At th	re end a session, if you've met your drive's irement, mark XP.
An N	AMBITION  NPC from another community acknowledges your ority.
_	DEFENSE eat an agent of darkness, chaos, or corruption.
_	HARMONY le a dispute without violence.
	KNOWLEDGE ch an NPC something important about the world.
T	he Chronicle

The Judge of Aratis is charged with maintaining the

Chronicle, a history of the community, it's people, their knowledge, and their traditions.

The lore contained in the Chronicle depends on your background, but describe its physical structure.

On the plus side, it... (pick 3):

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- □ is a sturdy vault from the time of the Builders
- □ has plenty of room to grow
- □ is hidden underground
- □ has but one entrance and it is magically sealed
- □ bears minor magicks that preserve its contents
- □ is warded and proof against spirits and magic
- □ includes space for your living quarters & office

But alas it... (pick 2):

- □ sits on the outskirts of town, near the Old Wall
- □ is cramped, chaotic, and overflowing
- □ is little more than a crude cellar
- seems to be haunted
- contains a few dangerous artifacts as well as lore

Mark the Chronicle on the Stonetop Playbook map.

### Bonds | do this together with the group

Fill in the blanks with the names of NPCs or PCs. For NPCs, pick from the appropriate names list and add them the Notables or Neighbors section of the Stonetop playbook with at least one descriptive trait.

Fill in up to 3 of the	se:
	is my closest friend
	is my brother/sister
	is my daughter/son
-	is my father/mother
-	is my grandparent
-	is my betrothed/husband/wife
	, fill in up to 4 of these with folk
from Stonetop:	
	is my mentor, now retired
-	is my apprentice
	is a credit to the community
-	is a liar and a coward
-	brings trouble with them
Judges from other	was my mentor was a fellow apprentice is reliable but inflexible is clever but ambitious lacks the mettle for this job
	folk from Stonetop:
	resents my presence
- I trust	implicitly
	will bring ruin to us all! supports me, but selfishly
If you are a prophe from Stonetop or ne	et, fill in up to 4 of these with folk
	ns over
- I'm working on o	
	is a true disciple of Aratis
-	
-	plays with dangerous forces

As play goes on, your bonds will change and grow. Write new bonds in the space below:

rejects my authority

claims I'm a fool or a fraud

# THE JUDGE

Look here at this little town, this flickering flame in the darkness. Its very existence is an act of hope. Its every stone an altar to the goddess Aratis. And Aratis has charged you to keep it. To settle its disputes. To chronicle its tales. And to defend it from the chaos and ruin that surround it on all sides.

Take up you hammer, Judge. Take up your shield, your quill. Your town needs you.

### Background | choose 1

#### ☐ LEGACY

You are the 17th Judge of Stonetop. You were born here, apprenticed to the prior Judge, and are charged to pass the mantle on.

The Chronicle is a rich repository of lore, but there's no index so good luck finding anything. When you Spout Lore about the people or history of Stonetop, take +1. When you spend weeks or months pouring through the Chronicle, ask the GM a question. They'll tell you what the Chronicle has to say.

#### ☐ MISSIONARY

You are part of a larger order of Aratis, sent to Stonetop to spread the faith and protect the flickering flame of civilization. The Chronicle is new and a work in progress; your position in town is far from certain.

Add the following Judges to the Neighbors section of Stonetop's playbook:

- Reagan (from Marshedge)
- Haris (from Gordon's Delve)
- Rahat (from Lygos)

When you call upon the Judge of another steading for hospitality, information, aid, or succor, they are oath-bound to give it. You are likewise oathbound to support them.

The Judges of your order use carrier pigeons to communicate. When you send a message via carrier pigeon, the GM will tell you if and when you receive a response, and what it says.

#### ☐ PROPHET

The line of Judges was broken long ago and the Chronicle lost or fallen into ruin. Aratis has called you personally to her service though dreams, omens, and visions. Some in town resent the authority you've assumed.

Once per session, when you ask Aratis a question about a threat facing Stonetop or civilization as a whole, roll +WIS. \*On a 7+, Aratis answers you in dreams or visions. \*On a 7-9, the answer is vaque, cryptic, or incomplete. \*On a 10+, the answer is clear and helpful

## Starting Gear

Choose a symbol of your authority (pick 1):

- □ An ancient steel cuirass, helm, and greaves (3 armor, worn, clumsy, 3 weight)
- □ A huge, black iron hammer, immune to all magic (close, forceful, awkward, 2h, 3 weight)
- ☐ An ancient shield of unknown material, hard as diamond and bearing Aratis's seal (+1 armor, unbreakable, 2 weight)

Beyond that, choose up to 3 of the following:

- □ A warhammer (close, 1 weight)
- □ A staff (close, two-handed, 1 weight)
- □ A leather cuirass (1 armor, worn, 1 weight)
- ☐ Thick hides (1 armor, worn, warm, 2 weight)
- □ A wooden shield (+1 armor, 2 weight)
- □ Bag of books (5 uses, slow, 2 weight)

## Look & Origin

Choose one of each:

young & eager | in my prime | showing my years kind eyes | fiery eyes | stern eyes calm voice | booming voice | a voice that carries hard body | lean body | well-fed body | flabby body spit-polished gear | robes of office | modest clothes

My family and I are am from... (choose 1 and a name)

- □ Stonetop
  - ♀: Arianrhod, Eleri, Mair, or Nerys
  - ி: Caerwyn, Einion, Trahaearn, or Trefor
- ¬ Marshedge
- ♀: Bridget, Eleanor, Liadain, or Siomha
- る: Aonahus. Comhahall. or Muiredach
- □ Gordon's Delve Pick from any other list
- □ Lygos or some other southern town
- ⊋: Despina, Hypatta, Nomika, or Sofia
- A: Abram. Cassander. Mordecai. or Yosef

<sub>「</sub>My name is...—

Stat	<b>S</b>   assign these scor	es to your stats (and mo	difiers): 16 (+2), 15 (+	+1), 13 (+1), 11 (+0),	9 (+0), 8 (-1)	Gear	load : STR (not Strength) +10			
Strength	Dexterity	Constitution	Intelligence	Wisdom	Charisma	Item	weight	Item	weight	
STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	СНА					
□Weakened	□Shaky	□Sickened	□Dazed	□Confused	□Scarred					
		When a debility is mark								
III Dainta		( (0010 0	A	Damana (						
HIL POILIS	max HP = Constitution	on (not CON) + 8	Armor	Damage (+	Modifiers)					
Max HP:				d6				Coin & Treasure		
Mov	<b>7es</b>   you get Cel	nsure and choose 2 mor	e at first level, plus 1	each time you level u	р					
☐ Aegis c			X CENSURE			☐ Knowledge is P	POWER	☐ TRUTH OR CONSEQUE	VCES	
When you bear a shield, it can turn away spells, magical effects, and insubstantial foes as if they were physical blows. When you Defend with a shield, take +1.			When you denou	ince a nearby being nemy of civilization, s +1d4 damage ongoi	oick one:	When you Spout Lore, t	take +1 forward to act on the ally +1 forward if they act on it.	When you look into someone's eyes and gaze upon their soul, roll +WIS. *On a 10+, hold 3 INSIGHT. *On a 7-9, hold 2. *On a miss, hold 1 anyway but you can never		
		mora, tako + 1.	- It does -1d4 dar	mage ongoing		☐ MANY HANDS MA	ake Light Work	use this move on them again. While in their presence, spend 1 INSIGHT to ask their player one of the following		
☐ MIRRORSHIELD  Requires: Aegis of Faith, level 6+		The effect lasts only while in your presence.			Take +1 to Aid others, ar	nd others get +1 to Aid you.	and get an honest answer:	yer one of the following		
When you Defend with a shield, you can spend 2			☐ CASTIGATE			☐ A Bundle (	OF STICKS UNBROKEN	<ul><li>Are they lying?</li><li>Are they hiding something fr</li></ul>	om vou?	
hold to intercept a spell or magical effect and redi- rect it to a different target (or not target at all).			Requires: Censure, level 2+ When you use Censure, get both effects.			When you Aid and	ands Make Light Work other or someone Aids you,	If the answer is "yes," take +1 f	orward against them.	
☐ ARMORED		☐ Mark of Chaos			treat a miss on the	AID FOII as a 7-9.	☐ BINDING ARBITRA  Requires: level 6+	TION		
Ignore the <i>clumsy</i> tag on any armor you wear.		Requires: Censure, level 6+ Anyone you Censure is marked with a mystical			☐ SCENT OF CORRU		When someone gives th	eir word in your presence,		
☐ BEAR WITNESS		brand that cannot be removed until you dismiss it.				d by darkness or chaos?" to the ask when you Discern Realities.		neir player if they have kept must answer honestly. The		
When you speak the truth with conviction and candor, none can doubt you. They might deny what you say, but in		Any intelligent creature who sees the mark recognizes the bearer as an agent of chaos and enemy of			☐ Crusade		character need not be pre their word, take +1 ongoin			
their hearts they recognize the truth of your words.		civilization.			Requires: Scent of	f Corruption	•	g against them.		
☐ ARMISTICE			☐ PROCLAMATION				something you know to be tainted aos, inflict +1d6 damage.	☐ UNDIMMINISHED  Requires: level 6+		
Requires: Bear Witness, level 6+			Requires: Censure, level 6+ You can Censure a entire group. At least one indi-				-	When you Defy Danger again:		
When you approach an enemy to negotiate in good faith, they will at least hear you out. Even the		vidual must be present, and you must clearly identify				N'S FOUL STENCH f Corruption, level 6+	ic magic, treat a miss as a 7-9			
most debased and savage foe will delay violence until you've had your say.		what makes someone part of the group. Others in the group are affected regardless of distance.			You can always as	You can always ask the GM "What here is tainted by VISION UNCLOUDED				
			☐ CHRONICLER OF STONETOP			darkness or chaos	?" and get an honest answer.	Requires: level 6+ You can always ask the GM "What here is hidden by		
☐ BREAKING OF THE BREAD While you share a proper meal with someone and each		When you write up detailed session notes and share			☐ SMITE	☐ SMITE illusion or magic" and get an honest answer.				
consume a ration, you each heal 1d8 hit points.			them with the other players, mark one box. You can erase a box at any time to add +1 to a roll you or a fellow				g of unnatural darkness, chaos, N. *On a 7+, deal your damage	☐ WELL-READ	☐ WELL-READ  When you name the source in which you read about	
☐ Bulwai			player just made.			- deal +1d6 damage		something, you can Spout Lore		
While you have hold from Defend, you and any ally you can see or who can see you gains +1 armor ongoing.		$\square$ For the Greater Good			- ignore its armor or other	er defenses natural powers or defenses	<u> </u>			
		Your followers always accept "opposing a threat to civiliza- tion" as payment of their cost. When you Order Followers			<ul> <li>force it from its host</li> </ul>		XP   mark XP on a miss or when a move says so			
	MIGHTY RAMPART es: Bulwark, level 6+		' '	vilization, treat a miss		On a 1-9, you also expos	se yourself to harm or attention.			
	se the armor bonus fro	m Bulwark to +2.							Current level:	