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Deosil go by the waxing moon Sing and dance the Wiccan rune

Widdershins go when the moon doth wane And the werewolf howls by the dread wolfshane

 The Rede of the Wicca (Being known as the Counsel of the Wise Ones)
 Internet Book of Shadows

"At Vernon, about the year 1566, the witches and warlocks gathered in great multitudes under the shape of cats. Four or five men were attacked in a lone place by a number of these beasts. The men stood their ground with pertinacity, succeeded in slaying one puss, and in wounding many others. Next day a number of wounded women were found in the town, and they gave the judge an accurate account of all the circumstances connected with their wounding."

– A Book of Folklore

"Harder was the fate of another maiden, Archange Simonet, for she was seized by a werewolf at this place and hurried away while dancing at her own wedding. The bridegroom devoted his life to the search for her, and finally lost his reason, but he prosecuted the hunt so vengefully and shrewdly that he always found assistance."

Werewolves of Detroit
 Myths and Legends of our Own Land

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The "Yee Naaldlooshii" in Navajo, the "Loup Garou" in French, the "Eigi einhamir" in Scandinavia, the "Werewolf" in England, or the "Dog-Man" in Michigan, you have the psionic ability of Polymorphism to change your form into that of a beast. Your character's recommended highest characteristics are:

Strength, Dexterity (Str, Dex)

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Step 1: Qualifications or Draft

Make the Qualifications check by rolling 2D6 and adding (or subtracting) the modifier for your character's <u>Strength</u>. You must roll the indicated number or higher:

Qualifications 7+ (Str)

If you succeed, go to **Step 2: Begin at Rank-0** for <u>Psion</u>, next column.

Your Qualifications roll becomes your <u>Psionic</u> <u>Strength</u> score. Note on your character sheet.

If you fail, roll on the Draft table:

Draft

Roll	Career / School	
1	Soldier	
2	Special Forces	
3	Drifter	
4	Rogue	
5	Martial Artist	
6	Hunter	

and then go to **Step 2: Begin at Rank-0** of the playbook for the career or school you were drafted into.



Step 2: Begin at Rank-0

At starting Rank-0 you have the following skills:

Melee: Natural-0

Linguistics-0 (English and one other)

Athletics-1

Psionics: Polymorphism -1

Note these on your character sheet under "Skills."

Step 3: School Term

Proceed through a) Survival, b) Advancement, c) Risky Castings, and d) Aging to complete one school term.

a) Survival

Make the Survival check by rolling 2D6 and adding (or subtracting) the modifier for your character's <u>Strength</u>. You must roll the indicated number or higher:

Survival 7+ (Str)

If you succeed the Survival check, choose one of the Skills Tables on the next page. You may only choose the Advanced Skills table if your character's Education is 8+. Then, roll 1D6 to gain one skill from the table you chose. Note your new skill on your character sheet.

Gaining Skills

Unless the skill indicates [Skill Name]-0 you receive a new skill at level 1: [Skill Name]-1. If your character already possesses a skill and you roll that skill again, increment that skill higher by one. For example, if you character has Recon-1 and you roll Recon again, your skill is now Recon-2. Gun Combat-0 becomes Gun Combat-1, etc.

If you fail the Survival check, you do not gain a skill, and you may not go to b) Advancement. Instead, proceed directly to c) Risky Castings.

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b) Advancement

Make the Advancement check by rolling 2D6 and adding (or subtracting) the modifier for your character's <u>Dexterity</u>. You must roll the indicated number or higher:

Advancement 7+ (Dex)

If you succeed the Advancement check, choose one of the Skills Tables (Advanced Skills requires Edu 8+). Then, you may choose the new skill rather than rolling for it. Note your new skill. You also proceed one rank higher on the Rank & Skills table, below. Also note any new skill you receive if you reach Rank-3.

Rank & Skills

Rank	Rank & Skills
0	Cub Melee: Natural-0 Linguistics-0
	Athletics-1 Psionics: Polymorphism-1
1	Adolescent
2	Moon Child
3	Lycanthrope Psionics: Polymorphism -1
4	Favored of the Moon
5	Nightmare Creature
6	Raging Beast

Regardless of whether you succeed the Advancement check, proceed to c) Risky Castings.

c) Risky Castings

Make the Risky Castings check by rolling 2D6. You must roll the indicated number or higher:

Risky Castings 4+

If you succeed, choose one of the Skills Tables (Advanced Skills requires Edu 8+). Then, roll 1D6 to gain one skill from the table you chose. Note your new skill.

Skills Tables

Personal Skills

Roll	Skill / Characteristic
1	+1 Dex
2	+1 End
3	+1 Edu
4	+1 Psi
5	Melee: Natural
6	Athletics

Service Skills

Service Simils	
Roll	Skill
1	Psionics: Awareness
2	Outdoors: Hunting
3	Outdoors
4	Psionics: Polymorphism
5	Recon
6	Psionics: Awareness

Specialist Skills

Roll	Skill
1	Recon
2	Gun Combat
3	Wheeled Vehicle
4	Melee Combat
5	Outdoors: Survival
6	Performance

Advanced Skills (requires Edu 8+)

Roll	Skill
1	Sciences
2	Medical: Veterinary
3	Streetwise
4	Broker
5	Carousing
6	Gambling

Cascade skills are shown in **bold**. Cascade skills are made up of two or more component skills. When your character receives a cascade skill, you must select one component skill of the cascade skill from the "Skills List."

d) Aging

Note your character's age. The character begins at age 18, but each school term lasts 4 years, so upon first completing this step your character is age 22.

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You may either go to Step 4: Graduate or enter a new school term by repeating a) Survival, b) Advancement, c) Risky Castings, and d) Aging.

The maximum number of school terms you may attend without penalty is four. For the fifth term you may subtract your Strength score by 1 or lose 1 level in a skill. For the sixth term you may subtract your Dexterity score by 1 or lose 1 level in a skill. For the seventh term you may subtract your Strength and Dexterity scores each by 1 or lose 2 levels in any two skills. The absolute maximum number of school terms is seven.

Step 4: Graduate

For each term attended, vou receive one roll of 1D6 on the Cash Benefits table. If your character is rank 4 or higher, add +1 to the roll. These credits may then be spent purchase equipment for your character.

Cash Benefits

Roll	Credits
1	0
2	0
3	2,000
4	5,000
5	10,000
6	10,000
7	20,000

Also, for each term attended, you may choose one benefit from the Material Benefits table. It helps to choose something for which your character has the correct skill. For instance, a Calligraphy Kit may only be used if the character has the Magic: Calligraphy skill. Choosing a weapon makes the most sense if the character possesses a skill in Melee or Gun Combat.

Material Benefits

Melee Weapon	
Thrown Weapon	
Beast's Tooth-1 (6 charges)	
Camping Gear-1	
Martial Arts Weapon	
Rope & Climbing Gear-1	
Ranged Weapon (full ammo)	

Material benefits shown in **bold** are a category in "Equipment." Choose one item from that category in the "Equipment" chapter.

Step 5: Equipment & Encumbrance

Purchase any items you think your character might need for the adventure from "Equipment."

Calculate your character's Encumbrance Limit. This is 10+ your character's Strength DM. For instance, a character with a Strength of 9 has a Str DM of +1, for an Encumbrance Limit of 11. A character with a Strength of 5 has a Str DM of −1, for an Encumbrance Limit of 9. Encumbrance Limit on the character sheet.

On the character sheet jot down the equipment's name, its encumbrance, and any notes about its use. If you have an Encumbrance Limit of 10, and your equipment totals up to an Encumbrance of 11 or higher, your character must take a -2 DM to all skill rolls.

Step 6: Combat Power

Calculate your character's Combat Power. Combat Power is an indication of how lethal your character is in combat. To calculate it, add up the following values:

Characteristic DM's for: Str + Dex + End + Psi

Skill Level/DM's for: Athletics + Gun Combat + Melee Combat + all Psionic Talents

of dice of the single weapon possessed by the character which does the <u>most</u> damage + armor

Note your character's Combat Power on the character sheet.

Step 7: Psionics

Go to "Psionics" and learn how to use the abilities and powers for the Psionic Talents you possess.

Multiple Careers & Schools

After you Graduate, you may make a Qualifications check for another career or school. But, there is a -2 DM to the roll. Also, aging effects and term limit rules as stated above apply to the new terms gained in the new career or school.

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