

OBSSESSIONS TABLE

BE THE HERO: What will you do to create another chance to save them all?

HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE: Something was taken from you. You will make them face their actions.

THE ONE YOU USED TO BE: Can you find your old self again?

BE THE STRONGEST: They said you were weak. you'll show them

BE A GOOD SOLDIER: The only order is in the orders

A PLACE TO BE VIOLENT: Let your true self play

Bonds: Friends, Teammates, Colleagues, Collaborators, Boss/ Employee, Mentor/Student, Family, Lovers, Nemeses, Doppelgangers, Clones, Fan, Professional acquaintances

PHOBIAS TABLE

COWARDICE: What part of you will show up when you are truly tested?

THE IRREVERSIBLE: It happened. Can you really not fix it?

THEIR LOVE: Run from it! You can't possibly be worthy!

THINGS YOU CAN'T FIGHT: Sometimes strength doesn't matter

BAD ORDERS: What if it's all for nothing, or worse...

LOSS OF CONTROL: Who are you afraid to hurt?



FATE LETTER

THE SOLDIER

NAME / PRONOUNS

OBSESSION

PHOBIA

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BROKEN LIFE

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PHOBIA

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OFFICIAL ROLE & VALUES

Keep Everyone Safe

- ▶ The World is a Dangerous Place
- ▶ I Can Protect Them All
- ▶ Violence is a Good Solution

NOTES Bonds, gear, and additional background

FATE LETTER

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THE SOLDIER: You served. You fought. But you couldn't save everyone. In the aftermath of that terrible day, you became the go-to for the dark missions no-one else would dare to volunteer for. You'll do anything to protect the country you love. And perhaps find absolution.



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FINISH THE THEORY: Show them something they won't be able to ignore

BURN BRIGHTEST: It doesn't matter what you did, only what they remember of you in the end

YOU MUST FIND THEM: It all fell apart when your partner left you to come here.

HEAL YOURSELF: Science wasn't enough. Surely The Zone can help you.

WHAT LIES BEYOND THE SCIENCE: What higher order can only you learn to see?

SLOW IT DOWN: Life is so fleeting. What could you do if you had just a bit more time?

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PHOBIAS TABLE

DISPROOF: Proof of your fatal error can't find you in a place like this, right?

INCOMPETENCE: What if your whole career was nothing but a cruel joke?

TOXIC ASSOCIATE: Will you ever get the upper hand in the subtle hell of this partnership?

THE DIAGNOSIS: It's not denial! What if the cure is worse than the disease?

SCIENCE CAN'T EXPLAIN EVERYTHING: Could it all be just another pathetic human illusion?

STASIS: Being trapped between life and death, unable to do either.



THE SCIENTIST

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- ▶ Understand and Explain the Zone
- ▶ Come Up With Theories
- ▶ Try to Understand and Explain
- ▶ Take Samples. Lots of Samples

OFFICIAL ROLE & VALUES

THE SCIENTIST: You're a distinguished scientist, responsible for a number of key breakthroughs in your prolific early career. But you've followed your theories to more "creative" fringes and the academic field you once dominated has now rejected you as a fraud and a huckster.

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INSPIRATION: Any muse that will get you writing again

THE FRONT PAGE: A front page story no one can beat—not even that damn Fitzbaker.

INHERITANCE: Your parents were from here. What did they leave you?

ANSWERS: They shut you out. That won't stop you.

FIRST CONTACT: The ancient texts are pretty clear—they're here, if we can just find a way to communicate!

MANIFEST YOUR CREATION: You're madly in love with your own creation. Can The Zone manifest them?

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PHOBIAS TABLE

IRRELEVANCE: Ceasing to be unique. Being forgotten.

BEING SCOOPED—AGAIN: How does that Pulitzer bastard always get the drop on you?

ANCESTORS: What would they think of you?

YOU CAN'T HANDLE IT: What if it breaks you?

THE TAKEOVER: Wake up sheeple! They've always been here, man.

REJECTION: What if they don't love you back?



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THE WRITER

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- ▶ Tell the Story of the Zone
- ▶ It's All About the Story
- ▶ I Can Speak With the "Other"
- ▶ It's About Being Remembered

OFFICIAL ROLE & VALUES

THE WRITER: A renowned talent with decades of award winning work on the international stage. But success takes its toll—you haven't managed to write anything in over a fifteen years. You've tried everything, but it's not working, and now even your fans are beginning to forget you. You cannot go out like this.

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BE THE FIRST: No one else has survived this thing. You will!

DESTROY YOUR BUSINESS PARTNER: They pushed out of your own company!

LIVE FOREVER: Get the one thing you can't buy—more time.

THE SINGULARITY: It will solve everything. Humanity is just a stepping stone.

IT'S PERSONAL: Your billionaire rival was on the previous expedition.

THEY'LL LIKE ME IF I'M RICH: Fame & fortune opens all the doors, right?

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PHOBIAS TABLE

YOU MADE NO DIFFERENCE: What if you made no dent in the universe?

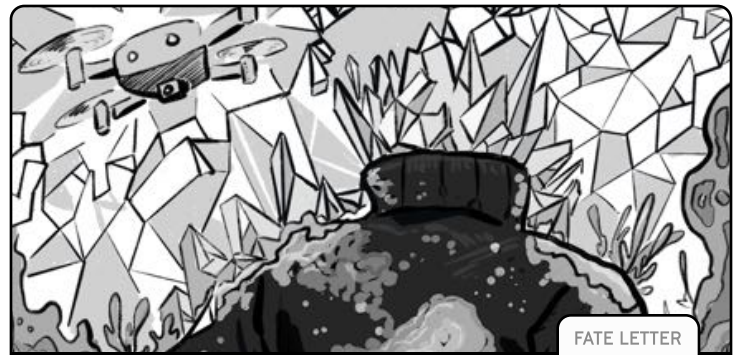
DUNNING-KRUGER EFFECT: What if you really were that bad at your job?

OBSOLESCENCE: What if you're already old news?

HUMANITY LEFT BEHIND: Will your technological creations remake a new world without you?

SECOND BEST: What if the competition is always one step ahead?

RIDICULE: They laugh behind your back



FATE LETTER

THE ENTREPRENEUR

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OFFICIAL ROLE & VALUES

- ▶ Profit From the Zone
- ▶ Follow the Dollar
- ▶ Solve All Things With Technology
- ▶ Proudly Disrupt the Status Quo

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THE ENTREPRENEUR: You're an iconoclastic engineer who has made billions revolutionizing pharmaceuticals, energy, and many other fields. You learned of the zone through your deep network (and pockets) and managed to get yourself added to the expedition. There's money to be made.

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FAITH: Can you hear the voice of god again?

PROVE SCIENCE WRONG: If only they could see the divine plan as you do

EXORCISM: You will drive out the demon

A FRESH START: Can you ever forget the things you saw?

MAKE THEM SEE: You will rescue them from themselves, whether they want that or not

PREACH!: You breathe life into sacred words, and won't stop until all have witnessed your zeal.

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PHOBIAS TABLE

MEANINGLESS: There is no one out there listening

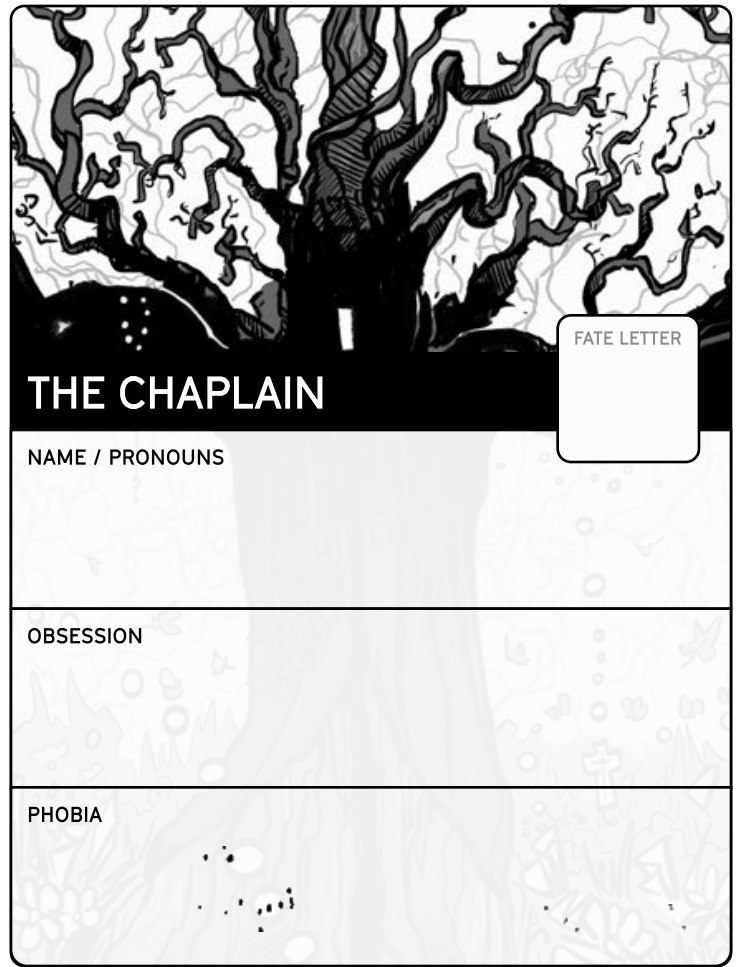
THE WRONG PLAN: There is a plan, but you followed the wrong one

HURT THOSE YOU TOUCH: When you try to help, you only doom them more

AMNESIA: Losing all your memories, good & bad

LEFTOVERS: You will try to lift them, but they will drag you down into their sins

IMMOLATION: You often wake screaming, imagining your own skin set ablaze



THE CHAPLAIN

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OFFICIAL ROLE & VALUES

Protect Everyone's Humanity

- ▶ Notice Moral Dilemmas
- ▶ Highlight the Limits of Science
- ▶ Check In on People's Souls


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THE CHAPLAIN: You were an army Chaplain, strong in your faith even amidst the grim horrors of war. On your return, you dutifully built a cozy and devoted congregation, even as your own faith started to unravel. When you were drafted by powerful organizations who believe the Zone is divine, you could not say no.

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OBSSESSIONS TABLE

SALVAGE THE EXPERIMENT: It can't be for nothing!

CONTROL EVERY ASPECT OF YOUR LIFE: Uncertainty is simply unnecessary

PROMOTION: Kill that next performance review

SEE FOR YOURSELF: You've sent so many in. You need to see it yourself.

A TROPHY: Something to hang on your office wall, to show off

SOCIAL CLIMB: This'll show them. They'll respect you now.

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THE LOCALS: Somehow, they found out it was you—and they will never forgive.

ABSENCE OF PROCEDURE: What do you reference when there's no precedent?

THOSE ABOVE YOU: The chain of command squeezes at your throat

CONSEQUENCES: You were just following orders

TINY THREATS: Too small to see. They can get under your skin.

EMBARRASSMENT: You can never let them see it

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THE BUREAUCRAT

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- ▶ Finish the Experiment
- ▶ Cover Your Ass
- ▶ Control and Contain
- ▶ Contain the Zone (at All Costs)

OFFICIAL ROLE & VALUES

FATE LETTER

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THE BUREAUCRAT: The career "suit" first entrusted with containing the Zone. You studied it, secretly orchestrating dozens of clinical experiments on locals to assess the risk. Now you've been cut you off from them. You need to know what happened to them—and the risk it poses to the rest of the world.

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CHIMERAS: You love to collect... parts. To make something... new.

ESCAPE THIS PATHETIC BODY: Become the next life form

THOSE LOVELY INSIDES: Is each patient just another present to be unwrapped?

EXCISE IMPERFECTION: Only you have the exquisite vision of what your flesh could be

YOUR FULL POTENTIAL: There is so much more you can do with your hands. Procedures forbidden, out there.

REMOVE ALL THE PAIN: Suffering is just a bug in the human code. You can fix it. For everyone.

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AMPUTATION: What parts of you would you want to lose first... and last?

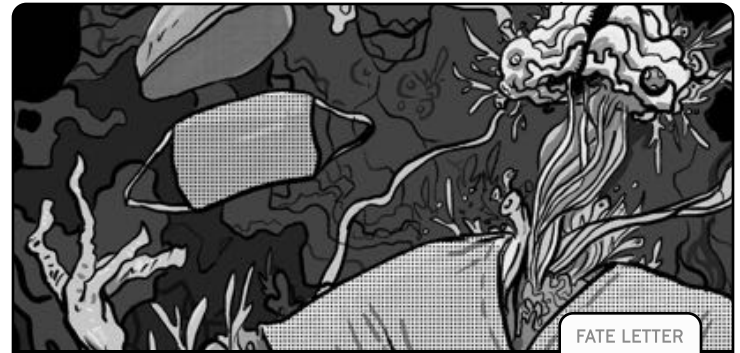
SKIN PRISON: Can you really not rise from this broken sack of organs and guts?

BLOOD: What will you do to avoid the sight, the smell—the taste?

RUINING YOURSELF: How many ways can you try to remake yourself, and instead make it worse?

BAD CUTS: How many have you closed up, maimed within?

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT: If every action ripples into infinity, won't everything you do eventually hurt someone?



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THE SURGEON

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OFFICIAL ROLE & VALUES

- ▶ Keep Everyone "Alive"
- ▶ The Body Is My Playground
- ▶ Second, Do No Harm
- ▶ There's Always a Procedure

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THE SURGEON: You're the one they call in for the strange cases, the anomalies, the operations others simply refuse to do. Your work has pushed the boundaries of our of human anatomy. Some would say you've gone too far. But you don't care—you love getting your hands dirty.

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FATE CODE

OFFICIAL ROLE & VALUES

Role

Backstory

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Portrait