



# THE SUMMONED

*I was called here. Don't know why. Don't know where from.  
But I got this sense: like there's a destiny waiting for me. I think - real soon - we're  
gonna find out why I was called.  
But I have this feeling it's for something bad. Real bad.*

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*A Monster of the Week hunter playbook by Steve Hickey.*

To make your Summoned, pick a name. Then follow the instructions below to decide your look, ratings, Apocalypse, moves, and gear. Finally, introduce yourself and pick history.

### LOOK, PICK ONE FROM EACH LIST:

- Male, female, asexual, unknown, hermaphrodite, alien.
- Demonic body, elemental body, reptilian body, glassy body, almost human body.
- Cigars, pets, sports, junk food, hat, films, comics, luxury food, antiques, classic cars.
- Working clothes, motorcycle leathers, huge coat, no clothes, normal clothes.

### RATINGS

Pick one line, then mark each rating on the right

- Charm-1, Cool+2, Sharp=0, Tough+2, Weird-1
- Charm-1, Cool-1, Sharp+2, Tough+2, Weird=0
- Charm-1, Cool=0, Sharp-1, Tough+2, Weird+2
- Charm=0, Cool+1, Sharp+1, Tough+2, Weird-1
- Charm=0, Cool+1, Sharp-1, Tough+2, Weird+1

### Apocalypse

You are destined to bring about the Apocalypse. You may or may not know about it yet, but you have at least come across some hints of your destiny.

Pick a sign of the Apocalypse (maybe with help from the group) that has already been revealed to you.

Whenever you use Luck, you'll trigger another sign of the Apocalypse. You can suggest what it might be, but it will be the Keeper's job to bring the sign into the story.

Example signs:

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Betrayal                  | • Plague                            | • Your Hosts assemble   |
| • An army of monsters rises | • Learn your true name              | • The fall of the Tower |
| • Rain of fire              | • The Stars are Right               | • The seas boil         |
| • Eternal darkness          | • Breaking the Seal                 | • Natural disasters     |
| • Things from beyond        | • Murder of the King                | • Judgement Day         |
| • Take your throne          | • The Beast slouches into the world | • World war             |
| • Red sun                   | • Become the Dragon                 | • Famine                |
| • The Portal opens          | • The Coronation                    | • Ancient Evil reborn   |

When all your Luck is used, the Apocalypse is imminent. It's up to you to stop, or cause, the end of the world. Your call.

### MOVES

You get all the basic moves, and three Summoned moves

You get this one:

■ **Freakish:** You're weird, and people react badly. You can't use **manipulate someone** until you prove yourself to them first (this includes the other hunters: it's up to them when you have proved yourself). Until then, they'll just try to get away from you. You can spend 1 Luck to have the person take to you. Skip the **manipulate someone** roll: they act as if you rolled a 12. Additionally, you can use **manipulate someone** on monsters that can reason and talk (but they always want something *really* bad).

<b>NAME:</b>					
<b>LOOK:</b>					
<b>RATINGS</b>					
<b>CHARM:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> +1	<input type="checkbox"/> +2	<input type="checkbox"/> +3
<i>Basic moves:</i> Manipulate Someone					
<b>COOL:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> +1	<input type="checkbox"/> +2	<input type="checkbox"/> +3
<i>Basic moves:</i> Act Under Pressure, Help Out					
<b>SHARP:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> +1	<input type="checkbox"/> +2	<input type="checkbox"/> +3
<i>Basic moves:</i> Investigate, Read a Bad Situation					
<b>TOUGH:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> +1	<input type="checkbox"/> +2	<input type="checkbox"/> +3
<i>Basic moves:</i> Kick Some Ass, Protect Someone					
<b>WEIRD:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> -1	<input type="checkbox"/> 0	<input type="checkbox"/> +1	<input type="checkbox"/> +2	<input type="checkbox"/> +3
<i>Basic moves:</i> Use Magic					

Then pick two of these:

**What Are You Looking At?:** When you talk to a monster (it has to be capable of reason and speech), it will recognise you (and your potential). If you ask it what it knows, pick one for the Keeper to reveal:

- Tell me something about where I'm from.
- Tell me something about my destiny.
- Tell me something about who I really am.
- Tell me something about the Apocalypse.

**Should I Feel That?:** Your body has 2-armour. This does not stack with any other armour.

**Mayhem!**: When you grab a nearby large object and use it as an improvised weapon, first determine how much damage it will do.

Guidelines:

- Fire extinguisher, fence post, furniture, etc: 2-harm
- Motorcycle, lamppost, masonry chunk, etc: 3-harm
- Car, dumpster, boulder, etc: 4-harm
- Bus, truck, wall, etc: 5-harm

After you **inflict harm with it** (with a **kick ass** roll or otherwise), roll +harm your weapon actually caused. On a miss, you use it without trouble. On a 7-9, pick one side effect, and on a 10+ pick two:

- You hurt someone nearby as well as your target.
- You make something about the situation worse.
- You lose control of your improvised weapon.
- You cause massive property damage.
- Your improvised weapon breaks.

## GEAR

*Huge weapons, pick one:*

- Super hand cannon (4-harm close heavy loud reload)
- Machinegun (3-harm close auto messy heavy loud reload)
- Rocket launcher (4-harm far area heavy messy reload loud)
- Gigantic Hellsword (4-harm hand heavy messy magic)
- Automatic shotgun (3-harm close auto heavy loud reload)
- Red right hand (3-harm hand magic)

**Absolute Badass**: Increase your Tough by +1 (to a maximum of +3).

**Screw You**: Spend a point of Luck to get +1 ongoing vs. one particular monster. This lasts until that monster is dead.

**Whatever**: Spend one Luck to get +1 Tough for the remainder of the current mystery (maximum +4 Tough).

**Why So Serious**: If you cap off a move with an appropriate one-liner, the team gets +1 forward (so the next hunter who makes a roll gets +1).

*Heavy weapons, pick two:*

- Sledgehammer (3-harm hand heavy messy)
- Big sword (3-harm hand heavy messy)
- Big axe (3-harm hand heavy messy)
- Magnum (3-harm close loud reload)
- Shotgun (3-harm close loud messy reload)

## INTRODUCTIONS

When you get here, wait for everyone to catch up so you can do your introductions together.

Go around the group. On your turn, introduce your Summoned by name and look, and tell the group what they know about you.

## HISTORY

Go around the group again. When it's your turn, pick one for each of the other hunters:

Hunter	History	Notes
	Was there when you were summoned. Ask them who the summoners were.	
	Sees your human side. Ask them why.	
	You could probably take this hunter in a fight, but you're not certain. Together, decide when the last time you threw down was, and what interrupted your fight.	
	Romantic obsession on your part. Ask them if they know about it, and if they reciprocate it.	
	Tied into your destiny somehow. Tell them how they fit into your first sign of the Apocalypse.	
	Saved your ass when the shit went down. Ask them how.	
	You met while separately hunting a monster. Ask them why you now work together.	
	Your good friend. Tell them if it's from way back, or recently.	
	You are suspicious about their motives. Ask them what they did that gave you doubts about them.	

## LUCK

You can mark off a Luck box to *either* change a roll you just made to a 12, as if you had rolled that; *or* change a wound you have just taken to count as just 0-harm. If your Luck boxes all get filled, you've run out of good luck.

**Summoned Special:** Whenever you spend a point of Luck, another Sign of the Apocalypse will come to pass. When you have spent all your luck, the Apocalypse begins.

Okay        The Apocalypse

## HARM

When you suffer harm, mark off the number of boxes equal to harm suffered. More than four harm is especially dangerous.

Okay       Dying    Unstable:  (*Unstable injuries will worsen as time passes*)

## LEVELING UP

Experience:

Whenever you roll and get a total of 6 or less, or when a move tells you to, mark an experience box.

When you have filled all five experience boxes, you level up. Erase the marks and pick an improvement from the list below.

## IMPROVEMENTS:

- Get +1 Weird, max +3
- Get +1 Charm, max +2
- Get +1 Sharp, max +2
- Get +1 Cool, max +2
- Take another Summoned move
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- Gain a team of monster hunters (or monstrous hunters) under your command. They count as an ally team.
- Get a position in a Sect, like the Initiate has. Create your Sect as if you were making an Initiate character, or join a Sect that already exists in your game. You gain the Initiate move for **when you are in good standing with your Sect.**
- Take a move from another playbook
- Take a move from another playbook

After you have leveled up *five* times, you qualify for advanced improvements in addition to these, from the list below.

## ADVANCED IMPROVEMENTS

- Get +1 to any rating, max +3.
- Change this hunter to a new type.
- Make up a second hunter to play as well as this one.
- Mark two of the basic moves as advanced.
- Mark another two of the basic moves as advanced.
- Retire this hunter to safety.
- Erase one used luck mark from your playbook.
- You turn evil (again?): retire this hunter. They become one of the Keeper's threats.

## NOTES (APOCALYPSE, MOVES, HOLDS, ETC)

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