powerfully
5: Beautifully	25: Dimly	45: Gratefully	65: Meaningfully	85: Quaintly
6: Bleakly	26: Efficiently	46: Happily	66: Mechanically	86: Quarrelsomely
7: Boldly	27: Emotionally	47: Hastily	67: Mildly	87: Quietly
8: Bravely	28: Energetically	48: Healthily	68: Miserably	88: Roughly
9: Busily	29: Enormously	49: Helpfully	69: Mockingly	89: Rudely
10: Calmly	30: Enthusiastically	50: Helplessly	70: Mysteriously	90: Ruthlessly
11: Carefully	31: Excitedly	51: Hopelessly	71: Naturally	91: Slowly
12: Carelessly	32: Fearfully	52: Innocently	72: Neatly	92: Softly
13: Cautiously	33: Ferociously	53: Intensely	73: Nicely	93: Strangely
14: Ceaselessly	34: Fiercely	54: Interestingly	74: Oddly	94: Swiftly
15: Cheerfully	35: Foolishly	55: Irritatingly	75: Offensively	95: Threateningly
16: Combatively	36: Fortunately	56: Joyfully	76: Officially	96: Timidly
17: Coolly	37: Frantically	57: Kindly	77: Partially	97: Very
18: Crazily	38: Freely	58: Lazily	78: Passively	98: Violently
19: Curiously	39: Frighteningly	59: Lightly	79: Peacefully	99: Wildly
20: Dangerously	40: Fully	60: Loosely	80: Perfectly	100: Yieldingly

### DESCRIPTOR 2

1: Abnormal	21: Dry	41: Hard	61: Mature	81: Remarkable
2: Amusing	22: Dull	42: Harsh	62: Messy	82: Rotten
3: Artificial	23: Empty	43: Healthy	63: Mighty	83: Rough
4: Average	24: Enormous	44: Heavy	64: Military	84: Ruined
5: Beautiful	25: Extraordinary	45: Historical	65: Modern	85: Rustic
6: Bizarre	26: Extravagant	46: Horrible	66: Mundane	86: Scary
7: Boring	27: Faded	47: Important	67: Mysterious	87: Shocking
8: Bright	28: Familiar	48: Interesting	68: Natural	88: Simple
9: Broken	29: Fancy	49: Juvenile	69: Normal	89: Small
10: Clean	30: Feeble	50: Lacking	70: Odd	90: Smooth
11: Cold	31: Feminine	51: Large	71: Old	91: Soft
12: Colorful	32: Festive	52: Lavish	72: Pale	92: Strong
13: Colorless	33: Flawless	53: Lean	73: Peaceful	93: Stylish
14: Creepy	34: Forlorn	54: Less	74: Petite	94: Unpleasant
15: Cute	35: Fragile	55: Lethal	75: Plain	95: Valuable
16: Damaged	36: Fragrant	56: Lively	76: Poor	96: Vibrant
17: Dark	37: Fresh	57: Lonely	77: Powerful	97: Warm
18: Defeated	38: Full	58: Lovely	78: Quaint	98: Watery
19: Dirty	39: Glorious	59: Magnificent	79: Rare	99: Weak
20: Disagreeable	40: Graceful	60: Masculine	80: Reassuring	100: Young









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