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THE WORLD IS A DANGEROUS PLACE THESE DAYS. FIRST, IT WAS THE WELL INTENTIONED BUT MISGUIDED FREAKS WEARING LONG-JOHNS AND FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT. BUT OF COURSE IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE CRIMINAL SCUM WOULD EITHER LUCK INTO POWERS, OR BY DESIGN GIVE THEMSELVES AN ADVANTAGE OVER BASELINE HUMANITY AND HUMAN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

AN AGENT MADE IT OUT OF THE HEADQUARTERS, BRINGING US A FEW OF THE ELEMENTS THE SYNTHETIC HUMAN KNOWN AS MOREAU-1 HAS BEEN MEETING WITH. DANGEROUS CRIMINALS, CULT LEADERS, AND MORE HAVE THROWN THEIR HATS INTO THE RING OF INTERNATIONAL SUPER-POWERED TERRORISM. THEY'RE MEETING WITH MOREAU-1 FOR SOME REASON. IT IS OUR GOOD LUCK THAT MOREAU-1 IS A DESPERATELY PARANOID BEING, AND HAS RECORDED THE POWER LEVELS OF ALL OF HIS WOULD-BE ALLIES IN THE CRIMINAL UNDERWORLD.

U.S.H.E.R. OBTAINED THESE FILES AT GREAT COST. PERHAPS YOU CAN USE THIS INFORMATION TO PREVENT THE NEXT 'WORLDWIDE CATASTROPHE' THESE FREAKS HAVE PLANNED.

MESSAGE ENDS.

# LOKI LIE-SMITH

## QUALITIES

PROFESSIONAL THIEF, CONMAN AND MERCENARY

BELIEVES HE'S THE NORSE GOD OF TRICKERY AND DECEPTION (WHICH MIGHT EVEN BE TRUE)

MAINTAINS HE GOT A BUM-RAP IN MYTHOLOGY AND THAT HE'S ACTUAL THE SAME ONE - COMPARED TO THE PSYCHOPATHS AND NARCISSISTS WHO MAKE THE REST OF THE NORSE MYTHOS

CLAIMS THAT MANY OF HIS SCHEMES ARE PART OF A BIGGER SCHEME TO AVOID RAGNORAK

## CHALLENGES

**ENEMY:** LAW ENFORCEMENT.

**ENEMY:** PAGANS WHO ARE OFFENDED BY HIS CLAIMS.

**WEAKNESS:** HAS TROUBLE TELLING THE TRUTH AND NOT BEING MANIPULATIVE, EVEN TO ALLIES

**WEAKNESS:** OBSESSED WITH PROVING HIS CLEVERNESS PUBLICLY.

PROWESS	7
COORDINATION	7
STRENGTH	8
INTELLECT	5
AWARENESS	5
WILLPOWER	7
STAMINA	15



## POWERS

PROBABILITY CONTROL 6

IMMORTALITY 1

**ALTER-EGO** - DR. FRANK HOFSTETTLER IN HIS MUNDANE IDENTITY (HAS STATS OF STOCK CHARACTER BYSTANDER FROM ICONS)

**TRANSFORMATION** 8 (DO NOT GAIN PHYSICAL PROPERTIES)

- LOKI DO NOT GAIN THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF THE FORMS HE ASSUMES, JUST THEIR APPEARANCE.

MIND CONTROL 5

## SPECIALTIES

PERFORMANCE MASTER (ACTING)

# LOKI LIE-SMITH

## DESCRIPTION

The meta-human who calls himself Loki Lie-Smith is perhaps the most infamous professional thief, mercenary and conman-for-hire active today. Despite his claims of god-hood, authorities claim that this individual is simply a meta-human who is suffering from dissociative disorder and post traumatic stress disorder resulting from the horrific accident that unlocked his mutant abilities.

Loki appeared in the late 1980s immediately following a disastrous nuclear experiment in remote Canada. The scientist overseeing the experiment, Dr. Frank Hofstettler, suffered severe radiation burns during the accident. Shortly thereafter, he manifested meta-human talents which included probability control, shapechanging and enhanced physical abilities. Hofstettler claimed that the failed nuclear test had "temporarily sundered the ethereal boundary between dimensions" and merged his "intrinsic field" with that of Loki Lie-Smith, the mythic figure from Norse mythology.

Authorities determined that Hofstettler was suffering a mental breakdown as a result of the trauma of the nuclear accident and was likely a danger to himself and others. He was taken into custody and interred into Canada's North Star Super-Criminal Penitentiary until he could be treated for his mental problems. Hofstettler broke out within a week by impersonating a guard and has never been captured by law enforcement since. He emerged shortly thereafter as a freelance super-powered saboteur, thief and espionage operative.

As a thief, Loki's meta-human abilities place him in a class all his own. He uses his talents to carry out complicated heists and is obsessed with proving his cleverness. He often publicly announces his intent to steal famous artifacts from secure locations and dares authorities to stop him. He is currently wanted in America for the theft of the Hope Diamond from the Smithsonian, in the UK for the theft of the Coronation Stone from Edinburgh Castle and in the People's Republic of China for hijacking a prototype stealth fighter from a People's Liberation Army airbase.

In his capacity as a mercenary, Hofstettler/Loki has been involved in dozens of meta-human and conventional military engagements in the last 2 decades. His services are always in demand as his abilities allow him to infiltrate even the most hardened facilities. Although his services are generally retained by other super-criminals, he has, on rare occasion, switched sides and collaborated with law enforcement agencies or with meta-human vigilantes who were able to out-bid his erstwhile criminal employers.

In a series of interviews with an underground Norwegian journalist, Loki has claimed that he has received a "bad rap" both in Norse mythology and in the international press. He admits that his larcenous activities afford him a luxurious lifestyle (and, curiously, he also admits to a fixation on heist films, citing *The Usual Suspects* as a favorite). However he maintains that

# LOKI LIE-SMITH

his "higher purpose" in world affairs is to manipulate events so as to "avoid Ragnorak", which he claims the rest of the Norse Pantheon (who he describes as "fatalistic sociopaths") have been attempting to hasten.

There is some evidence that lends a modicum of credence to these claims: In the last twenty four months he rescued the Algerian Prime Minister who was being held for ransom by Somali pirates and he has recovered (and returned to Russia) a shipment of several Soviet-era nuclear weapons that had fallen into terrorist hands in Malaysia. Additionally, he claims that he disabled North Korea's nuclear arsenal as well as absconding with that nation's entire supply of refined uranium. (North Korea has strenuously denied this.)

Critics claim that Loki merely orchestrated these incidents himself in order to bolster his public image. Canadian authorities continue to maintain that Hofstettler is a ticking time bomb. Based on their initial interview after the nuclear accident, Canadian law enforcement believes that Hofstettler is suffering from severe mental stress, is actively delusional and needs treatment.

Although Loki's carefully cultivated public image affords him a certain amount of popularity, he has many enemies on both sides of the law. While he is rumored to have a hidden base of operations and a small cult of supporters on the Scandinavian Peninsula (and notably has received a full pardon from Russia following his role in the Malaysia incident), he is one of the most wanted meta-humans on the planet. An assortment of legitimate governments, rogue states and terrorist organizations has standing "shoot to kill" orders for Loki.

The reported but unverified sighting of Frank Hofstettler around Moreau-1's compound in recent weeks is alarming. Loki has been known to work for the android in the past - generally in the capacity of stealing technology needed for Moreau-1's research. Constant surveillance has been approved and an Ajax Class response team is on constant standby.

# LOKI LIE-SMITH

## ADVENTURE HOOKS

1. Loki has announced that he will steal several pieces from a travelling exhibit of King Tut's artifacts from the history museum in the PC's home city. He dares the authorities to try and stop him, and the PCs are recruited to lead the museum's security detail.
2. Loki's theft of an experimental Zero Point Energy Generator from the Middle Eastern state of Zandar has set off an international crisis that might escalate to full-fledged war. Zandar has accused the US of hiring Loki. Although the US denies all charges, tensions are running high and both sides have put their forces in the region on alert. The US State Department is annoyed at having to take the heat for Loki's antics (and couldn't care less about Zero Point Energy which, while valuable, has limited military applications at best). The PCs are tasked with infiltrating Loki's Scandinavian hideout, retrieving the Energy Generator and returning it to Zandar before war can break out.

# GUIGONAL

## QUALITIES

HEDGE MAGICIAN WHO DABBLES IN POWERS BEYOND HIS UNDERSTANDING OR CONTROL  
FINANCES HIS MAGICAL RESEARCH WITH HIS CAREER AS A THIEF

**CATCHPHRASE** : COWER BEFORE THE ELDRITCH MIGHT OF GUIGONAL - MASTER MAGE!

## CHALLENGES

**WEAKNESS** : LACKS THE INTELLECT TO UNDERSTAND SORCERY. RELIES ON MAGICAL DEVICES

**SOCIAL** : VAIN AND INSECURE. HE IS EASILY BAITED INTO FIGHTS THAT HE'D BE SMARTER TO  
AVOID IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE HIS "SUPERIORITY"

**ENEMY** : LAW ENFORCEMENT



PROWESS	5
COORDINATION	5
STRENGTH	4
INTELLECT	3
AWARENESS	4
WILLPOWER	4
STAMINA	8

## POWERS

**POWER THEFT DEVICE 5** - AMULET OF THE MAGPIE

**FAST ATTACK DEVICE 2** - RING OF HERMES

**ILLUSION DEVICE 3** - DUST OF LEMURIA

**STRIKE DEVICE 5 (SLASHING)** - GAUNTLETS OF THE OWL

**LEAPING DEVICE 3** - BOOTS OF THE TROLL

## SPECIALTIES

**OCCULT**

**ATHLETICS**



## DESCRIPTION

Guigonal is a mystically empowered supervillain who is wanted for grand theft in the US, the United Kingdom and various South American and Asian nations. Our Occult Services branch informs us that, despite his frequent claims of being a "master mage" he has negligible spell-casting abilities and gets by on an assortment of magical artifacts. Barely more than a dabbler in the Dark Arts, Guigonal's tactical acumen and talents as a thief are what have built his reputation.

Guigonal is Harry Stafford, a minor British second-story man who was lucky enough to stumble into a cache of magical artifacts on one of his jobs and has been using these to further his criminal enterprises.

Occult Services believes that Guigonal is under the influence of Greijak, a minor demon from a shadow dimension. Analysts have also noted a pattern among his robberies. They have determined that he's gathering items of great ambient mystical energy in order to perform a "gate ceremony" that will open a portal to another dimension, most likely to allow Greijak entry into our world.

We suspect that his recent appearance on Moreau-1's compound is evidence of the fact that he lacks the proper education and experience to perform the ritual himself and he is hoping the android can use his extensive contacts and resources to secure him the grimoire that will give him the information he needs about the ritual.

We believe increased surveillance with mystical agents is merited immediately.

## ADVENTURE HOOKS

1. Stung by recent defeats and setbacks, Guigonal has decided to boost his rep by defeating the PCs. He kidnaps the mayor and several other leading citizens from the PCs home city. He announces publicly that he will only release the celebrities and public officials if the PCs will meet him for "honorable combat" on the roof of a famous landmark at midnight. The PCs can either rise to the challenge or attempt to use their skills to trace Guigonal's transmission back to his lair and mount a rescue mission.
2. Our Occult Services agents report that Guigonal has made more rapid progress than they previously anticipated. He has gathered all the necessary components for his gate ceremony and is conducting it now, with a small group of cultists, on the outskirts of the PC's home city. The heroes are scrambled immediately to stop the ritual and apprehend Guigonal. (Note: if the PCs are not able to stop Guigonal and all his lackeys from completing the ritual within 5 to 10 panels, the demon Greijak appears.)

# GREIJAK, DEMONIC DUKE OF THE SHADOW REALM

## QUALITIES

**MOTIVATION** : MINOR HELL-LORD WHO WANTS TO IMPROVE HIS STATUS WITH THE DEMONIC HIERARCHY BY GAINING ACCESS TO EARTH AND WREAKING HAVOC

**EPITHET** : MASTER OF SHADOWS

## CHALLENGES

**WEAKNESS** : CANNOT ENTER OUR DIMENSION UNLESS A SPECIFIC RITUAL IS PERFORMED CORRECTLY. HE IS RELYING ON (THE INCOMPETENT MAGE) GUIGONAL TO PERFORM THIS RITUAL

**WEAKNESS** : VULNERABLE TO LIGHT OR HOLY RELICS (+2 TO ATTACK AND DAMAGE)

**WEAKNESS** : CAN BE BANISHED TO HIS HOME DIMENSION BY THE PROPER RITUAL

PROWESS	5
COORDINATION	5
STRENGTH	4
INTELLECT	3
AWARENESS	4
WILLPOWER	4
STAMINA	8

## POWERS

**ELEMENTAL CONTROL** 5 (DARKNESS)

**ATTACKING** (DARK ENERGY BLAST)

**MOVING** (TELEPORTATION THROUGH SHADOWS)

**FLIGHT** 4 - WINGS (LOSES POWER IF WINGS BOUND)

## SPECIALTIES

**OCCULT MASTER**

**MENTAL RESISTANCE**

## DESCRIPTION

According to our Occult Services branch, Greijak is a minor demon from a shadow dimension. If our informant reports are correct about his influence over Guigonal, increases surveillance and the inclusion of mystical agents on surveillance teams is recommended immediately.

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