

# FALLOUT: EQUESTRIA

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Welcome to the Equestrian Wasteland. There are a few things you're going to need if you want to survive out here: a weapon, armored barding, a bit of guidance... and most importantly, you need to make some friends.

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# **Character Creation**

**Pick a race:** The main races to choose from are: Earth Pony, Pegasus, Unicorn, Griffin and Zebra. Characters may choose to be a Ghoul of any of these races. Changelings, Minotaurs, or Alicorns are a special race only available in games set after the events of *Fallout: Equestria*, and only with GM permission. (With GM permission, some alternate races such as Buffalo or Baby Dragon may also be available, but these are not covered in the core rules.)

**Earth Pony:** Earth ponies can select either a base perk or an earth pony perk for free at the beginning of character creation. This perk may have a level requirement no higher than level four, and the earth pony must otherwise meet the perk's requirements. Additionally, they get one additional bonus perk every five levels (6th, 11th, 16th, etc) which they can use to take any perk with a level requirement no higher than half their level (rounded up) that they otherwise qualify for. Earth ponies can have a Special Talent. Earth ponies may invent schematics based on their Special Talent, substituting the Tagged skill associated with their Special Talent for the Invention rolls.

**Pegasus:** Pegasi have wings and can fly. They begin with the perk Flight (rank 1), and can increase their flight capabilities with perks. Pegasi have Trick Points, may perform basic Pegasus Tricks, and can take Pegasus Trick perks. Pegasi have a Special Talent.

**Unicorn:** Unicorns can cast spells. Unicorn characters start with the additional statistics of Versatility, Potency and Strain. Unicorns can have a Special Talent.

**Griffin:** Griffins have wings and can fly. Griffins begin with the perk Flight (rank 2). Griffins have Trick Points and have a limited ability to perform Pegasus Tricks. They also possess natural talons, giving them a +d10 to damage when using bare talons in unarmed combat. Griffins may also use items from inventory at reduced AP cost.

**Zebra:** Zebras can use alchemy and may learn zebra shamanism if they have the Shaman or Tribal Shaman trait. Zebras may have a Special Talent.

**Changeling:** The basic changeling drone starts without TAG skills, but have basic flight (rank 1), have access to magic (Versatility, Potency) and can make use of Trick points.

Changelings start with double the maximum strain of a unicorn, but start with 50% strain drained, and they lose 10 strain daily. Changelings don't recover strain naturally and by default loose strain at 2 per hour. They are natural symbiotes and only regenerate strain when in the presence of emotions being directed at them either by a friend +1 or a lover +2. Multiple friends are additive.

Changelings begin with a changeling version of Arcane blast (basic unicorn offensive spell), a Change form spell, Changeling Goo spell, and a Harden chitin spell. Changelings also start out attuned towards a race of equine, and may attune towards more races to gain access to the template racial perks until eventually they have the flight aptitude of a pegasi and the magical aptitude of a unicorn.

**Ghouls:** Playing a Ghoul requires that you take the Ghoul Trait. Any race may be a ghoul.

### **Alicorns:**

- Alicorns have wings and can fly. Alicorns start with the flight aptitudes of pegasi and the magical aptitudes of unicorns. They begin with Versatility, Potency, Strain and Trick Points. They may take unicorn and pegasus racial perks, but may not take pegasus-only Pegasus Trick perks.
- Alicorns start with no cutie mark and only two Tagged skills. During play, an alicorn character may discover their special talent, gaining her cutie mark and an associated Tagged skill. (Players should work with their GM on when and how this may occur.)
- Alicorns are extremely homogeneous. All alicorns must take the Large Frame and Radiation Child traits (excluding them from taking any other traits).
- Alicorns have three breeds, each with an associated spell. Blue (Invisibility), Purple (Teleportation) and Green (Telepathy). Green alicorns can also combine their spellcasting with other Green alicorns for greater effect, but at the cost of absolute concentration.
- Alicorns are required to fill their initial magical skill slots with their breed spell (first), Alicorn Shield and Telekinesis. Only after these three spells have been taken may they take spells of their own choice. These three spells are considered to be Alicorn "Racial Spells".
- Alicorns have +1 bonus to Potency when casting their Alicorn Racial Spells. (This can raise their effective Potency for those spells to a maximum of 11.)
- Alicorns are immune to Taint.

**Choose SPECIAL attributes:** The name "SPECIAL" is an acronym standing for the primary attributes of characters in Fallout: Equestria: Strength, Perception, Endurance, Charisma, Intelligence, Agility and Luck.

Your character starts with 5 in each SPECIAL, and you have five additional points to spend. You may choose to lower one or more of your SPECIALS to gain more points. The minimum that you can lower a SPECIAL to is 3, and the highest a SPECIAL can reach is 10.

Once you have assigned your SPECIALS, calculate your derived statistics: Hit Points, Action Points, Critical Success & Failure ranges, Healing Rate, Combat Initiative, Radiation & Poison Resistance and Carry Weight. If you are playing a Unicorn (or Alicorn), calculate your derived spellcasting stats as well: Potency, Versatility and Strain.

**Strength** determines how much you can carry as well as damage for melee and unarmed combat. Additionally, strength is important for satisfying the minimum Strength requirements on weapons. You start with a Carry Weight of 25 lbs and gain 25 lbs. of **Carry Weight** per point of Strength (unless you have the Large Frame or Blueblood trait). Also, if you meet the minimum strength requirements of your weapon you do not suffer accuracy penalties with that weapon. Battle Saddles reduce the Strength requirement for weapons built into them. **Strength** affects your **Melee** skill.

**Perception** determines your ability to notice things, from spotting a hidden wall safe to detecting enemies. **Perception** affects your **Explosives**, **Lockpick** and **Magical Weapons** skills.

**Endurance** is a measure of your physical and mental hardiness, resilience, health and willpower. Endurance determines your hit points and your poison and radiation resistance, as well as the Strain and starting Potency scores for spellcasters, and the resilience of ghouls. Your hit points at first level are  $100 + (3 \times \text{END})$ , and each level you gain **Hit Points** equal to your Endurance. If one area of your body (head, torso or any of your limbs) suffers an amount of damage equal to half your full hit points, rounded down, it becomes crippled. Your initial **Poison Resistance** and **Radiation Resistance**, as well as your DT against Stun, are equal to double your  $(\text{END} - 1)$ . Spellcasters start with a **Potency**, equal to  $(\text{END} / 2)$  rounded up, and **Strain** equal to  $(30 + [\text{END} \times 3] + [\text{INT} \times 3])$ . Spellcasters gain  $(\text{END} + \text{INT})$  Strain each level. In addition, Endurance determines a character's natural **Healing Rate**. Your character heals  $1 + (\text{END} / 3, \text{rounded up})$  hit points per hour of rest. **Endurance** affects your **Battle Saddles**, **Survival** and **Unarmed** skills.

**Charisma** affects the disposition of all NPCs. Disposition is also affected somewhat by karma (most NPCs like good characters more), quests (doing a quest in a way an NPC likes can dramatically boost disposition), and roleplay (being a jerk in conversations can lower disposition). Charisma may also limit your ability to gain followers. Additionally, Charisma partially governs a flying character's ability to perform stunts of aerial and weather magic; pegasi, alicorns and griffins start with  $([\text{AGI} + \text{CHA}] / 2)$  Trick Points for performing Pegasus Tricks. Finally, Charisma measures your spiritual resilience and is used to resist attacks on the soul (particularly those from the powers of spirits or the Necromancy spell set) and has an effect on a ghoul's resilience. Shamans start with a Spirit Affinity equal to  $(\text{CHA} / 2)$  rounded up. **Charisma** affects your **Barter** and **Speech** skills.

**Intelligence** determines the number of skill points you receive each time you level up, as well as the Strain and starting Versatility scores for spellcasters. The base number of skill points gained per level is  $10 + (\text{INT} / 2)$ . This is not rounded, so characters with odd scores in Intelligence will gain an extra skill point on even levels. Spellcasters start with a **Versatility**, equal to  $(\text{INT} / 2)$  rounded up, and **Strain** equal to  $(30 + [\text{END} \times 3] + [\text{INT} \times 3])$ . Spellcasters gain  $(\text{END} + \text{INT})$  Strain each level. Skill points gained for raised Intelligence are not retroactive for past levels. **Intelligence** affects your **Mechanics**, **Medicine** and **Science** skills.

**Agility** determines the number of **Action Points (AP)** skill points your character has. Characters receive  $55 + (\text{AGI} \times 3)$  action points. Agility also helps determine how quickly you act in combat. Additionally, Agility partially governs a flying character's ability to perform stunts of aerial and weather magic; pegasi, alicorns and griffins start with  $([\text{AGI} + \text{CHA}] / 2)$  Trick Points

for performing Pegasus Tricks. A character's **Combat Initiative** is equal to  $1d10 + \text{AGI}$ . **Agility** affects your **Firearms** and **Sneak** skills.

**Luck** affects all skills as well as the likelihood of critical successes or failures. Any roll that is less than or equal to your Luck is a **Critical Success**. Any roll that is equal to or greater than 94 plus (Luck / 2, rounded down) is a **Critical Failure**. Luck is also used to determine how fortunate you are when scavenging. Unlike other SPECIAL scores, Luck has no specific skills associated with it. Instead, every two points of Luck adds one point to all skills.

**Choose Virtue, Karma and Special Talent:** Your virtue is that one good trait that can help you weather the worst that the wasteland throws at you. Having a virtue is what separates player characters, even the wicked ones, from the completely irredeemable raiders. A player may choose to play a character who has not discovered her virtue yet. But all player characters *must* have a virtue.

Your character has her own **Karma** and it is affected by the actions you perform. The ends of the spectrum are +100 in which you are a paragon of everything right in the world and -100 in which you are a vilified monster, with 0 being the middle ground of neutrality or ambivalence. You start the game with a choice of either 10, -10 or 0 karma. Karma effects NPC disposition.

If your character is a pony or a zebra, determine what your character's special talent is. Your special talent is that one thing your are really good at, that makes you special. If your character is a pony, your character will have a cutie mark that symbolizes this talent. If your character is a zebra, you will have a glyph mark which represents this talent. Decide what your character's cutie mark or glyph mark is. A player may choose to play a young pony or zebra character who has not yet discovered their Special Talent and thus does not have a cutie mark or glyph mark (see the Blank Flank trait).

**Choose Traits:** You may choose up to two traits from the following list for your character.

**Blank Flank (Earth Pony, Pegasus, Unicorn or Zebra only):** You are a child, still too young to have discovered your Special Talent. You gain the trait Small Frame without it counting towards your limit of two traits. Additionally, you have no cutie mark and start with only two tagged skills. However, during the course of the game, you may discover your Special Talent (either through an arrangement with the GM or spontaneously upon rolling a Critical Success in a non-tagged skill). Upon discovering your Special Talent, you immediately gain your third tagged skill in the skill you achieved Critical Success in or otherwise is most appropriate, only with a +20 bonus rather than a +15.

**Blueblood:** You are as beautiful as prince Blueblood or Fleur de Lis, but you are a lot less resilient than a "normal" pony. You gain +1 Charisma, but you lose -50 to your Carry Weight.

**Built to Destroy:** All weapons have +3% chance to Critical Hit, but equipment condition decays faster (dropping one level after every critical failure rather than every third).

**Bruiser:** Your Strength is increased by +2, but you have 15 less Action Points.

**Chem Reliant:** Your chance of addiction when taking chems is doubled, but you will only suffer a maximum of two stacks of the addiction effect.

**Chem Resistant:** Your chance of addiction is halved, but so is the duration of chems.

**Dashite (Pegasus only):** You start out with the perk Magical Power Armor Training. (And, at the GM's discretion, you may start out with access to suit of Enclave Power Armor.) You are branded as a Dashite and no longer have your cutie mark. This trait is subject to GM approval.

**Deep Sleeper:** You sleep more soundly than most. You regain an additional 5 points of Strain per hour of sleep. You regain TP while sleeping in poor environments as if you were sleeping safe in your bed. Unfortunately, you automatically fail Perception checks to wake up unless you take damage or someone spends a full turn waking you.

**Fast Shot:** Your attacks with firearms and magical energy weapons cost 5 less AP. However, your firearms and magical energy weapons skills suffer a -10 penalty.

**Four Eyes:** Your effective Perception increases by one while wearing glasses. Whenever not wearing glasses, you suffer a -1 penalty to your Perception.

**Ghoul (any race except Alicorn):** You are undead, animated by the necromantic energies that were unleashed on Equestria in the apocalypse. Most NPCs have a lower disposition towards you. You do not need to eat, drink or sleep. You heal through exposure to radiation, as per the Radiation Child trait, but you do not heal naturally at all. When not healing, you slowly consume radiation as per the Radiation Child trait. If you lose all your radiation, you become vulnerable to physical and mental deterioration. For every (Charisma) days you remain at 0 rads, you must make a successful Endurance check or lose a permanent point of either Endurance or Intelligence. Deterioration starts first with Endurance then attacks Intelligence, reducing them to a minimum of 1. Any ghoul who reaches an Intelligence of 1 has turned "zombie" and is no longer a playable character.

**Good Natured:** Your Barter, Mechanics, Medicine, Science, Speech and Survival skills are all increased by +5. Your Battle Saddles, Explosives, Firearms, Magical Energy Weapons, Melee and Unarmed skills are all decreased by -5.

**Heavy Handed:** Your melee and unarmed do +1d10 damage, but deal -3d10 critical hit damage.

**Jinxed:** Both you and your enemies suffer double the normal chance for critical failure.

**Kamikaze:** You gain +10 Action Points but suffer -2 to your Damage Threshold.

**Large Frame:** You gain +50 carry weight, a +10 bonus to attacks when performing Unarmed advanced combat actions, and you take 25% less limb damage (this does not decrease the actual damage taken, but helps prevent crippling of limbs). However, you have a -1 to your initiative and enemies gain a +5% bonus to attacks.

**Loose Cannon:** Throwing light and heavy thrown weapons cost 30% less AP. However, the range of your throws is decreased by 25%.

**Magic Knack (Unicorn only):** You have +1 effective Potency (maximum 11) in either a single spell set or a collection of up to (Versatility) thematically related spells. (GMs must approve such collections.) You must spend your first Advanced and Expert spells improving spells you possess in this set or collection (if possible) before gaining or improving other spells.

**One Trick Pony (Unicorn only):** Unlike most Unicorns you can only cast a single spell. Lucky for you, you cast that one spell very well! You begin play with only one basic-level spell, and you cannot learn more (not even advanced or expert levels of your one spell); but you have access to the later Mighty Spell perks for that one spell, and you gain Mighty Spell (Rank 1) at sixth level for free.. Choose carefully.

**Random (Earth Pony or Zebra Only):** Your innate magic manifests more overtly than is normal for your race. You are capable of performing cartoonish, impossible feats. The exact nature and limitations of your abilities are determined by the GM. These abilities are never reliable, and the GM may overrule any manifestation of random that she considers overused, abusive or excessively advantageous. A zebra with this trait cannot take Shaman or Tribal Shaman.

**Radiation Child:** Radiation is beneficial to you. You regenerate through exposure. Your body consumes rads during the regeneration process at the rate of 10 rads per turn. However, without radiation, your body heals naturally at only a quarter of the normal rate.

- Minor Radiation Poisoning (200 - 399 rads) - HP +2 every turn
- Advanced Radiation Poisoning (400 - 599 rads) - HP +4 every turn
- Critical radiation poisoning (600 - 799 rads) - HP +6 every turn, regenerate crippled limbs
- Deadly radiation poisoning (800 - 1000 rads) - HP +8 every turn, regenerate crippled limbs. At over 1000 rads, however, you will still die. (Alicorns, ghouls and many monsters do not die, and will even become abnormally powerful from excessive radiation.)

When not healing, your body sheds radiation at the rate of 1 point per hour if you have less than

200 rads, 2 per hour at minor radiation poisoning, 4 per hour at advanced, 6 per hour at critical and 8 per hour at deadly.

**Sex Appeal:** You've got the "right" stuff. Individuals who are sexually oriented towards your gender are attracted to you, but potential sexual rivals tend to become quite jealous. Those who would be attracted to you have their disposition towards you (and you alone) raised by one level, but potential sexual rivals will have their disposition lowered by one level.

**Shaman (Zebra only):** You are a practitioner of zebra shamanism. You start with a Spirit Affinity score equal to your (CHA / 2, rounded up).

**Small Frame:** You gain +1 Agility, but your limbs suffer 25% more limb damage. This does not affect actual damage taken.

**Spiritually Awakened:** You are gifted with the ability to see and communicate with spirits and ghosts who are normally imperceptible. The character's attunement to the spirit world makes them naturally well-disposed with ghosts and spirits, granting a +10 to Speech and +1 to Charisma for purposes of talking to ghosts and spirits. This bonus to Charisma factors into a shaman's Spirit Affinity rating.

**Spread Thin (Unicorn only):** Your breadth of ability is second to none. If your spells weren't so weak, you could change the world! Your Versatility is equal to your INT and you begin play with access to all seven types of magic, however your Potency is halved (rounded up), and you cannot take the Powerful Caster or Resilient Horn Perks. Hope you're creative with what you do have! You may not have both Spread Thin and One Trick Pony.

**Stable Dweller:** You start the game with a PipBuck\*. Your starting Survival score is only (Luck / 2, rounded down) and your starting Poison and Radiation Resistances are 0. This trait is subject to GM approval.

**Tribal Shaman (Zebra only):** You are a practitioner zebra shamanism in the way of your ancestors, and benefit from ancient spirit pacts . You start with a Spirit Affinity score equal to your (CHA / 2, rounded up). You have an effective +2 Spirit Affinity with a particular type of Spirit (of your choice), and an effective -2 Spirit Affinity with another type of Spirit (of the GM's choice).

**Touched by Luna:** Your Intelligence and Perception are increased by +1 during the nighttime (maximum 10), but are reduced by -1 during the daytime (minimum 1). This trait affects your internal clock and is not affected by being indoors.

**Trigger Discipline:** Your attacks with firearms and magical energy weapons skills are made with a +10 skill modifier, but cost 5 more AP.



**Wild Wasteland:** You have the propensity for discovering or encountering extremely unusual and “wacky” elements of the Equestria Wasteland. When coupled with Random, you are also possessed of unusual perception (such as limited precognition or the ability to see ghosts). This trait is subject to GM approval.

\*A PipBuck effectively grants the wearer the following spells at no strain: Light, Locate Object (tagged objects whose tagged codes I know), Organize and Target (aka S.A.T.S.). These spells are considered to be cast at Expert level, but with a Potency and Versatility of only 1 each. Activating any of these abilities is a 10 AP action and may be activated once a turn. Additionally, the PipBuck effectively grants the wearer the Detect Others (aka E.F.S.) spell at Advanced level with a Potency of 1. Activating this ability is a 25 AP action. All PipBucks and suits of magically powered barding have tags. PipBucks also include a radio and automapping features, as well as a port for a peripheral. PipBucks are subject to disabling through damage or anti-matrix weaponry.

**Calculate starting skill values and choose TAG skills:** The starting value of each skill is equal to double the skill’s associated SPECIAL plus half your Luck (rounded down).

Choose three skills that your character is naturally good at. These are your Tagged skills, and you gain 15 extra points in each of them. If you are a zebra or a pony, one of these skills should be associated with your Special Talent. If you are playing a pony or zebra who has not discovered their Special Talent, you may only choose two Tagged skills, but you will spontaneously gain the benefits of your third Tagged skill when you discover your Special Talent. (The skill associated with your Special Talent cannot be an already Tagged skill.) *A character may raise the skill associated with her Special Talent to 115. All other skills cap at 100.*

The **Barter** skill covers understanding of economics and trade, as well as dealings with spirits. Barter is primarily used in the buying and selling of items, such as trading with a merchant or scavenger. This skill alters prices for purchasing and selling items as shown below. Modifiers include factors such as item condition and NPC disposition. Barter is also the primary skill involved in shamanism. The governing SPECIAL for **Barter** is **Charisma**.

The cost for a PC to buy an item will be equal to:  $155\% - [\text{Barter} \times 0.45\%] \times \text{modifier}$ .  
The value at which a PC can sell an item is equal to:  $45\% + [\text{Barter} \times 0.45\%] \times \text{modifier}$ .

The **Battle Saddles** skill determines the character’s accuracy with every type of Battle Saddle. (For more on Battle Saddles vs other weapon types, see the [Firearms & Battle Saddles](#) document.) The governing SPECIAL for **Battle Saddles** is **Endurance**.

The **Explosives** skill determines the character’s accuracy with all mines, grenades, and weapons which launch explosive ordnance such as missile launchers and grenade machine guns. It also governs a character’s ability to disarm an explosive. With proper components and sufficient explosives skill, a character can craft some forms of explosives. The governing

SPECIAL for **Explosives** is **Perception**.

The **Firearms** skill determines the player's accuracy with every kind of conventional firearm, from pistols and rifles to miniguns. The governing SPECIAL for **Firearms** is **Agility**.

The **Lockpick** skill governs a character's ability to pick locks. The governing SPECIAL for **Lockpick** is **Perception**.

The **Magical Energy Weapons** skill determines the character's accuracy with all ranged magical weapons. The governing SPECIAL for **Magical Energy Weapons** is **Perception**.

The **Mechanics** skill governs a character's ability to build, modify or repair items, as well as to disable machines and non-explosive traps, and to scavenge useful parts from mechanical devices such as robots. The governing SPECIAL for **Mechanics** is **Intelligence**.

The **Medicine** determines how effective a character is at using medicinal items and many medical spells. A character's medicine skill will affect how many hit points she will replenish when using a healing potion or other healing item -- for every ten full points the administering character has in medicine, magical healing items will heal an additional 1d10 hit points. With proper ingredients and sufficient medicine skill, a character can craft some chemicals and healing items. Non-magical care combined with a successful medicine skill check can double a character's natural healing rate. The governing SPECIAL for **Medicine** is **Intelligence**.

The **Melee** skill determines the character's accuracy with all melee weapons. The governing SPECIAL for **Melee** is **Strength**.

The **Science** skill determines the character's grasp of mundane and arcane sciences. Science governs a character's ability to invent, hack terminals, as well as the character's ability to operate pre-war technology. Science is also the primary skill involved in spellcasting. The governing SPECIAL for **Science** is **Intelligence**.

The **Sneak** skill determines the character's proficiency at remaining undetected and performing acts of theft. The first attack by a successfully sneaking character against an unaware target gains a +30 bonus to hit and a +20% chance of critical success. The governing SPECIAL for **Sneak** is **Agility**.

The **Speech** skill determines the character's proficiency at persuading or intimidating, talking her way out of combat, or convincing people to give up vital information. Speech is also used for insight into the communication of others, to recognize a bluff, catch hidden context, and understand body language. Speech rolls are usually used to augment roleplaying when dealing

with NPCs. The governing SPECIAL for **Speech** is **Charisma**.

The **Survival** determines the character's overall wasteland savvy and her proficiency at cooking, scavenging, tracking and crafting "natural" equipment and consumables. Survival informs a character about weather, geography and orientation. Survival also determines how skilled a zebra is at alchemy, and helps determine what brews and salves an alchemist can create with the right ingredients. The governing SPECIAL for **Survival** is **Endurance**.

The **Unarmed** skill determines the character's accuracy in unarmed or martial combat, as well as non-explosive thrown weapons. The governing SPECIAL for **Unarmed** is **Endurance**.

Characters are free to have non-quantified skills and esoteric knowledges -- no skill points need to be spent to know how to play the guitar, fold origami or have an encyclopedic knowledge of comic books.

**Choose Spells:** Unicorn (and Alicorn) characters must choose spell sets and starting spells. All unicorns have access to General spells. These are basic, utilitarian spells. Unicorns gain the spells *Telekinesis* and *Light* for free, unless they have the trait *One Trick Pony*. In addition, every unicorn begins play with access to a single other spell-set of their choice, considered their primary spell set. This is typically associated with their particular talent. Unicorns begin play with a number of spells chosen from their primary spell set equal to their Versatility.

**Determine Starting Equipment:** Each character starts with 300 caps of equipment (any caps left over are kept as hard currency). Characters purchase starting equipment at cost, regardless of Barter skill. For lists of available equipment, see the [Tiered Weapons List](#) and the [Miscellaneous Items List](#). Starting characters have access to weapons on Tier 0 and Tier 1 of the weapons list. Equipment purchased during character creation are always in "good" condition and are not subject to Barter adjustments.

In games which start at higher levels, the GM should assign a greater amount of starting caps and may additionally wish to increase the tiers of weapons that the characters have access to for beginning equipment.

(Optional System: For groups who want more variety and complexity in their equipment, this advanced [Weapons and Armor list](#) is available. GMs using the Tiered Weapons List may also choose to allow players to take weapons or armor from this list that are not duplicated in the Tiered Weapons List.)

# **Character Improvement**

**Leveling Up:** You gain experience points for accomplishing goals, killing things, cunning plans or really just about anything that the GM feels it would merit it. Experience points are rewarded at the end of each session. Your character gains a level when she reaches the associated experience total.

<b>Level 1:</b> ---	<b>Level 11:</b> 55,000 XP	<b>Level 21:</b> 210,000 XP
<b>Level 2:</b> 1,000 XP	<b>Level 12:</b> 66,000 XP	<b>Level 22:</b> 231,000 XP
<b>Level 3:</b> 3,000 XP	<b>Level 13:</b> 78,000 XP	<b>Level 23:</b> 253,000 XP
<b>Level 4:</b> 6,000 XP	<b>Level 14:</b> 91,000 XP	<b>Level 24:</b> 276,000 XP
<b>Level 5:</b> 10,000 XP	<b>Level 15:</b> 105,000 XP	<b>Level 25:</b> 300,000 XP
<b>Level 6:</b> 15,000 XP	<b>Level 16:</b> 120,000 XP	<b>Level 26:</b> 325,000 XP
<b>Level 7:</b> 21,000 XP	<b>Level 17:</b> 136,000 XP	<b>Level 27:</b> 351,000 XP
<b>Level 8:</b> 28,000 XP	<b>Level 18:</b> 153,000 XP	<b>Level 28:</b> 378,000 XP
<b>Level 9:</b> 36,000 XP	<b>Level 19:</b> 171,000 XP	<b>Level 29:</b> 406,000 XP
<b>Level 10:</b> 45,000 XP	<b>Level 20:</b> 190,000 XP	<b>Level 30:</b> 435,000 XP

The Game Master is permitted to cap the game at Level 20. Levels above 20 are considered “Epic” levels and are usually reserved for long-running games with grand plots.

**Improving Skills:** Each time your character gains a new level, she gains a number of skill points which may be freely distributed amongst her skills. The number of skill points the character receives is equal to  $10 + (\text{INT} / 2)$ . This is not rounded, so characters with odd scores in Intelligence will gain an extra skill point on even levels. Enhancements or reductions to Intelligence do not change her number of skill points. Permanent changes to Intelligence do not affect skill points gained from previous levels.

**Improving Hit Points, Trick Points and Strain:** Each time your character gains a new level, she gains a number of additional hit points equal to her Endurance. Pegasi, alicorns and griffins gain a Trick Point each level. Spellcasters gain additional Strain equal to their Intelligence plus their Endurance each level. Temporary enhancements and reductions to Intelligence or Endurance do alter a character’s Hit Points and Strain. Permanent changes to these SPECIALs will change Hit Points and Strain gained across all character levels.

**Gaining Perks:** Your character gains a perk every time she gains a level. There are over 200 perks available in *Fallout: Equestria*. For a list of available perks, see the [Perk Revisions List](#). Perks have requirements which must be met before taking the perk. Temporary enhancements or alterations (such as from drugs or spells) do not allow a character to take perks she would not normally qualify for. Temporary reductions (such as from poison or armor penalties) do not prevent a character from taking a perk, although a character is cannot use

perks she has but does not currently qualify for. Many perks have ranks. This means that the perk may be taken multiple times. Usually, these additional ranks may be taken at any level after the perk is gained, although some perks have separate level restrictions for additional ranks. Any such restrictions are listed in the perk's description. Additionally, some perks which have multiple ranks also come with a special benefit for taking all levels of the perk. This is called a Mastery benefit and is listed in the perk's description.

**Special Bonuses:** Your character can also improve her SPECIALS, skills and other attributes through bonuses gained by items. Most bonuses are temporary, either lasting a pre-set limited duration (such as bonuses from drugs) or only while your character is actively using the item (such as bonuses from clothing). However, there are a few items in the Equestrian Wasteland which can be used for permanent character improvement.

**Ministry Mare Statuettes** are magical items that grant a permanent boost to one of a character's SPECIALS: Strength, Perception, Endurance, Charisma, Intelligence or Agility. The statuettes are small, indestructible figurines in the form of the Ministry Mares. There are only 42 of these statuettes in existence, seven of each. Character in possession of more than one of these statuettes often find themselves being influenced as if by the Ministry Mares themselves.

A character who possesses two statuettes of the same Ministry Mare only gains a benefit from one. Likewise, only one character may benefit from a Ministry Mare statuette at a time. However, the character will retain the benefit of a statuette until either she dies or she willingly gives the statuette away -- it cannot be stolen. There is no Ministry Mare Statuette which corresponds to Luck. Instead a character who possesses a statuette of one of each of the six Ministry Mares will gain the quest perk *My Little Ponies*, which grants a permanent +1 bonus to Luck. The benefits from Ministry Mare Statuettes cannot raise a SPECIAL above 10.

**Cybernetic Implants** can grant a permanent +1 bonus to a SPECIAL. Clinics capable of performing cybersurgery are extremely rare and expensive. A character can only raise each SPECIAL once through these purchased implants and may only possess one such implant per two points of Endurance (not counting Endurance gained from Cybernetic Implants) unless the character has the Cyberpony perk. Every rank of the Cyberpony perk allows the character to possess one additional purchased implant in addition to other benefits. Bonuses gained from cybernetic implants can raise a SPECIAL above 10. A character may not benefit from both cybernetic implants and permanent alchemical enhancements. Cybernetic Implants can be disabled by anti-matrix grenades or similar weapons. Disabled implants can be reactivated at a cybersurgery-capable clinic.

*Note: any race can get cybernetic implants. But amongst the playable races, only Earth Ponies have a hardy and subtle enough magical nature to survive the extremely invasive level of alteration involved in becoming a Cyberpony with their abilities intact. Cybernetic implants may be used to justify relatively minor amounts of other cybernetics (such as a replaced hoof or*

*single cybernetic eye) in characters from other races.*

Zebra alchemy is capable of crafting brews which bestow permanent **alchemical enhancements**. Alchemical enhancements do not increase SPECIALS or skills. Rather, alchemy recipes exist which enhance derived statistics such as Action Points, resistances, healing rate, strain recovery and even the amount of damage limbs can take without being crippled. All permanent alchemical enhancement recipes require Expert Alchemy to brew. (The expert recipes give only a few examples. GMs are encouraged to create more for their games using these as a guideline.) A character may only benefit from one alchemical enhancement per two points of Endurance. As mentioned above, a character may not benefit from both permanent alchemical enhancements and cybernetic implants.

Specific pre-war **books**, such as *Supernaturals* (skill: Medicine), can grant a permanent bonus to skills. Reading one of these books grants the character a +3 permanent bonus to the associated skill (+4 with the Comprehension perk). It takes a character one week to read a book (three days if the character possesses the Egghead perk, the Comprehension perk, or both). Once a character has read a book, she cannot benefit from reading that book, or another copy of the same book, again. The exception to this is if the character obtains both a Ministry of Image approved copy of the book and a pre-Ministry copy. In this case, the benefits from both of these books stack. There are two books which do not have pre- and post- Ministry of Image versions: *The Principles of Proper Pony Speech* (skill: Speech) and *The Wasteland Survival Guide* (skill: Survival).

Specific pre-war **magazines** grant a one-time +10 bonus to a skill. Once a character reads one of these magazines, she has the ability to apply a +10 bonus to a single future skill roll involving the appropriate skill. The character may choose to apply this bonus after the skill roll has been made. A character may have as many as one reserved magazine bonus per two points of intelligence. It takes a character twelve hours to read a magazine (only six if the character possesses the Egghead perk, the Comprehension perk, or both).

*Note: the list of pre-war books and magazines which grant bonuses is part of the Scavenging Tables. Updated and complete Scavenging Tables are still under development. You can find the original set of tables [here](#).*

# Gameplay

**SPECIAL Rolls:** Many times, your character may be called on to make rolls based on one of her SPECIALs, such as a Strength or a Perception check. This requires rolling 1d10. To succeed, the character must roll equal to or under that SPECIAL, plus or minus any modifiers. Modifiers can adjust the difficulty of this roll up to plus or minus 3, with a maximum of 10 and a minimum of 1.

No character may succeed on a SPECIAL roll for a SPECIAL that has been reduced to 0. SPECIALS may be reduced to 0 through damage (such as poisons) or through penalties from sources that specify that they can reduce the SPECIAL to an effective rating of 0 for purposes of a specific roll.

**Skill Rolls:** Succeeding in a skill test requires rolling percentile dice against a difficulty equal to your skill plus or minus any modifiers. Having perks in the relevant fields help decrease the modifier. Having tools, and being prepared for the task also helps decreasing the difficulty. Having friends with relevant skill assisting can decrease the modifier, as can working under ideal conditions (well rested, not stressed, sleepy or in combat).

**Very Easy +50% :** These are trivial tasks either far beneath the characters ability or a task that has been made much easier by some other means. Examples would be: Locating an unfamiliar building with directions, repairing pre-war tech inside a Stable or selling something to a merchant you already know for a higher price.

**Easy +30% :** An otherwise ordinary task made much easier. Examples: Foraging for food in a old farm, tending to a wounded person in a hospital theatre.

**Ordinary +0% :** This is a task that is commonplace for the character, something they do every day. Examples: Foraging or scavenging for food, operating self explanatory pre-war tech.

**Difficult -30% :** This task is being hampered by some mitigating factor. Examples: Using poor tools to repair or construct something, trying to find your way through a forest with a poor trail.

**Hard -50% :** Attempting a feat beyond the characters capacity. Examples: Operating pre-war tech with little to no knowledge of it, calming a feral mutant, performing feats of great acrobatics.

**Very Hard -80% :** Not only are these tests far beyond the characters capacity they are usually made worse by external circumstances. Examples: Operating complex pre-war tech in the dark, performing surgery in a sandstorm, disassembling a prototype or otherwise unheard of firearm.

Many challenges require a certain level of skill to even attempt. (For example, a Mechanics of 25 is necessary in order to properly modify a weapon with a weapon mod.) Likewise, terminals and locks are rated according to the base skill required to attempt to hack or pick them. Many tests which require specific skill levels can be repeatedly tried, although there is usually a cost or limitation on doing so. Most terminals will lock down and become unhackable after three failed attempts. Picking a lock also requires a screwdriver and a bobby pin, and each failure

costs the character a bobby pin. Critical failure ends a character's ability to continue with repeatable tests -- the lock jams, the terminal goes into permanent lockdown, a part breaks, etc.

**Very Easy:** 0 skill requirement.

**Easy / Ordinary:** 25 skill requirement.

**Difficult:** 50 skill requirement.

**Hard:** 75 skill requirement.

**Very Hard:** 100 skill requirement.

**Assisting:** A character may attempt to assist another character in making a skill check. This reduces the difficulty modifier by one.

In a situation where a proficiency roll is called for that is not clearly covered by one of the skills, a SPECIAL roll can be used as a substitute. (For example, any character can know how to sing without spending points in any particular skill. But if a character is using a singing performance to attempt to overcome an obstacle or influence NPCs, then charisma can be used to substitute the speech skill). Sometimes, you can substitute one skill for another (For example, a roll for botany could be arguably either Science or Survival.) In such cases, the GM should allow either to be used, but decide which is most applicable for the specific circumstance and give a penalty for using the less applicable skill.

**Opposed Rolls:** Characters often find themselves pitted directly against an opponent in a contest of SPECIALs or Skills. At these times, characters may be called on to make opposed tests. To do so, each character makes her required roll and compares how well she did by subtracting her roll from her SPECIAL or Skill. The resulting number is her degree of success. (Failure will result in a negative number.) The opponent with the highest degree of success wins. Ties are won by the character with the highest Luck. (If the same, test again.)

On rare occasions, an opposed roll may be required between a SPECIAL and a Skill. In such cases, a skilled individual has an advantage over someone just relying on natural aptitude. The opponent making the Skill test divides their degree of success by ten, rounding up. The result is then compared to the degree of success from her opponent.

*(Example: Red Button knows a timberwolf has gotten into her Stable, and is actively looking for it. The GM called for Red Button to make a Perception test opposed by the Timberwolf's Sneak. Red Button has a Perception of 8 and rolls a 3. This gives her 5 degrees of success. The Timberwolf has a Sneak of 45 and rolls an 13. This gives it  $(32 / 10, \text{rounded up}) = 4$  degrees of success. Red Button spots the Timberwolf sneaking across one of the Atrium walkways.)*

Depending on the situation, If both parties fail their rolls, garnering negative degrees of success, the better number may still result in victory. (For example: even if both contestants in a



tug-o'-war fail their Strength tests, the one who got the higher degree of success is still victorious.)

**Critical Success and Critical Failure:** Outside of combat, any roll of 1 on a SPECIAL roll is considered a Critical Success. On a skill roll, any roll that is less than or equal to the character Luck is a Critical Success. Critical Success means that the character succeeds above and beyond what is being called for, and the GM should reward the character's success with a bonus. (For example, a zebra who scores a critical success on a Survival roll for alchemy may have a brew that is more powerful than normal, or that required one less herb. A critical success on a Speech check may better the target's disposition.)

Outside of combat, any roll of 10 on a SPECIAL roll is considered a Critical Failure. Likewise, any Skill roll higher than  $95 + (\text{LUCK} / 2, \text{rounded down})$  is a Critical Failure. This means something *bad* happens. (For example, a pony who scores a Critical Failure on a Sneak roll may accidentally step into a radroach trap and yelp loudly as it snaps shut on her hoof.)

*Players may make suggestions for the effects of a Critical Success or Failure; however it is ultimately it is the GM's decision as to what happens.*

**Enhancement and Reduction:** Some effects can increase or reduce a character's SPECIALs, skills or other values. If multiple effects increase a value, apply any straight numerical bonuses first and any multiplicative bonuses second. If multiple effects reduce a value, apply any numerical penalties first and any divisive qualities second. Always apply effects that increase before effects that reduce.

*(Example: Xelix is wearing zebra prime armor, which normally provides a DT of 10. He has the perk Tough Hide, for an extra +2 DT. A slaver shoots him with a flechette, which doubles DT by also reduces DT by 8. Xelix's DT against the attack is 16:  $[(10 + 2) * 2] - 8$ .)*

Unless otherwise stated, any perk, spell or other effect that directly increases or decreases a SPECIAL cannot increase that SPECIAL higher than 10 or lower than 1. Poisons, some attacks, and environmental hazards can reduce a SPECIAL to 0.

In some cases, having a SPECIAL reduced to 0 has a unique effect. (For example, a spirit may have a spirit power which drains Charisma, and when the character's Charisma reaches 0, the character becomes "Discorded".) Otherwise, the following effects apply: if a character's Strength, Perception or Agility is reduced to 0, the character is paralyzed; if her Charisma or Intelligence is reduced to 0, the character ceases to be a playable character; and if her Endurance is reduced to 0, the character dies.

Unless otherwise noted, enhancements or damage from spells end when the spell's duration ends. The recovery time for SPECIAL damage depends on the source of the damage. Some

sources of SPECIAL damage, such as **Pink Cloud**, may only be healed through magic. And a few rare sources, such as **Taint**, are permanently debilitating.

Any perk, spell or other effect that directly increases or decreases a skill cannot increase that skill higher than 100 (or 115 in the case of the tagged skill related to the character's Special Talent) or lower than the character's critical success threshold. However, increases or decreases beyond these limits still counteract penalties or bonuses.

*(Example: Viewing Glass casts expert Soft Light on Red Button, granting her a +40 bonus to her Speech. However, Red Button's Speech is already 80, so the spell only raises it to 100. The last 20 points of bonus have no effect. However, if Red Button was suffering a -20 penalty because she was trying to be diplomatic in a language she barely knew, those 20 extra points would cancel out her penalty.)*

Unless otherwise noted, a character cannot stack benefits from the same source of enhancement or closely related sources. If a character gains the same type of enhancement from two closely related sources, the character gains the greater benefit, not both.

*(Example: Mudu drinks. Mudu drinks a lot, in fact. But no matter how many bottles of vodka Mudu downs in an hour, he never gains more than +2 to his Charisma and +1 to his Strength. Likewise, Mudu cannot take the chem Painkiller multiple times for stacking effects, and taking both Painkiller and Stampede will not have a beneficial effect that he would not have received for just taking Stampede... although he would have to deal with possible addiction from each.)*

**Environmental and Other Hazards:** In the Equestrian Wasteland, characters will often find themselves at risk from dangers beyond those of other characters or monsters. Below are some of the most common hazards.

**Drowning** may occur if a character remains underwater without means of breathing beyond the point where she can hold her breath. A character may hold her breath for her Endurance in turns without difficulty. Once she has exceeded this time, she may make an Endurance check to hold her breath for an additional turn. Each successive turn after, she may make another Endurance check at a cumulative -1 penalty (to a maximum penalty of -3). Once the character fails an Endurance check, she begins to drown. A drowning character loses one END per turn. When she reaches 0 END, she has drowned. If she manages to get to air before this time, she will recover one lost END a minute.

**Falling** from a considerable height is likely to cause crippling injuries or death. For every full 10 feet of distance a character falls, the character takes 10 + 1d10 damage, to a maximum of 150 +15d10 for a fall from 150 feet or higher. This damage is applied to all limbs for purposes of crippling. Only half of a character's Damage Threshold (DT) from armor applies, as well as full DT from perks (such as *Tough Hide*) or Medical spells.

**Poisons** can be resisted with a Poison Resistance roll. Each administering of the poison is resisted separately. If the resistance roll succeeds, the poison has no effect. If poisons are administered by a weapon using burst or auto fire, the poison can only be applied successfully once per attack, but the resistance roll must be made per bullet which hits until failed. Most poisons and attacks have damage that recovers over time. If the recovery time of a poison or similarly damaging attack is not stated, use the following guideline:

**Weak:** recover one lost SPECIAL point every ten minutes.

**Moderate:** recover one lost SPECIAL point every hour.

**Strong:** recover one lost SPECIAL point each day. With a full day of rest, she may recover all lost SPECIAL points if she makes a successful END check at a penalty of -1.

**Deadly:** once per day, the character may recover one lost SPECIAL point if she makes a successful END check at a penalty of -3.

**Radiation** builds up in a character's body. For every Exposure Interval (EI) that the character is exposed to radiation, she absorbs an amount of rads equal to the amount of rads the hazard inflicts reduced by her radiation resistance. The length of an EI is determined by the hazard. Passing through a warehouse of seeping barrels of glowing goo will likely inflict Rads every turn, while passing near a megaspell crater will probably only inflict Rads every hour. Rad-inflicting consumables, such as irradiated food, inflict their radiation only once. (Note: the boost to radiation resistance from equipment such as radiation suits do not reduce rads from consumed sources, but the radiation resistance boost from magic or chems will.)

Rads are cumulative. When a character's rads increase beyond certain levels, she takes damage to her SPECIALs according as below, reducing the SPECIALs affected (minimum 1).

0-199	<b>No Effect</b>	No Damage
200-399	<b>Minor Radiation Poisoning</b>	-1 END
400-599	<b>Advanced Radiation Poisoning</b>	-2 END, -1 AGI
600-799	<b>Critical Radiation Poisoning</b>	-3 END, -2 AGI, -1 STR
800-999	<b>Deadly Radiation Poisoning</b>	-3 END, -2 AGI, -2 STR
1000+	<b>Fatal Radiation Poisoning</b>	Death

This damage remains until her accumulated rads are reduced to a lower level.

**Sleep Deprivation** also results in SPECIAL loss. The EI for sleep deprivation is 12 hours (if using a 16-hour day, or 16 hours if using a 24-hour day). Characters lose one SPECIAL at the end of every EI that they have stayed awake. SPECIALs are lost in the following order: Agility, Intelligence, Perception, Endurance.

*(Example: Father White-Eyes and Cherry Topping have stayed awake for 96 hours. Cherry Topping is suffering -2 to Agility and Intelligence, -1 to Perception and Endurance. Father*

*White-Eyes, being a ghoul, is just fine.)*

These losses will drop the SPECIAL to a minimum of 1. Once the character loses more than one point of Perception, hallucinations may begin. Death does not actually occur from sleep loss, although the severely compromised Endurance of somepony suffering sleep deprivation can make sickness and other hazards far more deadly.

A solid hour of sleep regains a lost SPECIAL. SPECIALS lost to sleep deprivation are regained in reverse order.

Many other **environmental hazards** will have Exposure Intervals and may offer resistance rolls to avoid damage.

*(Example: A Crimson's Caravans detachment traveling in the Frozen North finds themselves facing **extreme cold** which deals -1 AGI damage (minimum 0) then -1 END (minimum 0) with an EI of one hour and an END roll to resist with a bonus of +1 to +3 for suitable winter barding. Fortunately, huddling together in shelter around a campfire will allow them to regain lost SPECIALs.)*

**Item Condition, Degradation and Repair:** Most equipment and other items found in the Equestrian Wasteland are in various states of damage or disrepair. Items in perfect condition are virtually unheard of. Characters skilled in Mechanics may attempt to repair damaged items. To repair a damaged item, you need tools (usually either a toolkit or a sewing kit) and materials. Similar items (such as two weapons which use the same ammo) can be torn apart for materials. An item can be used to repair a similar item with a degradation level no less than one level below the item being repaired. Bundles of components, scrap metal and Wonderglue may also be used to repair appropriate items. Armor and weapon repair kits may be consumed to repair degradation provided the character has the appropriate mechanics skill.

### Degradation Levels

Condition	Damage Multiplier	DT	Value	Critical Chance Luck Modifier	Necessary Mechanics Skill to repair up to this level
Perfect	x 1.10	+2 DT	120 %	+2 effective Luck	100
Good	x 1	+0 DT	100 %	+1 effective Luck	75
Used	x .90	-2 DT	75 %	+0 effective Luck	50
Heavily Used	x .50	½ DT	50 %	-1 effective Luck	25
Poor	x .33	⅓ DT	25 %	-3 effective Luck	0

Fractions for damage, DT and value due to condition are always rounded up.

Items that fall below poor condition are destroyed, and may not be repaired. (But they may still be used to repair items in poor condition.)

*(Example: Red Button has a Mechanics of 50. She has scavenged three 9mm pistols, two in poor condition and one that was destroyed. She uses the destroyed pistol to repair one of the poor pistols to the condition of heavily used, then uses the remaining poor pistol to repair the heavily used pistol to the used condition. If she had an additional heavily used pistol, she could not repair the used pistol further because she does not have the requisite skill.)*

Items suffer degradation under the following conditions.

**Damage:** If an item is directly targeted (such as by a disarm attempt) and the attacker rolls a critical success, the item's condition degrades a level. When an attacker scores a critical success on an attack against a target wearing armor, and the base damage (not including dice) before crit multiplier is greater than the armor's DT, she may chose to forfeit the bonus damage in exchange for causing the armor to degrade a level. If a character is killed, the barding and clothing that character is wearing drops a degradation level. If an item suffers significant damage from an attack such that the item should logically be damaged or destroyed, the GM

may opt to drop the item's condition by one or more levels.

**Critical Failure:** Every third time a character critically fails while using an item, the item's condition degrades a level *in addition to the other effects of the critical failure*.

**Neglect:** Weapons, armor or machines which go without routine maintenance for an extended period of time, may drop a condition level. Normal wear and tear will usually not cause such items to drop more than one level during the course of a game. With a Mechanics of 25, a character with a weapon repair kit and an armor repair kit can keep their weapons and armor maintained. For weapons, the appropriate weapons skill may be used in place of Mechanics. For magically powered armor, an additional Science skill of 25 is required.

**Environment:** Items subjected to damaging or hazardous environments (such as being submerged underwater for an extended period) may cause the item's condition to drop a level.

In addition, items may be damaged or destroyed during a **Breach Lock** attempt: A character may expend an explosive and attempt to substitute Explosives for Lockpick in order to get past a lock. However, this has a good chance of damaging contents inside a locked container. The GM rolls for each item inside (excluding bottlecaps or pre-war bits). On a roll less than or equal to the base damage of the explosive used (minus 5% for each degree of success the character had on her Explosive roll, and minus 5% for each rank the character has in *Explodee McGee*), the item takes damage. Hardy items, such as weapons and armor, suffer one degree of degradation. Others, such as ammunition or medical supplies, will be destroyed.

A critical hit from a magical energy weapon which kills the target will turn the target to ash or goo, including destroying the target's armor and any integrated weapons. The target's other items will still be scavengable. The target's weapons should be treated as having suffered one critical failure.

**Modifying Equipment:** Various modifications for weapons, barding and other items exist in the wasteland. In order for a character make these modifications, the character must possess the requisite tools and Mechanics skill.

**Simple Modifications (Mechanics 25):** You can add weapon mods to weapons and turn some forms of clothing or light barding into reinforced barding. You may also swap out weapons of very similar design (such as an assault rifle for a Zebra Rifle) in a battle saddle. Requires tools (and the appropriate mod kits). You can make minor modifications to a vehicle (such as adding a quick-release mechanism to a wagon harness). Time required: one hour, halved with a successful easy Mechanics skill roll.

**Standard Modifications (Mechanics 50):** You can modify a vehicle, such as adding armor plating or mounting a weapon. (Mounted weapons require a character at the mount to operate the weapon.) You can build weapons into a new battle saddle, or rebuild an existing battle saddle one with different weapons. You can reinforce combat armor. You can perform a trigger conversion on a weapon. You may modify existing non-powered armor for use by an alicorn with

reduced benefit. You can craft an item based on a schematic. Requires tools and a workbench. Time required: 6 hours, halved with a successful moderate Mechanics roll.

**Advanced Modifications (Mechanics 75):** You can mount a weapon on a vehicle and integrate the weapon's controls so that they may be operated from inside the vehicle or by the vehicle's pilot. You can modify a battle saddle integrated into magically powered armor (such as adding a battle saddle mod or redesigning the trigger to not rely on helmet input). You can combine three or more sets of non-powered armor (all of at least the desired condition) to create a set of that armor suitable for an alicorn. Requires tools and a workbench. Time required: 12 hours, halved with a successful hard Mechanics roll.

**Expert Modifications (Mechanics 100):** You can dismount an integrated vehicle weapon and even modify it for conventional use. You can modify a battle saddle beyond normal limitations. Four light projectile or magical energy weapons can be built into the battle saddle, either two pairs of identical weapon or four identical weapons. If all four weapons are identical, they may all be linked. Time required: 18 hours, halved with a successful very hard Mechanics roll. *Such battle saddles are always custom built and should not be available through other means.*

**Invention:** Characters with sufficient Science skill may attempt to create schematics for new crafted chems or mundane equipment. To create a schematic, the character must have the appropriate level of Science and succeed at a Hard difficulty Science test. Before a character can create a higher-rank schematic, they must possess a schematic of the same item for each lower rank. Chems may be invented using the Medicine skill instead, but at a penalty of -10. Alchemical recipes may also be invented using Survival instead of Science so long as the character has Alchemy perk necessary. (Note: Earth ponies may substitute the Tagged skill associated with their Special Talent for inventions related to their Special Talent.)

Creating a schematic takes a day per rank to create. Once a schematic has been created, the player and GM should collaborate to choose four or five required components or ingredients necessary to craft the item from the schematic. For particularly complex or unique inventions, GMs may require a higher-rank schematic, or require multiple sub-schematics.

**Rank 1 Schematic (Skill 50):** Creates a basic schematic for a craftable item. The character who is crafting based off this schematic suffers a -10 penalty to her skill for the crafting roll.

**Rank 2 Schematic (Skill 75):** Creates an advanced schematic. The character who is crafting based off this schematic gains no bonus or penalty to her skill for the crafting roll.

**Rank 3 Schematic (Skill 100):** The character who is crafting based off this schematic gains a +10 bonus to her skill for the crafting roll.

**Scavenging:** Searching for salvageable goods is often critical to survival in the Equestrian

Wasteland. When a character searches a general area (such as a house or a factory yard), the character should make a Perception check in order to find possibly valuable or useful items. Success can result in either directly finding items that are out in the open or finding containers which may hold valuables, such as a safe or locker. This roll may be modified by how well hidden the item or container is. Obvious containers (like a row of lockers on a wall) or items in plain sight (like a book on a table) should be very easy to find, requiring no Perception check.

After generations of previous scavengers, almost all unlocked containers in the Equestrian Wasteland have been previously looted. Getting into locked containers requires first sufficient Lockpick skill rating to attempt the lock and then a successful Lockpick check (see [Skill Rolls](#)). In some cases, hacking a nearby terminal with a successful Science skill check will allow a character to open a locked safe or vault remotely.

Luck plays a vital role in random looting, determining how much random goods a character finds in addition to any specific items predetermined by the GM. A failed luck roll will usually mean locked containers hold meager rewards and a higher degree of relatively worthless items. GMs are encouraged to reward a critical success on a scavenging Luck check with extra valuables. Likewise, several perks (such as Fortune Finder and Scrounger) will increase the amount of goods a character will discover. *Note: Updated and complete Scavenging Tables are still under development. You can find the original set of tables [here](#). GMs are encouraged to tailor results to their campaign.*

Searching a broad area for specific items, and foraging for alchemical herbs and other ingredients in the wild require a successful Survival check.

**NPC Disposition:** The disposition of an NPC signifies the attitude that the NPC has towards a character or group. This will help determine who likely an NPC is to agree with (or even listen to) a character. Disposition is affected by Charisma, Speech rolls, roleplay and character actions. Entire communities or factions will develop a disposition towards a character or group based on their actions and associations. These mass dispositions are considered the character's **Reputation** with that community or faction. Disposition commonly modifies Speech and Barter checks as per the chart below.

In many parts of the Equestrian Wastelands, depending on era, NPCs can be expected to have a less pleasant disposition towards certain types of characters (especially ghouls, zebras, cyberponies or pegasi).

If a character has at least 25 positive or negative Karma, the disposition of NPCs with the same type of Karma will improve by one, and the disposition of NPCs with the opposite type of Karma will be reduced by one. Spirits of virtues (such as hope or laughter) and vices (such as jealousy and fear) react as NPCs with positive or negative Karma respectively, and their disposition will shift for every 25 points of a character's Karma.



Loving / Worship	The NPC or group will readily listen to you and will view your actions in the best possible light. They will want to assist you even at cost to themselves. They will consider how they can be of benefit to you. +20 Bonus
Friendly	The NPC or group will listen to you and will view your actions with a friendly bias whenever possible. They will want to assist you so long as doing so doesn't harm or impede themselves. They will consider you as an ally. +10 Bonus
Indifferent	The NPC or group will give your words a fair hearing and assess your deeds with an unbiased mind. They can be persuaded to assist you, although probably at a cost. They will consider how you can be of benefit to them.
Quarrelsome	The NPC or group will interpret your words and actions in the least flattering or fair way possible. They will not assist, and may even initiate combat with provocation. They may consider you as an enemy, but will largely not want to consider you at all. -10 Penalty
Hostile	The NPC or group will not listen, will actively work against you and will very likely to initiate combat with or without provocation. They will largely consider how they can hurt you. -20 Penalty

**Stealth:** One of the most valuable skills in the Equestrian Wasteland is often that of going unnoticed. Stealth is always an opposed check between the Sneak skill of the character attempting to go unnoticed and the Perception of the potential observer. As with any check where a skill is opposed by a SPECIAL, the character using the skill rounds up for determining degrees of success. Both the character's Sneak roll and the potential observer's Perception check may be (and often are) modified due to situation and conditions. As with combat, these modifiers are capable of exceeding the +/- 30 modifiers to Skill checks. Likewise, modifiers to Perception checks for spotting characters attempting stealth may exceed the normal +/- 3 limit. Some bonuses may increase a Sneak or Perception score above the normal maximum (usually 100 for Sneak and 10 for Perception); those bonuses which may break the normal maximum are always added last.

While the Sneak skill covers moving quietly, keeping to shadows, using cover and other aspects of stealth, a character's Sneak check may be modified by environmental conditions that are conducive or adverse to stealth attempts. These bonuses or penalties are only applied to a roll where the environment impacts the primary sense that the potential observer would use to notice the character. Environmental bonuses or penalties cannot exceed the +/- 30 limit, and cannot raise a skill beyond its normal maximum. However, stealth perks such as *Ghost* or *Death From Above* grant special bonuses that may exceed this limit and can raise the character's effective Sneak beyond the normal maximum.

Modifier	Example Conditions
+30	Raging battle (hearing), Complete darkness (sight), Dark forest at night (sight), Obscured by a weaponized contrail (sight)
+20	Functioning factory machinery (hearing), Flying under cloudy night skies in the wasteland (sight), Obscured by a cloud contrail (sight)
+10	Observer engaged in conversation (hearing), Poorly lit building with scattered furniture/rubble (sight), Obscured by a contrail (sight)
-10	Creaky wooden staircase (hearing), Wearing noisy clothing or spurs that jingle (hearing), Whispering softly (hearing), Carrying large amounts of caps (hearing), Flying in open air at dusk (sight), Glowing horn (sight)
-20	Floor scattered with broken glass (hearing), Having just made a stealthy kill (hearing), Barren field lacking cover (sight)
-30	Speaking quietly (hearing), Dropping something (hearing), Well lit Stable hallway free of clutter (sight), Flying in open air on a sunny day (sight), Keeping a Pipbuck light on (sight), Unfortunately-placed mirror (sight), Sprinting (hearing, negated by Silent Gallop perk)

*Example: Sweet Tooth is attempting to sneak by a zombie pony (feral ghoul) in a narrow, darkened tunnel. The zombie pony would be using sight as its primary sense, so Sweet Tooth gains a +20 bonus to her Sneak check. Since Sweet Tooth has the Ghost perk, this becomes a +40 bonus, the latter +20 of which (from Ghost) can raise her Sneak above its maximum. If Sweet Tooth was attempting to sneak by a bloodwing (who would detect by echolocation) or a Steel Ranger (who would detect by the arcane detection magic of her E.F.S.), then Sweet Tooth would gain no environmental bonus for the darkness.*

Perception checks against sneaking characters are most commonly modified due to range or number of potential observers.

Range	Bonus	Range	Bonus
Touch*	+3	Medium	-1
Point Blank	+1	Long	-3
Short	+0	Extreme	as per long, but cannot be observed except with scope / binoculars

\*When a potential observer relying primarily on sight is approached from behind, this is reduced to the Point Blank bonus.

When a Sneak check is being opposed by a group of potential observers, the potential observer with the highest Perception makes the roll. Identically stated groups of creatures gain a +2 variance bonus to Perception checks to simulate a degree of variety amongst the individual creatures' perceptiveness. This bonus cannot raise the creatures' effective perception above

10.

The potential observer in a group gains a +1 bonus to the roll for each additional member of the group, to a maximum of +5. This bonus may increase the potential observer's Perception above 10. Larger groups should be divided, making separate rolls.

*Example: Now, Sweet Tooth is attempting to sneak by a group of eight zombie ponies in the same darkened, narrow tunnel. The zombie ponies are generically stated with a Perception of 4. The GM rules that they are all milling about in a general throng, so divides the zombie ponies into one group of six and one group of two. The zombie ponies get two checks to spot Sweet Tooth. The first check is for the group of six, and is rolling using an effective Perception of 4 + 2 (variance) +1 (point blank due to narrow tunnel) +5 (group), for an effective Perception of 12. The second group only gets a +1 bonus for group size, for an effective Perception of 8. Fortunately for Sweet Tooth, she has the Ghost perk and her Special Talent is related to stealth, giving her a maximum Sneak of 115. Sweet Tooth's current Sneak skill is at 100, so for this roll her effective her Sneak is 100 +15 (Darkness, maxing at 115) +20 (Ghost), for an effective Sneak of 135.*

If someone or something is rendered undetectable to a sense, Perception rolls using that sense automatically fail. Examples include attempting to see invisible objects, smell odorless gas, or hear silenced weapons. Flight is considered silent for basic Movement actions (but not Sprinting). However, air disturbance can be detected through the sense of touch.

**Flight:** Many characters and monsters are capable of flight.

**Freefall:** When a character is falling, and has no means of guiding her descent, the character is in freefall. Freefall continues until the character is able to gain control of her descent or impacts with the ground or another object below her. Damage for impact from a freefall is covered under Falling in the [Environmental and Other Hazards](#) rules. If a character is falling more than 150 feet, the character may attempt to break out of freefall if she has wings or another means that would allow flight. Doing so requires a successful Agility check at a penalty of -3. (Characters attempting to break out of freefall using self-levitation must instead make a Science check at -30.) If a character is falling such a sufficiently extreme distance that the GM rules the fall lasts multiple turns, the character may make this check once per turn until she succeeds or freefall is otherwise ended.

**Basic Flight Maneuvers:** Flying characters can perform basic flying tricks such as hovering, landing, flips and more with ease. Doing so under combat or adverse conditions may call for an Agility check at a base +3 bonus before penalties for conditions are applied. Failure results in a lost of flight integrity, usually causing freefall.

**Adverse conditions:** Flight and navigation can be hampered by adverse conditions, including

poor visibility, combat and extreme weather. These conditions can impose a -1 to -3 penalty to Agility checks for flight and a -10 to -30 penalty to Survival checks for navigation. In combat, penalties for different types of adverse conditions can stack beyond the normal maximum of -3 for SPECIAL checks and -30 for Skill checks. Failure for an Agility check can result in freefall or being swept up in the adverse weather.

Adverse conditions can artificially increase or reduce a flying character's effective flight rank. Strong head winds can reduce flight rank by up to two effective levels to the character's movements rates. Strong tail winds can add an effective level of flight rank to the character's movement rates.

Flying characters who are ascending at more than a casual angle (generally, any angle over 45 degrees) loses an effective flight rank. Flying characters who are descending in a steep dive gains an effective flight rank.

Effective flight rank only applies to movement rates and meeting requirements for performing Pegasus Tricks. If a character's effective flight rank is lower than the Flight Rank required to perform a Trick, she are too hindered to perform it. However effective flight rank does not change the effectiveness of Pegasus Tricks she can perform. Nor does it alter the character's defensive bonuses (if any) granted by her Flight Rank perks. Effective flight rank cannot allow a character to perform a pegasus trick that they have not learned (although there have been rare cases when the pegasus trick corresponded to the pegasus' Special Talent).

If a character is carrying more than her Carry Weight allows, the character's effective flight rank drops to 1 in addition to the normal penalty for being over-encumbered. If the character is encumbered enough to drop her Agility to 0, she loses the ability to fly.

When pulling a wagon or other vehicle that is up to one size category larger than herself, a flying character can use the Pegasus Trick *Haul* to negates the encumbrance-based drop in effective flight rank to 1 and reduces the Agility penalty caused by the weight of the vehicle and its contents to -3. This drop in Agility will still cause the effective flight rank of the character to drop if the character no longer meets the prerequisites for their Flight Rank perks.

**Collision:** Collision occurs if a character impacts another creature or object while in flight. Collision deals Stun damage to both the character and the object (if a living creature) that the character has collided with. The amount of Stun damage dealt is based on the effective flight rank that the character was traveling at (to a maximum effective flight rank of 5). For every effective flight rank, the collision deals 20 + 2d10 Stun. If the collision is head-on with another moving creature or object, Stun damage is dealt based on the effective flight speed of both. Moving objects which are not flying are considered to have an effective flight speed of 1 for purposes of determining damage. If the collision is intentional by any creature involved, that creature must make a successful Unarmed attack roll and does not gain their Stun DT against the damage.

If the character collides with an object or creature a size larger than herself, or a fixed-position object of equal size, the character's flight comes to an abrupt halt (often followed by freefall or comical sliding down the impacted surface). If the character collides with an object which is a size smaller than herself, or equal to herself and also flying, all creatures involved in the impact must make a successful Agility check to avoid entering freefall.

# **Combat**

**Initiative and Combat Sequence:** Combat is divided into turns (generally considered six seconds long). During each turn, a character can take multiple actions by spending Action Points (AP). Each character has a number of Action Points equal to  $55 + (AGI \times 3)$ . This bank of Action Points refreshes at the beginning of each turn.

Often, one or more combatants will initiate combat without the other side being fully prepared, such as in an ambush. In these cases, the combatant(s) initiating combat get a full turn of actions before their opponents can respond. After those actions are over, or when combat is initiated in a situation where all opponents are combat-ready, then initiative is rolled.

All combatants make an Initiative roll, which is  $1d10 + AGI$ . The combatant with the highest roll acts first, the combatant with the second highest roll acts second, and so forth, continuing until the combatant with the lowest initiative roll has acted. At that point, the turn is over, every combatant's AP bank refreshes, and a new turn begins.

If combatants roll the same total initiative, the one with the highest Perception acts first. If the combatants' Perceptions are identical, the one with the highest Luck acts first. If both are identical, they act simultaneously. The Game Master should keep track of the sequence of simultaneous actions. For example, if a character using an AP 20 weapon is going simultaneously with an enemy casting an AP 45 spell, and the character deals enough damage to kill the enemy in the first two attacks, then the enemy will die before she has had time to cast her spell. For ease of gameplay, a Game Master may opt to roll a single initiative for all enemy combatants using the average of their Agility scores.

**Basic Combat Actions:** The most common combat actions are attacking and spellcasting. The AP costs for these actions depend on weapon or spell being used, and are listed in the weapon's description on the [Tiered Weapons List](#). All spells have an AP cost of 45 except for the two general spells *Light* and *Telekinesis*. It does not take any Action Points to cast these spells; actions taken with *Telekinesis* still require the normal AP costs to take.

Characters in combat will want to perform more complex and tactical actions than just attacking and spellcasting. These are divided into Movement Actions, Advanced Combat Actions and Special Actions. Below is a list of other combat actions that a character may choose to take and their associated AP costs. With the exception of the *Speed Burst* perk, no effect or combination of effects can reduce any action's AP cost below AP 10.

**Movement Actions:** Movement actions allow a character to traverse a distance for part of their Action Points. Conditions can impose a bonus or penalty to the character's effective

Agility for the purpose of movement rates. (For example: moving through snow can give a penalty depending on the depth of the snow.) If a character's effective Agility is reduced to 0, the character cannot move.

If a character is carrying more than her Carry Weight allows, her effective Agility for movement is reduced to 1. Excessive weight beyond a character's Carry Weight allowance will reduce her effective Agility for movement to 0.

**Movement:** Basic movement is  $END + AGI$  in yards. This costs **15 AP**

**Charging:**  $(END + AGI) * 1.5$  in yards in a straight line per **10 AP**  
**15 AP** to safely slow down

Until your next turn, you get a **+10% accuracy bonus per 10 AP(charged)** to be hit by someone you are charging towards. Instead of slowing down safely, Instead you can perform a Slam, Tackle, or Flying Tackles (assuming you have the AP). Add half the AP charged as base damage against anyone in your way including yourself. Armor protects against this damage.

**Flying Charge**

$(END + AGI) * 3$  in yards in a straight line per **10 AP**

**30 AP** to safely slow down. **20 AP** to slow down at the cost of an endurance check.

Until your next turn, you get a **+10% accuracy bonus per 10 AP(charged)** to be hit by someone you are charging towards. Instead of slowing down safely, Instead you can perform a Slam, Tackle, or Flying Tackles (assuming you have the AP). Add half the AP charged as base damage against anyone in your way including yourself. Armor protects against this damage.

**Combat Roll (30AP)**

$(AGI)$  in yards in a straight line backwards/forwards/sideways, keeping your facing the enemy.  
Can put out fires.

**Climbing:** You can climb up to half your  $STR + END + AGI$  in feet for **30AP** assuming you can find places to grip. The GM may require an Agility or Survival roll to find purchase on trees, rocks, statues, and other objects not explicitly made for climbing.

**Dropping (Taking Cover):** You can drop to the ground (for instance, to take cover) for **10 AP** while crouching is free. Any cover bonus gained will be as specified by the GM.

**Flying:** If you are capable of flight, then you may perform aerial movement, charging and sprinting actions. In combat, the AP cost for these maneuvers is identical to those for other characters, but your movement distance is multiplied by your flight rank. (Out of combat, flying characters can reach their full potential speed, and so movement distance is multiplied by double your flight rank. However, it may take a little time to reach full speed.)

**Jumping:** Small jumps can be made freely as part of movement, but a pony attempting to jump very high or very far spends 15 AP or adds 10 AP a movement action. The maximum height a pony can easily jump is half their **(STR + AGI)** in feet. For distance, a pony can leap **(STR + AGI)** in feet with Charging adding a bonus equal one quarter of the distance charged. Both of these can be bolstered by taking a temporary one point penalty to Endurance in order to add the END to the distance. The penalty goes away when you have time to rest e.g. ten minutes of sitting still.

**Sprinting:** Flat-out movement costs **15 AP per (END + [AGI x 2]) yards + 15 AP** to slow down enough to take other actions. If you do not slow down by the end of your turn, you are still considered to be sprinting at the start of your next turn.

**Stand Up:** Standing up from a crouch costs only **15 AP**. If you were laying down, standing up costs **30 AP**.

**Swimming:** You can swim up to your **STR+END+AGI** in feet for **15 AP**.

## **Advanced Combat Actions:**

**Break Free:** To break free of someone choking or pinning you, you must win an opposed STR test at a cost of **35 AP** for you.

**Quick attack (Attack AP -5AP)**

**-Roll:** Normal Attack with melee, or unarmed at **-20% accuracy**.

**Steady blow (Attack AP +5AP)**

**-Roll:** Normal Attack with melee or unarmed at **+10% accuracy**

**Wild Swing (all AP, if AP ≥ 5AP)**

Attack with any readied melee weapon or an unarmed attack.

**-Roll:** Attack at **-10% accuracy** for every **5AP** missing.

**Parry: 15 AP on opponents turn - Attempt to parry all melee attacks from a single opponent.**

Roll opposed Melee or Unarmed at +10% when defending.

Usable with a ranged weapon: **-25% penalty to accuracy**, but cant riposte.

**Block:** AP cost Featured on shield. Activated on opponents turn.

Roll opposed melee to apply shield DT on a single melee attack (cannot block targeted hits).

Shields also have a passive block rate.

**Bash:** AP cost Featured on shield. Roll melee skill to inflict shield DT as damage on the



opponent. Critical hit features knockback effect.

**Disarm: Melee weapon AP +20 AP**

Roll opposed Melee or Unarmed skill vs Melee at **-40% accuracy**

This can be improved by making it a precise strike.

Doesn't work against Battle-Saddles.

**Buck (Attack AP +10AP)** Cannot be parried. Deal rear leg unarmed damage twice

**-during Combat Roll:** +15% accuracy.

**Knocks back** by one foot per 2 damage dealt and knocks your opponent down.

**Knocking back** into an object amplifies damage by feet left to travel.

You get a **+10% accuracy** bonus to *be* hit until your next turn. Cumulative.

**Catch: 15 AP.** Catching is an action that combines a movement action with an Unarmed skill check for the cost of that movement action. A character who does not wish to be caught may attempt to avoid the catch with an Agility check with a penalty equal to -1 for every degree of success by which the Unarmed skill check succeeded, to a maximum of -3. (The effect of catching an object or creature depends on the circumstance and may require further rolls. Catching a grenade will stop the grenade's travel; catching a flying dragon isn't going to stop the dragon's flight.)

**Choke -40 AP (must be paid each turn.)**

**-Roll against target:** STR+1d10 vs AGI+1d10

**-if using telekinesis against target:** POT\*2 +1d10 vs END +1d10

A choked opponent must make an endurance check at -1(cumulative pr turn) and is at a 30% penalty to any action other than breaking free.

You cannot use your hooves or use your magic for anything else while maintaining this kind of pin.

**Escape:** A character who is being held but not bound, choked or pinned can attempt to dislodge herself from the hold. This attempt costs **20 AP** and is a Strength or Agility check opposed by her opponent's Strength check. If the opponent is attempting any other action (including being engaged in flight or other movement), the character gains a +2 bonus to the check. A character may attempt escape actions before their turn in the combat sequence by borrowing AP from their upcoming turn. However, doing so increases the cost by **10 AP**.

**Trip (weapon AP cost)**

**-Roll:** Melee or Unarmed. Counts as *Normal Attack* but deals no damage.

**-Roll:** STR (or POT\*2 for TK wielded weapons) + d10 vs AGI + d10 to knock down.

**Pin (Weapon AP cost to initiate. 20 AP must be paid each turn to maintain pin.)**

**-Roll:** Melee or Unarmed. Counts as *Normal Attack* but deals no damage.

**-Roll against knocked down target:** Opposed STR test

**-when using telekinesis roll against knocked down target:**  $POT*2 + d10$  vs  $STR + END + d10$

A pinned opponent cannot move and is at a 30% penalty to any action other than breaking free. You cannot move or use your hooves(etc.) while maintaining a pin. If pinning with telekinesis you cannot use magic for any other purpose than maintaining a pin.

**Slam (40 AP)** Cannot be parried.

**-Roll: Unarmed at +20% accuracy** to deal base unarmed damage.

**-Roll:** Opposed  $STR + d10$  to knock your opponent back by margin of success in feet.

**-AGI check by opponent** to stay upright at a penalty of half your margin of success.

**Knocking back** into an object amplifies damage by feet left to travel and knocks them down. (25AP to get up.)

If you **fail** to beat the opposed  $STR + d10$  roll, roll **AGI** to stay upright.

**Stomp (Attack AP)** Cannot be parried. Target must be prone.

Roll Unarmed to deal unarmed damage. Full damage to limb.

**Headbutt (Attack AP +10 AP)**

**-Roll:** Aimed unarmed attack with head Penalties equal to called shot or aimed attack.

- if head the target will loose damage dealt in **AP** rounded to the *nearest 5* up to the next turn (if miss or chest no such thing).

- If not wearing helm you lose **AP** equal to half of the target's DT rounded to the *nearest 5* up to the next turn.

This attack doesn't apply *Piercing Hoof*.

**Tackle (Unarmed attack AP)** Can only be initiated during a move action (+15 AP cost).

**-Roll:** Unarmed skill to deal half unarmed damage to knock target down

**Tackle into pin (must pay 20 AP on next turn to maintain pin).**

**-Roll against knocked down target:** Opposed STR test

**-when using telekinesis roll against knocked down target:**  $POT*2 + d10$  vs  $STR + END + d10$

A pinned opponent cannot move and is at a 30% penalty to any action other than breaking free. You cannot move or use your hooves(etc.) while maintaining a pin. If pinning with telekinesis you cannot use magic for any other purpose than maintaining a pin.

**Flying Tackle (Unarmed attack)** Can only be initiated during a move action (+15AP cost).

**-Roll:** Unarmed at +20 to deal full base unarmed damage twice and knock target down

**-Roll:** Opposed STR check to knock your opponent back by margin of success in feet.

**-opposed AGI check by opponent** to stay upright at a penalty of half your margin of success.

**Knocking back** into an object amplifies damage by feet left to travel and knocks them

down.

**Flying tackle into pin (remember must pay 20 AP on next turn to maintain pin)**

**-Roll against knocked down target:** Opposed STR test

**-when using telekinesis roll against knocked down target:** POT\*2 + d10 vs STR + END + d10

A pinned opponent cannot move and is at a 30% penalty to any action other than breaking free. You cannot move or use your hooves(etc.) while maintaining a pin. If pinning with telekinesis you cannot use magic for any other purpose than maintaining a pin.

**Falcon Lift perk (Unarmed attack, costs: 10 trickpoints). Must be initiated from flight.**

**-Roll:** Unarmed to initiate grapple.

**-Roll:** Opposed STR check to grapple your opponent into a suitable lifting posture.

**(remember must pay 20 AP on next turn to maintain pin)**

A pinned opponent cannot move and is at a 30% penalty to any action other than breaking free. You cannot use your claws while maintaining this pin.

**-Initiate another flight action (+15 AP) to lift the target upwards into the air. Weight will impact altitude. Overburdened characters move at half pace.**

**Bare-Hoofed Maneuvers (Requires martial artist)**

**(\* = Can be combined with other maneuvers.)**

**Jab (unarmed attack AP -5)**

Unarmed to deal your foreleg-unarmed damage.

**Straight\* (unarmed attack AP)**

**-Roll:** Unarmed to deal your foreleg-unarmed damage. A critical strike, or blow to the head, causes the opponent to flinch and lose 10 AP for their next turn. Effect does not stack.

**Thundering Hook\* (unarmed attack AP +5) Cant be parried**

**-Roll:** Unarmed to deal unarmed damage. A critical strike, or blow to the head causes the opponent to flinch and lose 10 AP for their next turn. Effect Stacks with Straight.

**Malevolent Blow\* (unarmed attack AP +10AP)**

**-Roll:** Unarmed to deal unarmed damage.

**+50% critical strike damage**

**Savage Strike\* (Unarmed attack AP -5AP)**

**-Roll:** Unarmed to deal unarmed damage. Full damage to limb. May blunt armor, weapons or shield.

**Ranged combat maneuvers:**

### **Thrown (weapon AP)**

Normal Range: STR\*6 or POT\*3 + 2d10 feet

### **Wild Shot (all AP, if AP>=5AP)**

Attack with any readied ranged weapon.

**-Roll:** Attack at **-30% accuracy** for every **5AP** missing.

### **Snap Shot (Attack AP -5AP)**

**-Roll:** Normal Attack at **-10% accuracy**.

### **Steady Shot / Scoped Shot (Attack AP +5AP)**

**-Roll:** Normal Attack at **+10% accuracy** or scope to eliminate up to 20% of range penalties.

### **Aimed Shot (Attack AP +15AP)**

**-Roll:** Normal Attack at **+20% accuracy** or scope to eliminate up to 40% of range penalties.

### **Weapon Special attack(Weapon Dependant)**

**-Roll:** Special attack AP and calculate in special attack penalties for a burst of bullets.

## **Special Actions:**

**Activate PipBuck Function:** Characters who possess a PipBuck may activate special features of their PipBuck. Activating or deactivating the PipBuck's light, or accessing its functions like Automapping, costs **10 AP**. Activating the PipBuck's *Stable-Tec Arcane Targeting System* (S.A.T.S.) also costs **10 AP** and gives you access to penalty-reductions for part of the rest of your turn. Finally, accessing the PipBuck's *Eye-Forward Sparkle* (E.F.S.) grants the character an illusionary "heads up display" that allows a character to locate and assess targets. Activating E.F.S. costs **25 AP** but will last until turned off. Turning off E.F.S. is a **0 AP** action.

**Dodge:** After other actions, you may dedicate any amount of your remaining AP to dodging. For every two AP spent, your opponents suffer a -1 penalty to Melee and Unarmed attacks against you, as well as attacks made against you from long or extreme range, to a maximum penalty equal to your (AGI x 3). This effect lasts until your AP refreshes.

**General:** A general action is any relatively simple action that doesn't fit into any of the other action types, such as opening a door or tying a rope, as well as skill-based action attempts such as hacking a terminal or picking a lock. A general action costs **25 AP** in combat and requires that the necessary equipment be already held by the pony attempting it. Inventions or equipment modifications may decrease the AP cost of specific general actions. (For example: a

quick-release harness may reduce the cost of detaching oneself from a wagon from 25 AP to 10 AP.)

**React:** Once a turn, you can choose to hold a single action in order to react to others. For instance, a guard might be staring out into the night, watching a lonely stretch of roadway. If the guard became aware of multiple enemies but didn't have a line of sight to them, they could choose to hold their action and attempt to react as enemies became visible while dashing from cover to cover. Changing what you are reacting to, or changing the react action, adds an extra **10 AP** to the action and a **-10% penalty to accuracy**. Changing multiple times accrues cumulative penalties.

**Reload:** This takes **10 AP** for single shot guns or guns with clips / drums / speed loaders or for battle saddles with a reloader lever. Revolvers, Bolt-Action, Lever-Action, and Pump-Action guns without speed loaders, and battle saddles without a reloader lever take **20 AP** to reload.

**Use Items:** Using an item from your inventory, such as a healing potion or chem, costs **20 AP** if you have hands, the Tail Trick perk or telekinesis. Otherwise, it costs **30 AP**. Because they are hung to be readily available, using holstered items (usually weapons) costs **10AP** less than the above cost. Masks, when worn, can be adjusted for use or disuse with a **10 AP** action. You must have a hand, mouth, or equivalent manipulator free to use this action.

**Unjam or De-glitch a Weapon:** It costs **Weapon attack AP** to clear a jam or fix a glitched plasma or magical weapon. Until then, the weapon will not fire. Battle saddles cost twice this AP unless modded to fix jammed weaponry.

**Attacking, Damage and Death:** To attack an opponent, the character must make a Skill Roll using the appropriate skill for the weapon that the character is wielding. Attacks made without weapons and attacks made with non-explosive thrown weapons use the Unarmed Skill. This roll is usually heavily modified by situational and attack modifiers. Modifiers can adjust the difficulty of a task *beyond* the normal limit of plus or minus 30%, up to a maximum of the character's Critical Failure rate or a minimum of the character's Critical Success rate.

In most cases, a failed roll simply means the character missed their attack or spent longer time to accomplish a task. Degrees of failure become very important if the character fails an Explosives check when lobbing an explosive or firing ordinance with an AoE value. Every degree of failure places the explosive one AoE value increment away from the intended target in a direction determined by the GM. Failed attacks with explosives may still wound or kill the target, and/or may hurt unintended targets.

Damage and other effects are usually resolved immediately after an attack is successful. However, the damage and effects of placed and thrown explosives are determined at the end of the initiative round in which they are used or triggered. Characters with react actions may to attempt to disarm the explosive (in the case of a mine or other explosive trap), find cover or escape the AoE.

If an attack is successful, the character must then determine the damage dealt. Weapons deal a base amount of damage plus a random additional amount. The base damage may be a static number, a number calculated by one of the character's SPECIALS or other statistics, or both. (For example: a pool cue has a base damage equal the character's Strength).

The random amount is generated by rolling a number of dice and adding the numbers rolled together. The number of dice rolled for each weapon is listed in the weapon's statistics on the equipment pages. Most ranged weapons use d10s which are represented in the weapon's listing as "+" marks. (For example, a plasma pistol has a damage rating of 25++. This means that the weapon deals a base damage of 25 plus a randomized additional damage of 2d10.)

Once the damage for the attack has been determined, the character who has been successfully hit subtracts from the damage the DT value of her barding or armor, shield or other defense that grants her an appropriate DT or reduces the damage by the percentage of her appropriate Resistance value, to a minimum of 0. The value of her DT is subtracted from each successful weapon hit -- *not each attack*. (For example, the DT applies separately to each shot in a burst or the hit from each linked weapon in a battle saddle.) If a hit character has Damage Reduction (DR), the listed percentage of the damage after DT is reduced. (Therefore, any DR below 100% cannot negate damage completely.)

Weapons which deal damage reduced by DT but that also deal elemental damage that is reduced by elemental resistances, or poison that is negated by a successful poison resistance

roll, apply their normal damage first. The elemental or poison damage is only applied if at least one point of normal damage is done first. (Examples include enchanted weapons such as the zebra rifle, or weapons enhanced by certain spirits or Imbuing spells.)

After the damage has been reduced, the resulting amount of damage is subtracted from the attacked character's hit points. If this reduces the character to 0 hit points or less, the character is unconscious and dying. Attacks which deal stunning or illusionary damage will leave the character unconscious but not dying.

A dying character will die in a number of turns equal to the character's Endurance unless she receives medical aid that brings her Hit Points back above 0. *(Optional: Characters who are reduced to ash or goo by a killing critical success from a magical energy weapon, or "chunky salsa" from a killing critical by an explosive weapon, are simply dead and cannot be saved.)*

Both base and random damage values, as well as the enemy's effective DT value may be modified by ammunition, special properties or other modifications.

**Critical Success or Failure in Combat:** Any successful hit that rolls less than or equal to the attacker's Luck is a critical hit. This means that the attacker has struck a particularly devastating blow. For most weapons, roll damage normally and multiply the resulting damage by 150%. Magical Energy Weapons deal 200% damage on a critical hit rather than 150% damage. If a laser or plasma Magical Energy Weapon deals enough damage on a critical hit to reduce the victim to 0 Hit Points or less, the target is disintegrated into glowing ash (if by laser) or melted into glowing goo (if by plasma). Likewise, a critical success with an explosive that reduces a victim to 0 Hit Points or less blows the target into pieces (or "chunky salsa"). *Alternately, the GM may decide to supersede these rules if something more entertaining would make as much or more sense.* (For groups who wish to use a more complex system for weapon-specific critical success values should, see the **Optional Rule: Complex Equipment** under the *Determine Starting Equipment* section of character creation.)

A sneaking character gains a +20% chance to critically hit an unaware target with her first attack. After the first attack, the target is considered aware. Sneaking characters are no longer considered sneaking after an attack unless their attacks are silent.

Any miss that rolls higher than  $95 + (\text{Luck} / 2, \text{rounded down})$  is a Critical Failure. This means something bad happens. *Typically this means either the gun jammed, glitched (for plasma and magical weapons), or the attacker injured themselves or an ally (GM's decision) at normal damage, but ultimately it is the GM's decision as to what happens.*

Regardless of modifiers, a roll of 1 is always a Critical success and a roll of 100 (for skills) or 10 (for SPECIAL rolls) are always Critical Failures.

**Attack Modifiers:** Attack chance can be modified by numerous factors, including range, attempts to attack a specific part of the body (known as **Called Shots**) and size difference between attacker and target. Below is a list of common attack modifiers.

**Attacking From the Ground:** For most beings, it is awkward to fight up close while laying down. At point blank range, the accuracy bonus is negated and there is a **-10% penalty to accuracy** if the attacker is laying down. Using Melee weapons from the ground is a bit trickier and inflicts a **-20% penalty to accuracy** due to the awkward movements necessary (though perks can reduce this).

**Bipods/Tripods/Pintle Mounts:** Long barreled weapons can be mounted on a bipod or tripod (with the Use Item action) which reduces Strength requirements by 4 as well as reducing accuracy penalties by 5% at medium range and 10% at long or extreme range. Pintle mounts negate Strength requirements for a weapon while it is attached, but attaching and detaching weapons from such a mount is generally not a combat action unless the weapon or the mount was specifically designed for it. Being generally low to the ground and not designed to rapidly shift aim, bipods negate the bonus for firing at **point blank range** and instead impose a **-20% penalty to accuracy**. At GM discretion, tripods and weapons on pintle mounts may have a **-10% penalty to accuracy** applied if attacking from an awkward angle.

**Bracing:** Resting a long barreled weapon on a suitable piece of terrain (a large rock, short wall or fence, etc) reduces Strength requirements by 2. It also reduces accuracy penalties by 5% at medium range and 10% at long or extreme range. Weapons mounted on a Battle Saddle cannot normally be braced.

**Called Shots:**

Target Location	Penalty
Body	-10% ranged / -5% melee
Limb (includes tails)	-20% ranged / -10% melee
Head	-30% ranged / -15% melee
specific part (crotch, knee, eye)	-20% in addition to the appropriate location penalty above

**Cover:** Shooting a target in cover applies a penalty as specified by the GM. This will generally be between -10% for sparse soft cover like a dead bush and -75% for near total cover e.g. firing through an arrow slit in a stone wall. Likewise, cover may protect against explosions as if the character was +1 to +3 AoE values farther away from the center of the detonation.

**Multiple Weapons:** Attacking with two weapons at the same time (**AP** cost of higher AP weapon) gives a **-20% penalty to accuracy** if both are aimed at the same target, or **-40%**



**penalty** if aiming at different targets. (These penalties may be reduced by some perks.) This penalty does not apply to weapons mounted in Battle Saddles. Some weapons carry additional penalties or simply cannot be multiple-wielded outside of a battle saddle. (See the Heavy, Set and Unwieldy special qualities in the Tiered Weapons List for details.)

**Range:**

	Range	Accuracy Modifier
Point Blank	15 ft.	+15% for Short Range weapons; -15% for Long Range and Battle Saddles
Short	50 ft.	+0%
Medium	150 ft.	-10% (-15% for short range weapons*)
Long	450 ft.	-30% (-20% for long range weapons; no short range weapons**)
Extreme	+450 ft.	-40%** (only weapons designated as long range***)

\*Thrown explosives and thrown weapons count as short range weapons

\*\*Every additional full 450 ft adds a cumulative -5%.

\*\*\*At GM discretion, a sufficiently large penalty may be applied to hit something beyond effective range.

**Size:** If the attacker and defender are different size categories, subtract the attacker's size category from the defender's and multiply the difference by 10% to get the bonus or penalty.

Size	Category
5	Enclave Thunderhead
4	Enclave Raptor or Ursa Major
3	Hydra, Ursa Minor, and huge, gigantic, terrifying, enormous, teeth-gnashing, sharp-scale-having, horn-wearing, smoke-snoring, could-eat-a-pony-in-one-bite, totally all grown-up dragon
2	Tank, passenger skywagon or young adult dragon
1	Adult buffalo, Hellhound, Manticore, wagon or young dragon
0	Pony, zebra, griffin, or very young dragon
-1	Spritebot, Bloatsprite, baby dragon
-2	Bunny or other small creature

Shipboard beam cannons on Raptors and Thunderheads are generally size 1 or 2 for their own targeting.

**Sneak Attack:** A successfully sneaking character who attacks an unaware target gains a +30 bonus to the attack as well as a +20% chance of critical hit.

**STR Requirements:** Using weapons when you have less Strength than their minimum requirement inflicts a cumulative -5% to hit and +5 AP for each missing point of STR. Battle Saddles reduce these Strength requirements by 2.

**Stable-Tec Arcane Targeting Spell:** While S.A.T.S. is active, your PipBuck negates up to 30% worth of penalizing attack modifiers. S.A.T.S. can only negate penalties; it cannot give a bonus.

**Target is on the Ground:** Similarly, it is harder to defend when not on one's feet/hooves which gives the attacker a **+20% bonus to accuracy**.

**Visibility:** The exact penalties vary substantially from one situation to another. Such penalties should be assigned by the GM on a case by case basis. Common penalties range from -10% for minor difficulties to -50% accuracy for a target that is completely invisible for any reason.

**Unbalanced Battle Saddle:** If two weapons of dissimilar design (such as a minigun and a rocket launcher) are mounted in the same battle saddle, the wearer suffers a -10 penalty to Battle Saddles rolls.

**Crippling Limbs and Hit Locations (Optional):** One of the primary values of making called shots is to attempt to cripple a limb. A character's limbs or torso become crippled when they have taken damage equal to half of the character's full hit points, rounded down. The amount of damage applied to limbs (including the head but never the torso) for purposes of determining if a limb is crippled may be modified by traits such as Large Frame or Small Frame.

Additionally, some groups may decide that they want to track where on the body each attack hits, using hit locations for all attacks instead of just called shots. In that case, the following *optional rule* applies: when you have hit a target, reverse the numbers of your roll and consult the chart below to find where you have struck. Explosives deal half their damage (rounded up) to all limbs, making crippling very likely. Spells divide their damage evenly across all limbs.

Non-Winged Opponents

01-10 Head  
11-60 Torso  
61-70 Left Foreleg  
71-80 Right Foreleg  
81-90 Left Hindleg  
91-00 Right Hindleg

Winged Opponents

01-10 Head  
11-40 Torso  
41-50 Left Foreleg  
51-60 Right Foreleg  
61-70 Left Hindleg  
71-80 Right Hindleg  
81-90 Left Wing  
91-00 Right Wing

Crippled limbs give a -3 penalty on all Strength and Endurance checks, and a -30 to all attack rolls with weapons using those limbs, as well as a corresponding drop in damage for Melee and Unarmed attacks. A crippled head gives a concussive -3 penalty to all Perception rolls. A crippled torso increases all AP costs by 10. A crippled leg will severely impede movement, doubling move AP for each crippled leg. With three crippled legs the victim will be stricken immobile. A character with even one crippled leg cannot pull a wagon or other vehicle.

A crippled wing reduces a character's effective flight rank to 1 and negates any penalties to attacks against her that an opponent would normally take due to her Flight Rank perks. Having both wings crippled renders a character unable to fly. If both wings are crippled, the character must make a succeed on an Endurance check or enter freefall. Success allows the character to make a controlled fall, landing safely. A character with a crippled wing cannot haul a vehicle through the air. If a flying character is hauling a vehicle and suffers a crippled wing, the character loses the benefit of *Haul* and must immediately make an END check as per having two crippled wings.

Crippled limbs may be cured with the right medical spells or with a successful medicine check and the use of a Doctors Bag. If a crippled limb is not treated, any further damage to that limb runs the risk of severing or destroying the limb entirely. Severed limbs can be re-attached with the right medical spells shortly after dismemberment. Disintegrated or completely destroyed

limbs cannot be replaced so easily. Needless to say, while most re-attached limbs regain full functionality, re-attaching a severed head will not bring a character back to life. An alicorn or unicorn whose shattered (or otherwise lost) horn has been repaired may make an Endurance roll at a penalty of -3 each day to regain a point of lost Potency.

A horn may be targeted at a penalty of -50 for ranged attacks or -35 for melee or unarmed attacks. However, the horn is not a normal hit location and cannot be hit without being specifically targeted. Horns can take an amount of damage equal to half the character's full HP (rounded up) before being crippled. However, horns are inherently magically resilient, possessing extra DT equal to the unicorn's or alicorn's Potency (plus any bonus from perks), and a bonus to Damage Reduction equal to double her Potency.

A crippled horn is severely painful and makes all spellcasting require a successful Science check and inflicts a -30 penalty on all spell casting which stacks with any other penalties. All other actions are at a penalty of -10 which stacks with any other penalties. Additionally, all spells cost an extra +10 strain. If a horn is crippled through a critical hit, the horn is *shattered*, reducing her Potency to 0, making spellcasting impossible, and increasing the penalty for all other actions to -20.

A character may use a React action to target a unicorn's or alicorn's horn while she is casting. A successful hit, regardless of damage, will cause the caster to lose the spell. The caster may make an Endurance check at a penalty of -1 for every full ten points of damage dealt (to a minimum effective END of 1) to attempt to recover the strain.

A tail may be targeted for circumstantial effects (such as disarming a character using Tail Trick), but attacks to the tail do not cause any loss of health and the tail is not a normal hit location.

**Healing:** Wounds recover at a natural rate of  $1 + (\text{END} / 3, \text{rounded up})$  hit points per hour of sleep. This recovery speed can be doubled with successful medical aid. This healing will not restore a crippled limb.

Hit Points can be recovered much more quickly through the use of the right medical spells or through alchemical or magical healing items such as healing potions, healing salve and magical bandages. The base healing that these items provide is augmented by the Medicine skill of the character administering the healing item. For every 10 full points of Medicine the character has, these items heal an additional +1d10 hit points. For items which heal over time, this additional healing occurs 1d10 per turn, with any remaining healing occurring on the final turn. (If using hit locations, unless otherwise noted, any item or effect which heals hit points also heals each damaged limb by that amount divided by the character's total number of limbs. A successful Medicine check may be used to focus healing onto restoring a specific, single limb.)

Magical energy damage, such as from magical energy weapons or some offense spells, are

extremely gruesome, warping the flesh so that it doesn't heal properly. Such wounds are harder to heal with magic spells and leave permanent scars. Limbs crippled with magical energy damage which are healed through natural healing, healing potions or Regeneration will be permanently debilitated, causing the character to suffer a -10 penalty on skill rolls for actions with that limb. Super Restoration Potions, the Bone Mending spell and items imbued with Spirit of Life are capable of healing wounds from magical energy damage without scarring or lasting limb impairment.

A character may heal all stun damage with an hour of rest. Illusionary damage heals the moment the illusion spell ends. Normal healing methods do not heal illusionary damage, and only healing which can heal magical energy damage can heal Stun damage.

*(Example: Get Lost has a Medicine of 73. She succeeds on a Medicine skill check to apply a healing salve to an injured friend. Healing Salve normally heals a base of 4 points of damage per turn for five turns, and gives a -1 penalty to perception for 10 turns. On the first four turns, the salve will heal 4 + 1d10 damage, and on the final turn it will heal 4 + 3d10 damage.)*

Ghouls regenerate at a rate based on their radiation level. Every hit point regenerated reduces the ghoul's radiation level. If a ghoul is at full hit points, it continues to internally consume radiation at a rate equal to its regeneration rate per hour.

*(Example: After spending hours in the immediate vicinity of a venting Stable reactor, the ghoul Sweet Tooth has become a Glowing One, maxing out her radiation level at 1000. She regenerates 8 hit points a turn until she is fully healed, losing an equal number of rads. After that, she will continue to lose rads at the rate of 8 rads an hour until she reaches 799 rads, at which point her radiation loss will drop to 6 rads an hour, and so on. Sweet Tooth is going to be a Glowing One for several days.)*

# Alchemy and Chemistry

**Chems and Addiction:** Chem (a truncation of "chemical") is post-apocalyptic slang for "drug". A chem is any chemical, medicinal or otherwise, used to cause changes in a person's behavior or biological systems. The chems of the Equestrian Wasteland alter a character's SPECIALs and/or other statistics for a limited time.

Drugs have a 10% higher base addiction chance and 5% increased reuse chance, if a character was previously addicted to it (medical treatment cannot reduce this).

All drugs have a first-addiction chance for each consecutive day of use, this increase doubles every 2nd day. This increase goes down by 4% (down to base 0%) for every day clean of that drug.

If you reach or pass the total END-Value of the combined drug/s you take, you must roll ENDURANCE not to require medical assistance.

**Addiction Tiers** (Each time you count as addicted on a corresponding roll, you advance a tier.):

**Not Addicted:** You aren't addicted to the drug.

**Casual:** When stressed you feel the need for the drug, applying the Withdrawal in those situations.

**Needing:** You have a constant, lingering need for the drug in the back of your mind, applying the Withdrawal always after onset.

**Dependant:** You feel like you *need* the drug on a deeper level; like you are less without it. Addiction is permanent. Withdrawal is always applied when off the drug after half of normal onset.

**Fatal:** The addiction is permanent. Withdrawal is always applied when off the drug. For every day of withdrawal, you receive -1 Endurance.

Drugs in the Equestrian Wasteland are partially magical, and addiction is particularly insidious. While on the drug, the character's stats are returned to normal, and then beneficial effects of the drug are applied. Each time an addicted character uses the drug, she must make the addiction roll again. Each successful addiction roll adds another stackable level of the addiction's penalties. Addiction also installs in the character a psychological drive to continue using the drug. GMs may call for an addicted character to make an Endurance or Charisma roll to fight off these urges. This roll is at a -1 penalty if the character is presented with either a good excuse or an open opportunity to take the chem, and a -3 penalty if both apply.

Addiction may be cured. However, those doctors in the wasteland who have the capacity to cure chem addiction are extremely rare. The treatment takes the better part of a day, if not longer, and is usually extremely expensive.

Chems may be created by characters using a chemistry set. Doing so requires that the character possess the chem's recipe and then makes a successful Science or Medicine check.

## **Alchemy: AND WITCHCRAFT!**

Both alchemy and Witchcraft is governed by the Survival stat (Witchcraft is basically the art of accepting an ancestral zebra spirit to gain insight into zebra alchemy at the cost of some of their own natural heritage). Often nicknamed and branded as Witches by their equine brethren these ponies would know what root does what and how to cure ailments as if wielding an ancient magic.

The making of talismans and higher forms of spirit communication is within a realm so far beyond the pony race so as to deny them access.

The simplest uses of Alchemy, called common recipes, may be crafted by any character who possesses the prerequisite skills. Beyond these common recipes, however, the magic of Alchemy is the art of the zebras alone. Basic extracts of natural magic, created with simple combinations of plants and animals. These rules include the basics for creating both standard drugs and more specialized effects.

Recipes listed in the Common section can be used by anyone with sufficient Survival skill. Basic recipes can only be used by Zebras, but require no specific perk to unlock. Advanced and Expert recipes require the associated Perks to unlock, available only to Zebras. Exotic recipes have some specialized additional requirements, typically finding an appropriate recording of the creation process.

Alchemy requires that the character possess the appropriate skill prerequisites and ingredients. The character must then make a successful skill roll.

This is a Survival skill roll, although characters may instead roll Medicine or Science for recipes with a Medicine or Science prerequisite. Some alchemy recipes are rare and require the character obtain the recipe.

All uses of Alchemy require an appropriate cooking area. A camp fire, hot plate or similar source of heat, in addition to any other materials. Most alchemy requires special herbs, referred to in game mechanics as green, red and blue herbs. These herbs may be found in the Equestrian wasteland with a successful Survival roll.

The GM may apply a difficulty modifier to this roll based on the how rare the herbs are in the area. Most outdoor or natural underground areas have at least a minor chance of finding herbs. Most indoor areas do not.

## **Alchemy Perks:**

For Alchemy-related Perks, check for zebra or witchcraft perks.

## **Common Recipes:**

**Antivenom** (Requirements: Survival 40. Ingredients: 4 Venom Sacs): Creates two doses of antivenom, allowing anyone to immediately remove all natural poisons from their system on use. Has no effect on alchemical poisons.

**Balefire Bender** (Requirements: Science 25 or Survival 40. Ingredients: Mint-als, Sparkle~Cola RAD, Vodka): Potent mixed drink filled with stimulants, what's not to love? Grants +4 DT against Magical Energy Weapons and 25% resistance to Radiation for 30 minutes.

**Flash** (Requirements: Science 50 or Survival 75, Flash Recipe. Ingredients: Dash, 2 Green Herbs, Turpentine): Dash is good, Rainboom is better, but Flash? Flash is something else altogether. While vastly shorter lived, the drug is also much more powerful. Time slows down when you Flash! Grants the user bonus AP equal to their maximum AP for a single turn. (Flash has the same addiction chance and effect as Dash.)

**Healing Potion** (Requirements: Medicine 35 or Survival 50. Ingredients: 2 Green Herbs, 1 Bottle): Creates a basic healing potion.

**Healing Salve** (Requirements: Survival 25. Ingredients: 2 Green Herbs): Heals 4 wounds per turn for 5 turns, -1 Perception for 10 turns.

**Normal Poison** (Requirements: Survival 30. Ingredients: 3 Venom Sacs or 3 Red Herbs): More lethal than weak poison. Also creates 2 doses. This poison deals 10 damage per turn for 5 turns. Multiple doses of poison stack.

**Party-Time Mint-als** (Requirements: Science 50 or Survival 75, Party-Time Mint-Als recipe. Ingredients: Mint-als, Apple Whisky, Honey Drops): Cooking with Science! Be careful what you do with the results. Creates Party-time Mint-als.

**Rainboom** (Requirements: Science 50 or Survival 75. Ingredients: Dash, Sparkle~Cola, Sugar Bombs): Creates a single dose of Rainboom, granting the user +30 AP for 4 turns on use. If you thought you could fly high before, you've not seen anything yet! (Rainboom has the same addiction chance and effect as Dash.)

**Stampede** (Requirements: Science 50 or Survival 75. Ingredients: Rage, Painkillers): One of the most difficult chemicals to produce. Creates a dose of Stampede.



**Super Restoration Potion** (Requirements: Medicine 50 or Survival 75. Ingredients: 2 Healing Potions, 1 Green Herb): Creates a Super Restoration Potion, heals 60 wounds instantly on use. If administered with a Medicine skill of at least 75, it can also heal crippled limbs and will heal magical energy damage without scars or debilitation. Using more than 1 Super Restoration Potion within 5 turns is poisonous, causing -1 to Strength, Endurance and Intelligence for 5 turns.

**Weak Poison** (Requirements: Survival 15. Ingredients: 2 Venom Sacs or 2 Red Herbs): Basic poisons for use on weaker weapons. Creates 2 doses. If the weapon this poison is applied to deals damage to an organic target successfully the target suffers an additional 5 damage per turn for 5 turns. Multiple doses of poison stack.

**Weak Sleep Powder** (Requirements: Survival 20. Ingredients: 1 Green Herb, 1 Red Herb): Sometimes lethal choices aren't the best. Instead you might resort to less permanent solutions. This powder forces anyone exposed to it to roll an Endurance check at a +2 bonus or immediately fall asleep for 5 minutes. Any damage dealt to the individual will still awaken them, however. Individuals awoken prematurely suffer a -10 penalty to all actions until the usual sleep duration elapses.

### **Basic Recipes:**

**Blood-Stopping Goo** (Requirements: Survival 30. Ingredients: 2 Green Herbs): A simple wound sealant. Allows you to automatically stop bleeding from any wound, including amputations, without needing a Medicine roll.

**Dangerous Poison** (Requirements: Survival 45. Ingredients: 4 Venom Sacs or 4 Red Herbs): Very lethal poison. Creates 2 doses. Deals 20 damage per turn for 5 turns. Multiple uses of poison stack.

**Hydra** (Requirements: Survival 60, Hydra Recipe. Ingredients: 2 Green Herbs, 2 bottles Hydra Blood): An advanced regenerative liquid made through purifying Hydra blood along with healing herbs. Restores 10 health to each limb every turn for 5 turns. Heals no actual health.

**Luminous Dust** (Requirements: Survival 25. Ingredients: 1 Green Herb, 1 Red Herb): Simple dust which naturally glows. Mix with water for glowing paint, or blow it to create glowing clouds. Can be manipulated to create specific shapes with practice.

**Minor Restoration Potion** (Requirements: Survival 30. Ingredients: 2 Green Herbs): A basic healing booster, good for chipped teeth or injured hooves. Restores 20 health to each limb on use.

**Sleeping Powder** (Requirements: Survival 35. Ingredients: 2 Green Herbs, 2 Red Herbs): A more potent form of sleeping dust. Targets of this variety test Endurance without bonuses or penalties. Damage which exceeds 20% of the target's maximum health will awaken them. Individuals

awoken prematurely suffer a -15 penalty to all actions until the usual sleep duration elapses.

**Smell Concealing Paste** (Requirements: Survival 40. Ingredients: 1 Green Herb, various animal parts):

A basic paste which conceals the user's scent beneath that of other creatures. Lasts 4 hours upon use. Sufficient to throw tracking dogs, Hellhounds and other scent-based followers off your trail.

**Smoke Bombs** (Requirement: Survival 30. Ingredients: 1 Red Herb): Creates 4 small vials filled with a liquid which rapidly billows into smoke (10 foot radius) upon being shattered. Grants those obscured by the smoke a +20 on Sneak checks and enemies attempting to fire into or through the smoke suffer a -20 environmental penalty to their hit chance. Smoke remains for 2 turnss.

**Wall-Crawling Paste** (Requirements: Survival 60. Ingredients: 1 Blue Herb, 2 Green Herbs): Makes your hooves sticky enough to walk across walls and ceilings. Lasts 5 minutes after application. Great for surprises!

## **Advanced Recipes: Advanced witchcraft or alchemy**

**Cloudwalk Talisman** (Requirements: Survival 60. Ingredients: 3 Green Herbs, 3 Blue Herbs, 1 Griffin or Pegasus feather): Less generally useful than flight, the ability to walk on clouds is useful none the less. Grants the Cloudborn perk for the duration of its use. Lasts 4 hours of use.

**Deadly Poison** (Requirements: Survival 60. Ingredients: 5 Venom Sacs or 5 Red Herbs): One of the most lethal poisons. Creates 2 doses. Deals 25 damage per turn for 5 turns. Multiple uses of poison stack.

**Fixer** (Requirements: Survival 75. Ingredients: 4 Green Herbs, 3 Red Herbs, 2 Blue Herbs): Fixer swiftly purges all addictive substances from the body, immediately ending beneficial effects of drugs as well as gives relief from all addiction penalties for two hours. Makes three doses.

**Flight Talisman** (Requirements: Survival 60. Ingredients: 3 Green Herbs, 3 Blue Herbs, 1 Bloodwing wing): Take to the sky! Anyone wearing this talisman will grow bat-like wings, allowing them to fly. This grants flight equivalent to the first rank of the Flight perk. Lasts 4 hours of use.

**Kiss of the Phoenix** (Requirements: Survival 50. Ingredients: 4 Green Herbs, 2 Blue Herbs, 1 phoenix feather): Repairs a crippled limb. If brewed by a zebra with a survival of at least 80, it can repair a limb crippled by magical energy damage or even re-attach a limb or other body part that has been severed.

**Minor Flame Bane Potion** (Requirement: Survival 60, 2 Green Herbs, 2 Blue Herbs): Makes the user to be more resistant to fire damage, granting a 20% bonus to Fire Resistance for 4 minutes.

**Minor Grounding Potion** (Requirement: Survival 60, 2 Green Herbs, 2 Blue Herbs): Makes the user to be more resistant to electrical damage, granting a 20% bonus to Lightning Resistance. Lasts 4 minutes.

**Minor Warming Potion** (Requirement: Survival 60, 2 Green Herbs, 2 Blue Herbs): Makes the user to be more resistant to cold damage, granting a 20% bonus to Cold Resistance for 4 minutes.

**Potion of Spirit Renewal** (Requirement: Survival 75, 3 Blue Herbs): Restores one point of Charisma damage caused by attacks to the soul. Unicorns who have experienced burnout are no longer burnt out (though they recover no strain from this potion)

**Strong Sleeping Powder** (Requirements: Survival 50. Ingredients: 3 Green Herbs, 3 Red Herbs): The most potent form of sleeping powder, very few could breathe it and remain awake. Targets test Endurance at a -3 penalty. Damage which exceeds 50% of the target's maximum health will awaken them. Individuals awoken prematurely suffer a -20 penalty to all actions until the usual sleep duration elapses.

**Superior Smoke Bombs** (Requirement: Survival 50. Ingredients: 4 Red Herbs, 2 Blue Herbs): Creates 4 large vials filled with liquid which rapidly billows into smoke (20 foot radius) upon being shattered. Grants those obscured by the smoke a +20 on Sneak checks and enemies attempting to fire into or through the smoke suffer a -20 environmental penalty to their hit chance. Smoke remains for 4 turns.

### **Expert Recipes: Expert alch or witchcraft.**

**Alicorn-Slaying Poison** (Requirements: Survival 100. Ingredients: 5 Red Herbs and 1 bottle of Pink Cloud Residue): One of the most lethal poisons in history. Created from the remains of the Pink Cloud, sufficiently lethal to kill even Princess Luna and nearly kill Princess Celestia! Creates 2 doses. Deals 40 damage per turn for 5 turns. Multiple uses of poison stack. Amongst the most horrific deaths a pony can have.

**Breath of the Phoenix** (Requirements: Survival 90. Ingredients: 4 Green Herbs, 2 Blue Herbs, 1 phoenix feather): Allows the user to recover limb damage at their healing rate, even if the limb is damaged by magical energy and/or crippled. Permanent effect!

**Bone-Strengthening Brew** (Requirements: Survival 80. Ingredients: 5 Green Herbs, 5 Blue Herbs, 2 Red Herbs): An incredibly rare and potent potion. Permanently reduces all limb damage by 50% for anyone who drinks it. Incompatible with Cyber-Pony implants.

**Elixir of Spirit Renewal** (Requirement: Survival 100, 4 Blue Herbs): Restores up to three points of Charisma damage caused by attacks to the soul. Unicorns who have experienced burnout are no longer burnt out, and recover an amount of Strain equal to the alchemist's degrees of

success \* 10.

**Killing Joke Remedy** (Requirements: Survival 100, Poison Joke Remedy Recipe. Ingredients: 8 Green Herbs, 8 Blue Herbs, Rare Everfree Forest ingredients): A miracle of the wasteland, one of the rarest brews in existence. This solution can reverse the effects of Killing Joke upon a pony, assuming they're lucky enough to still be alive after exposure to that horrible plant!

**Major Flame Bane Potion** (Requirement: Survival 90, 3 Green Herbs, 3 Blue Herbs): Makes the user more resistant to fire damage, granting a 40% bonus to Fire Resistance for 4 minutes. Any effect that causes the character to be lit on fire no longer functions.

**Major Grounding Potion** (Requirement: Survival 90, 3 Green Herbs, 3 Blue Herbs): Makes the user more resistant to electrical damage, granting a 40% bonus to Lightning Resistance for 4 minutes. Any additional effect caused from taking electrical damage no longer functions.

**Major Warming Potion** (Requirement: Survival 90, 3 Green Herbs, 3 Blue Herbs): Makes the user more resistant to cold damage, granting a 40% bonus to Cold Resistance for 4 minutes. Any additional effect caused from taking cold damage no longer functions.

**Phoenix Regeneration Elixir** (Requirements: Survival 80. Ingredients: 8 Green Herbs, 4 Blue Herbs, 2 Red Herbs, 1 phoenix feather): Allows the user to continuously recover from damage. Grants the user a healing rate of 1 Health Point per minute. Permanent effect!

**Potion of Weathering** (Requirement: Survival 100, 3 Green Herbs, 3 Blue Herbs, 3 Red Herbs): This potion protects the caster from normal weather and environmental conditions. (For example: the character will not suffer frostbite, heatstroke or SPECIAL damage from severely cold or hot environments.) The character will be comfortable in such environments and take no penalties from them. Lasts 1 day.

**World-Weathering Potion** (Requirements: Survival 80. Ingredients: 4 Green Herbs, 4 Blue Herbs, 4 Red Herbs, blood from a Yao-guai's heart): The world beats on everyone. Pony, Zebra and Griffin alike. But you know some secrets to make weathering that beating a little easier. This potion permanently adds +3 DT and 20% resistance to Fire, Cold, Poison and Radiation to the drinker.

## **Flying Magic**

In addition to the ability to fly in defiance of the laws of physics, the innate magic of the flying races shows itself in their ability to perform special flight and weather-related tricks. These are called Pegasus Tricks, for pegasi are the most innately skilled and versatile performers of this kind of magic. Pegasus Tricks rely on physical grace and deftness as well as self-confidence and bravado, making Charisma and Agility the most vital SPECIALs to an aerial performer. More powerful fliers are capable of greater feats; many Pegasus Tricks have effects based on Flight Rank.

Most Pegasus Tricks are divided into three broad categories: basic, advanced and expert. Pegasi, griffins and alicorns all begin the game with the ability to perform basic Pegasus Tricks, but only pegasi are capable of taking the perks that open up the wide range of advanced and expert Pegasus Tricks.

When a character has the ability to perform a given level of Pegasus Tricks, that character may perform all of the tricks listed for that category and may learn new unique tricks from characters willing to teach them. In addition, expert performers of Pegasus Tricks may also spend perks to learn individual Wonderbolt Maneuvers, the most powerful and formidable Pegasus Tricks.

A pegasus with an appropriate Special Talent may invent new Pegasus Tricks related to that talent. Perfecting a new Pegasus Maneuver works much like Inventing, with the pegasus using their Special Talent skill. The pegasus must have the required level of skill in their Special Talent skill (50 for Basic, 75 for advanced, 100 for expert), and must succeed on a Hard skill check.

New Pegasus Tricks take a long time to perfect. Each attempt requires one week of practice per level of the trick, with at least an hour per level of the trick spent each day practicing. If the pegasus fails, the practice time is wasted, but the pegasus may try again. Critical success allows the character to succeed with only two days practice per level, while critical failure results in a crippling accident while practicing (often with associated falling damage).

*Example: Thundering Dash has “pegasus-fighting” (aerial dogfighting) as his Special Talent, with Battle Saddles as the associated Tag skill. Thundering Dash wants to perfect a new Pegasus Trick which uses the backlash of an intentionally-failed Sonic Rainboom to stun flying pursuers while hurling him behind them for attacks which would gain the sneak attack bonus. After several days of working with Thundering Dash’s player, the GM settles on acceptable mechanics and decides that this is an expert-level Pegasus Trick. Thundering Dash has a Battle Saddles of 88, so he is skilled enough to try to perfect this new trick. Thundering Dash spends the next three weeks in-game practicing his new trick in his off-time. At the end of this time, he makes a Battle Saddles roll. The roll’s difficulty is Hard, so he has a -20, meaning he needs to roll a 68 or lower. Unfortunately, Thundering Dash rolls a 72, so he doesn’t quite have*

*all the kinks worked out of his “Thundering Reversal” yet.*

Pegasus, griffin and alicorn characters have a statistic that other characters do not: Trick Points (TP). Characters of these races begin the game with a number of Trick Points equal to their  $[\text{Agility} + \text{Charisma}] / 2$ , rounded up) and gain an additional Trick Point every level. A character's number of TP can be increased through increasing one of the associated SPECIALs or through the *Extra Tricks* perk.

Performing a Pegasus Trick normally requires spending the appropriate number of Trick Points as well as any time, AP or skill rolls called for by the trick. Some Pegasus Tricks have large AP costs, far in excess of what a character will have per turn. In such cases, the character must dedicate herself to the trick, spending AP towards it across multiple turns. If the character spends AP on any other action before the trick is complete, or the character's efforts are interrupted by other events (including taking damage from a critical hit or crippling attack), the trick fails and the AP spent is lost. Most Pegasus Tricks which call for large expenditures of AP or long amounts of time can have their efforts split between multiple characters who can perform the trick.

Pegasus Tricks cost between 0 and 5 Trick Points, except for Wonderbolt Maneuvers which cost 10. Some Pegasus Tricks have additional TP costs to maintain or based on size of effect. However, pegasus, griffin and alicorn characters may push themselves beyond their normal limits, performing Pegasus Tricks that they do not have the Trick Points for. Doing so causes the character 10+1d10 Stun damage per TP of the Pegasus Trick. This damage is mitigated by the character's DT against Stun, but is *not* reduced by normal DT or Damage Reduction. Pegasus Tricks which with a TP cost of 0 can be used as often as the character wishes and never cause Stun.

Pegasus, griffin and alicorn characters regain 3 TP after each hour of good sleep, or 1 TP each hour of sleep if they are sleeping in an environment not conducive to rest (such as in a small, moving vehicle or in open ruins punctuated by the sounds of not-so-distant gunfire).

Under normal conditions, an individual pegasi can utilize Pegasus Tricks to maintain control over the natural weather in a small area (such as a town or continuously over a group of travelers), by spending four hours manipulating the local weather. This time is reduced by one hour for every Flight Rank above the first, to a minimum of one hour.

Teams of pegasi can manipulate or alter the weather over a large region. This is normally a four-hour task, but the Weather Team Captain can reduce this time in half with a successful Survival skill roll. The difficulty of this skill roll is based on the severity of the weather being altered. In extreme weather conditions, all members of the weather team will be called on to make a hard Survival skill roll (such as in a severe thunderstorm) or very hard Survival skill roll (such as in a hurricane) every hour to continue. Each pegasus gains a +10 bonus to that role for every Flight Rank after the first. Critical failure often results in severe injury.

## **Pegasus Trick Traits & Perks:**

For Pegasus Trick related Traits, see the [Traits](#) section. For Pegasus Trick-related Perks, see the Pegasus Trick perks as well as some of the pegasus and griffin racial perks in the [Perk Revisions List](#).

## **Pegasus Tricks**

### **Basic Pegasus Tricks**

**Buffet (0 TP):** You may hover and flap your wings to create wind strong enough to disperse fog and blow objects away from you. This is a 15 AP action and may be maintained. The wind has a short range and an effective strength equal to your Flight Rank. A buffet with an effective strength of 1 can move a pony-sized normal cloud, effective force of 2 may move a pony-sized storm cloud, and a buffet of strength 3 can move cloud sculptures. It takes a buffet with an effective strength one higher to disperse a cloud than it takes to move one.

**Cloud Break (0 TP):** You may break apart clouds with a punch or kick, or thin out fog with a few well-placed whacks. With Flight Rank 1, you can easily break apart small, normal clouds. You may also attempt to break storm clouds, but must succeed at an Unarmed check to avoid 30+3d10 electrical Stun damage from electrical discharge (reduced by Lightning Resistance). With each additional Flight Rank, you gain a +10 bonus to this Unarmed check.

**Cloud Touch (0 TP):** You may stand on or otherwise interact with clouds as if they were solid. This power may be turned on and off at will with no AP cost, and will even remain active while asleep or unconscious. You may move small clouds around and position them as you desire.

**Contrail (0 TP):** When you fly, you may leave a thin, harmless contrail of normal clouds or smoke in your wake. This contrail will remain behind a number of turns equal to your Flight Rank. With a successful easy Survival check and 1 TP per movement action, this contrail may be used to create limited visual cover -- attacks against creatures successfully obscured with a contrail are at a -10 penalty, and Sneak checks through a contrail are at a +10 bonus. With a successful Agility check, you can use your contrail write messages or create symbols in the sky. Clouds produced by this contrail are not substantial enough for use with Cloud Touch or other tricks.

**Haul (0 TP):** When flying, you may pull a wagon, sled or similar vehicle up to one size category larger than yourself as if you were pulling it along the ground. Weight and balance for the vehicle is treated as if you were drawing it across ground which conformed to your flight pattern. (Note: larger pegasus-drawn vehicles need magical assistance, such as unicorn *telekinesis* or a spark engine, to be pulled by pegasi.)

**Cloud Spin (1 TP):** By flying around a cloud for at least three sprinting actions, and making a successful easy Survival check, you may cause the cloud to spin. A spinning cloud may not be used to produce lightning bolts (neither by pegasus tricks nor by the Storm Cloud spell). Failure on the Survival check means the cloud fails to spin, while a critical failure will send the cloud flying off in an unfortunate direction.

**Shower (1 TP):** You may jump on a cloud to cause it to spill rain. You may continue to do so each turn for an additional 1 TP, for a maximum number of turns equal to double your Flight Rank.

**Super-Speed Strut (1 TP):** This crowd-pleaser allows you to charge or sprint just above the ground at full flight speed while appearing to casually trot. This trick requires a easy Survival check. If successful, you increase the disposition of a receptive audience towards you by one level for a number of hours equal to your Charisma.

**Twister (1 TP + 1 TP per turn maintenance):** You may create a minor whirlwind that can draw up water, tiny animals or other tiny, light and unsecured objects. This requires a successful easy Survival check, along with an additional easy Survival check each turn to maintain it. You can avoid harmful contact when drawing up poisonous gas or other dangerous substances with a Luck check at a -3 penalty. This penalty is reduced by one for every Flight Rank above first. Creatures may make a check to escape as per Telekinesis, opposed by your Flight Rank. Objects thrown by the twister cause (and suffer) 1d10 damage per Flight Rank. Creating a Twister is a 75 AP action.

**Lightning Kick (2 TP per attack):** You may kick a cloud to cause it to fire off a lightning bolt at a desired target. Hitting the target requires a successful attack roll using the Survival skill. The lightning bolt deals electrical Stun damage equal to  $(10 + 1d10) * (\text{Flight Rank})$ , resisted by Stun DT and reduced by Lightning Resistance. The maximum range of the initial attack is point blank at Flight Rank 1, and increases a range category for each additional Flight Rank. Lightning Kick is a 25 AP action. You may continue to kick lightning out of a cloud for a maximum number of bolts equal to your Flight Rank before the cloud is expended.

**Dodge and Weave (3 TP):** While sprinting or charging, you may avoid obstacles, and enemies have an additional -5 penalty to hit you per Flight Rank (in addition to existing Flight Rank bonuses). This maneuver requires a successful moderate Unarmed skill check. This effect ends the moment you attack, but if you end the charge with a Buck attack, each Flight Rank reduces the bonus to hit you by 5.

## **Advanced Pegasus Tricks**

**Cloud Contrail (0 TP):** When you fly, you may leave a harmless but more substantial contrail of normal clouds in your wake. The Cloud Contrail may be used to enlarge or patch together



normal clouds. Otherwise, this contrail will remain behind a number of turns equal to your Flight Rank. With a successful easy Survival check and 2 TP per movement action, this contrail may be used to create visual cover -- attacks against creatures successfully obscured with a contrail are at a -20 penalty, and Sneak checks through a contrail are at a +20 bonus. Clouds produced by this contrail are substantial enough for use with Cloud Touch or Cloud Sculpture, but not other Tricks. (Cloud Sculptures crafted out of Cloud Contrails only last a number of turns equal to your Flight Rank.)

**Signature Contrail (0 TP):** When you fly, you may leave a harmless but personalized and stylish contrail in your wake. (For example: a streak of light the color of your mane and tail.) This contrail cannot do actual harm or damage, regardless of appearance, but may be used for secondary effects appropriate to the contrail, such as illumination, obscurement or minor changes in temperature. This signature contrail is uniquely yours -- no other pegasi can intentionally mimic it -- and will remain behind a number of turns equal to your Flight Rank.

**Fierce Cloud Break (1 TP per size category):** You may break apart larger clouds. You no longer have to roll to avoid electrical discharge when breaking apart storm clouds your size or smaller. You may break apart minor cloud constructs with a successful Unarmed check.

**Fantastic Flash (2 TP):** You can to pull out of a dangerous dive, plummet or spin-out with style, even in the worst conditions. This trick requires a hard Survival check, or a very hard Survival check if unconscious or dying.

**Fire Streak (2 TP, requires Speed Burst perk):** You may sprint or charge along the ground, leaving fire in your wake. This fire lasts one turn per Flight rank, and will deal 1d10 fire damage per Flight rank to anyone who comes in contact with it. This burning wake will manifest in a style appropriate to your mane.

**Cloud Sculpture (3 TP + 1 TP per size category above small):** You can craft temporary items or structures from clouds. These cloud items may be used by characters capable of Cloud Touch as if they were solid to them. Cloud sculptures are easily destroyed by weather or attacks. Otherwise, they will last indefinitely. Cloud Sculpting takes one minute to perform, plus an additional two minutes per size category above small. Multiple characters with Cloud Sculpture may work together to reduce this time.

**Fog Bank (3 TP):** You can drag down clouds and anchor them as a fog bank, or likewise manipulate dust or mist, in order to create an outdoor area of reduced visibility. For every Flight Rank after the first, all Perception checks in the area take a penalty of -1, all ranged attack rolls suffer a penalty of -10, and all Stealth checks receive a bonus of +10. The radius of the affected area is limited by Flight Rank: 15 feet at Flight Rank 2, 50 feet at Flight Rank 3 and 150 feet at Flight Rank 4. Creating a Fog Bank is an 80 AP action. Multiple characters with Fog Bank may work together, evenly splitting this cost.

**Whirlwind (3 TP + 1 TP per turn maintenance):** You may create a whirlwind that can draw up water, small animals, children and small, light and unsecured objects. This requires a successful moderate Survival check, along with an additional moderate Survival check each turn to maintain it. The whirlwind can be moved from its point of origin with a move action. You can avoid harmful contact when drawing up poisonous gas or other dangerous substances with a Luck check at a -3 penalty. This penalty is reduced by one for every Flight Rank above first. Individuals and creatures may make a check to escape as per Telekinesis, opposed by double your Flight Rank. Objects thrown by the twister cause (and suffer) 10 + 1d10 damage per Flight Rank. Creating a Whirlwind is a 150 AP action. Multiple characters with Whirlwind may work together, evenly splitting this cost.

## **Expert Pegasus Tricks**

**Weaponized Contrail (0 TP):** When you fly, you may leave an impressive (and potentially hazardous) contrail in your wake. This contrail may be either be electrified storm clouds -- a weaponized version of Cloud Contrail -- or may instead be an augmented version of your signature contrail. If using a weaponized version of Cloud Contrail, this contrail may be used to enlarge or patch together normal clouds. Otherwise, this contrail will remain behind a number of turns equal to your Flight Rank. With a successful easy Survival check and 3 TP per movement action, this contrail may be used to create significant visual cover -- attacks against creatures successfully obscured with a contrail are at a -30 penalty, and Sneak checks through a contrail are at a +30 bonus. This contrail usually deals 1d10 damage per Flight Rank to anyone who comes into contact with it. The exact nature of this damage depends on the nature of the contrail. (Consult your GM when fashioning your weaponized contrail.)

*Examples: an electrified storm cloud should cause electrical Stun damage and be reduced by Lightning Resistance. A fire contrail should cause an extra 1d10 fire damage per turn, ignoring armor, for five turns (or until put out), and should be reduced by Fire Resistance. The preceding examples are based on adding a melee special quality and associated resistance to the contrail.*

**Storm Master (3 TP per attack):** You may stomp a storm cloud to cause it to fire off a massive lightning bolt at a desired target. Hitting the target requires a successful attack roll using the Survival skill. The lightning bolt deals electrical Stun damage equal to  $(15 + 2d10) * (\text{Flight Rank})$ , resisted by Stun DT and reduced by Lightning Resistance. The maximum range of the initial attack is Short at Flight Rank 1, and increases a range category for each additional Flight Rank. Storm Master is a 35 AP action. You may continue to kick lightning out of a cloud for a maximum number of bolts equal to triple your Flight Rank before the cloud is expended.

**Contrail Strike (4 TP):** You can make a 30 AP attack utilizing your weaponized contrail as a weapon (such as flipping around and jumping on your own storm cloud contrail to produce a lightning strike). These attacks generally deal  $15 + 2d10$  damage per Flight Rank, although this amount may vary (see examples below). As per Weaponized Contrail, the specifics of this

attack depend on the nature of the contrail. (Consult your GM when fashioning your contrail strike.)

*Examples (set one): An electrified storm contrail could cause electrical Stun damage, have long range, and be reduced by Lightning Resistance. A fire contrail could cause an explosive burst (AoE 10), dealing an extra 1d10 fire damage per turn, ignoring armor, for five turns (or until put out), and should be reduced by Fire Resistance. These two examples are designed by adding either a range or AoE quality to the examples given in Glorious Contrail.*

*Examples (set two): An attack with a rainbow contrail could spray out bands of colored light, dealing 10 + 1d10 damage per Flight Rank with a Rate of Fire 3 which could be used for Suppression Fire. And an attack with a weaponized winter storm cloud could be a savage hail-blast, dealing 20 + 3d10 damage per Flight Rank, applied against triple the target's DT, losing 1d10 damage each yard past short range and half base damage past medium. These two examples are based on giving the contrail's attack firearm properties (automatic and shotgun respectively) with corresponding adjustments to the contrail's damage.*

**Harassing Weather (4 TP + 1 TP per turn maintenance):** You create a nasty weather pattern that batters those inside the region with strong winds, freezing rain, hail or other unpleasantness. All individuals inside the storm take 2d10 Stun damage per Flight Level each turn and all actions cost an additional (3 + Flight Rank) AP until they find or make shelter. For an additional +1 TP and +1 TP per turn maintenance, you can also gain the effects of Fog Bank as if you had one less Flight Rank. Creating Harassing Weather is a 80 AP action and requires a hard Survival check. Harassing Weather requires a 40 AP action and a moderate Survival skill check each turn to maintain the weather pattern. Multiple characters with Harassing Weather may work together, evenly splitting this cost.

**Cloud Architecture (5 TP + 1 TP per size category above small):** You can craft permanent items or structures from clouds. These cloud items can withstand attacks from any Pegasus Trick short of a Wonderbolt Maneuver, and will weather even the most violent natural storms (although supernatural storms and powerful explosions will still cause them to disperse). Cloud Architecture may be crafted to provide buoyancy for non-cloud items with a successful hard Science check. Cloud Architecture takes one hour to perform, plus an additional four hours per size category above small. Multiple characters with Cloud Architecture may work together to reduce this time.

**Tornado (5 TP + 1 TP per turn maintenance):** You may create a whirlwind that can draw up water, small animals or other small, light and unsecured objects. This requires a successful moderate Survival check, along with an additional moderate Survival check each turn to maintain it. You can avoid harmful contact when drawing up poisonous gas or other dangerous substances with a Luck check at a -3 penalty. This penalty is reduced by one for every Flight Rank above first. Individuals and creatures may make a check to escape as per Telekinesis, opposed by triple your Flight Rank. Objects thrown by the twister cause (and suffer) 20 + 2d10 damage per Flight

Rank. Creating a Tornado is a 300 AP action. Multiple characters with Tornado may work together, evenly splitting this cost.

## **Wonderbolt Maneuvers**

**Sonic Rainboom (10 TP, requires Speed Burst perk):** Requires at least ten full sprinting actions in a straight line, at the end of which, the character temporarily gains Flight (Rank 5), breaking the sound barrier and leaving behind an expanding rainbow explosion. This explosion will expand over a vast area (at least as large as a moderate-sized town or battlefield), destroying any clouds and cloud-structures in its path, including those of Cloud Sculpting, Cloud Architecture and Storm Cloud Architecture.

**Tactical Rainboom (10 TP):** The pegasus makes a perilous dive, requiring at least three full charging actions straight down. At the end of the dive, the character must make a very hard Survival check to pull out. If the character fails, hits the ground, taking double falling damage (up to a maximum of  $150 + 15d10$ ). If she succeeds, she creates an explosion that deals that amount of damage to everyone other than herself in an explosion with an AoE interval of 50. (Explosives-related perks such as Hit the Deck! apply to Tactical Rainboom.)

**Spitfire's Thunder (10 TP):** Requires at least three participating pegasi with the Spitfire's Thunder trick. The pegasi sprint in a circle over the center of the target zone, manifesting storm cloud contrails behind them, for three full turns. At the end of the last turn, they sprint through the center, crossing contrails. When the contrails cross, this trick causes an anti-matrix explosion which causes  $100 + 10d10$  AX damage per participating pegasus over a sizeable area (as large as a small-sized town or battlefield).

**Storm Cloud Architecture (10 TP + 1 TP per size category above small):** You can craft permanent items or structures from storm clouds. These cloud items have all the properties of structures from Cloud Architecture, and also generates a renewable supply of lightning bolts, with a maximum number of bolts equal to triple the pegasus architect's Flight Rank. Spent lightning bolts recharge at the rate of the pegasus architect's Flight Rank per hour. Storm Cloud Architecture may be crafted to provide power, buoyancy or defense with a successful hard Science check. Storm Cloud Architecture requires two hours to perform, plus an additional eight hours per size category above small. Multiple characters with Storm Cloud Architecture may work together to reduce this time.

# Shamanism

A shaman has the ability to summon spirits, bind them and barter for spirit favors. Spirit favors for zebra shamans take the form of magical enchantments on items that have been made into homes for the spirit's power. (Of the other races in the world, only the buffalo also have shamans, and the nature of their understanding and interaction with the spirit world, as well as the spirit favors they receive, significantly differs from that of the zebra.)

Shamans begin the game with a **Spirit Affinity** rating equal to her (CHA / 2, rounded up). This rating may be increased by increasing Charisma or through the Greater Affinity perk.

All spirits have a **Spirit Power** rating. This rating ranges from 1 to 10 for most spirits. (However, there are a few rare, exceptionally powerful spirits with ratings above 10.) A spirit's Spirit Power rating will determine not only how difficult the spirit is to barter with or bind, but how impressive the spirit's favors can be.

Summoning a spirit is a **45 AP** action. If the spirit is resistant, the shaman and spirit make opposed Spirit Affinity vs Spirit Power rolls. A shaman cannot summon a spirit with a Spirit Power rating higher than the shaman's Spirit Affinity. If a shaman has summoned the same type of spirit once already within a day's time, the spirit will resist (unless the shaman is a tribal shaman whose tribe has pacts with that type of spirit.) If a spirit successfully resists, the shaman cannot summon the same type of spirit again for at least a day.

Binding a spirit is a **60 AP** action and is always a contested roll between the shaman's Barter and the spirit's Spirit Power +2. A shaman may attempt to bind a spirit with a Spirit Power greater than the shaman's Spirit Affinity, but she suffers a -10 penalty to her Barter for every two levels (rounded up) higher the spirit's Spirit Power is above her Spirit Affinity rating. Bindings last a number of days equal to the shaman's degrees of success, plus one. Bindings require a **Spirit Prison**. Spirit Prisons are crafted much like talismans, with requirements based on the spirit's Spirit Power +2. Spirits bound in a Spirit Prison will not grant favors to the binder or her allies.

Gaining favors from a spirit requires a successful Barter check and the offering of a gift to the spirit. Because shamanism is a negotiation, and spirit favors are willfully given, a spirit may simply refuse. However, the only time a spirit will do so is if the shaman or the user of an item enchanted by the shaman is acting contrary to the spirit's nature or is otherwise offensive to the spirit. *(For example: a weapon enchanted with a Spirit of Kindness is likely to refuse to grant its benefits to a weapon in the hooves of a raider.)* Spirits may even turn on a shaman if the shaman or the individual that a shaman gives an enchanted item to is significantly objectionable. A spirit will even chose to break an enchantment if the shaman intentionally gives the enchanted item to such a person. *(For example: Spirits generally find marketing of their talismans or favors offensive. But a Spirit of Generosity finds such actions so*

*objectionable it will turn on any shaman attempting to auction off its favors.)*

Zebra shamans craft the gifts into a **Talisman** for the spirit to invest part of itself in. A zebra shaman who fails her Barter check may not attempt to Barter with the same type of spirit for the same talisman again for at least a day. Once the spirit has invested itself into the talisman, anyone wielding the talisman is capable of using it as an enchanted magical item with abilities based on the nature and Spirit Power of the investing spirit. (Spirits making such investments benefit from having part of their power rarified and amplified, at the cost of allowing the talisman's wielder to tap into that power.) A talisman may be added to an item (as per adding a mod), at which point the talisman magically grafts to the item, becoming an integral part of it until the spirit favor ends. (Enchanted zebra weapons and armor are all examples of items with permanently-grafted talismans with basic-level enchantments.)

Only one talisman may be grafted to an item. "Enchanted" zebra weapons and armor are already enchanted and may not have a further talisman added. An item may not carry both a zebra enchantment and the benefits of an Imbuing spell. As Imbuing is just an imitation of true zebra enchanting, imbuing an enchanted object will always fail, and enchanting an imbued object will wipe out the effects of the Imbuing spell. Likewise, zebra enchantments are suppressed, not dispelled, by anti-magic effects (such as *Failsafe*). Additionally, no person or object may benefit from the same spirit power (or related imbuing spell) more than once. (For example, a character may not gain benefits from multiple friends wearing armor enchanted with Spirits of Loyalty. Nor may a character gain double benefit by having her gun enchanted with a Spirit of Rage and her ammo Imbued with *Spirit of Flame*.) Spirits of Discord may choose to ignore this limitation at the spirit's whim.

Crafting a Spirit Prison or a talisman requires both time and a sufficient Survival skill. A talisman for a basic enchantment or a Spirit Prison for a spirit with an effective Spirit Power of 1 - 3 requires Survival 25 and takes one hour to create, halved with a successful easy Survival skill roll. A talisman for an advanced enchantment or a Spirit Prison for a spirit with an effective Spirit Power of 4 - 6 requires Survival 50 and takes 6 hours to create, halved with a successful moderate Survival skill roll. A talisman for an expert enchantment or a Spirit Prison for a spirit with an effective Spirit Power of 7 - 9 requires Survival 75 and takes 12 hours to create, halved with a successful hard Survival skill roll. A Spirit Prison for a spirit with an effective Spirit Power of 10 - 12 requires Survival 100 and takes 18 hours to create, halved with a successful very hard Survival skill roll. A shaman must complete a talisman before enchanting it. However, a shaman can create a temporary Spirit Prison in combat as a **60 AP** action, binding the spirit, but must continue the crafting process afterward for the needed time or the spirit will immediately escape.

The nature of the gifts will depend on both the nature and Spirit Power of the spirit being bargained with. Gifts include offerings of precious items (spirits care more about the emotional value of an item or the difficulty with which it was obtained than the monetary worth of the item), return favors, karma (whether positive or negative karma is required will depend on the nature

of the spirit) or even part of the shaman's essence (resulting in a temporary reduction -- or in rare cases permanent -- of the shaman's Luck rating). Or gems.

Gems are a shaman's best friend. The nature of gems allows them to harness, focus and even amplify the powers of spirits. Therefore, spirits are often willing to barter for gems as an alternative to gifts that are more personally costly for the shaman. Gemstones have two ratings: Rarity and Beauty. A gemstone's Rarity will determine the maximum Spirit Power that the gemstone can house. The Beauty determines the general value of the gemstone in spirit bartering. When including gems in an offering to a spirit, at least one of the gems must have a Rarity rating equal to or greater than the spirit's Power rating (with at least two for Advanced level favors, and three for Expert). Spirits will require (Spirit Power \* 3) in Beauty worth of gemstones, modified by the shaman's barter rating.

The duration a zebra's enchantment is based on the shaman's level of shamanism (basic, advanced or expert). At basic level shamanism, zebra enchantments last a week plus a number of days equal to their Spirit Affinity.

Basic spirit favors may be granted by any spirit. Only spirits with a Spirit Power of at least 3 may grant advanced spirit favors, and only spirits with a Spirit Power of at least 5 may grant expert spirit favors.

The Beauty value of gemstones for a spirit bargain for a shaman will be equal to:  $155\% - [\text{Barter} \times 0.45\%]$  x modifier. Modifiers come from the spirit's disposition towards the shaman.

*Example: Sweet Tooth is bartering with a Hatred Spirit (Power 3) in the hopes of enchanting her crossbow with some of its power. Sweet Tooth has a Barter of 25, so the amount of Beauty in the gem offering that the spirit requires is increased from 9 to 12. In order for the spirit to be willing to invest some of itself into Sweet Tooth's crossbow, the shaman must install a talisman into the crossbow which contains twelve Beauty worth of gems, at least one of which must have a Rarity rating of three or higher.*

*Sweet Tooth has a Survival of 50 and a Spirit Affinity of 4 (giving her a +10 bonus to the crafting check). Sweet Tooth rolls a 43, and thus crafts the appropriate Focus. In addition to the talisman, she offers five points worth of her negative karma. The GM decides this is worth a +10 bonus to the roll. If Sweet Tooth succeeds on a Barter roll of 35, she will now have a crossbow that shoots freezing bolts!*

Note: GMs are highly encouraged *not* to provide a set value for gems in an open market. The Wasteland is not a place where many are interested in such shiny baubles, and mining for them is rare, as scavenging old-world technology is both more practical and profitable. However, the expended ammunition for Magic Energy weapons can be used as Beauty 1, Rarity 0 gems for a shaman. Recovery of such ammunition is difficult, however as the emptied crystals are fragile.

## **Shamanism Traits & Perks**

For Shamanism-related Traits, see the [Traits](#) section. For Shamanism-related Perks, see the Shaman perks section of the [Perk Revisions List](#).



# Spirits

No one knows exactly what spirits are or where they come from. Spirits are enigmatic beings whom only the buffalo and zebra have come close to understanding. Even these races have very different views on the nature and ways of spirits, as do many individual shamans. The spirits themselves aren't giving out their secrets (and the few who do probably shouldn't be trusted).

As mentioned in Shamanism, all spirits have a **Spirit Power** rating which determines not only how difficult the spirit is to barter with or bind, but also how powerful its spirit powers are and how impressive the spirit's favors can be. Spirits have powers related to their nature. This can include both the specific nature of the spirit and the spirit's general subtype, if any. The most feared spirit powers are attacks on the soul, spirit powers which can alter or damage the very nature of a creature. *(Example: a Spirit of Chaos has the ability to turn a victim's virtue into an opposing vice, also known as "discording" the victim.)* Attacks on the soul are resisted by the target making a successful opposed Charisma check.

Spirits are classified primarily into broad groups based on their natures. Examples include Spirits of Rage, Spirits of Loyalty and Spirits of Machines. The spirits that fall into these classifications are not homogenous. *(For example: a Spirit of Rage might be a spirit of savage fury or a spirit of righteous rage; a Spirit of Machines might be a spirit of clockwork precision or a gremlin of malfunction.)*

Spirits are often also classified by subtypes, usually of a type of element or energy. Multiple examples of each subtype exist. *(For example, Spirits of Rage and Spirits of Passion are both types of fire spirits.)* A spirit's subtype is usually listed in parenthesis after the name of the spirit. The list of spirits below give examples of the most common and familiar spirit types. GMs are encouraged to expand this list for their own games as necessary.

*Example: Thunderbird Screams-Through-Modems wants to summon an electrical spirit to aid her, but the only lightning subtype spirit on the list is the Spirit of Storms, whose nature isn't appropriate to the favor she desires. Since this is a spirit she wants to summon often, Thunderbird's player and her GM work up a new electrical spirit using spirits like the Spirit of Storms as a general guideline.*

Spirits often augment things of their nature, feed off them, or both. *(For example: a wendigo, a very powerful Spirit of Hatred (cold), feeds off of the hatred of nearby creatures while using its powers to cause a blizzard.)* A spirit's feeding can be countered, and the spirit driven away, by poisoning its meal with something of an opposing nature. *(While it might not be helpful against actual ghosts, many a Spirit of Fear has found its meal ruined by laughter.)*

Spirits interact with the world either by manifesting, inhabiting or infusing. A manifested spirit has created a physical form of their own. While this form cannot be killed, the spirit is limited to the form's abilities without the aid of spirit powers. *(For example: Discord's form as a draconequus.)* Spirits always manifest when summoned, and shamans cannot summon inhabiting or infused spirits, although they may attempt to bind them.

An inhabiting spirit is a spirit which has attached itself to a host. A spirit may only inhabit a creature through invitation -- either a literal invitation, or because the creature is in a state befitting the spirit's nature. While inhabiting a creature, the spirit has no overt control over its host, but it can augment any aspects of its host's psychology or nature that are in tune with the spirit, as well as affect physical changes. *(For example: Twilight Sparkle becomes so angry at Pinkie Pie that she is fleetingly open to inhabitation by a Spirit of Rage, a sort of fire spirit. Twilight Sparkle briefly changes color, her mane and tail igniting, before her rage burns out and the spirit is ejected.)* Only the most powerful spirits are capable of true possession and control of a host, and only after draining the host's Charisma to 0 through attacks of the soul.

Spirits who have infused themselves into a type of object gains limited control over those objects. They can form bodies out of that type of object, and can repair or reconfigure the objects within their bodies, to the natural limit of those objects. This spirit body can be destroyed, but this does not truly harm the spirit, and the spirit can reform the body from its nearby remains or similar objects. *(For example: Applejack fights off a number of timberwolves, a type of infused nature spirit. She is soon alarmed to witness the individual bits of wood reform into a much bigger timberwolf, pulling branches and trees from the nearby forest to build the new body.)*

Spirits are effectively immortal. They cannot be killed, only driven away or imprisoned. A shaman's binding ability is the single most effective tool against a dangerous spirit.

## **Known Spirit Types:**

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Spirit of Rage (Flame)	Spirit of Wind (Air)
Spirit of Hatred (Cold)	Spirit of Memories
Spirit of Hope (Light)	Spirit of Generosity
Spirit of Storms (Lightning)	Spirit of Kindness
Spirit of Nature (Poisons)	Spirit of Honesty
Spirit of Friendship (Magic)	Spirit of Laughter
Spirit of Jealousy (Darkness)	Spirit of Loyalty
Spirit of Riddles	Spirit of Fear
Spirit of Whispers	Spirit of Cruelty
Spirit of Machines	Spirit of Emptiness
Spirit of Life (Healing)	Spirit of Discord (Chaos)
Spirit of Waves (Water)	

## **Buffalo Shaman Spirit Favors:**

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## **Zebra Spirit Favors:**

Each weapon in a Battle Saddle must be enchanted separately, even when linked. Bullets may be enchanted just like a weapon, but for a lower cost. Enchanting a magazine of ammunition costs one-third the cost of enchanting a weapon (rounded up) due to their expendable nature. Loose ammunition, such as revolver bullets or shotgun shells, are enchanted in groups of (3+Charisma) rounds. A shaman requires the Advanced Shamanism perk in order to enchant MEW ammunition. In addition, when enchanting ammunition rather than weapons, the spirit's functional SP is considered to be 2 higher, as spirits find it much easier to enchant multiple small items. Mines, missiles, and grenades may also be likewise enchanted except at half the cost of the normal weapon enchantment (rounded up). For weapons using burst or full auto attacks, damage from spirits are applied per bullet which hits. Effects which are resisted by Charisma require only one resistance roll per attack.

### **Spirit of Cruelty**

**Basic:** Weapons with the Crippling quality gain (SA)d10 bonus damage to limbs for purposes of crippling.

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*3) bonus to Speech checks made to incite violence.

**Advanced:** Weapon deals (SA) additional base damage, and causes bleeding damage as per the Steel Claws perk. Bleed damage from multiple Spirits of Cruelty stack.

**Expert:** Weapon deals (SA\*3) additional base damage, add SAd10 to damage limbs when targeted and deals Bleed damage as the Steel Claws perk.

**Note:** Cruel weapons always leave scars. Always.

### **Spirit of Discord [Chaos]**

**Basic:** Weapon ignores (SA\*2) in penalty to hit.

**Basic:** Armor ignores up to (SA/2) penalties on SPECIAL checks.

**Basic:** Cloak ignores up to (SA\*2) penalties on non-attack-based skill checks such as Mechanics or Speech.

**Advanced:** Weapon damage causes (SA/3) Charisma damage. If Charisma is reduced to 0 or less, target is Discorded. Charisma damage from this effect recovers at the rate of 1 per hour. This effect can only stack once per attack action. (Full auto and burst fire count as a single attack action.) A discorded character loses tagged bonuses to skills, special talent, and no longer counts others as friends or allies for the purpose of spells and effects. This is an attack to the soul, and may be resisted with a Charisma check.

**Expert:** Weapon: As Basic, but also causes a random and often bizarre effect upon a critical hit. On a critical failure, the wielder of the weapon is affected as if he or she was the target.

**Note:** Below are ten example random effects. GMs may come up with their own random effects, or may choose to roll one from the list below.

1. Gender swapped for one hour.
2. Gain the "Small Frame" trait for 30 minutes.
3. Catch fire, as a Spirit of Rage with same (SA).

4. A glowing arcane sign appears on their back, reading "Kick Me." -10 to Sneak.
5. Suffers a reduction (SA\*2) to AP.
6. Target gains "Large Frame" trait for one hour.
7. Randomly shuffles the target's mane and coat colors to other combinations, but always to something tasteful.
8. Target's critical failure chance doubles for 30 minutes. This stacks with the "Jinxed" trait.
9. Target gains the body odor of an unwashed Buffalo's rear end. -20 to all Speech and Barter checks for one hour. This effect can be ended early by taking a bath.
10. Derp eyes. Target gains +1 to Perception and takes a -1 to Agility, and a -20 penalty to all attack rolls.

### **Spirit of Emptiness [Antimagic]**

**Basic:** Armor provides (SA\*2) bonus DT against Spells and other magical effects [but not against magical energy weapons].

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*3) bonus to Speech checks made to destroy morale, or to drive ponies into despair.

**Advanced:** Weapon destroys Shield spells if (Damage Dealt / 10) is greater than the caster's Potency. You must target the shield itself to use this effect.

**Expert:** Weapon destroys Shields as Advanced. In addition, the weapon deals (SA\*2) bonus damage, and drains (SA/2) d10 of the target's Strain, if any.

**Expert:** Weapon destroys Shields as Advanced. In addition, target must make a (CHA-SA/3) check, or they no longer count as allies or friends to *anyone* for the purpose of spells, spirits, perks, or any other effects. This effect lasts for (SA) hours.

### **Spirit of Fear**

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*3) bonus to Speech checks made to inspire fear.

**Advanced:** Totem, Icon or Standard gives off an aura of fear measured in (SA) radius yards. Enemies within this radius take a (SA/3) penalty to Charisma checks against fear-type effects.

**Advanced:** Cloak: As Basic, and grants the wearer a terrifying aura that forces hostile targets within (SA) yards to make a Charisma check, or flee combat for 1 minute. This is an attack on the soul.

**Expert:** Cloak: As Advanced, but enemy Charisma checks are made at (SA/2) penalty.

### **Spirit of Friendship [Magic]**

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*3) bonus to Speech checks made to raise reputation, or make friends and allies.

**Basic:** Cloak grants wearer (SA) additional Strain regeneration every hour.

**Advanced:** Weapon gains the Magic special quality (i.e. deals Magical Energy damage, and increases critical multiplier to x2).

**Expert:** Cloak: As Basic, and ends Burnout condition when the Unicorn has recovered 75% of their maximum strain (rounded up).

### **Spirit of Generosity**

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*2) bonus to Barter checks.

**Advanced:** Armor allows you to take on all penalties suffered by of one of your allies in their

stead. This can include penalties from poison, spells, crippled limbs, etc.

**Expert:** Armor: As Advanced, and wearer gains the ability to share beneficial effects with a number of allies up to the wearer's Charisma.

### **Spirit of Hate [Cold]**

**Basic:** Weapon damage causes all target's actions in the next round to cost an additional (SA/2) AP.

**Basic:** Armor provides (SA\*2) bonus Cold Resistance, and protects against severe cold environments.

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*3) bonus to Speech for lowering Reputation of a Factions to targets of the Speech check. [Example: turning allies against one another, convincing a populace to fight against their leader, etc.]

**Advanced:** Weapon: As Basic, but deals an additional (SA\*2) cold damage, and target's actions in the next round to cost (SA) additional AP.

**Expert:** Weapon: As Advanced, and deals (SA) d10 bonus cold damage on critical hits (this damage does not multiply). In addition, the additional AP cost for all actions lasts 3 rounds. This effect overlaps, but does not stack, with itself. [I.E. shooting the target again the next round does not increase the duration to *five* rounds, but rather resets it to three.]

### **Spirit of Hope [Light]**

**Basic:** Object radiates (SA^2) feet of bright light.

**Basic:** Armor or clothing provides (SA\*3) bonus to Speech checks made to inspire hope.

**Advanced:** Weapons gain (10+SA) as a bonus to hit, and a (20+SA) penalty to the wielder's Stealth checks, as the weapon glows brightly.

**Advanced:** Cloaks or blankets enchanted can protect sleeping individuals from nightmares and other similar effects.

**Expert:** Cloaks or amulets imbued provide protection from attacks against the soul, such as Necromantic attacks or 'Discord' effects, granting a bonus of SA/3 on all CHA checks to oppose such effects. In addition, it halves the time required to recover from such attacks.

### **Spirit of Honesty**

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*3) bonus to Speech checks made to convince a target to be truthful.

**Advanced:** When bound to a room, occupants take a (SA\*3) penalty to Barter and Speech checks made to lie.

**Advanced:** Armor or Clothing allows the wearer to reduce crafting time by one hour when working solo, but may not reduce it to less than half an hour. When working in a group, the wearer counts as having *Raise This Barn* perk, so long as an Earth Pony with the *Raise This Barn* perk is leading the project.

**Expert:** Armor provides a (SA/2) bonus to Endurance checks to resist exhaustion, and cuts time needed to sleep in half.

### **Spirit of Jealousy [Darkness]**

**Basic:** Armor provides (SA\*2) bonus of on using sneak for the thief perk

**Basic:** Cloak grants SA\*3 bonus to Speech checks to convince others to covet items, places or people.

**Basic:** Helmets, goggles, or other eyewear grant Night Vision: +1 perception in the dark, and halves darkness penalties.

**Advanced:** Cloak dims artificial light sources such as candles, torches, flashlights, lamps, and the like, that the wearer enters. This lowers light-based penalties, and increases bonuses, to stealth checks, by (SA\*2), maximum 30 in pitch-black darkness.

**Advanced:** Helmets, goggles, etc: as Basic, but +2 perception in the dark, and removes 100% of penalties for low light.

**Advanced:** Weapon: Weapon's visible effects, such as muzzle flash, rocket flare, or laser glare, are dampened. In addition, target must make a CHA check when struck, or be blinded for (SA) turns, or (SA) minutes on a critical hit.

**Expert:** Weapon: as advanced but: on critical hit the target makes a CHA check as a minus SA/2 or has an boosting effects on themselves [beneficial spells, drugs etc] stolen and applied to the weapons waelder.

### **Spirit of Kindness**

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*2) bonus to Speech checks made to calm others or prevent violence.

**Advanced:** Cloak or Armor provides (SA\*2) bonus to Medicine checks. In addition, all healing spells and potions heal (SA/3) additional d10, rounded up.

**Advanced:** Weapon gains Stun quality.

**Expert:** When bound to a room, occupants must pass a CHA test in order to take any violent actions.

**Expert:** As Advanced, and in addition, target must make a CHA check. Failure forces the target to leave combat to the best of their ability. This effect lasts (SA) minutes, and any damage to the target afterward breaks this effect prematurely.

### **Spirit of Laughter**

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*2) bonus to Speech checks made to amuse or to be funny.

**Advanced:** Armor provides immunity to fear-based effects, such as roars and howls.

**Advanced:** Cloak reduces the AP cost of the React action by (SA) [I.E., (SA 5) reduces the AP cost of the React action by 5]

**Expert:** Armor: As Advanced, and the wearer may make a CHA check to dispel illusions, opposed by the caster's science roll.

### **Spirit of Life**

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA) bonus to healing/hour gained from resting.

**Advanced:** Canteen: All healing potions drunk from the canteen/bottle/container gain additional healing equal to (SA/2) per d10 of healing.

**Advanced:** Placing a talisman over a door increases healing for all individuals resting inside the room by (SA) per hour.

**Advanced:** Armor provides (SA/2) bonus to checks made to resist necromancy spells and effects.

**Expert:** Cloak grants (SA) in natural healing every hour.

**Expert:** Armor provides (SA\*5) additional HP.

### **Spirit of Loyalty**

**Basic:** Armor provides allies participating in combat (SA) bonus DT.

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*3) bonus to Speech checks made to keep ponies from desertion, or to give speeches to boost morale.

**Advanced:** Armor: As Basic, and allies gain (SA\*3) Resistance (All).

**Advanced:** Weapon deals (SA\*2) bonus damage against any and all targets that have wounded an ally during that combat.

**Expert:** Armor: As Advanced, and allies gain effective +1 to END and CHA checks made to resist magic.

**Note:** Allies should be defined as other player's characters (so long as the relationship between the characters is not antagonistic) and NPCs important to the character. The maximum number of allies affected is equal to the wearer's Charisma.

### **Spirit of Machines**

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*2) bonus to Mechanics checks made to reduce crafting time.

**Basic:** Item imbued never drops below Used quality unless it is destroyed.

**Advanced:** Item imbued never drops below Good quality unless it is destroyed.

**Advanced:** Cloak: As Basic, and increases the healing rate of Cyberpony wearers by (SA/3), rounded down.

**Expert:** Item imbued never drops below Perfect quality unless it is destroyed.

**Expert:** Weapon, Ranged gain Light Anti-Matrix quality, and Melee gain Anti-matrix.

**Expert:** Cloak: As Advanced, but increases the healing rate by (SA/2), rounded up.

### **Spirit of Memories**

**Basic:** A Shaman can fill an existing empty memory orb with memories from a willing subject.

**Advanced:** Creates a memory orb by using a Gem approved by the GM, and allows use of it.

**Advanced:** Shaman can fashion a Zebra Recollector.

**Expert:** Shaman can fashion memory orbs that do not require Recollectors to access.

**Expert:** Melee weapon can steal thoughts from target struck, dealing (SA) bonus damage. IN addition, target must make a CHA check or suffer -1 to INT, CHA, and PER. Memories stolen in this fashion can be viewed like a memory orb, without need of a Recollector. Wielder must test LCK to determine if the stolen memories are of any value to the wielder.

### **Spirit of Nature**

**Basic:** Armor or Cloak grants (SA\*2) bonus to Survival checks.

**Basic:** Headgear provide (SA\*3) on Speech checks against animals, and allows the shaman to communicate with them empathically.

**Advanced:** Armor provides (SA/2) bonus to all opposed STR or AGI SPECIAL checks.

**Expert:** Headgear grants (SA\*4) bonus to Speech checks against wildlife, and shaman gains the ability to speak to and understand animals.



### **Spirit of Poison [Nature]**

**Basic:** Weapon allows applied poison to be used for SA hits instead of once.

**Advanced:** Weapon: as Basic, and gains the Poison quality on critical hits, dealing (SA/3) poison damage to STR, AGI, END, or PER score (rounded down). The type of SPECIAL damage done must be chosen on enchanting, and reduces poison resistance by (SA\*3)%

**Expert:** Weapon: As Advanced, but damage to SPECIAL stat is equal to (SA/2).

### **Spirit of Rage [Flame]**

**Basic:** Weapon sets target on fire, dealing (SA/2) d10 fire damage per turn for 3 turns.

**Basic:** Armor provides (SA\*2) bonus to Fire Resistance.

**Basic:** Cloak grants (SA\*3) bonus to Speech checks made to incite rage.

**Advanced:** Weapon: As Basic, but add (2+SA\*2) Fire damage to each attack made with the weapon.

**Expert:** Weapon: As Advanced, but adds SA d10 additional Fire damage on a critical hit.

### **Spirit of Riddles**

**Basic:** Imbued into something that presents a riddle or puzzle, such as a lock or a locked terminal, this spirit lowers or raises difficulty of the test by (SA), Shaman's choice.

**Advanced:** As Basic, but with a difficulty change of SA\*2, unless a password is used.

**Advanced:** Imbue tool grants a bonus of SA\*2 on Lockpick, Explosives, or Science tests made using that too. Shaman must choose the type of bonus upon imbuing.

**Expert:** Jams locks or locks terminals unless the password is known, or unjams or unlocks locks or terminals for SA attempts to pick or hack.

### **Spirit of Storms [Lightning]**

**Basic:** Armor provides (SA\*2) bonus to Lightning Resistance against electrical damage, such as from the *Elemental Strike: Lightning* spell, bucked thunderbolts, or exposed wires.

**Basic:** Cloak protects wearer from most penalties inflicted by naturally-occurring storms.

**Basic:** Weapon, on a critical hit, deals an additional +1d10 damage per (SA/3, rounded up), and lowers target's maximum AP by the electrical damage dealt, for the next (SA/2) turns. This effect only affects biological targets with a nervous system.

**Advanced:** Weapon: As Basic, and all attacks do (SA\*2) bonus electrical damage. In addition, the AP drain now affects non living non biological targets as well.

**Expert:** Weapon deals (SA\*2) electrical damage, critical hits deal (SA/2+1)d10 additional damage on a critical hit, and lowers the target's maximum AP by the total electrical damage for SA turns. The AP reductions by multiple hits do not stack: instead, target takes the penalty equal to the largest single amount of electrical damage dealt that turn.

### **Spirit of Waves [Water]**

**Basic:** Chosen container fills itself with (SA) gallons of clean water per day.

**Advanced:** Chosen container fills itself with (SA) gallons of water every 4 hours

**Expert:** Chosen container fills itself with (SA\*2) gallons of clean water every hour.

Regardless of level, containers do not fill to overflowing. If the container is placed in a manner that the water will pour out, the container will pour water as it refills.

### **Spirit of Whispers**

**Basic:** One-handed weapons gain the Silent quality. Weapons fired in Burst or Full Auto mode do not gain this bonus.

**Basic:** Cloak allows hushed whispers from the wearer to be heard by his or her allies as if they were normal speech. [Example: Whispering across the table in a bar would be difficult to eavesdrop on, but easily heard between allies.]

**Basic:** Armor provides (SA+10) bonus to Stealth checks.

**Advanced:** Automatics, Rifles, and powered Melee/Unarmed weapons gain the Silent quality.

**Expert:** Mines, Grenades, and Heavy Weapons gain the Silent quality. Exploding ammunition, however, still makes plenty of noise (unless the ammunition is enchanted separately with another Spirit of Whispers).

### **Spirit of Wind [air]**

**Basic:** Cloak protects against all Wind-related penalties.

**Basic:** Masks provide (SA/2) hours worth of fresh air per day when in an airless environment. This does not protect wearer from toxic gases or other airborne effects.

**Basic:** Melee Weapon gains the Agile quality.

**Advanced:** Ranged Weapons with a Rate of Fire increase ROF by (SA/2) for purposes of the Full Auto attack or Suppression action, granting additional attacks.

**Advanced:** Cloak grants the wearer (SA\*3) bonus AP per turn, to be spent only on movement or dodging. In addition, AP spent to dodge becomes an effective one-to-one ratio.

**Expert:** Cloak: As Advanced, and wearer may dodge at any range.

# Spellcasting

All unicorns are capable of basic magical abilities. While specific talent varies from unicorn to unicorn, even the most untalented can manage at least one spell. Many unicorns choose to spend time training their magical abilities to become stronger than they would be normally. Most unicorns have limited range of spell choices, however, based on their particular talents.

All unicorns have access to General spells. These are basic, utilitarian spells. Unicorns gain the spells *Telekinesis* and *Light* for free, unless they have the trait *One Trick Pony*. In addition, every unicorn begins play with access to a single other spell-set of their choice, considered their primary spell set. This is typically associated with their particular talent.

A unicorn may only spontaneously learn spells from her primary spell set, as well as spells related directly to her special talent. All other spells must be learned, either from teachers, through texts on arcane science, or through other mediums of magical education. (This means that the GM can choose which spells are made available to the player after the game begins.) If a means of magical education becomes available, the player has the option to dedicate their next perk to a spell-learning unicorn perk that they would qualify for. This allows a unicorn character to learn spells between levels and advancement, gaining them as they are learned in-game.

Spells with more than one rank need to be learnt in order.

Unicorns have three additional statistics which other ponies do not. **Versatility**, which is equal to  $(\text{Intelligence}/2)$  rounded up, **Potency**, equal to  $(\text{Endurance}/2)$  rounded up, and finally **Strain**, equal to  $(30 + [\text{Endurance} * 3] + [\text{Intelligence} * 3])$  and gain  $(\text{Int} + \text{End})$  Strain each time they gain a new level. Increases in Intelligence or Endurance during gameplay increase Strain gained for each level retroactively. Potency and Versatility can be increased through increasing the associated SPECIAL or through the *Powerful Caster* and *Versatile Caster* perks respectively, with a maximum rating of 10.

Unicorns begin play with Telekinesis, Light, and a number of spells chosen from their primary spell set equal to their Versatility.

To **cast a spell**, a unicorn must spend Strain equal to its cost. Then, roll any appropriate checks required by the spell. This may include SPECIAL tests or Skill tests, and frequently involve penalties or bonuses depending on the difficulty of the spell. (Rolls pertaining to the application of magic fall under their associated skills. Magic and spellcasting themselves are considered Arcane Science; therefore, most rolls pertaining specifically to magic, such as a roll to analyze a spell, to cast at a target, or to cast a spell under adverse conditions, are Science skill rolls.) Should the appropriate check be passed, the spell has full effects listed below. A spell cannot be used beyond its listed range. **Casting a spell cost 45 AP.**

**Strain recovers** naturally with rest. An hour of normal activity recovers 5 strain. An hour of light activity recovers 10 strain. An hour of rest recovers 15 strain. An hour of sleep recovers 20 strain. Additionally, the character gains a bonus to strain recovery each hour equal to half her level (rounded down) during rest and equal to her level during sleep.

Should a unicorn choose to cast a spell which has a Strain value greater than their remaining Strain, they must check Endurance with a penalty equal to  $(\text{the total amount they have exceeded their Strain limit} / 10)$  rounded down with each additional spell. Failure causes the spell to fail and immediate **magical burnout**. While suffering magical burnout the Unicorn cannot cast -any- spells, and suffers a -5 to all checks from distracting pain. While in burnout, all Strain recovery rates are reduced by 10 (to a minimum of 0). The effects of Burnout remains until the unicorn has either recovered to full Strain or has gained a permanent increase in Endurance (such as from the Extra SPECIAL perk).

One of the most powerful spellcasting arts in the Equestrian Wasteland is **matrix casting**. Two or more matrix casters who know the same spell can weave a temporary spell matrix that allows them to cast that spell together, adding their Potency and Versatility ratings, and dividing the strain costs as they desire.

Weaving a matrix requires absolute concentration (failing if any of the weavers suffers damage) and takes twelve casting actions divided equally between the participating casters. (The casters must work in tandem, so perks such as Zen Casting or Spell Alacrity may only be applied if all casters have these perks.) A temporary spell matrix lasts a number of minutes equal to the casters' combined Potency ratings. However, if the spell being cast through a matrix has a continuous strain cost (such as Telekinesis or Shield) then the matrix will last as long as the casters spend strain. A spell matrix, once established, can be used to channel any number of castings through it, requiring the usual actions to cast from each of the participating casters.

The unicorns of Equestria's past learned the now-lost art of weaving permanent spell matrices into specially-crafted structures, many of which further altered or enhanced the spells they were designed for. The greatest of these spell matrices were known as Megaspells.

### **Spellcasting Traits & Perks:**

For spellcasting-related Traits, see the [Traits](#) section. For spellcasting-related Perks, see the Unicorn racial perks in the [Perk Revisions List](#).

## **Spells**

Spells are divided into spell sets. There are nine spells sets: General, Defense, Illusion, Imbuing, Manipulative, Medical, Necromancy, Offense and Perception. All unicorns gain the two spells in the General set for free (unless they have the trait *One Trick Pony*). Spells from the

Necromancy set are never available to starting characters and cannot be learned from any conventional source -- these spells are entirely under the GMs control and are thus not presented in this document.

Note: some spells have effects that specify *willing* or *unwilling* targets. Things which do not possess consciousness, such as normal plants and inanimate objects, are neither willing nor unwilling. Robots and objects affected by *Come to Life* which have slipped free of the spellcaster's control are considered conscious.

With the exception of healing spells, a beneficial spell cannot be cast on the same target multiple times for stacking or cumulative enhancements. (For example: a target cannot benefit from multiple castings of *Alter Physiology*, or benefit from being part of multiple *Bulwark of Friendship* circles, or gain stacking bonuses from several castings of *Soft Light*.)

A [Spell Set](#) listing of all the spells available can be found at the end of the spells section.

## General spells:

These are the simplest spells. Unlike other spells, General spells do not cost AP to cast (although actions taken with Telekinesis require their normal AP to perform). A caster cannot have multiple castings of these spells functioning at the same time.

### Telekinesis

**(Cost: 1 per attack or per 10 minutes):** The easiest and most basic spell, *Telekinesis* is usually the first spell learned by a unicorn. This spell allows a Unicorn to move (Potency \* Versatility) objects, or perform fine manipulation on up to (Versatility) objects. Fine manipulation is required to use a skill with the affected objects (such as picking a lock or firing a weapon). *Telekinesis* has a range of (5 \* Potency) yards; however, (Science) skill roll is necessary to use *Telekinesis* to move objects outside of your line of sight or telekinetically grasp a target in combat. Attempting fine manipulation of objects outside of your line of sight requires a skill rank of at least 70 in the associated skill.

The weight of an object is irrelevant for the purposes of *Telekinesis* -- while the object is under the effects of *Telekinesis*, the object is considered weightless. (In reality, any heavier object is reduced to about the weight of a baseball.) The caster may attempt to move or manipulate any object which fits into a cube of space equal to (Potency) feet on each side. A potency of 4 is required to lift an adult pony, 3 for an adult pony with the Small Frame trait, and 2 for a foal. *Self-levitation*, the act of effecting oneself with *Telekinesis*, is exceptionally hard, costing 15 Strain a turn merely lighten oneself, and requiring a Science check at a -30 penalty each turn to maintain. If the caster has at least two ranks in Mighty Spell for *Telekinesis*, she may achieve telekinetic flight through self-levitation for the cost of 30 Strain a turn, equivalent to Flight Rank 1. Self-levitation can not be zen cast.

The caster's effective Strength for attacks using *Telekinesis* (such as making a melee attack with a telekinetically wielded weapon) is equal to her (Potency +1). Her Potency for calculating effective Strength is not modified by any ranks of Mighty Spell; however, she gains a +1 bonus on opposed rolls for each rank. Opponents in possession of an item may make an opposed test against the caster's effective Strength using their (Strength+2) to contest the caster's attempt to manipulate the item. Targets may make an opposed test against the spell's effective Strength using their Strength or Agility at a penalty equal to the degrees of success on the caster's Science roll (up to a maximum penalty of -3, this cannot reduce the target's effective Strength or Agility below 1) to break out of a telekinetic grip. Targets who have a means of propulsion, such as wings or a nearby surface to kick off from, can use (Strength+2) with no penalty. A target may fire a projectile weapon as part of this opposed Strength check. This shot is unaimed, they lose AP in an amount equal to (weapon AP -5, minimum 10) on their next turn. If firing a projectile weapon to get out of a telekinetic sheath, use the weapon's strength requirement (with no bonus) for the check. Heavy weapons and projectile-weapon battle saddles always kick a character out of a telekinetic field -- no roll required. Heavy weapons and battle saddles (not including those which fire magical energy), will kick themselves out of the caster's telekinetic control with the first shot. This can be extremely hazardous to the caster if the weapon has a rate of fire beyond one.

### **Light**

**(Cost: 2 per hour):** The caster's horn becomes a dazzling beacon of light, brightly illuminating an area of (Potency) yards radius (with lesser effects beyond that). Creatures within (Potency / 2, round up) yards who look directly at the light source are dazzled and take -10% to all checks involving sight for 2 turns. Creatures within one yard looking directly at the light source are blinded and take -30% to all checks involving sight for (Potency / 2, rounded up) minutes.

## **Defense spells:**

### **Alicorn Shield** (Alicorns Only)

**Basic (Cost 15 + 1/turn):** Duration for concentration or until depletion. Creates a thin, transparent, spherical shield around the caster. The shield has a DT of  $(10 + \text{Potency} * 2)$  and  $50 + (\text{Potency} * 10)$  HP. Attacks which strike the shield and deal more than the shield's DT in damage deal half that damage to the shield's HP before applying damage to any target behind the shield. When the shield is reduced to 0 HP the spell ends. Attacks originating from within the shield also suffer this reduction, however magical spells which can be manifest at range may be manifest on the other side of the shield. Shields get double their DT rating against Stun damage. An alicorn may only have one alicorn shield manifested.

**Advanced (Cost 20):** As per the basic version of the spell, but with no maintenance cost, and  $75 + (\text{Potency} * 10)$  HP. Perception checks through the shield are at -1.

**Expert (Cost 30):** As per the advanced version of the spell, but with  $100 + (\text{Potency} * 10)$  HP, and all damage dealt over the shield's DT is applied to the shield's HP until the shield is depleted. Perception checks through the shield are at -2.

**Note:** An alicorn may protect others within her alicorn shield if they are kept extremely close. It is possible to protect up to one additional size 0 creature, two adult size 0 creatures with small frame, or up to three foals or size -1 creatures in the shield. However, the alicorn can not fly. An alicorn may carry a single foal or size -1 creature on her back within the shield and still fly.

### **Bonds of Friendship**

This spell can only be cast on the caster and individuals towards whom the caster feels a strong friendship. This friendship must be reciprocal and the effects end if the friendships are broken. This circle of close friends is always considered to be adjacent to be “touching” each other for the purposes of casting spells, so long as they are conscious and willing. In addition, the caster may cast spells from the Defense, Medical and Perception spell sets friends within this circle that normally can only be cast on herself. Duration is permanent or until the friendship is broken.

**Basic (Cost 10):** The maximum number of friends that can benefit from the *Bonds of Friendship* is equal to the caster's (Charisma / 2) plus the caster.

**Advanced (Cost 20):** As basic, but the maximum number of friends affected increases by +2.

**Expert (Cost 30):** As advanced, but the maximum number of friends affected increases by +2.

**Note:** If *Bonds of Friendship* should cease to affect a target (such as if the spell is dispelled by *Failsafe* or if the friendship should cease to be reciprocated), then all active spells cast on that target through *Bonds of Friendship* abruptly end.

### **Cloak of the Elements**

This spell grants the caster protection from elemental damage.

**Basic (Cost 10):** Duration equal to (Potency) turns. Protects the caster from one elemental damage type (Fire, Lightning or Cold) of the caster's choice, increasing that elemental resistance by 10 + (Potency).

**Advanced (Cost 15):** Duration equal to (Potency \* 10) turns. Protects the caster from two elemental damage type (Fire, Lightning or Cold) of the caster's choice, increasing that elemental resistance by 20 + (Potency \* 2).

**Expert (Cost 20):** Duration equal to (Potency) minutes. Protects the caster from all three elemental damage types, increasing all elemental resistances by 30 + (Potency \* 3).

### **Equestria's Love**

This spell grants the caster protection from mundane environmental elements. It will not protect against damage from attacks or spells, nor from the effects of supernatural hazards like radiation, taint or Pink Cloud.

**Basic (Cost 10):** Duration equal to (Potency \* 10) minutes. Protects the caster from normal weather and environmental conditions. The caster will not get wet in the rain, will not suffer frostbite or heatstroke in severely cold or hot environments, etc. The character will be comfortable in such environments and take no penalties from them.

**Advanced (Cost 40 or 10):** Duration equal to (Potency) hours. Protects the caster from normally fatal mundane environmental elements. The character will not suffer the effects of natural poisons or drowning, and may even swim in magma with the dragons. Such

environments will not be comfortable -- the character's maximum AP will be reduced by half and all the character's actions will suffer a -20 penalty. The caster may also now cast the Basic version of this spell on others for a cost of 10 strain.

**Expert (Cost 40):** The caster may cast the Advanced version of this spell on others for a cost of 40 strain.

### **Mental Bulwark**

**Basic (Cost 10):** Duration equal to (Potency) minutes. Adds a +1 bonus to all Endurance checks against spells from the Detection and Illusion spell sets, as well as an effective +6 DT against attacks that deal illusory damage

**Advanced (Cost 15):** Duration equal to (Potency \* 10) minutes. Effects increase to a +2 bonus and effective +12 DT.

**Expert (Cost 20):** Duration equal to (Potency) hours. Effects increase to a +3 bonus and effective +18 DT.

### **Rad-Guard**

This spell grants the caster's target a degree of protection against the necromancy-laced magical radiation that pervades Equestria in the aftermath of the apocalypse. The spell has a range of touch.

**Basic (Cost 10):** Duration equal to (Potency) minutes. Adds (Potency \* 5) percent resistance against radiation. May only be cast on a single target.

**Advanced (Cost 30):** Duration equal to (Potency \* 10) minutes. Adds (Potency \* 10) percent resistance against radiation. May be cast on up to (Versatility / 2) targets by touching each over the course of a single turn.

**Expert (Cost 50):** As the Advanced version, but may be cast on up to (Versatility) targets. In addition, the expert version of this spell grants (Potency \* 5) percent resistance against the effects of Pink Cloud for a duration of (Potency) minutes.

**Note:** The Expert version of this spell requires the caster also have the Quest Perk *Great and Powerful*.

### **Resilience**

**Basic (Cost 5):** Duration equal to (Potency) months. Protects an item from normal wear and tear, weathering, soiling and similar natural decay. Effects only a simple item (such as a dress, a wall or a coffee cup).

**Advanced (Cost 15):** Duration equal to (Potency) years. As basic, but can effect a complex item (such as a building, a machine or a computer).

**Expert (Cost 30):** Duration is permanent.

### **Shield**

**Basic (Cost 10 + 2/turn):** Duration for concentration or until depletion. Creates a basic moldable energy shield colored appropriately to the user's magic. The shield is thin, transparent, and can be wrapped around any target area, covering a maximum of (Versatility \* 5) feet in its largest dimension. The caster chooses if position of the shield is fixed or consistent in relation



to the caster. (For example: the caster may choose for the shield to be consistently in front of her and it will turn and travel as she does.) The shield has a DT of (Potency \* 2) and 30 + (Potency \* 10) HP. Attacks which strike the shield and deal more than the shield's DT in damage deal half that damage to the shield's HP before applying damage to any target behind the shield. When the shield is reduced to 0 HP the spell ends. Attacks originating from within the shield also suffer this reduction, however magical spells which can be manifest at range may be manifest on the other side of the shield. Requires a Skill Roll of Science + (Versatility \* 5) to change shield shape without recasting. Shields get double their DT rating against Stun damage. A caster can only manifest one shield at a time.

**Advanced (Cost 15):** As per the basic version of the spell, but with no maintenance cost, a maximum largest dimension of (Versatility \* 10) feet, and 50 + (Potency \* 10) HP.

### **Toughen Hide**

This spell grants the target toughened skin, resulting in a bonus to DT at the cost of a penalty to Agility and to Perception for tests based on touch. This bonus stacks with worn armor.

**Basic (Cost 10):** Duration of (Potency) rounds. The target gains (Potency) DT at a penalty of -2 to Agility and touch-based Perception checks.

**Advanced (Cost 15):** Duration of (Potency) minutes. The penalty is reduced to -1.

**Expert (Cost 20):** Duration of (Potency \* 10) minutes. The penalty is removed altogether.

### **Bulwark of Friendship** (Advanced)

This spell allows a circle of close friends to bolster each other's physical and mental defenses against a variety of attacks and effects. The number of friends that can be affected by the spell is equal to the caster's (Charisma / 2). If the caster also has *Bonds of Friendship* then *Bulwark of Friendship* will affect that number of friends instead. This spell can only be cast on the caster and individuals towards whom the caster feels a strong friendship.

**Advanced (Cost 15):** Duration is (Potency) days. The friends gains a +1 to all Charisma and Endurance checks made to resist spells and other undesirable effects for every two friends in circle (rounded up).

**Expert (Cost 30):** Duration is (Potency) weeks. As Advanced, but the caster may also choose either Charisma or Endurance. The friends under the effects of this spell may all make rolls for the chosen SPECIAL using the value of the friend with the highest score in that SPECIAL. (This spell may not be cast twice for both effects.)

### **Disintegration Ward** (Advanced)

**Advanced (Cost 5):** Duration of one hour. Protects a group of up to (Versatility) allies from energy weapons' disintegration effects (negates crit extra damage). One charge, shared among the group.

**Expert (Cost 15):** Duration equal to (Potency) hours. As advanced, but with (Potency) charges, shared among the group.

### **Power of Friendship** (Expert)

This spell affects a close circle of friends, allowing a Defense or Medical spell cast upon one

member of the circle to also grant full benefits to the target's friends as well. The number of friends that can be affected by the spell is equal to the caster's (Charisma / 2). If the caster also has *Bonds of Friendship*, then *Power of Friendship* will affect that number of friends instead. This spell can only be cast on the caster and individuals towards whom the caster feels a strong friendship. A targeted friend may refuse the spell.

**Expert (Cost 30):** Duration is (Potency) hours or until the next Defense or Medical spell is cast on one of the friends in the circle.

## Illusion spells :

### Amplify

This spell exaggerates a source of sensory stimuli. A light can become blindingly bright, a sound can become deafeningly loud, a smell can become nauseatingly overpowering, etc. Using this spell to augment a speaker's voice adds a bonus of (Potency \* 5) to the speaker's Speech check for intimidation.

**Basic (cost 8):** Duration of one turn. Debilitating effects only last for the duration of the spell. Targets may make an Endurance check at a +1 bonus to avoid any debilitating effects.

**Advanced (cost 12):** Duration of (Potency) turns. Debilitating effects last for the duration of the spell plus (Potency / 2) turns. Targets may make an Endurance check at a -1 penalty to avoid any debilitating effects.

**Expert (cost 16):** Duration of (Potency) minutes. Debilitating effects last for the duration of the spell plus (Potency) turns. Targets may make an Endurance check at a -3 penalty to avoid any debilitating effects.

### Compulsion

*Compulsion* allows you to magically command a behavior within a creature. While the caster is not required to speak, the player must iterate the command in 5 + (caster's Versatility) words or less. This is a very tricky spell, as unnatural compulsions often result in unexpected behavior. Additionally, each turn the compulsion would affect an intelligent target's actions, that target may make an Intelligence roll to fight off the effect of the spell. This roll normally has a penalty equal to the caster's (Potency / 2) to shake off the effect; however, if the action would bring direct harm to the target or one of the target's loved ones, this check is made without that penalty. If the induced behavior would result in obviously lethal harm, this check gains an additional +3 bonus. This spell has no effect on robots or other machines.

**Basic (cost 20):** Duration of (Potency) turns. Target's a single creature within (Potency \* 10) feet. Effects only unintelligent biological creatures.

**Advanced (cost 35):** Duration of (Potency) minutes. Targets unintelligent biological creatures within a (Potency \* 10) yard cone extending out from the caster's line of sight, or targets a single intelligent biological creature within (Potency \* 10) feet.

**Expert (cost 50):** Duration of (Potency \* 10) minutes. Targets unintelligent biological creatures within a (Potency \* 100) yard radius centered on the caster, or targets intelligent biological creatures within a (Potency \* 10) yard cone extending out from the caster's line of sight.

## **Illusion**

This spell must be taken separately for sight, hearing, smell & taste (combined), or touch. The spell creates an illusion effecting the relevant sense (or senses). The illusion may be static, or the caster may manipulate the illusion (such as having an illusory pony walk around, or an illusory voice speak) as a 30 AP action with a successful Science skill check. This spell cannot cause direct harm or impairment.

**Basic (cost 15):** Duration of (Potency) turns.

**Advanced (cost 25):** Duration of (Potency) minutes.

**Expert (cost 35):** Duration of (Potency \* 10) minutes.

## **Ripple**

This spell causes a shifting visual distortion that makes it difficult to identify at target, aim at specific body parts on a target or even discern which direction the target is facing. A caster may not have multiple Ripple spells functioning simultaneously.

**Basic (cost 8):** Duration of (Potency) turns. May target self only. Adds a penalty equal to the caster's Versatility to any applicable rolls.

**Advanced (cost 12):** Duration of (Potency) minutes. Range of touch. Adds a penalty equal to double the caster's Versatility to any applicable rolls.

**Expert (cost 12 + 4 per target):** Duration of (Potency \* 10) minutes. May be cast on up to Versatility willing and/or unconscious targets within Point Blank range. Adds a penalty equal to triple the caster's Versatility to any applicable rolls.

**Note:** The benefit of Ripple does not stack with the benefit of the Dazzle armor property.

## **Sensory Foil**

This spell must be taken separately for sight, hearing, smell & taste (combined), or touch. The spell's exact effects may vary according to the caster's personal taste -- one caster with visual *Sensory Foil* may cause the target to become blurred, while another might create a camouflage effect. Alternate names for the different versions of this spell are common.

**Basic (cost 15):** Duration of (Potency) turns. This spell is cast on a single target and impedes all attempts to perceive that target with the appropriate sense or senses. The target gains a bonus of (Potency \* 5) to Sneak rolls against the impeded sense(s).

**Advanced (cost 25):** Duration of (Potency) minutes. Can be cast as an Area of Effect spell with a fixed center and a maximum radius of (Potency \* 5) yards. The affected area can be shaped with a Skill Roll of Science + (Versatility \* 5) into any shape that fits within the maximum radius. This spell affects all who are within the area or who attempt to perceive into that area with the impeded sense(s) (including the caster).

**Expert (cost 40):** Duration of (Potency \* 10) minutes. Attempts to perceive the target or within the targeted area with the impeded sense(s) automatically fail.

**Note:** The Expert version of this spell requires the caster also have the Quest Perk *Great and Powerful*. Blue Alicorns have *Invisibility* as a racial spell, which is a visual Sensory Foil spell with expert-level effectiveness, but with a duration in accordance to the level that the alicorn has taken the spell (starting at Basic).

**Note:** Visual Sensory Foil (including *Invisibility*) will not mask the light emanating from light source otherwise obscured by the effect (for example, if a stable-dweller using a Stealth Buck leaves her PipBuck light on, or a blue alicorn casts a spell, causing her horn to glow).

### **Soft Light**

This spell subtly blends the illusionary and behavior-affecting aspects of Illusion magic, causing the caster to appear in the best possible light. The caster's appealing and positive traits seem more pronounced, while the character traits that are less pleasant qualities seem to be more trivial.

**Basic (cost 15):** Duration of (Potency) minutes. Adds a bonus equal to  $(5 + [\text{Potency} * 2])$  to Barter and Speech checks, and improves NPC disposition by one step. At the basic level, the caster may only cast this spell on herself.

**Advanced (cost 30):** Duration of  $(\text{Potency} * 10)$  minutes. Bonus increases to  $(10 + [\text{Potency} * 3])$  and the spell gains a range of touch.

**Expert (cost 45):** Duration of (Potency) hours. Adds a bonus equal to  $(20 + [\text{Potency} * 4])$  to Barter and Speech checks, and improves NPC disposition by two steps.

### **Target**

This spell creates an illusion only the caster can see which illuminates targets and assists in attacks. The duration of this spell is (Versatility) minutes or until the AP duration is depleted, whichever is sooner. Movement actions that consume AP are not counted against this depletion.

**Basic (cost 8):** Duration of  $(\text{Potency} * 15)$  AP. Negates 10 points of penalties to attack rolls.

**Advanced (cost 12):** Duration of  $(\text{Potency} * 30)$  AP. Negates 20 points of penalties to attack rolls.

**Expert (cost 16):** Duration of  $(\text{Potency} * 45)$  AP. Negates 30 points of penalties to attack rolls.

### **Discord** (Advanced)

Targets up to  $(\text{Versatility} / 2)$  biological creatures, shifting each target's mood and attitude towards the other targets in a negative direction. Targets which were loving become indifferent. Targets which were indifferent become quarrelsome. Targets which were quarrelsome become outright hostile. Currently friendly or indifferent targets whose underlying relationship is quarrelsome or hostile will automatically shift to match that underlying state. This spell may only be cast on a particular target once per day. When the duration ends, the targets' do not revert to their previous dispositions automatically, but may do so naturally over a short time. The caster may include herself as one of the targets.

**Advanced (cost 30):** Duration of (Potency) turns. Affected targets may attempt to shake off the effects with an Endurance roll at a penalty equal to the caster's  $(\text{Potency} / 2)$  (minimum 1).

**Expert (cost 45):** Duration of (Potency) minutes. Affected targets may attempt to shake off the effects with an Endurance roll at a penalty equal to the caster's (Potency) (minimum 1).

**Note:** This spell can only be learned from dark sources such as certain spirits and star-touched creatures. When spirits use this power, it is a spiritual attack that functions off of Spirit Power and is resisted by Charisma. Thus it requires that the caster also have the Quest Perk *Great and Powerful*. The effects of this spell are immediately dispelled by *Harmony*.

### **Grand Illusion** (Advanced)

Can create an illusion spanning (Versatility / 2, rounded up) sense categories -- sight, hearing, smell & taste (combined), and touch -- over an area of (Potency \* Versatility) yards radius. The illusion may be static, or the caster may manipulate the illusion as a 25 AP action with a successful Science skill check. Each turn the caster succeeds in manipulating the illusion, she may choose to use the illusion to cause impairment or illusionary damage to up to (Versatility) targets within the area of the spell's effect.

**Advanced (cost 35):** Duration of (Potency) minutes.

**Expert (cost 50):** Duration of (Potency \* 10) minutes. Adds +1 to the caster's Potency and Versatility for determining the effects of this spell.

**Note:** This spell may be used to cause illusionary damage equal to  $30 + (3 * [\text{Potency} + \text{Versatility}])$  to affected targets each turn (so long as touch is one of the senses affected). This damage is not real -- it ignores DT, can only knock a target unconscious, and will heal immediately once the spell ends. Alternately, this spell may also be used to disorient or similarly impair targets, giving the targets a penalty (Potency / 2, rounded up) to the SPECIAL of the caster's choice (to a minimum of 1).

### **Harmony** (Advanced)

Targets up to (Versatility / 2) biological creatures, shifting each target's mood and attitude towards the other targets in a positive direction. Targets which were hostile become indifferent. Targets which were indifferent become friendly. Targets which were friendly become loving. Currently hostile or indifferent targets whose underlying relationship is friendly or loving will automatically shift to match that underlying state. This spell may only be cast on a particular target once per day. When the duration ends, the targets do not revert to their previous dispositions automatically, but may do so naturally over a short time. The caster may include herself as one of the targets. Speech and Barter checks made between the targets gain a (Potency \* 3) bonus.

**Advanced (cost 25):** Duration of (Potency) turns. Affected targets may attempt to shake off the effects with an Endurance roll at a penalty equal to the caster's (Potency / 2) (minimum 1).

**Expert (cost 40):** Duration of (Potency) minutes. Affected targets may attempt to shake off the effects with an Endurance roll at a penalty equal to the caster's (Potency) (minimum 1).

**Note:** If a target who has shaken off the effect of the spell and becomes hostile or dangerous, the effects of the spell are negated, but only towards that target. If the caster included herself as a target, she may not attempt to throw off the effects. Many spirits can use a spirit power similar to Harmony. However, that power attacks the spirit rather than the mind; it is a spiritual attack that functions off of Spirit Power and is resisted by Charisma.

### **Hidden Aura** (Expert)

**Expert (cost 30 + special):** Duration of concentration. You hide the glow from your horn and the aura of magic that surrounds objects you manipulate with your magic. This spell adds 5 Strain to the cost of every spell cast during its duration.

### **Simulacrum** (Expert)

This spell creates an illusion that is not only perfect to all senses, but that can be functionally interacted with. (For example: a caster could conjure a simulacrum of a door in the middle of a field just so she could shut it in somepony's face. That somepony could then open the door.) The simulacrum naturally interacts as if it is real within the limitations of the spell. The simulacrum is not actually real, however, and thus cannot hold weight or stop a moving object. Using a simulacrum requires skill checks as if it was the actual item. If the simulacrum is used to cause harm (such as striking an opponent with a simulacrum of a sword) then it deals damage as if it was the actual item up to a maximum amount of cumulative damage dealt equal to the caster's (Potency \* 20). If the simulacrum deals more damage than this, any additional damage is negated and the simulacrum vanishes on the next turn. This damage is not real -- it ignores DT, can only knock a target unconscious, and will heal immediately once the spell ends. **Expert (cost 30 + 5 per turn):** Maximum area of the spell is equal to (Potency) feet on its largest dimension. Short range.

### **Want It, Need It** (Expert)

All intelligent creatures (except the caster) who observe the targeted object grow an insatiable desire to possess it. They will resort to any non-lethal means available to acquire it and hold onto it. This spell has a range of touch. Affected targets may attempt to shake off the effects with an Endurance roll at a penalty equal to the caster's Versatility (with a minimum effective Endurance of 0). This spell may be dispelled prematurely by the caster with a successful Science skill roll so long as the caster is touching the targeted object.

**Expert (50):** Duration of (Potency) hours or until dispelled.

## **Imbuing spells**

The zebras of the past had perfected the art of crafting objects that were permanently imbued with spiritual energy and could imbue other objects with their power -- the most infamous examples being firearms which could imbue each bullet shot with magical lightning or fire. The Ministry of Magic worked to unlock the secrets of such magic, and marginally succeeded. Imbuing spells are spells which can temporarily enchant objects (usually weapons and armor) with magical qualities.

No item may be enchanted with more than one Imbuing spell at a time (although you may enchant both a projectile or energy weapon and a clip of ammo, gaining the benefits of both). Nor can Imbuing spells be cast on items enchanted by zebra shamanism. Weapons with the "Set" quality are considered a single item for purposes of Imbuing, as are all the components of complex items. (For example: medium and heavy armors include a helmet, so that helmet cannot be enchanted separately.) The effects of multiple items Imbued with the same spell do not stack. (For example: Imbuing both armor and a cloak with *Spirit of Diamond* will not grant double DT bonuses.) All Imbuing spells have a range of Short unless otherwise stated.

Notably, while Imbuing spells alone are never permanent, the ponies of the past learned that by

weaving exact spell matrices into particular items (usual gemstones or perfect spheres), they could create magic items with permanent versions of these spells' effects. The knowledge of how to craft these spell matrices is apparently lost... despite persistent rumors to the contrary.

### **Spirit of Flame**

**Basic (Cost 10):** Duration lasts (Potency) minutes. Melee weapons or projectiles imbued with *Spirit of Flame* deal an extra (Potency \* 2) fire damage to biological opponents and will ignite the target on a critical hit, burning for an additional 2d10 damage each turn until they pass a Luck test or spend a turn putting themselves out. (This spell can also be used on unarmed weapons, but will damage the wearer as well as the target, so it is generally not advised.)

**Advanced (Cost 25):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 10) in minutes. Damage increases to (Potency \* 3). Critical hit effect increases to 3d10 damage.

**Expert: (Cost 45):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. Damage increases to (Potency \* 4). Critical hit effect increases to 4d10 damage.

### **Spirit of Diamond**

**Basic (Cost 15):** Duration lasts (Potency) minutes. Weapons imbued with Spirit of Diamond gain 2 + (Potency / 2), rounded up Armor Penetration. Armor, clothing and other objects imbued with *Spirit of Diamond* gain 2 + (Potency / 2, rounded up) DT, to a maximum total DT of 25.

**Advanced (Cost 30):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 10) minutes. Weapons imbued with *Spirit of Diamond* gain 4 + (Potency) AP. Armor, clothing and other objects imbued with *Spirit of Diamond* gain 4 + (Potency) DT, to a maximum total DT of 30.

**Expert (Cost 50):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. Weapons imbued with *Spirit of Diamond* halve the value of opponent's armor (rounded up), or by (Potency \* 2), whichever is greater. Armor, clothing and other objects imbued with *Spirit of Diamond* gain 6 + (Potency \* 2) DT to a maximum total DT of 35.

### **Spirit of Light**

**Basic (Cost 10):** Duration lasts (Potency) minutes. Objects imbued with *Spirit of Light* glow brightly, casting illumination equal to (Potency \* 3) candles. Weapons or projectiles gain a bonus to hit equal to 10 + (Potency). Anyone carrying or wearing an item affected by Spirit of Light suffers a penalty of -(10 + [Potency \* 2]) to Sneak checks. Range is medium.

**Advanced (Cost 25):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 10) in minutes. Bonus increases to 20 + (Potency) and the penalty for sneaking increases to -(15 + [Potency \* 3]) Range is long.

**Expert: (Cost 45):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. Bonus increases to 30 + (Potency) and the penalty for sneaking increases to -(20 + [Potency \* 4]) Range is extreme.

### **Spirit of Lightning**

**Basic (Cost 15):** Duration lasts (Potency) minutes. Melee weapons or projectiles imbued with *Spirit of Lightning* deal an extra (Potency \* 2) electrical damage to living biological opponents and machines. Spirit of Lightning will disrupt the machine for potency/2 turns on a critical hit. Against living biological opponents, weapons imbued with *Spirit of Lightning* drain 2d10 AP on a critical hit. This spell has no effect against unliving biological opponents. (This spell can also be

used on unarmed weapons, but will damage the wearer as well as the target, so it is generally not advised.)

**Advanced (Cost 30):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 10) minutes. Damage increases to (Potency \* 3). Critical hit effect increases to 10 + 2d10 AP.

**Expert (Cost 50):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. Damage increases to (Potency \* 4). Critical hit effect increases to 20 + 2d10 AP.

### **Spirit of Poisons**

**Basic (Cost 15):** Duration lasts (Potency) minutes. Melee weapons or projectiles imbued with *Spirit of Poisons* deal an extra (Potency \* 2) poison damage to living, biological opponents. On a critical hit, a living, biological target will lose (Potency / 2, rounded up) points of Endurance or Agility (caster's choice), to a minimum of one. SPECIALs reduced this way recover at the rate of one point per hour of rest. (This spell can also be used on unarmed weapons, but will damage the wearer as well as the target, so it is generally not advised.)

**Advanced (Cost 30):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 10) minutes. Duration equal to the unicorn's potency in hours. Damage increases to (Potency \* 3).

**Expert: (Cost 50):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. Duration equal to the unicorn's potency in hours. Damage increases to (Potency \* 4). Critical hit effect is equal to (Potency).

### **Spirit of Wind**

**Basic (Cost 15):** Duration lasts (Potency) minutes. Weapons imbued with *Spirit of Wind* reduce their AP cost to use by (Potency) to a minimum AP cost of 10 and a maximum AP savings per turn of (Potency + 15). Characters wearing clothing imbued with *Spirit of Wind* may make an extra move action during their turn for free, as can vehicles and robots imbued with this spell.

**Advanced (Cost 30):** When cast on weapons, the maximum AP savings becomes (Potency + 20). In addition to the benefits of the basic version of this spell, Characters wearing clothing or operating vehicles imbued with *Spirit of Wind* gain one-for-one benefits for spending remaining AP on dodging at the end of their turn, as can robots imbued with this spell. Duration lasts (Potency \* 10) minutes.

**Expert (Cost 50):** Weapons imbued with *Spirit of Wind* reduce their AP cost to use by (Potency + 5) to a minimum AP cost of 10 and a maximum AP savings per turn of (Potency + 25). In addition to the benefits of the advanced version of this spell, characters wearing clothing imbued with *Spirit of Wind* may make an additional extra move action (for a total of two) during their turn for free, as can vehicles and robots imbued with this spell. Duration lasts (Potency) hours.

**Note:** The reduction to AP from *Spirit of Wind* stacks with the reductions from the perks *Gladiator Pony* and *Lead Rain*, but no combination of AP cost reducers can reduce a weapon's AP cost below 10. In addition, the maximum AP savings do not stack -- only the higher value applies.

### **Spirit of Friendship** (Advanced)

This spell affects all intelligent characters or creatures who perceive the character possessing an item imbued with this spell. *Spirit of Friendship* ceases to affect any character or creature



towards whom the individual with the imbued item becomes hostile.

**Advanced (Cost 15):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 10) minutes. Weapons imbued with this spell will not cause alarm when worn. Characters wearing clothing imbued with *Spirit of Friendship* gain a bonus equal to (15 + [Potency \* 2]) for Speech tests.

**Expert (Cost 30):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. Weapons imbued with *Spirit of Friendship* will not cause alarm when drawn or carried. Characters wearing clothing imbued with *Spirit of Friendship* gain a bonus equal to (25 + [Potency \* 4]) for Speech tests.

### **Spirit of Machines** (Advanced)

While this spell affects an entire object, the core of the magic resides in a single component (considered the “heart of the machine”) chosen by the caster. If that component is removed, the spell automatically ends, even if cast at Expert level.

**Advanced (Cost 25):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. Items imbued with *Spirit of Machines* require half the normal time to repair or modify. Tools imbued with this spell grant this bonus for all items they are used to repair or modify. All applicable Mechanics skill tests gain a (10 + [Potency \* 2]) bonus.

**Expert (Cost 50):** Duration lasts (Potency) months. As above, except that when cast on an item, tools are no longer required as the item will assemble itself according to the caster’s intent so long as the caster remains focused completely on the spell. (Appropriate parts and materials are skill needed, however.) All applicable Mechanics skill tests gain a (15 + [Potency \* 4]) bonus.

### **Spirit of Nature** (Advanced)

This spell is most useful when cast on cauldrons, stoves, chemistry sets and similar equipment.

**Advanced (Cost 25):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. All equipment imbued with this spell greatly increase the natural potency of ingredients used in cooking, brewing or chem-making with them. Any recipe which requires multiple of a single component (for example: three green herbs) now requires only half that many (rounded up). All Survival skill tests gain a (10 + [Potency \* 2]) bonus.

**Expert (Cost 50):** Duration lasts (Potency) months. As above, except that any recipe which requires multiple of a single component now requires only one. (Appropriate parts and materials are skill needed, however.) All Survival skill tests gain a (15 + [Potency \* 4]) bonus.

### **Spirit of Riddles** (Advanced)

When this spell is cast on items that present a puzzle, that puzzle becomes either harder or easier to solve -- locks become harder or easier to pick, complex explosives become harder or easier to disarm, and terminals become harder or easier to hack.

**Advanced (Cost 15):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 10) minutes. Items imbued with *Spirit of Riddles* grant either a bonus or a penalty equal to (15 + [Potency \* 2]) for applicable Explosives, Lockpick or Science tests.

**Expert (Cost 30):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. Items imbued with *Spirit of Riddles* grant either a bonus or a penalty equal to (25 + [Potency \* 4]) for applicable Explosives, Lockpick or Science tests.

### **Spirit of Whispers** (Advanced)

**Advanced (Cost 15):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 10) minutes. Weapons imbued with *Spirit of Whispers* become silenced, making only the faintest of sounds. Characters wearing clothing imbued with *Spirit of Whispers* gain a bonus equal to (15 + [Potency \* 2]) for Sneak tests.

**Expert (Cost 30):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. Weapons imbued with *Spirit of Whispers* become completely silent. Characters wearing clothing imbued with *Spirit of Whispers* gain a bonus equal to (25 + [Potency \* 4]) for Sneak tests.

### **Spirit of Life** (Expert)

**Expert (Cost 35):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. Characters wearing clothing imbued with the *Spirit of Life* regenerate one HP each minute for the duration of the spell.

### **Spirit of Memories** (Expert)

**Expert (Cost 50):** Duration lasts (Potency) years. An item imbued with *Spirit of Memories* becomes a receptacle for Memory Implant. The memory can be triggered through any directed magical connection.

### **Spirit of Waves** (Expert)

**Expert (Cost 35):** Duration lasts (Potency) hours. Items imbued with *Spirit of Waves* will produce one gallon of purest water every turn until the duration runs out or a condition set by the caster is met (such as filling a container), whichever is sooner.

## **Manipulation spells**

Manipulation spells are spells that alter the shape or placement of objects, how they interact with each other, or how magic interacts with them.

### **Arcane Mark**

This spell can be used to either leave a magical mark on a selected surface or activate an existing one. Magical marks can be of any design, can be either visible or invisible to the naked eye, permanent or temporary. The casting of the *Arcane Mark* spell upon the surface where the mark is hidden will also reveal hidden marks.

**Basic (cost 5):** Leaves a mark on selected place. The mark may be either up to (Versatility) feet with small details or up to (Versatility) inches with complex details.

**Advanced (cost 15):** The arcane mark may be up to (Versatility) yards with complex details. The arcane mark may be designed to remain invisible until a triggering phrase is spoken or a triggering action is taken.

**Expert (cost 35):** As advanced, except the arcane mark may be designed to be visible or invisible to a general class of creatures. (For example: "all unicorns" or "not zebras".)

**Note:** While Cutie Marks are a form of unique arcane mark, no magic may permanently create an artificial Cutie Mark nor cause one to appear before its time.

**Note:** The lines of arcane energy created by an arcane mark can be woven into a matrix,

making Arcane Mark a valuable spell for Matrix Casters or friends of zebra shamans. Weaving an Arcane Mark into a spell matrix requires an additional six casting actions, but grants all involved casters the benefits of Zen Casting while casting through the matrix (if they do not already possess the perk). A talisman with an integrated Arcane Mark will grant a zebra shaman a +5 bonus to her Barter check for enchanting that talisman, +15 if dealing with a spirit of magic.

### **Cloudwalk**

**Basic (cost 10):** Duration of (Potency) hours. Allows the target to interact with clouds.

### **Come to Life**

Animates an inanimate object. Animated objects will move under the guidance of the caster with a successful Science skill check. However, if the caster fails this check, the animated object will take on a life of its own until the spell duration ends. The caster may need to make skill rolls to make proper use of items which she has brought to life (for example, she would need to make a Firearms skill check to properly guide an animated rifle). Such rolls are made with a +20 bonus. Duration of (Potency + Versatility) minutes.

**Basic (cost 15):** May animate a single small object up to (Potency \* 10) inches in its largest dimension. Animated objects will be only capable of basic movement. Caster gains a +10 bonus to the Science skill check.

**Advanced (cost 30):** May animate a single large object up to (Potency \* 10) feet in its largest dimension or (Versatility) small objects. Animated objects will be capable of fluid and complex movement. Caster's Science skill check gains no bonus.

**Expert (cost 40):** May animate a single huge object up to (Potency \* 10) yards in its largest dimension, or (Versatility) large objects, or (Versatility \* 3) small objects. The objects affected by Expert-level *Come to Life* will change in appearance, seeming to become actual living creatures. Caster's Science skill check is made at a -10 penalty.

### **Growth**

Causes seeds to sprout and eggs to hatch, speeds pregnancy, or causes a living plant or creature to physically mature rapidly over a period of (Potency) turns. Requires a successful Science skill check. Unwilling targets may resist with a successful Endurance or Luck check at a +3 bonus. This spell cannot induce growth beyond the natural "adult" stage of a plant or creature's physical development.

**Basic (cost 20):** Will cause (Potency) days worth of growth. Short range. Can affect (Versatility \* 10) seeds, (Versatility) plants, one unborn/unhatched living creature or one non-intelligent living creature.

**Advanced (cost 35):** Will cause (Potency) weeks worth of growth. Medium range. Can affect (Versatility \* 100) seeds, (Versatility \* 10) plants, (Versatility) unborn/unhatched non-intelligent living creatures, (Versatility) non-intelligent living creatures, one unborn/unhatched intelligent living creature or one intelligent living creature.

**Expert (cost 50):** As advanced, but will cause (Potency) months worth of growth.

## **Organize**

This spell automatically sorts your inventory, maximizing space in your saddlebags or other containers, putting the object you desire on the top for easy access. The spell will continue to reorganize your inventory, putting the desired objects in easy access, for the duration of the spell. Accessing items in an Organized pack costs 10 less AP than normal.

**Basic (cost 5):** Duration (Versatility) hours.

**Advanced (cost 10):** Duration (Versatility) days.

**Expert (cost 20):** Duration (Versatility) weeks.

## **Phase**

This spell is cast upon a solid, mundane object to make the object or a section of the object of the object intangible for (Potency) turns. *Phase* cannot be cast on magically-enhanced objects or magical shields. The affected area glows dimly with the color of the caster's magical aura. Casting *Phase* on an item worn or carried by another character requires a successful Science skill check (with any appropriate called shot or target size penalties). Worn items which are phased will remain on the wearer, but will provide no DT (although other bonuses remain intact). Items that have been phased cannot be used or equipped. If two items occupy the same space when *Phase* ends, the foreign item is ejected. Ejected beings suffer (Potency \* 5) damage on a failed Luck check. Items ejected suffer one level of condition degradation. The duration of *Phase* may be ended early with a successful Science skill check at a penalty equal to -5 \* (remaining turns).

**Basic (cost 20):** The object or area of an object affected may not exceed the caster's (Versatility \* 3) inches in its largest dimension or have a DT greater than 10.

**Advanced (cost 35):** The object or area of an object affected may not exceed the caster's (Versatility) feet in its largest dimension or have a DT greater than 20.

**Expert (cost 50):** The object or area of an object affected may not exceed the caster's (Versatility) yards in its largest dimension or have a DT greater than 30.

**Note:** An object affected by *Phase* does not become intangible to itself, in whole or in part. As such, an object will not lose structural integrity if part of that object is phased, nor will components of complex objects that are phased cease to function in regards to the object they are part of. (For example: phasing the lock on a safe will not allow you to open it -- the lock is considered an integral component and remains solid in regards to the rest of the safe. However, the caster can tip the safe and dump out what is inside through the phased section.)

## **Sculpt**

This spell allows you to reshape matter. It may be used on any non-magical, non-aware, simple substance. Sculpting an object with a DT rating (such as barding or a safe) requires a successful Science skill check with a penalty equal to 10 + (Object's DT \* 2). Sculpting a substance that is in motion requires a successful Science skill check at a -30 penalty. Sculptures created through this spell are usually simple, but the caster may make the sculpture refined and detailed with a successful Perception check and an additional 10 strain.

**Basic (Cost 20):** Range of touch. Effects last (Potency) hours. Area of effect is up to (Versatility) feet in its largest dimension.

**Advanced (Cost 35):** Short range. Effects last (Potency) days. Area of effect is up to (Versatility \* 2) feet in its largest dimension.

**Expert (Cost 50):** Medium range. Effects are permanent. Area of effect is up to (Versatility \* 4) feet in its largest dimension.

### **Spell Closet**

This spell allows you to pre-cast one or more other spells and “hang” their effects, triggering them at a later time. As well as paying the cost for *Spell Closet*, you pay half of the cost (rounded up) of any spells you are hanging now, and the other half when the spell is triggered. Triggering a hung spell is a 15 AP action. The caster may trigger one hung spell a turn.

**Basic (cost 20):** The caster may hang one spell. The spell must be triggered within (Potency \* 10) minutes or it will be lost.

**Advanced (cost 30):** The caster may hang (Versatility / 2) spells. The spells must be triggered within (Potency) hours or it will be lost.

**Expert (cost 40):** The caster may hang (Versatility) spells. The spells must be triggered within (Potency) days or it will be lost. The caster may trigger up to two hung spells a turn.

**Note:** A caster may not use Zen Casting when casting a spell into *Spell Closet* (although *Spell Closet* itself may be cast with Zen Casting). Additionally, a caster may not use Wild Spell on the same turn in which she triggers a hung spell.

**Note:** A *Great and Powerful* version of *Spell Closet* exists which allows a caster to hang a spell on a non-magical object until a specific condition is met. A condition must be spoken by the caster during casting or the spell will be lost. This condition is written into the spell in such a way that the spoken words are revealed when *Arcane Mark* is cast upon the object. The spell may then be triggered under specified conditions. This spell is called *Spell In a Box*.

### **Summon Object**

This spell allows the caster to summon one or more pre-defined objects. To define an object as summonable by this spell, the caster must touch her horn to the object and spend 5 strain.

Summoning takes a full turn. An object about to be summoned will glow in a magic aura throughout the turn, teleporting to the caster at the start of her next action. A summoning can be interrupted by someone moving the object before it departs. This spell cannot be used on items that are integral parts of other items (such as the clip out of a gun or the hinges off of a door), nor on living or undead creatures.

**Basic (cost 10):** Summons a chosen, pre-defined object to the caster. The object cannot be something larger than the caster. The caster may have (Versatility) pre-defined objects. Range is (Potency \* 100) yards.

**Advanced (cost 25):** Summons up to (Versatility / 2, rounded up) pre-defined objects to the caster. The objects cannot be something larger than yourself. The caster may have (Versatility \* 2) pre-defined objects. Range is (Potency) miles.

**Expert (cost 40):** Summons up to (Versatility) pre-defined objects to the caster. At the cost of +20 strain, this may be used on items which are integral parts of other items. Range is (Potency \* 100) miles.

## **Teleport**

**Basic (cost 20):** Teleport yourself instantly a short distance within line of sight (far enough to cross most buildings). You can teleport a single willing targets along with you at a cost of an additional +20 Strain.

**Advanced (cost 30):** Teleport yourself instantly a moderately long distance (far enough to easily cross a large town). You no longer need to have line of sight to the destination, as long as it's a familiar place. You can teleport up to (Versatility / 2, rounded up) willing targets along with you at a cost of an additional +15 Strain each.

**Expert (cost 40):** Teleport yourself instantly a very long distance, reaching substantially across the wasteland. Teleporting into an area that is not familiar adds +20 Strain and requires a successful Survival check at -20 to avoid mishap. You can teleport up to (Versatility) willing targets along with you at a cost of an additional +10 Strain each. You may also teleport up to (Versatility / 2, rounded up) targets a short distance within line of sight without teleporting yourself at the cost of 30 + (15 per target after the first). Targets may resist with an Endurance roll a +2 bonus.

**Note:** Travel occurs during the casting of the spell. For example: *Magic Trace* will tell the caster's new location at the end of casting *Teleport*.

**Note:** There is a version of Expert *Teleport* with the additional option that you may attempt to teleport a single target up to a very long distance without teleporting yourself. Doing so requires a successful Survival check a -30 and +30 Strain. This version of the spell may only be gained after acquiring the Quest Perk *Great and Powerful*.

**Note:** Teleportation only allows the caster to teleport creatures and the possessions they are immediately wearing and/or carrying. The teleportation spell of Purple Alicorns is unique in that it will allow the teleportation of objects as well. At basic, a Purple Alicorn may teleport a single, unattended object of a size up to (Versatility \* 3) inches in its greatest dimension. An unattended object is one not held or carried by another creature, or a component of a larger structure (such as a clip from a gun). At advanced, the Purple Alicorn may teleport up to (Versatility / 2, rounded up) unattended objects of a size up to (Versatility) feet in its greatest dimension. And at expert, she may teleport up to (Versatility) *attended* objects of the same size, or she may teleport a single object of up to (Versatility) yards in its greatest dimension (such as a passenger wagon) and any objects held within it. The purple alicorns' version of *Teleport* cannot be used to remove structural elements, fused objects, or objects which are integral to living creatures (such as cybernetics).

**Note:** *Teleport* cannot deliberately target an already occupied space. Any attempt to do so will result in the spell failing with the caster losing the strain. Mishaps from failed Survival checks for a *Teleport* are unpredictable and potentially grisly.

## **Failsafe** (Advanced)

*Failsafe* dispels all magic and magical effects up to a given intensity and within a given area. Failsafe always targets *all* magic within its area of effect, affecting any magic whose intensity is not beyond the spell's scope. Affected spells or magical effects with a finite duration are instantly eliminated. Affected permanent spell effects, as well as magical items and places, have their magical abilities suppressed for a short duration. Affected naturally magical creatures

do not lose innate, ongoing magical abilities (such as a pegasus' ability to stand on clouds) but are rendered unable to actively invoke spells or similar effects (such as a young dragon's breath at advanced or a young adult dragon's breath at expert.)

**Advanced (cost 30):** Dispels all weak magic and magical effects, including those created by Basic-level spells. Area of effect is a (Potency \* 10) yard radius around the caster. Magic not dispelled remains suppressed for (Potency) turns. Affected targets may attempt to shake off the effects with an Endurance roll at a penalty equal to the caster's (Potency) (minimum 1).

**Expert (cost 50):** Dispels all moderate magic and magical effects, including those created by Advanced-level spells. Area of effect is a (Potency \* 100) yard radius around the caster. Magic not dispelled remains suppressed for (Potency) minutes. Affected targets may attempt to shake off the effects with an Endurance roll at a penalty equal to the caster's (Potency) (minimum 0).

**Note:** There is rumored to be an even greater version of this spell capable of dispelling powerful magic, including spells cast at Expert-level. If true, this might be an entirely new class of spell. Such a spell would require, at the very least, the Quest Perk *Great and Powerful*.

### **Memory Implant** (Advanced)

This spell causes a target to experience a memory. The memory may be either one of the caster's, one of the target's, or a memory obtained through the *Memory Extraction* spell. The target must be either unresisting or restrained, and the caster must hold her horn to the target's horn or forehead for the duration. The memory is perfectly real, affecting all senses. Implanted memories do not carry any of the thoughts or emotions from the individual that the memory is from. However, causing a target to relive their own memories will cause the target to also relive the emotions and thoughts she had during the original experience. Reliving a memory takes the same amount of time as the events originally took, and the target is rendered helpless and unable to act while the memory is being experienced. Once the target has relived the memory, it becomes a permanent part of her own memories. The spell may be used to give the target a temporary bonus to a skill related to the memory. This bonus lasts for (caster's Potency) hours.

**Advanced (cost 30):** The target remembers the memories clearly, but is able to easily distinguish them from her own if they are not. Can give a +10 temporary bonus to a skill.

**Expert (cost 50):** The caster can cause the target to relive the memory over the course of (11 - Potency) minutes, minimum one minute, regardless of length of the memory. The target remembers the memories as if they were her own (although the target will realize something is wrong with the memories if they are from someone with different physiology or abilities than herself). Can give a +20 temporary bonus to a skill.

**Note:** Reliving too many memories, or reliving the same memory too many times, can have negative psychological effects, including schizophrenia and loss of identity.

### **Transformation** (Advanced)

This spell allows the caster to change one object into another object. When the caster learns this spell, she must choose a narrow classification of "target" objects she can transform and a narrow classification of "result" objects she can transform them into. The caster may choose (Versatility / 2, rounded up) classifications for each. These classifications are up to GM approval. (For example, a caster may choose "unicorns" and "small animals" as target objects,

and “horses” and “potted plants” as “result” objects. The caster could then turn a couple of mice into horses or potted cacti.) The caster may affect up to (Potency / 2, rounded up) targets within the same target classification at once. Living creatures may only be transformed into living creatures; non-living objects may only be transformed into non-living objects. This spell may be learned multiple times, taking different classifications each time. Casting this spell requires a successful Science check.

**Advanced (cost 30):** Range is short. Duration is a set time of day designated by the caster. (For example, the caster may transform a pumpkin into a carriage with the spell set to expire “at midnight”.) If the caster does not set a time of day for the spell to end, the spell ends in (Potency) hours. Transformed targets bear obvious characteristics of their original form, and can be identified with a successful roll, usually Science or Perception. (For example, a pumpkin transformed into a carriage resembling a giant pumpkin.) Living targets may avoid transformation with a successful Endurance check at a penalty of -1 per degree of success on the caster’s Science check (minimum -3). For non-living objects, each affected object cannot be more than (Potency \* 10) inches in its largest dimension.

**Expert (cost 50):** Range is short. Duration is a set until a specific condition is met, and that condition must be spoken by the caster during casting. If the caster does not set a condition for the spell to end, the spell ends in (Potency) days. This condition is written into the spell in such a way that the spoken words are revealed when *Arcane Mark* is cast upon the target. Targets transformed by the Expert level of this spell cannot be identified as transformed objects. Living targets do not get a roll to resist. For non-living objects, each affected object cannot be more than (Potency \* 10) in its largest dimension.

**Note:** This spell cannot change the core essence of the target it is transforming. A living target cannot breed in this new form, and does not get any of the innate magical abilities of the creature transformed into. Nor does the living target lose her own innate magical abilities. This spell cannot create, alter or remove a cutie mark. The Expert version of this spell requires the caster also have the Quest Perk *Great and Powerful*.

**Note:** Classifications of non-living objects must be objects (not types of material). Magical objects (such as power armor) cannot be chosen as classifications of objects.

**Note:** This spell has been known to have unpredictable additional effects -- ponies turned into plants will inexplicably be potted, pigs turned into fish will appear in a bowl of water, clothing and similar adornments will vanish only to reappear when the transformation ends, etc. This spell may have extreme and wildly unpredictable effects if cast upon a pony or zebra with the *Random* trait.

### **Bypass** (Expert)

This spell causes the target item or spell to completely ignore a particular class of objects or spells. A bypass spell must be cast onto an object when that object is forged, crafted or assembled. A bypass must be integrated into a spell as the spell is cast via a spell matrix (see the Advanced Matrix Caster perk). When cast upon an object, the spell affects all the object’s component parts and immediate effects, even if those component parts should change. (For example, a bypass spell cast on a firearm would affect the bullets in that firearm, even if the clip was changed. Likewise, bypass on a shield spell which causes the spell to ignore an individual



would continue to do so even if the individual gained up to three levels of taint.) When casting Bypass, the caster must designate what class of object is being ignored. The classification may be broad (example: all ponies), narrow (example: unicorns) or tight (example: one particular unicorn). The tighter the classification, however, the more imprecise the Bypass becomes. (For example: a bypass spell designated to cause a shield spell to ignore a specific individual will also allow members of that individual's bloodline through.)

**Expert (cost 50):** Range is short. Duration is permanent (or at least as long as the item or spell that the Bypass is being cast upon lasts).

**Note:** A caster with the *Bonds of Friendship* spell may designate "my friends" as a tight classification. This spell requires the caster also have the Quest Perk *Great and Powerful*.

### **Memory Extraction** (Expert)

This spell extracts a memory from a target. The target must be either unresisting or restrained, and the caster must hold her horn to the target's horn or forehead for the duration. Finding the desired memory requires a successful Intelligence or Luck test. This test may be performed once an hour until successful. The extracted memory is perfectly real and perfectly accurate, unaffected by personal beliefs, nostalgia or the normal deterioration of memory caused by the passage of time. (The memory may be affected, however, by altered psychological or chemical states.) The memory includes information from all the target's senses, including any special ones, but does not include any of the target's thoughts or emotions. Duration is permanent.

**Expert (cost 40):** The caster may choose to either create a copy of the memory or to remove the memory from the target completely.

**Note:** The memory becomes the casters' unless she instead implants it into an appropriate receptacle through either *Memory Implant* or *Spirit of Memories*.

### **Remake** (Expert)

*Remake* uses temporal magic to revert an item to its original condition. Casting *Remake* requires at least 75% of the target object, and requires a Mechanics skill roll. This roll has a bonus equal to the caster's (Potency \* 5) and a penalty based on the target item's level of disrepair or damage. Success immediately removes all damage done to the object -- missing pieces re-appear, broken parts mend back together, worn and stressed materials become whole. Objects healed in this way aren't so much repaired as they are unbroken, returned to their state before they were damaged.

Penalty	Condition Example
-10	Relatively new but broken
-20	A lot of wear and a few bullet holes
-30	Severely battle damaged
-40	Rusted into a solid, barely recognizable hunk
-50	Turned to ash

**Expert (cost special):** Base strain is 20. The condition of the object adds strain equal to the (positive) amount of the penalty. (For example, an object with a -20 condition penalty would

cost 40 strain to remake.) Duration is (Potency) hours, after which the target item(s) will quickly degrade back to their original level of damage (plus any additional damage accrued). Remake may be used to affect either (Versatility) objects of the same type at once where the items' largest dimension does not exceed (Versatility \* 3) inches, or one object whose largest dimension does not exceed (Versatility) yards in its largest dimension.

### **Time Jaunt** (Expert)

This spell allows you to teleport back in time for a very short duration. The caster is able to interact with the past, but nothing the caster does will alter the future -- the actions the caster takes are the actions the caster has always taken at that point in time, forming a stable time loop. The caster may choose to travel to any point in time she can clearly envision (whether it be from her own lifetime, or thanks to photographs or accurate text).

**Expert (cost 50):** Duration (Potency) turns.

**Note:** This spell may only be used by a caster *once*. This spell requires the caster also have the Quest Perk *Great and Powerful*.

### **Wings** (Expert)

The subject gains fragile wings and Flight 2. (Treat the subject as a pegasus for hit locations. Wings made from this spell have half the normal health of a limb, rounded down, and are destroyed if crippled.)

**Expert (cost 50):** Duration of (Potency) hours.

## **Medical spells:**

### **Alter Physiology**

Only one application of this spell may affect a single patient at a time. Patients may resist with an Endurance check. Range is short.

**Basic (Cost 10):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 5) minutes. Causes an instantaneous, minor physical alteration (such as changing palette or growing a mustache).

**Advanced (Cost 20):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 30) minutes. Alterations become more substantial, allowing the caster to add +2 or -2 to any one of the target's SPECIAL attributes, except for Luck, for the duration. This may not drop a target's SPECIAL below 1 or raise it above the target's natural maximum (usually 10). The caster may attempt to alter the patient to look like a specific other target of the same size, race and gender with a successful Perception check so long as the caster is very well acquainted with the individual being imitated.

**Expert (Cost 30):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 3) hours. As advanced, but the caster may now add +2 or -2 to any two SPECIAL attributes, except for Luck, for the duration. This may not drop a target's SPECIALS below 1, but may raise the target's SPECIALS above the target's natural maximum (usually 10). The patient's *apparent* gender may be changed, as may the patient's *apparent* race so long as the new race is relatively similar. (A unicorn could be turned into a pegasus or even a zebra, but not a griffin.) These changes are cosmetic.

**Note:** The core nature of the patient does not change. The patient cannot breed in the new

form, and does not get any of the innate magical abilities of the race they are mimicking. Nor does the patient lose her own innate magical abilities. This spell cannot create or alter a cutie mark. Changelings gain Alter Physiology at Expert level for free, but the strain cost is only 10, the duration is indefinite and the range is self only.

### **Clean**

**Basic (Cost 5):** Cleans one patient or matter fitting within a cube of up to (Potency) feet.

**Advanced (Cost 10):** Cleans one patient disinfecting all wounds, or cleans and sanitizes up to (Potency) square yards of matter

### **Heal**

The signature spell of medical ponies, *Heal* enhances natural regeneration of the patient's tissues. Range is touch.

**Basic (Cost 10/20):** Heals (2d10 + [4 \* Potency]) hit points; immediately closes wounds. Heal amount is spread among all limbs evenly. Cannot restore crippled limbs. Healing magical energy damage is especially difficult, requiring double the strain and requiring a Medicine skill roll at a -10 penalty.

**Advanced (Cost 15/30):** Healing amount increased to (5d10 + [5 \* Potency]). Cannot restore crippled limbs.

**Expert (Cost 20/40):** Healing amount increased to (8d10 + [6 \* Potency]). Cannot restore crippled limbs.

**Note:** Heal can be shaped by more expert ponies with surgical precision, given the necessary time and concentration. With a successful Medicine skill check at moderate difficulty, the caster may target only a specific injury or ailment, adding +2d10 to the amount healed.

### **Pain Relief**

While under the effect of *Pain Relief*, the target can ignore crippled limbs (albeit at the risk of hurting herself further), and gains a bonus to DT. Range is touch.

**Basic (Cost 4):** Duration of (Potency) minutes. Patient gains +2 DT

**Advanced (Cost 8):** Duration of (Potency) hours. As basic, but gains +4 DT.

### **Restoration**

As *Heal*, but Strain cost is halved and the healing occurs over two minutes.

### **Sound Slumber**

**Basic (Cost 10):** Maximum duration of sixteen hours. Patient recovers (Potency) in extra HP with each hour of sleep.

**Advanced (Cost 20):** As above, but the caster may affect (Versatility) patients.

### **Alter Chemistry** (Advanced)

**Advanced (Cost 20):** Duration lasts (Potency \* 5) minutes. Creates a hormone surge which causes the patient to become one of the following: fearful, enraged, calm, panicked, happy, drowsy, horny or suggestible. Once every five minutes, intelligent living creatures can ignore

the effects for five minutes with a successful Intelligence check. Non-intelligent living creatures cannot negate the effect. This spell has no effect on non-living creatures (such as ghouls or robots). This spell may be used to grant a bonus on Speech and Barter checks made against the target by  $(\text{Potency} * 5)$  so long as the patient is not able to ignore the effect. Range is medium.

**Expert (Cost 40):** Duration lasts  $(\text{Potency} * 30)$  minutes. As the advanced version, but can affect (Versatility) patients. Every fifteen minutes, intelligent living creatures can ignore the effects for fifteen minutes with a successful Intelligence check at a penalty equal to  $(\text{Potency} / 2, \text{rounded up})$  (minimum 1).

### **Bone Mending** (Advanced)

This spell allows the the caster to regrow bones and otherwise restore crippled limbs. Unlike most healing spells, the magic of Bone Mending must be carefully guided by the caster. This is a delicate and precise process, calling for a successful Medicine skill roll to properly repair the limb. Range is touch.

**Advanced (Cost 15):** Heals  $(2d10 + [4 * \text{Potency}])$  over 3 turns to any single body part of the caster's choice. The spell also heals one fifth as much (rounded up) to the patient's actual health pool in addition to this restoration to limbs. At this level, repairing severed limbs or limbs crippled by magical energy damage is impossible. The affected limb no longer counts as crippled.

**Expert (Cost 20/40):** Heal amount increased to  $(3d10 + [6 * \text{Potency}])$  over 4 turns to each of  $(\text{Versatility}/2)$  limbs simultaneously. Also heals one fifth as much (rounded up) to the patient's actual health pool as it does to any individual limb. The affected limbs no longer count as crippled. Reattaching severed limbs is possible, but requires restoring at least half of the limb's missing health within 5 rounds of being severed without outside aid. External magic may further increase the duration which can pass before treatment begins. Restoring limbs crippled by magical energy damage is especially difficult, requiring double the strain and imposing a -30 penalty to the Medicine skill roll.

### **Purge System** (Advanced)

**Advanced (Cost 20):** This spell allows for poison/drug purging and quickens drug recovery, but is also draining for the patient. The patient's body goes through up to  $(\text{Potency})$  days' worth of metabolism, without suffering the ill consequences. This cleanses the body of all toxins with durations which would expire in that time, and quickens recovery of the rest by the same amount. This also burns through the patient's inner resources by half that amount, causing the patient's hunger and thirst to increase accordingly, and for patients who heal through radiation to shed their radiation as if that amount of time had passed, healing the appropriate amount.

### **Regeneration** (Advanced)

**Advanced (Cost 30):** Duration is  $(\text{Potency})$  minutes. Patient regenerates  $(\text{Potency})$  HP at the end of their turn.

**Expert (Cost 50):** Duration is  $(\text{Potency} * 10)$  minutes. Patient regenerates  $5 + (\text{Potency})$  HP at the end of their turn. Can regenerate entirely missing limbs, but requires healing the limb to 5

times its normal maximum health to do so. Recovery from missing limbs may take weeks beyond simply growing it back.

**Note:** Magical energy damage is particularly egregious. Regeneration of such damage will leave permanent scars, and regeneration of a limb crippled by magical energy damage will result in debilitation, imposing a -10 penalty on actions involving the use of that limb.

### **Speed Recovery** (Advanced)

This spell allows a patient to regain points of SPECIALs lost from a single source so long as the source of the damage is no longer present. (This does not aid in cases where the points of SPECIAL are lost because the source of the damage is still present, such as rads or poison.)

**Advanced (Cost 25):** Duration is (Potency) hours. Patient recovers damage to SPECIALs at double the normal rate for the duration of the spell.

**Expert (Cost 50):** Patient recovers damage to SPECIALs at double the normal rate. The spell lasts until the patient has recovered.

### **Anesthetic** (Expert)

**Expert (Cost 40):** Duration is special (see below). Conjures a ball of anesthetic magical energy a few inches in front of the caster's horn. The caster must roll to hit the patient (using the Medicine skill). If successful, the patient loses their sense of touch and pain. This also results in a loss of associated motor capabilities, effectively paralyzing the patient. Duration is one hour on a willing or unconscious subject. Duration lasts (Potency) turns on an unwilling patient, and the target suffers a -10 to all skill checks for the rest of the hour.

### **Life Surge** (Expert)

**Expert (Cost 45):** Brings a deceased target back to life with (Potency \* 10) HP so long as the patient died within the past (Potency) turns.

## **Offense spells**

### **Arcane Blast**

*Arcane Blast* is the most basic of offensive spells. The caster fires one or more bolts of magical energy, making a Science skill roll to successfully hit. The bolts from an arcane blast may be used to target multiple opponents, and the caster may choose whether to do lethal damage or stunning damage. Stunning damage reduces HP as normal, but the target merely passes out when they reach 0 HP, and Stunning damage recovers fully after an hour of rest.

**Basic (Cost 10):** Short range. Spell fires a single blast that does  $10 + (\text{Potency} * 3) + 1d10$  damage.

**Advanced (Cost 25):** Medium range. Spell gains a Rate of Fire of (Versatility / 2, rounded up), using normal RoF rules. When casting this spell and using the Full-Auto option, you deal  $(\text{Potency} * 3) + 2d10$  damage. Otherwise, you instead deal  $20 + (\text{Potency} * 3) + 2d10$  Damage.

**Expert (Cost 50):** Medium range. Spell gains a Rate of Fire of (Versatility) and a Burst attack of (Versatility / 2), using normal RoF rules. When casting this spell and using the Burst Attack or

Full-Auto option, you deal (Potency \* 3) + 3d10 damage. Otherwise, you deal 30 + (Potency \* 3) + 2d10 Damage.

**Note:** Arcane blasts will not pierce or deplete shield spells, but will instead ricochet at full power in a random direction. A successful Luck check will allow any potential victims to avoid being struck by a deflected arcane blast. Arcane blasts will likewise bounce off of polished or reflective surfaces. Arcane blast manifests less than an inch from the caster's horn and may be manifested on the other side of a shield if the caster is touching her horn to that shield. Damage from an Arcane Blast does not count as magical energy damage for purposes of healing.

### **Eldritch Knives**

Conjures a swarm of magical energy knives around the caster which are then mystically directed to attack a single target. The knives strike with a single attack roll dealing (Potency /2, rounded down) +13 magical energy damage per knife. The target applies only half of his armor's DT (rounded down) against the total damage. Eldritch knives ignore shields. This spell takes two casting actions to cast. If the caster takes damage while casting, the spell is disrupted and the strain is lost.

**Basic (Cost 10):** Short range. Creates (Versatility + 3) knives.

**Advanced (Cost 15):** Medium range. Creates (Versatility + 5) knives.

**Expert (Cost 20):** Long range. Creates (Versatility + 7) knives.

### **Energy Strike**

This spell must be purchased separately for each following energy types: fire, lightning, cold, light and plasma. The caster must roll to hit the target (using the Science skill). The attack manifests several inches in front of the caster's horn and moves away from the caster.

**Basic (Cost 10):** Short range, damage equal to 15 + (Potency \* 4) + 1d10, adds basic energy effect. Does not count as magical energy damage for purposes of healing.

**Advanced (Cost 15):** Medium range, damage equal to 30 + (Potency \* 4) + 2d10, adds advanced energy effect and counts as magical energy damage for purposes of healing.

**Expert (Cost 25):** Long range, damage equal to 45 + (Potency \* 4) + 4d10, adds expert energy effect.

### **Fire**

*Basic:* Base damage reduced by 5, but deals fire damage, ignoring DT and reduced by Fire Resistance. A critical hit causes the target to catch fire. Target burns for an additional 1d10 fire damage per turn until they pass a Luck check or put themselves out.

*Advanced:* Base damage reduced by 10, but deals fire damage, ignoring DT and reduced by Fire Resistance. Can attack an individual target or cast as an Area of Effect with a radius of (Potency) feet. Creatures hit by the spell catch on fire, burning for an additional 1d10 fire damage per turn until they pass a Luck check or put themselves out.

*Expert:* Base damage reduced by 15, but deals fire damage, ignoring DT and reduced by Fire Resistance. Area of Effect increased to (Potency \* 2) feet. Flames are magical, dealing an additional 2d10 fire damage per turn and cannot be extinguished for the first (Potency) turns.

## **Lightning**

*Basic:* Base damage reduced by 5, but deals electrical damage, ignoring DT and reduced by Lightning Resistance. Range is medium. A critical hit will disrupt a machine for (Potency / 2, round up) turns or drain 2d10 AP from a living opponent.

*Advanced:* Base damage reduced by 5, but deals electrical damage, ignoring DT and reduced by Lightning Resistance. Range is long. A critical hit will shut down a machine or arcanotech device completely or paralyze a living opponent for one turn.

*Expert:* Base damage reduced by 5, but deals electrical damage, ignoring DT and reduced by Lightning Resistance. Range is extreme. Will shut down a machine or arcanotech device completely or paralyze a living target for one turn unless the target makes a successful Luck roll.

## **Cold**

*Basic:* Base damage reduced by 5, but deals cold damage, ignoring DT and reduced by Cold Resistance. A critical hit causes a biological target (living or undead) to slow down, making all the target's actions cost an additional +10 AP to perform for 2 turns. (The severity of this penalty does not stack from multiple attacks.)

*Advanced:* Base damage reduced by 5, but deals cold damage, ignoring DT and reduced by Cold Resistance. Can attack an individual target or cast as an Area of Effect with a radius of (Potency) feet. Biological targets hit by the spell are slowed down by the extreme cold -- all actions cost an additional +10 AP to perform for 2 turns. (The severity of this penalty does not stack from multiple attacks.)

*Expert:* Base damage reduced by 5, but deals cold damage, ignoring DT and reduced by Cold Resistance. Area of Effect increased to (Potency \* 2) feet. Affected biological targets are slowed down by the extreme cold -- all actions cost an additional +10 AP to perform for (Potency) turns.

## **Light**

*Basic:* Precise attack adds +10 to Science skill roll to hit the target.

*Advanced:* Color spray -- three beams. May attack two separate targets, but no target may be attacked with more than two beams. Roll attack rolls separately for each.

*Expert:* Rainbow spray -- seven beams. May attack up to four separate targets, but no target may be attacked with more than two beams. Roll attack rolls separately for each.

## **Plasma**

*Basic:* Critical strike multiplier as per Magical Energy Weapons.

*Advanced:* Range is short. Critical strike multiplier as per basic plus critical strikes lower the DT of the target's armor by 4 (after damage) unless the target makes a successful Luck check. This effect is cumulative and the armor is destroyed when DT reaches 0. This effect may be used to destroy cover as well.

*Expert:* Range is medium. Critical strike multiplier as per basic and will liquify a target reduced to 0 HP. Any successful hit lowers the DT of the target's armor by 4 (after damage)

unless the target makes a successful Luck check. This effect is cumulative and the armor is destroyed when DT reaches 0. This effect may be used to destroy cover as well.

### **Rainbow Tornado**

Caster can seize control of a rainbow and turn it into an ensnaring weapon. The caster and target make opposed Versatility and Agility rolls respectively, with the caster gaining a +2 bonus. If the caster succeeds, the target is ensnared in the rainbow for the spell's duration. With a successful Science check, the caster may move the rainbow along with its trapped target anywhere within range. An ensnared target can take no actions except attempting to break free of the snare. Doing so requires a successful Agility roll at a penalty equal to the caster's (Versatility / 2, rounded up), to a minimum of 1.

**Basic (Cost 15):** Duration of (Potency / 2, rounded up) turns. Range is short.

**Advanced (Cost 25):** Duration of (Potency) turns. As basic version, but the spell creates the rainbow, and the caster's bonus on her Versatility roll increases to +3.

**Expert (Cost 35):** Duration of (Potency \* 2) turns. As advanced version, but the caster's bonus on her Versatility roll increases to +4, and the rainbow may be Imbued with spells from the Imbuing school or utilized as a magical conduit for the delivery of a spell at range that would otherwise have a range of touch. Range is medium.

### **Storm Cloud**

This spell conjures a small storm cloud overhead capable of unleashing directed lightning attacks. Starting the round after casting the spell, the caster may direct a single lightning strike against a target each turn for 15 AP with a successful Science skill check. This spell may only be cast outdoors. Damage from this spell is electrical damage which ignores DT and reduced by Lightning Resistance. This damage does not count as magical energy damage for purposes of healing.

**Basic (Cost 20):** Duration of (Versatility / 2) lightning strikes. Medium range. Each strike deals (Potency \* 4) + 15 + 4d10 damage. Cloud size is (Potency) feet in radius.

**Advanced (Cost 25):** Duration of (Versatility) lightning strikes. Long range. Each strike deals (Potency \* 4) + 30 + 6d10 damage. Cloud size is (Potency \* 2) feet in radius.

**Expert (Cost 35):** Duration of (Versatility \* 2) lightning strikes. Extreme range. Each strike deals (Potency \* 4) + 45 + 8d10 damage. Cloud size is (Potency \* 10) feet in radius.

### **Petrify** (Advanced)

*Petrify* will turn the caster's target to stone, including all equipment. *Petrify* is an unusually difficult spell to cast effectively. The spell requires two turns of casting (costing spellcasting AP each turn). On the first turn, the caster must make a successfully cast the spell with a Science skill check. On the second, the caster must then beat the target in a contest of wills -- an opposed Endurance test -- in order for the spell to take hold. Once the spell has taken hold, it takes a third full turn for the target to become petrified. During that turn, the doomed target's maximum AP is reduced by -50. A stoned target has a DT of 40 and ignores all environmental hazards. The stone statue will not erode or otherwise deteriorate over time.

**Advanced (Cost 40):** Duration of (Potency) hours. Range of Touch.



**Expert (Cost 50):** Duration is effectively permanent. However, there is always a flaw to this permanency -- a circumstance or set of conditions which will allow the petrified character to break free -- that is unknown to the caster. Short range.

**Note:** The Expert version of this spell requires the caster also have the Quest Perk *Great and Powerful*.

### **Telekinetic Grasp** (Advanced)

This spell creates a telekinetic field with real force behind it. It can be used to cause damage directly, grapple or apply force against a resisting target. Targets held by the spell may attempt to break free as per *Telekinesis*. Attacks with *Telekinetic Grasp* require a successful Science skill check and cost 15 AP each, doing damage as per bare hooves. The spell's range is short. *Telekinetic Grasp*, is extremely clumsy and unsubtle; it cannot be used for wielding weapons or any sort of fine manipulation.

**Advanced (Cost 15 + 5 per turn after the first):** Effective strength of (Potency \* 2).

**Expert (Cost 30 + 5 per turn after the first):** Effective strength of (Potency \* 4).

### **Heart Attack** (Expert)

This spell induces a heart attack in a living, biological target with recognizable, life-supporting organs. (This spell has no effect on plants, robots or the undead.) *Heart Attack* is almost always fatal if the target cannot find a way to disrupt the spell. Casting the spell requires a successful Medicine skill check to cast and an additional successful Medicine skill check each round to maintain.

**Expert (Cost 45 + 10 per turn):** Short range and the target must remain within line of sight. *Heart Attack* drains one point of the target's Endurance each turn. If the target reaches 0 Endurance, the target dies. While under the effects of *Heart Attack*, the target's maximum AP is reduced by 50.

**Note:** Endurance lost through *Heart Attack* is recovered at the rate of 1 Endurance each minute once the spell has ended.

### **Telekinetic Bullet** (Expert)

This spell creates a single, focused telekinetic strike. This attack requires a successful Science skill check, and manifests a few inches in front of the caster and moves towards the target.

**Expert (Cost 50):** Extreme range. Damage of 100 + (Potency \* 10), ignoring half DT (rounded down).

## **Perception spells :**

### **Combat Precognition**

**Basic (Cost 8):** May be cast up to (Potency) minutes before combat. Adds a bonus to the caster's initiative equal to (Potency / 2, rounded up). This spell ends at the end of combat.

**Advanced (Cost 12):** May be cast up to (Potency) minutes before combat. Adds a bonus to the caster's initiative equal to (Potency).

**Expert (Cost 16):** May be cast up to (Potency\*10) minutes before combat. As advanced, but the caster goes first, regardless of initiative roll.

### **Detect Magic**

This spell creates an aura only the caster can see outlining sources of magical energy, including spells and enchanted objects. A successful Science skill check may allow the caster to read the aura, determining the general strength and nature of the magic. This will, for example, tell the caster which spell vocation a spell effect is from, and what level (basic, advanced or expert) at which the spell was cast.

**Basic (Cost 10 + 1 per turn):** Range is (Potency) \* (Perception) in feet. Can only detect auras of objects in plain sight.

**Advanced (Cost 15 + 1 per turn):** Range is (Potency) \* (Perception) in yards. Can detect any auras within the area of effect.

### **Detect Others**

This spell creates an aura only the caster can see outlining potential targets. This aura becomes red if the target is hostile.

**Basic (Cost 10 + 2 per turn):** Range is (Potency) \* (Perception) in yards. Can only detect auras of targets who are not actively hiding and would be partially in an unblocked line of sight.

**Advanced (Cost 15 + 2 per turn):** Range is (Potency) \* (Perception \* 10) in yards. Can detect any auras within the area of effect, even if fully behind walls or other obstructions. Can detect targets attempting to hide using an opposed Science check, with a bonus equal to double the caster's Perception, against the target's Sneak skill check.

**Expert (Cost 25 + 2 per turn):** Range is (Potency) \* (Perception \* 100) yards. Can detect any auras within the area of effect, even if actively concealed by illusionary magics. If a target is actively concealed by illusionary magics, the caster must make an opposed Science check, with a bonus equal to double the caster's Perception, against the opposing caster's Science skill check with a bonus equal to double that caster's Potency.

**Note:** StealthBucks are considered to have a Science skill of 100 and no Potency bonus for the purpose of this roll.

### **Heightened Senses**

**Basic (Cost 10):** Duration of (Potency \* 10) minutes. You gain a bonus equal to (Potency / 2, rounded up) to your Perception with a single basic sense (sight, hearing, smell, taste or touch) for the duration. This bonus also affects skill rolls for Perception-based skills if an appropriate sense is chosen.

**Advanced (Cost 20):** Duration of (Potency) hours. As the basic version, but you gain the bonus with (Versatility / 2, rounded up) basic senses (sight, hearing, smell, taste or touch) for the duration.

**Expert (Cost 40):** Duration of (Potency) hours. You gain a bonus equal to (Potency) to your Perception with (Versatility) senses for the duration. Senses enhanced may include extraordinary senses. This bonus also affects skill rolls for Perception-based skills if an appropriate sense is chosen.

**Note:** The Perception bonus from *Heightened Senses* does not stack with the Perception bonus from *Night Vision*.

### **Locate Item**

When taking this spell, the caster chooses a type of object (for example: gemstones, bullets, clean water). This spell allows the caster to locate the target object(s) within the spells range with a successful Survival skill check. If the location of the target object(s) are within the caster's line of sight, the location will be illuminated by a glow only the caster can see and no check is required. Creatures attempting to remain hidden from this spell may do so with a successful Sneak check at a penalty equal to the caster's (Potency \* 3).

**Basic (Cost 5 + 1 per minute):** Detection range is (Versatility \* 10) yards.

**Advanced (Cost 5 + 2 per 10 minutes):** Detection range is (Versatility \* 100) yards. The caster can sense the specific type and amount of the target object(s) located.

**Expert (Cost 5 + 5 per hour):** As per the advanced version of the spell, but the detection range is (Versatility \* 1000) yards.

### **Night Vision**

**Basic (Cost 5):** Duration of (Potency) minutes. You can see in the dark (penalties halved) and your Perception is temporarily improved by 1 point in dim or dark conditions. You receive a -1 penalty to Perception in well-lit conditions.

**Advanced (Cost 10):** Duration of (Potency) hours. You can see in the dark clear as day (no penalties for darkness), and Perception is temporarily improved by 2 points in dim or dark conditions. You receive a -1 penalty to Perception in well-lit conditions.

**Expert (Cost 15):** As per Advanced, but you may cast this spell on others with a range of touch and there is no longer a penalty in well-lit conditions.

**Note:** The Perception bonus from *Night Vision* does not stack with the Perception bonus from *Heightened Senses*.

### **Shared Sense**

*Shared Sense* allows the caster to perceive through the senses of another biological creature. The caster chooses whether the sense effected will be sight, hearing, smell and taste (combined), touch or a specific special sense. The caster must make a successful Science skill check and any unaware or unwilling target creature may make an Endurance check to negate the spell. If the caster also possesses the shared sense, the sensory input will be overlaid. In the case of sight, hearing or touch, this effect causes extreme disorientation and a -20 to all skill checks unless the caster should takes measures to dampen her own sensory input first (such as with a blindfold or earplugs).

**Basic (Cost 10):** Duration is for (Potency) turns or until the target moves more than (Versatility \* 10) yards from the caster. The casting range of the spell is touch.

**Advanced (Cost 20):** Duration is for (Potency) minutes or until the target moves more than (Versatility \* 100) yards from the caster. The casting range of the spell is short.

**Expert (Cost 30):** Duration is for (Potency \* 10) minutes or until the target moves more than (Versatility \* 1000) yards from the caster. The casting range of the spell is medium.

### **Telepathy**

*Telepathy* allows the caster to read the surface thoughts of a target and communicate with them through thought. The caster must touch her horn to the forehead of the target (or the horn, if the target is also a unicorn) to initiate the spell. In addition to other benefits, telepathically connected targets may use combat synchronization which allows the caster and target to act on the highest initiative between them.

**Basic (Cost 10):** Duration is for the length of time the caster's horn continues to touch the target's forehead.

**Advanced (Cost 20):** Duration as above plus (Potency) minutes afterwards.

**Expert (Cost 30):** Duration as above plus (Potency \* 10) minutes afterwards. Can be cast on up to (Versatility) targets by touching their foreheads one after the other over the course of a single turn.

**Note:** The Green Alicorn version of this spell may be cast at range, with a maximum range of (Potency \*100) yards. At Basic, a Green Alicorn's Telepathy duration is (Potency \* 10) turns. Casting it against a target that is not within line of sight requires a successful Science skill check. (This check can be heavily modified by the GM based on conditions, familiarity with the target, and the number of minds in the area.) Green Alicorns within (Potency \*100) yards of each other are automatically in telepathic communication. Green Alicorn telepathy does not work on non-pony races.

### **Magic Mirror** (Advanced)

*Magic Mirror* allows the caster to use a mirror or other reflective surface as a visual and auditory window to another location. The range is unlimited but the caster must have personal familiarity with the location, and the location must also contain a reflective surface.

**Advanced (Cost 20 + 5 per minute after the first):** Duration is concentration.

**Expert (Cost 40 + 5 per minute after the first):** As advanced, but the spell now allows a pseudo-telepathic communication with a single target within the viewed area. The target will see the caster's visage in one or more nearby reflective surfaces of the caster's choice. The target may resist this communication with a successful Endurance check.

### **Mind Probe** (Advanced)

*Mind Probe* allows the caster to delve into the memories of a target. If the caster is attempting to find a specific memory, the caster must succeed on a Perception check. The caster may attempt one such check every minute until successful or the target breaks the spell. The caster must touch her horn to the forehead of the target to initiate the spell.

**Advanced (Cost 20 + 5 per minute after the first):** Duration is for the length of time the caster's horn continues to touch the target's forehead. A resisting target may attempt to mentally break the spell each minute after the first with a successful Endurance check at a penalty of -1.

**Expert (Cost 40 + 5 per minute after the first):** Duration as above plus (Potency) minutes afterwards. A resisting target may attempt to mentally break the spell with a successful Endurance check at a penalty of -3.

**Magic Trace** (Expert)

*Magic Trace* allows the caster to track another caster's spell back to that caster, providing the caster with the location that the traced spell's caster occupied at the end of casting the spell. The caster may treat the location as "familiar" for the duration of *Magic Trace*.

**Expert (Cost 30):** Duration (Potency) minutes. The caster may trace a spell that was cast within (Potency \* 10) minutes. Range is point blank.

**Note:** *Magic Trace* will only tell the location of a caster at the end of casting a spell, not at the end of a spell's duration.

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#### Advanced

- Alter Chemistry
- Bone Mending
- Purge System
- Regeneration

#### Expert

- Anesthetic
- Life Surge

### [Offense Spells](#)

#### Basic

- Arcane Blast
- Eldritch Knives
- Energy Strike
- Rainbow Tornado
- Storm Cloud

#### Advanced

- Petrify
- Telekinetic Grasp

#### Expert

- Heart Attack
- Telekinetic Bullet

### [Perception Spells](#)

#### Basic

- Combat Precognition
- Detect Magic
- Detect Others
- Heightened Senses
- Locate Item
- Night Vision
- Share Sense
- Telepathy

#### Advanced

- Magic Mirror
- Mind Probe

#### Expert

- Magic Trace