



CAPRICORN

A veteran castellan

Cards: 6

Essence: Four of Pentacles, Reversed

Powers:

- Dream-thief (L)
- Excorporate (L)
- Mirror Walk (L)
- Sea-Goat (L): Expend a card to move across water as if it were solid ground.
- Billy Goat Gruff (G*): Powers that attempt to dictate your behavior or decisions automatically fail to affect you.
- Mountain's Horns (G): When another character directly threatens one of your Motivations or correspondences, and you attack that character in retaliation, double the value of your card.

* *Heart power; see below.*

On Castellans, Hearts, and Essences

Among the cards in a Castellan's hand, one represents its Essence. This card is not random, as are the other cards in hand, but is a specific card that defines the Castellan's personality and gives it purpose.

While the Castellan holds that card in hand, it has a special Greater Power called its Heart power. That card is considered to be committed to the Heart power even though it is in hand, although a Castellan may freely remove the commitment and thus deactivate the power.



Castellans gain power from having a strong Essence, but also must guard it as a potential liability. Should a Bearer manage to use a Power or otherwise seize a Castellan's Essence for their own hand, they exert magical control over the Castellan.

When damaged, a Castellan will always hold onto its Essence card unless it has expended every other card in hand and cannot avoid the damage any other way. In this circumstance, the Castellan will Excorporate as normal, but the trauma of losing its Heart will make it malleable - the first new scraps of eir the Castellan manages to gather will form its new Essence (which is to say, the next card it manages to draw or take into hand will become its new Essence). This could mean a radically different personality in the reformed Castellan, with a new unique Heart power to reflect that.

If a Castellan is forced to lose its Essence card by a Power or other narrative circumstance, but it retains at least one other card in hand, it does not Excorporate or lose its personality, but it cannot use its Heart power until it can regain its Essence. The Castellan will obsessively pursue any means of retrieving the stolen Essence to the best of its ability.

