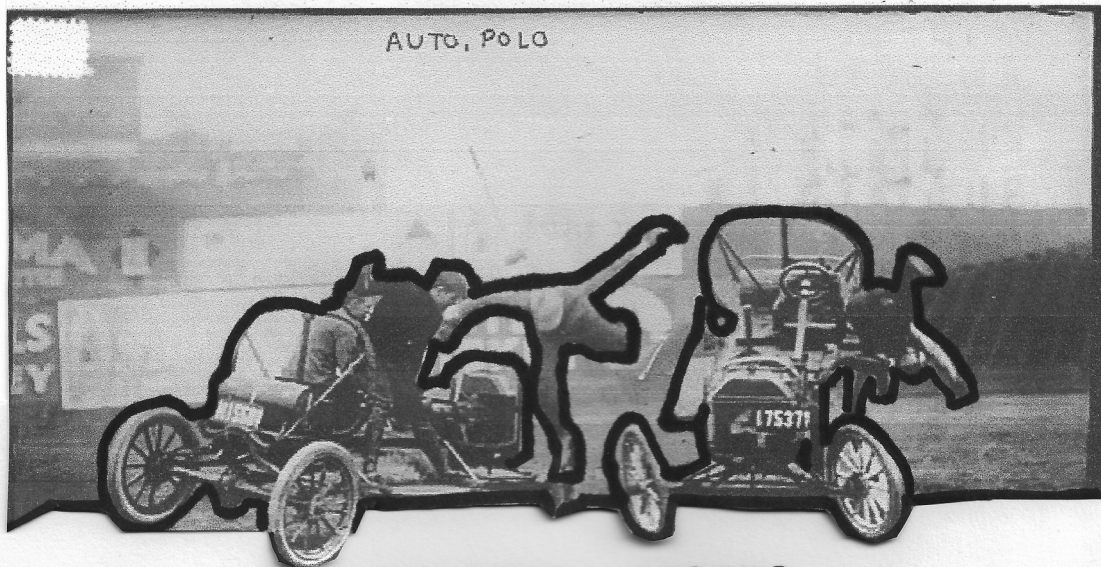




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- Layabouts and Degens is a setting book for Troika! (Published by *The Melsonian Arts Council*), about young adults and their friends on one of the million spheres just trying to live their best life.
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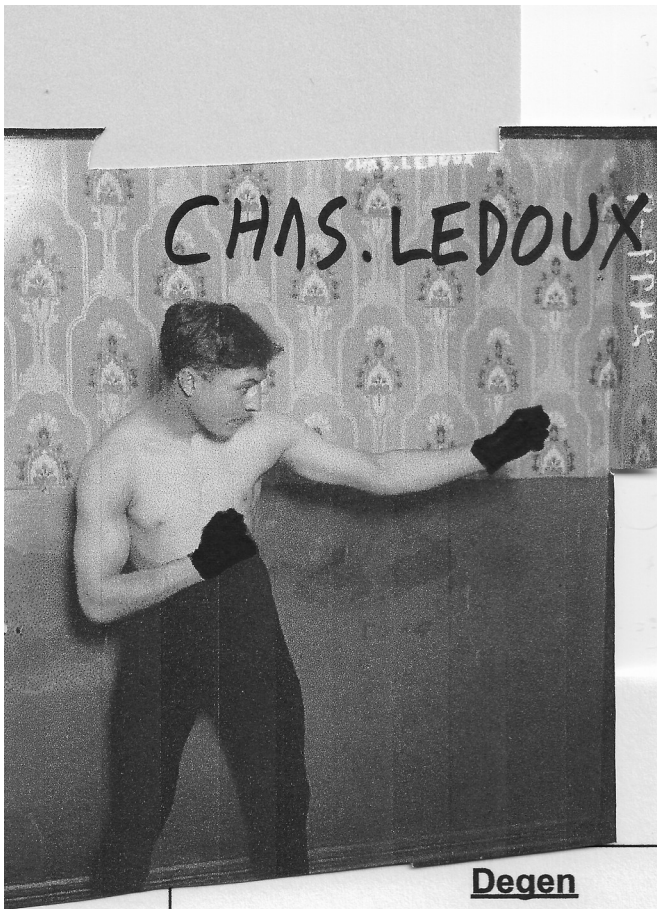
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Hello
my name is

How to be the best kind of layabout

Without the auspices of professionalism, any real obligations, and devoid of civic duty layabouts and degenerates strive for little. What few passions they possess are almost entirely selfish in nature; fulfilling their creative passions, getting their friends together for a game night, excelling at niche hobbies, figuring out what restaurant has the best calorie to cost ratio, or otherwise doin their own thing. Now in playing a character of this kind there are a few things to keep in mind; 1) No one gives a shit about your life in the square world, the only parts of your life that need be examined are when you are hanging with those of your specific order of degens. 2) Your task may be complex, but your goal is to make it through with as little resistance as possible. Lie /cheat /steal /scrap if you must but always think about if it's even worth the effort, you are just trying to live your life and all this is just The Man trying to keep you down. 3) Your friends are your family, keeping everyone included and vibin is no easy task but all this shit is only really worth doing if y'all do it together. 4) Not everything needs to be a conflict, most of the time it's just better to accept what happened and move on, the past is the past after all.



Degen

The terms degen or degenerate are used to label anyone guilty of bad behavior, on various occasions. Degens are an unorganized group of louts that are a plague on the peace loving, long haired, hippy type folk. Never truly without kin in a room of reasonable size, dgens are always ready for a scrap.

	Lesser Degen - MEIN
1	Hangery
2	Drunk
3	Predatory
4	Rowdy
5	Threatening
6	Oblivious

Possessions

- Sports Jersey, +1 to stealth at a sporting event while wearing it, -1 everywhere else
- Mp3 Player
- 1D3 *Lesser Degens*, They do not heed your commands, may be intimidated into temporary compliance, and are too weak to travel far from you.

Advanced Skills

- 2 - Brawling
- 3 - Drinking
- 1 - Loitering
- 1 - Smack Talk
- 2 - Brutish Intimidation

Special

The GM may roll on the *Lesser Degens Mien* table anytime this must be determined.

Bicycle Bud

Putting the pedal to the max, carving up the asphalt, smashing through the defensive line, you are always on the move. Aluminum alloy gets you to where you need to be, the last time you got anywhere on time you were but a child, your country's dependence on the automobile pains your very being and fuels your life's ambition.

Advanced Skills

- 2 - Bicycle Maintenance and Repair
- 3 - Cycling
- 1 - Seduction
- 1 - Mallet
- 1 - Bicycle Polo
- 2 - Cardiovascular endurance

Possessions

- Bicycle
- Mallet (Damage as Mace)
- Bicycle Helmet/Pads (Counts as Light Armour)
- Bike Lock
- Bike Shorts



Anyone got bud?

Trees are ephemeral at best, so it never hurts to check your pockets. Whenever you feel the situation stands to be elevated simply roll luck when you're at a safe place; upon a success you find some and after about a half hour after indulgence, when the group is once again ready to resume the adventure, the fog clears and things pick back up.



Chowhound

- The gnawing hunger the rides along with the plumes of indulgent smoke calls to something deep within you. You fear neither rot nor the authorities, you can direct your hunger to achieve just about any goal. Never sated you must live your life knowing the *need to feed™* will always be there.

Possessions

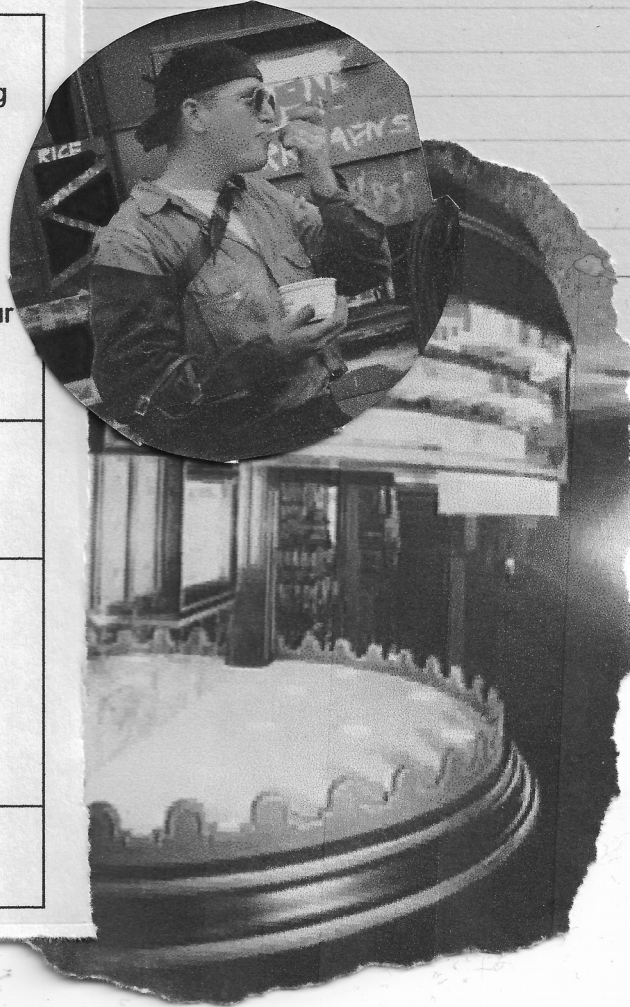
- 2D6 Snacks
- Chompers (Damage As Knife)

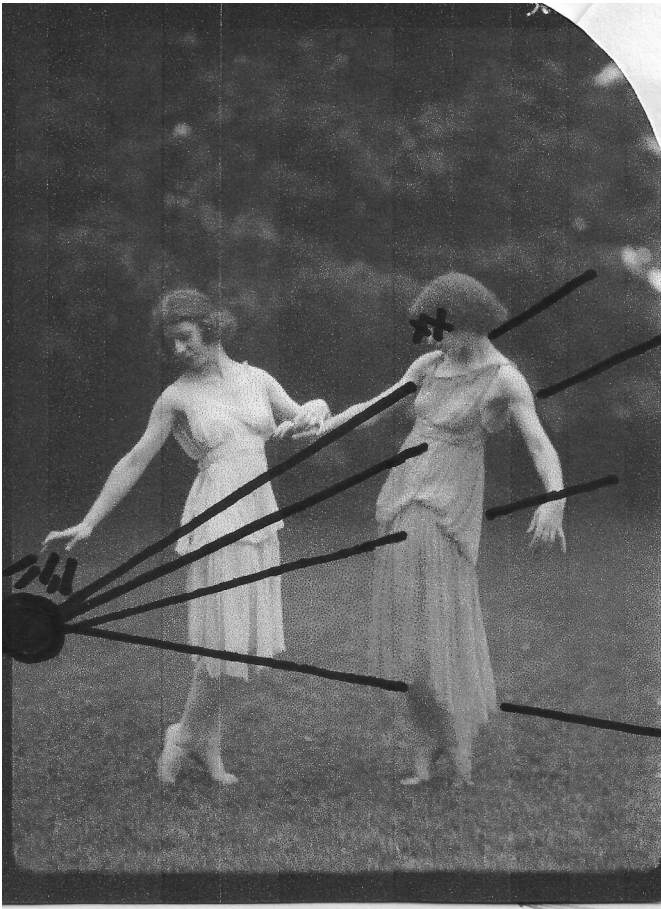
Advanced Skills

- 2 - Consumption
- 3 - Perception (Smell)
- 2 - Scavenging
- 1 - Bite
- 1 - Cooking

Special

You are immune to ingested poisons





Cosmic Wizrad

Through your studies you have unlearned the trappings of reality, you know all things come to you if you wait perfectly still long enough. You know the universe is unknowable and manipulating the energies is a secret only fully understood by the ancients and by studying their ways, you too can call upon these forces but as a result the universe has undellaby marked you (Chose one; Dog Head, Chicken Legs, or Fish Lungs).

Possessions

- Robes + Hat
- Breathing apparatus (if you have fish lungs)
- Large Pipe
- Bag of new age crap

Advanced Skills

- 3 - Spell *Thought Vapor*
- 2 - Spell *Helping Hands*
- 1 - Spell *Random*
- 2 - Mathmology
- 1 - Herbalism
- 1 - Appeal to ancient wisdom

Special

After breathing deeply of the sacred smoke treat your skill rank on your spells as one higher and one lower for all other skill rolls, until you fail a skill roll for a spell.

Technoid

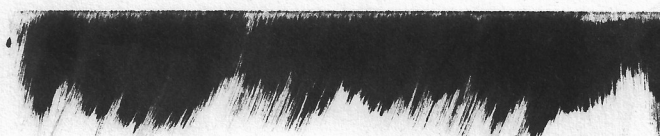
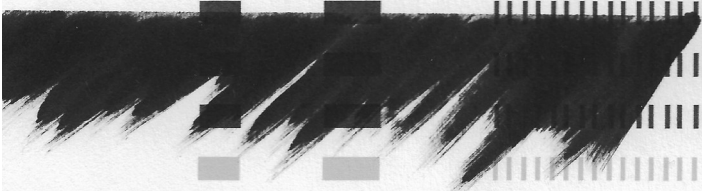
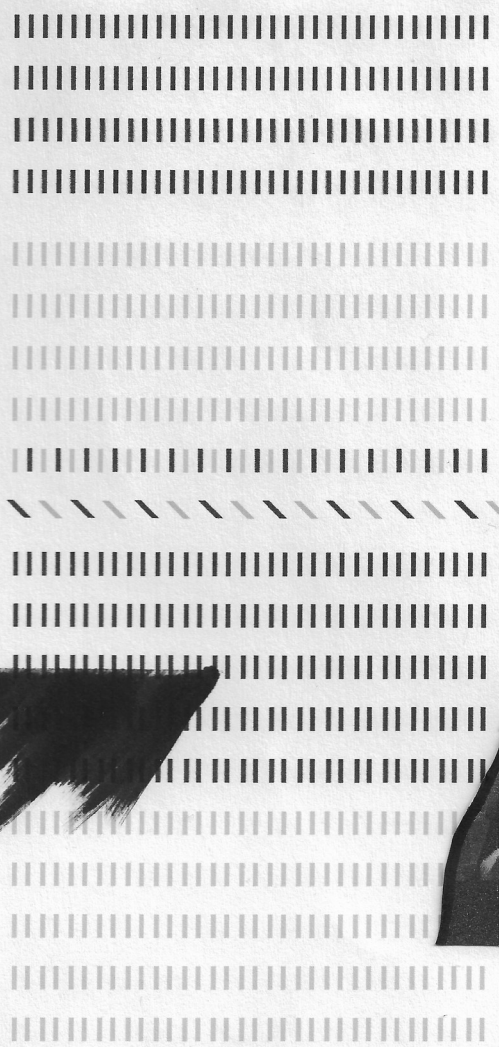
The internet is a deep dark interconnected web of computers and you are the spider. You have spent your free time in cloud covered basements, sifting through forum posts, infiltrating niche communities, passing along illegally downloaded media, ect....

Possessions

- Brain USB-C input
- Tight Clothes
- Cyber Key gauntlet

Advanced Skills

- 2 - Forum Admin
- 2 - Piracy
- 3 - Modem Mastery
- 2 - Language - HTML7
- 1 - Evaluate
- 1 - Spell *See Through*





Scenester

The local scene is a strong one, whether it is a local culture of creatives, a plethora of local bands, or a cut throat group of street racers. While you don't technically do anything to contribute to this culture you always know when it's going down and by what seems like magic you know just about everyone around.

Possessions

- Baseball Cap
- Hoodie
- Your Buddies
- Mixtape

Special

Whenever you meet an NPC test luck to see if they know you/think you are cool, if you fail this roll increase your luck by one.

Advanced Skills

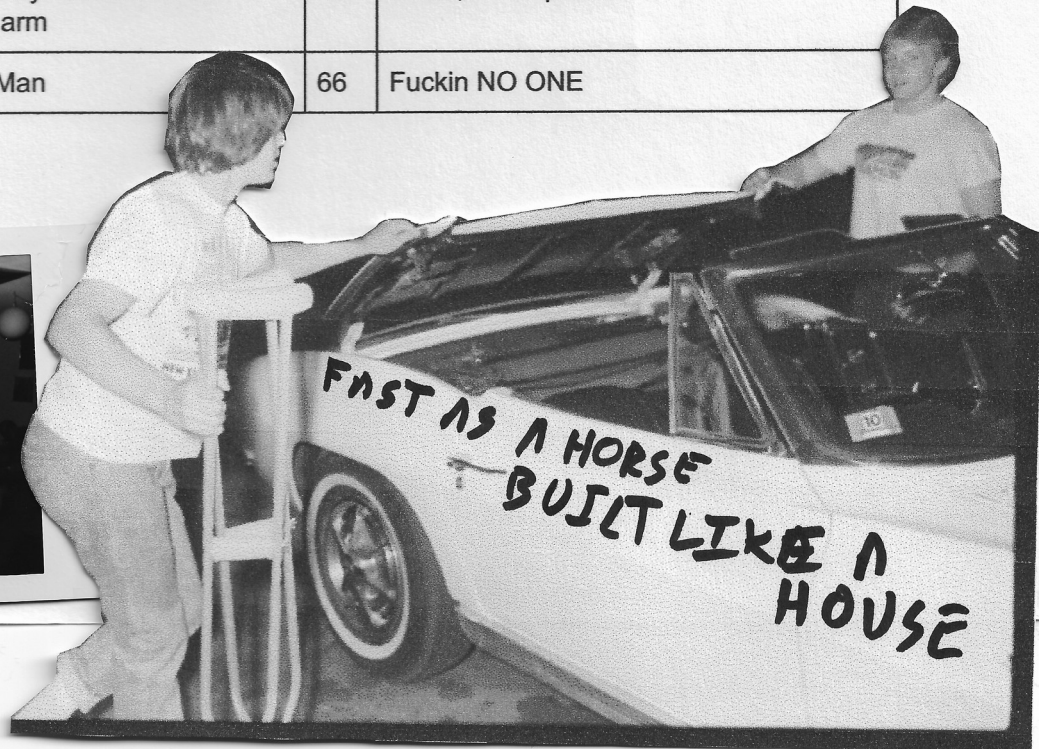
- 2 - Guessing People's Name
- 3 - Etiquette
- 1 - Improve
- 1 - Spell - Peace
- 2 - Spell - Skeletal Counsel
- 1- Tracking

Playing the cruel fist of modern life

When running this game, you are neither a Dungeon Master nor are you the passive adjudicator of the rules that simply lets the players pursue their goals. You are The Man, you are the oppressive force of the real world keeping the players from every really achieving upward mobility in life, due to an oppressive plutocratic society. 1) Your job is to make the players deal with the consequences of their actions. 2) Your job is to make sure that anything they want requires dealing with pointless bureaucracy or is otherwise just a trucking hassle. 3) To put the players at cross purposes to one another whenever possible just to see if they can keep their little click together. 4) You are not only monsters of all kinds knocking at the door, but you are also yelling at them from upstairs that they better not be doing anything illegal down there.



D66	Who's Around		
11	Aunt Giella, Not into pixies	41	Jamo', Only has like one interest
12	Josh, Powerlifter	42	Aaron, the UV Soccer captain
13	Ciara, Deep Sea Fisherman	43	Stan, Awakened Alligator
14	Timmy, Only like 15	44	Big Sammy, Vlogger
15	Doc, Fish Posioner	45	Thea, Lookin for the party
16	Someone's E-Boy Cousin	46	Pauly, Might be a pirate
21	Para King, Oldest Friend	51	"Oh, God they look familiar" (Very Hot)
22	Grey, Beat Poet	52	Josh, Drummer in like five bands
23	Anita Truck, Your tallest friend	53	Gary, Punk/Risk
24	Monty P., Wallstreet Bro	54	Your on/off Girlfriend
25	Engineer, Decent Cook	55	Moms life coach
26	Xzibit, Peaceful Suppressant	56	Steph, Comes with cat
31	One of The Triplets	61	Trinity, Sharpest dressed in the room
32	Eustace-A, Such a cute goat	62	Josh x Josh x Josh (#12, #33, & #52)
33	Josh, Cossmic Ass-Hat	63	Huston, Fire Sorcerer/Cultist
34	Humanoid Iguana, You think their name begins with an "D"	64	Phil Accio, Went to middle school with you
35	J, Friend that always seems to hit everyone in the arm	65	Sailor, Not a pirate
36	Balthazar, Dog Man	66	Fuckin NO ONE

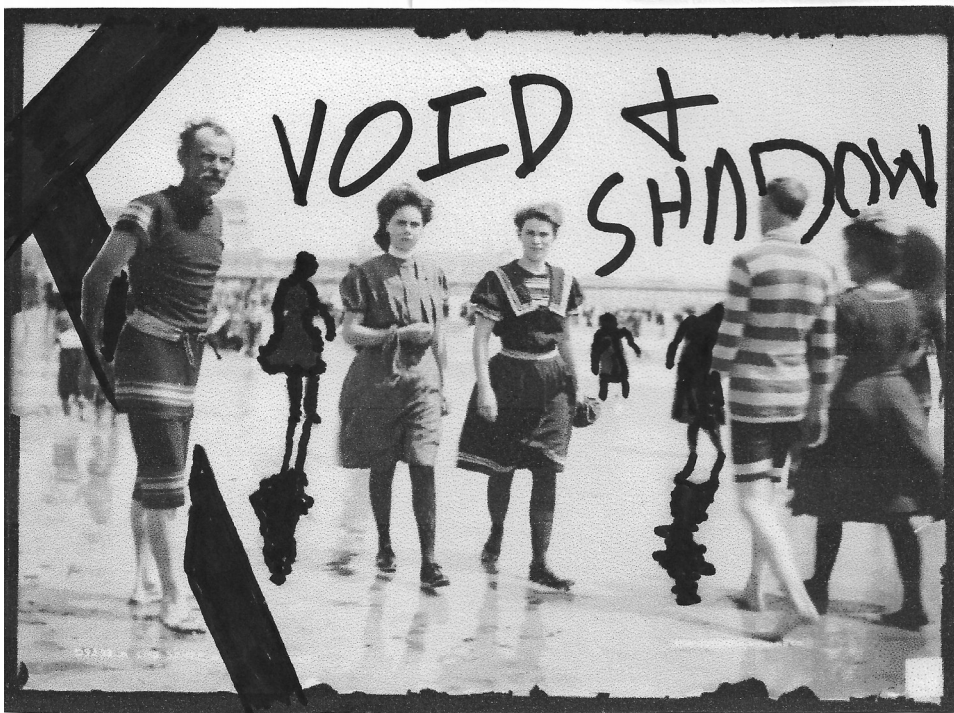




2D6	What's impeding your progress
2	6 Monsters
3	5 Monsters
4	4 Monsters
5	3 Monsters
6	2 Monsters
7	Not Enough Money
8	Bureaucratic red tape
9	Need a special Item
10	There was an accident
11	Someone shows up and gets in the way
12	"Mom called, Y'all need to take your kid brother with you when you go out"



What to do	
7	Get a couch from across town
8	Paint the water tower
9	Throw a party
10	Host a yard sale
11	Amuse yourself
12	Find Something to eat (no its not in the fridge)
1	Hit up a show
2	Make something huge
3	Repair car after death race
4	Wrench control of the drive through photo hut from evil wizards.
5	Roller Disco



2D6	Where y'at
2	Camping
3	Movie Theater
4	Bowling Alley
5	Biker Bar, Your cool here
6	Down Town
7	Same as always (Basement/Living Room)
8	Friend of a friend's party
9	"Reds" 24/5 Diner
10	Park (Not Like a Playground)
11	Magic Mall
12	En Route (Roll Again For Destination)



Monkey Suits

Skill - 5
Stamina - 5
Initiative - 3
Armour - 1
Damage as Small Beast

	MEIN
1	Curious
2	Industrious
3	Dormant
4	Lazy
5	Homesick
6	Unassuming

Enchanted three piece suits that bind their victims to employment, firmly anchoring them into reality and granting them the ability to fold themselves up and hang off a coat hanger for efficiency of storage. Once bonded the victims follow instructions on memos to the t, and have no time for any of this funny business, as well as slowly turning into a golden snub-nosed monkey with a smart suit with superior business acumen.



Mascoti

A horrifying trip down memory lane, your school of choice's mascot come to life. This suit with its jeering, bobbling head moves in a way that leaves you unsure as to whether or not a body is inside.

Skill - 4

Stamina - 12

Initiative - 2

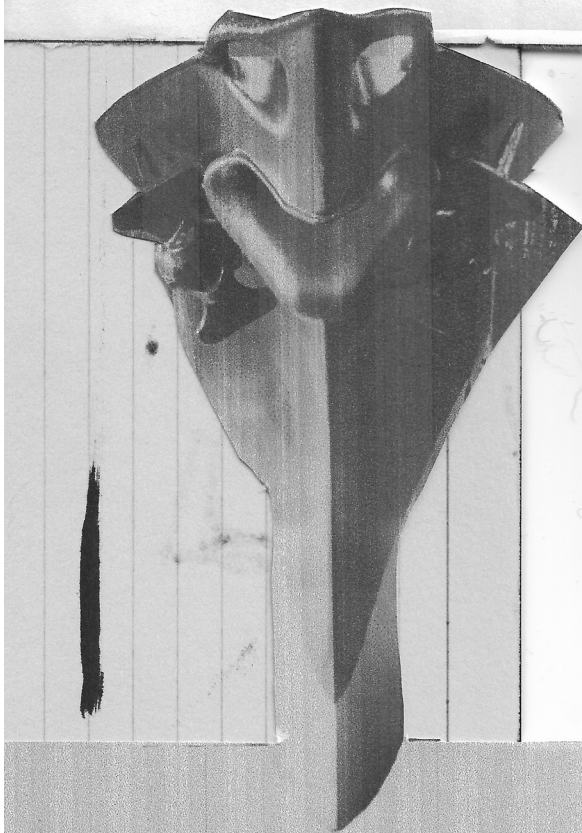
Armour - 2

Damage as Modest Beast

	MEIN
1	Celebratory
2	Intimidating
3	Hassled
4	Heartbroken
5	Enraged
6	Gloating

Special

Post-mortem this creature of chaos can be skinned and fashioned into light armour as well as provide a +2 luck bonus to disguise yourself as this creature.





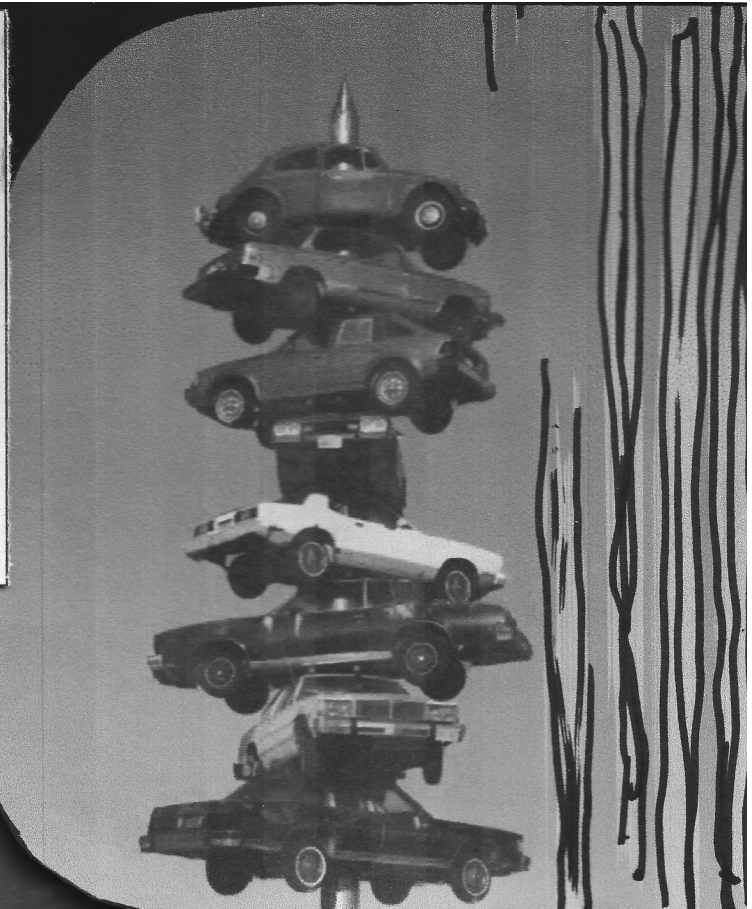
2D6	What's in the Fridge
2	Vodka + Caesar Salad (No Dressing)
3	Crackers
4	35mm film and half a gallon of milk
5	Hot dog with chocolate sauce
6	Butter + Syrup
7	Day old chinese food
8	3 single slices of cherry tomato on a cold pizza
9	Fresh Squeezed Lemonade
10	Flat pop + Salad Greens
11	5 Pack of Beer
12	E.G.G.

Lesser Degens

Skill - 6
Stamina - 9
Initiative - 2
Armour - 0
Damage as Weapon

Yes folk and imbeciles one and all, only a very hateful and limited awareness of their surroundings. With only a tenuous grasp on any given situation these lugs look to a strong leader for direction and life's calling.

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