

# MARS SANCTUM

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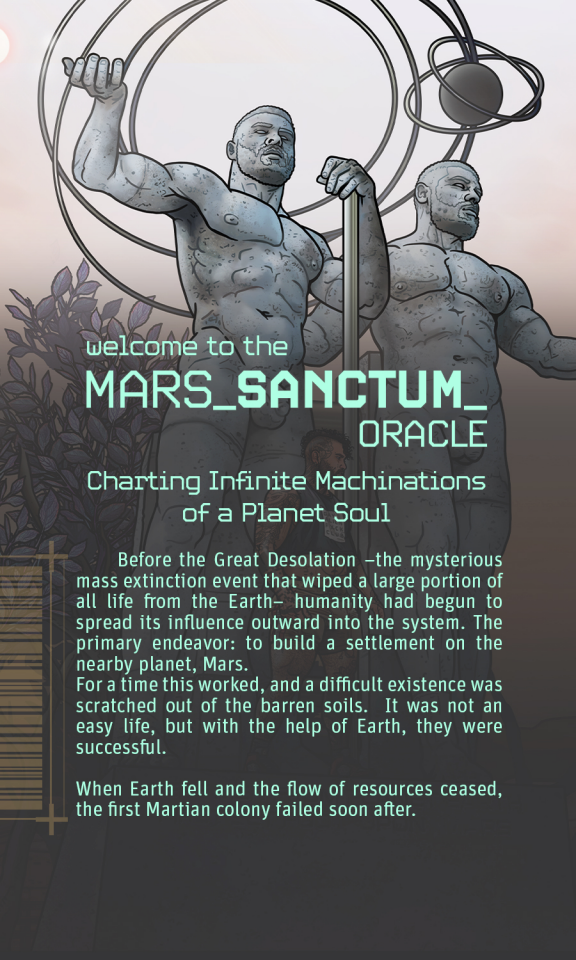
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welcome to the

# MARS\_SANCTUM\_ ORACLE

Charting Infinite Machinations  
of a Planet Soul

Before the Great Desolation –the mysterious mass extinction event that wiped a large portion of all life from the Earth– humanity had begun to spread its influence outward into the system. The primary endeavor: to build a settlement on the nearby planet, Mars.

For a time this worked, and a difficult existence was scratched out of the barren soils. It was not an easy life, but with the help of Earth, they were successful.

When Earth fell and the flow of resources ceased, the first Martian colony failed soon after.



Now, at the dawn of the fourth millennium, with humanity spreading into the void once more, an exploration-class starship, the U.N.N. Expansion, makes her voyage to what remains of the Mars Sanctum. Here the rebuilding will begin with the best and brightest Earth has to offer, working tirelessly to manifest the Grand Dream – efforts to terraform the dry dusty planet into a fertile green haven like the Earth of old.

The challenges they face may seem insurmountable, but with this opportunity comes the chance for unlimited expansion and room to grow.

While you're here, why not take the opportunity to delve into this vast open wasteland before you? What secrets lay buried beneath the dust waiting to be unearthed? Will you discover crumbling ruins? Find ancient places long-forgotten? awaken echoes of a people seemingly long past?

The Sanctum is open to you, Explorer.

# THE\_NEW\_MARTIAN\_ PANTHEON



In the future, when planet Earth is no longer the ultimate frontier, travelers venture to the red sands of the fourth planet from the Sun, Mars. Once on Martian ground, the explorers encounter a series of tunnels that conjoin into a large open cavern, illuminating five forms. Immediately a transmission is received, revealing the presence of a higher intelligence and the existence of these immortalized beings:



## USSOJK\_

The hidden one, god of rain, death & rebirth, anonymity & privacy.



## EXEU\_

God of the spirit, law, balance, justice, and systems.



## BAHK\_

god of the soil & sand, survival, the harvest, time. Master of life.



## SOREMIH\_

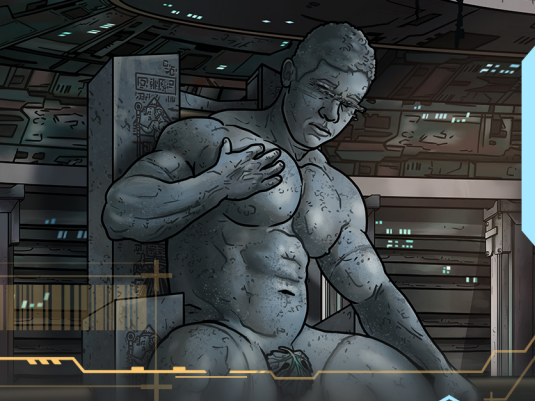
God of love, lust and sex, networks, dreams, and connectivity.



## JUVAL\_

God of wind, industry, exploration, expansion, and technology.

These beings existed and functioned in harmony, affecting chosen acolytes to execute their will and co-exist in balance. Through this revelation, the “New Gods of Mars” have reawakened and taken form so these new explorers can perpetuate and thrive on the foreign soil they now call home.



## USOJKK\_

/viSH·ock/

CLASSIFICATION: water/death deity



the shadow god of Mars, He influences polarizing spirituality for divine cosmology. He exists and persists, although unseen...

He who quenches the thirst. This water deity is also a god of death and rebirth, he appears to those wandering the vast wastelands offering a drink to the lost as he ushers them to the afterworld. His condition mirrors the surface of the planet: at the moment of his end –slain by the cosmic beast Enuryh– the seas dried, the rivers ran bare, and the rains ceased to fall. It is been foretold that his rebirth will herald a new age for Mars with the bountiful renewal of this precious resource. Similar to some of the ancient death gods of earth, Vsojkk ferries souls across the rivers of the afterworld to their next harbor.

**Devotees of Vsojkk** are distinguished by their hopeful and indomitable spirit. They are deeply connected to their emotions and intuition and to those around them. Known for their empathy, these acolytes are compassionate people with a deep understanding of the human spirit.







## THE\_NEUROMANCER\_

The capacity to access one's inherent abilities, a skill elusive to most beings throughout their given lifetime, is the power of unlimited potential. The Neuromancer is the evolution of the soul incarnate, capable of keeping one foot in the real world and another in the spirit realm. He is fully aware and strongly connected to the known 5 senses. He is also in full understanding of the mysterious 6th sense through much self-reflection, study, and meditation which allows him to tap into the psionic energy that remains latent in the brains of most beings. This complete balance of the known and unknown provides all the resources required to reach the goal at hand, for believing is the energy that creates. He is incapable of teaching this skill for this is something one must desire to undertake on their own. Everyone has their own unique way of unlocking their potential and making what they want come to fruition.



*willpower / manifestation / inspired action  
/ mental clarity*



## THE\_INQUISITOR\_

The desire to know all has an equal amount of consequences as much as understanding. The Inquisitor of the M.I.R. was designed as a form of secret intelligence with the sole task of forcing the mind of their targets to bend to their will and provide all that is hidden within - the deepest secrets, regrets, ill-intentions. They don't seek to use such information to repair but to face those shadows that take root within the recesses of the mind and soul. One must have a heart of stone to not feel pity or sympathy for those they want to manipulate and control. Therefore, they walk among the populace unknown until one is faced with the reality that they are no longer in control of their own will. Understand if it is worth the risk to become like The Inquisitor and allow the need to know all be one's only mission in existence.



*reckless-minded pursuits / difficulties /  
deceptions / risky behavior*

# NIGHTMARE\_



The entrapment of one's senses from overwhelmed stimulation also entraps one in a vicious cycle of paralyzing fear. This is the moment where one is confronted by terror but is unprepared nor understands what to do with it because one is caught up in the emotion that created it. One cannot rationalize or act in the moment, especially when the conscious is filled with new experiences of the unknown. However, if one takes pause and regains their senses, they can look at the reflections before them and transform the fear into curiosity for analysis. This requires faith in oneself and the ability to muster will. Take stock of the potential for the fear to harm and the potential to overcome. Compartmentalizing the components that form the root of the fear could be a pathway to releasing oneself from such paralysis. Knowing we all have the ability to change is the first step to shattering the mirrors that hold us.



*fear / despair / alienation / anxiety /  
isolation / restlessness / loss / worry*

# FORTITUDE\_



Strength is typically defined by force and action when, in fact, it is a state of mind/being. The awareness of one's potential and understanding the confidence required to take action is sufficient to demonstrate one's strength. Nothing is more powerful than someone that is in control of their composure. Strength is not limited to physical ability as the brain, heart, and soul can demonstrate such power, the will to think, the will to feel, and the will to believe. The animal kingdom has its fair share of strong creatures but they don't always have to be in a predatory state to demonstrate their strength for it is in their nature to just be so, knowing what they require and what they must do to obtain it. As it is with human beings. In this sanctuary, there is fortitude in the trust between man and beast alike and that is owning one's power.



*courage / perseverance / bravery / inner  
power / influence / confidence*



## STASIS\_

The organic form will advise when it needs to be still and recharge. In day-to-day occurrences or moments of overexertion (or excitement), one's functions and faculties feel the effects of wear and tear on the senses. You will be given signals and will know what is needed naturally. You may even experience moments where the body will pause as the mind takes hold and engages one in visualization about what is desired or needs to occur within a frame of time. This too is the presence of Stasis as awareness functions have shifted to one specific sense. Regaining full consciousness may take a moment and leave one hazy as they regain composure. Understand what is needed and when one must stop and ensure their body and organs are given the time to rest and re-energize.



*surrendering control / contemplation /  
meditation / introspection*



## THE\_H4CKER\_

Working in secrecy, the Hacker uses their knowledge of resources to enter and manipulate spaces they are restricted from accessing. This is not so much an intent to do harm but to accept the challenge of breaking set boundaries. However, there is a disregard for consequences and this can cause problems that are not regarded. Where the Inquisitor's purpose is to force out information, the Hacker's purpose is to force themselves in and affect wherever they are infiltrating, with a purpose or not. There may be good intention, a misguided sense of activism, or simple folly. Regardless, the Hacker's actions are risky and will be deemed unlawful for the intention is one-sided. This is a call to be aware of the risks of one's actions and understand the cause and effect in all things. These consequences may not be what one thinks, for they are only fueled by wanting to know "what if?" taken too far.



*competition / deception / strategy /  
cunning / deception / trickery / scheming*

## THE\_MAELOSTROM\_



Events occur at unexpected moments that bring about immediate loss of control for fear to take hold. Actions are taken and missteps can happen, unawares, when concentrating on an outcome or end goal. Within the maelstrom of emotion, one is suddenly faced with a choice – wallow in despair while experiencing the pain or hurt of the event or compose oneself to start anew and take a different approach to the task at hand. This is failure revealing the potential for new beginnings and new opportunities. Most things can be fixed, even with the complexities of human existence. Through the devastation, a clean slate will present itself to reinvent pathways or take an alternative approach for a better result.



*upheaval / awakening / failure / learning  
from errors / chaos / disaster*

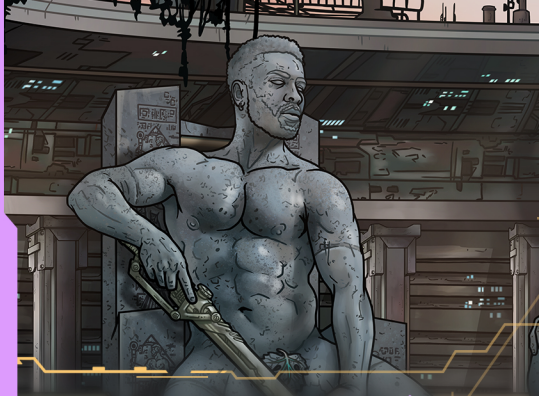
## THE\_RUNAWAY\_



Knowing one's limits can bring about the desire or need to alter direction. After experiencing various challenges or failures comes an awakening. Whatever is at hand no longer serves a purpose and requires the Runaway to assess and prioritize what is needed, to consider a different form or method. The experience has proven unsuccessful, so the question at hand is “now what?” Take pause and focus on your senses. Look for environmental signals. Look within. Rely on hope for that is the message received clearly when facing insurmountable roadblocks. The opening is there if only you employ change to go in a different direction not yet considered.



*transition / abandonment / Letting go /  
searching for truth*



## EXEU\_

/ex·EW/

CLASSIFICATION: spirit deity



the analytical god of Mars that governs social structures with logic, drive, and force...

Blade of the Source, Exeu is the spiritual embodiment of the planet soul. He has an unparalleled dedication to maintaining the balance of the systems he administrates, and dispenses justice to any who threaten the efficiency of its operation. His commitment to root out corruption can borderline on the extreme, but to him malfunctions will not be tolerated. As the Arbiter Terminus – the final judge – Exeu is responsible for determining the worthiness of a soul and the location of its final destination as it is ferried to the afterworld by Vsojkk. While he works closely with the god of death, Exeu is not considered a death god himself, nor is he ever depicted as such.

**Devotees of Exeu** have a strong sense of right and wrong. While this makes them confident in their opinions, it sometimes leaves them unable to appreciate the nuances of a situation. These adherents are unlikely to second guess themselves or to doubt their actions are justified.





## EMPEROR\_OF\_MARS\_



Leadership requires a multi-faceted approach to exhibiting strength. The strength to make and depend on choices, the strength to use one's voice, to be firm and intentional in one's actions, the strength to confront and overcome challenges, and the strength to own the power of the seat of leadership. The Martian Emperor was engineered by divinity for this most significant role, understanding the importance and honor to oversee the new settlements, moreso the entire planet. He has a single desire that is not always interpreted by the populace, and that is to maintain order and efficiency at whatever cost. Therefore, confidence in oneself to foresee and take proactive measures by any means necessary is essential. The Emperor may present a calm demeanor but do not underestimate the capabilities held within the mind and heart for he is charged to shine forth with the entire planet behind him.



*stability / structure / leadership / power  
/ command / authority / discipline / focus*

## THE\_ARCH\_LECTOR\_



Whereas the heart and mind drives logic and emotions, the spirit is what propels actions that determine the outcome to any situation. While the Emperor of Mars is the external/visible power of leadership, the Arch Lector is the internal and mysterious power behind it. Under the guise of divine influence, he is skilled in history and spiritual knowledge, acting as a conduit for what is morally and ethically appropriate to please not only the masses but appease the divine. The Arch Lector is both called and chosen by the Gods to be their attendant and voice, to serve as a reminder of the opportunities the populace has been granted, and the measures one should maintain to live righteously. He appears to hold the keys to purpose and presents himself as the doorway to the moral code that will determine success or demise in the practical world and beyond.



*intuition / mystery / sacred knowledge /  
the subconscious / spirituality*



## IMPR1SONM3NT\_

A cosmic being restrained and studied can give the impression of being imprisoned and helpless in their current situation. However, the being has not come into awareness of their colossal power. There are situations in life that can force any living form to feel trapped and constrained. Much of what is felt is momentary and an illusion, likely formed within the mind. One's intentional action to let go of agency breeds obsession, addiction and dependency. Only when one becomes conscious of their ability to take control of the self can they break free from these self-imposed constraints and release themselves from that which is holding one back. This is a lesson in willpower and the self-authorizing ability any being is capable of. The choice exists to give up authority to an external factor or understand and exist in their internal power to live freely.

The Imprisoned reminds you to recognize your capabilities.



*oppression / dependency / excess /  
self-imposed restriction / helplessness*



## THE\_ARBITER\_

The Arbiter is the embodiment of the ideal decision-maker. One who lives by equal balance in all things. An essential role within the Martian court, The Arbiter analyzes and provides a dual view to any situation so one is fully informed before taking action in any situation. His ability is versatile, acting as a voice of judgment as well when called to determine the consequences of any given matter. The double-edged sword he wields is held at ease, serving as a reminder to think first before acting. Regardless, repercussions exist and one must be prepared to deal with whatever they may be. The Arbiter reminds us to take time and be thoughtful in one's actions. Understand the paths forward and consider the outcomes before making any moves, for the only certain thing that exists is an outcome we may or may not be prepared to accept.



*judgment / consequences / integrity / cause  
and effect / fairness / order*

## THE\_CONSULAR\_



A practical and even-keeled presence in the Martian government, The Consular is the voice of reason. He is aware of the roles and purpose of spiritual and political counseling but he thrives in the realm of logic and peacekeeping. His interests lie in benefiting all under his charge. He is proactive yet understanding and patient, approaching matters meticulously so all needs are met or fulfilled. The Consular uses the gift of communication to solve problems, appease concerns, and provide a positive and optimistic approach on behalf of the governing body. Knowing that not all can be satisfied all the time, he understands that an opportunity exists for that to happen in its given time. His calm communication methods are clear and transparent for he understands the power of the word and ensures that promises are honored when possible.



*diplomacy / problem-solving / charity /  
generosity / logical communication*

## THE\_SOLDI3R\_



The Soldier is one member of a larger order of peace-keeping armed forces of Mars. He embodies the physical ideals of strength and order and trusts he has trained his senses to keep him aware of all ongoing in his surroundings. The Soldier believes in preparation by fortifying his body and mind with the interest to serve in the well-being of others. He believes that rules and regulations are parameters required to keep the planet from dissolving into chaos and anarchy. The Soldier places his faith in governance, believing that for the population to thrive they have to protect the land, the inhabitants, and those they elected to lead. This drive to be in the first line of defense reflects the determination and ambition to live righteously and accordingly for that is the only means to exist peacefully.



*ambition / action-oriented / prepared /  
routine / driven / trust / direct*



## THE\_MERCENARY\_

The Mercenary is a solitary figure and the antithesis to the belief-system held by The Soldier. This skilled warrior is self-serving without regard for the needs of others. He is only driven by what he can gain and decides on only what benefits him and no one else. The Mercenary thrives on chaos and has no regard for order, rules, laws, or morals. He will lie, cheat, steal, deceive, and harm. This apathy for others reflects a pessimistic view of life that will eventually catch up to him when he is no longer the operator of his actions and suffers life's consequences. He will be known for his selfish actions and it will only be a matter of time before he finds himself in true solitude and unwelcomed by the community. The Mercenary serves as a reminder on how one can never be truly fulfilled when fulfillment is only one-sided.



*misguided goals / pessimism / greed /  
questionable morals / selfish attitude*



## THE\_ADVISOR\_

The closest confidant to the Emperor, the Advisor provides nurturing guidance to the leader. Not all required actions or decisions are easy or comfortable for those in seats of power. The Advisor serves to quell doubt and look at multiple perspectives that will reaffirm one's decisions. Skilled in psychology and communication, the Advisor balances both the heart and the mind to offer advice and a different viewpoint that may not have been considered. Therefore, the Advisor is not only a guide but also a skilled listener, recognizing the nuances when receiving communication. He can then process and take a creative approach as to how he can return communication that can influence a balanced response. Most times, he inquires and asks questions, gently nudging others to think further and be confident in their decision-making potential.



*creativity / comfort / guidance / nurturing  
provider / problem-solving / logic*



## BAHK\_

/Baa-K/

CLASSIFICATION: earth deity



the landform god of Mars, capable of breeding or neutralizing life with access to sustaining materials...

The god of earth is found in the very soil of Mars. As Bahk shed his primordial design his blood flowed forth and dried to form the planet's red sands, the mountains rose from his calcified bones, his hollow eye sockets becoming empty craters. It is only through his indomitable will that anything survives on Mars for it is an act of symbiosis. Crops flourish only because he wills it so. While usually portrayed as a benevolent deity, he is on occasion shown in a harsher fashion, when working in consort with Jvval the god of the winds, Bahk's anger can summon forth terrifying sandstorms capable of wiping life from the face of Mars. Just as he supports life he is capable of denying it.

**Devotees of Bahk** are hard working types not afraid to get their hands dirty. They tend to take the direct and practical approach to situations or obstacles in their path.





## SOL

The center of this system –Sol– the sun, is the primary source of light, time, and energy for neighboring planets, including Mars. The new inhabitants still depend on the warmth and light generated from this massive star. Although further from the planet Earth, the power of Sol is no less diminished. The inhabitants venerate and respect this cosmic and nurturing source for it provides natural vitamins and facilitates processes needed in vegetation to grow and sustain the new settlement. One still cannot gaze upon this stellar magnificence because of its blinding essence that cannot only damage the skin but also burn itself into one's vision. Sol is regarded as a gift from the gods to not only grant natural energy and power but to also lift and enliven the spirit with the joy of light. Honor Sol, be awakened, and illuminated.



*warmth / joy / vitality / positive outlook  
/ optimism*



## THE\_ASTRALCASTER

To continue unraveling the mystery of human behavior and cosmic influence, the knowledge of astrology has been transcribed by The Astralcaster. Attempting to gain a different perspective from a different place, there is a desire to connect to these higher powers and understand the essence of the universe that makes us all unique. What some may consider coincidence or nuances of personality constructs, The Astralcaster has a deeper sense that our thinking patterns, management of emotions, and ethical moves are ruled by something deeper. Therein lies the joy of learning and obtaining new knowledge that further reveals the mystery of life. If there is one thing that The Astralcaster would like to share with the populace is the good intentions to understand one another on a greater level.



*faith / renewal / inspiration / contentment  
/ hope*

## PHOBOS\_&\_DEIMOS\_



The two lunar satellites orbiting Mars were named after the mythos of fear and panic, their mysterious nature and presence further perpetuated by the new martian settlement as a symbol of the unknown, just as is the terrestrial moon of Earth. Desolate landforms devoid of any habitable atmosphere, they still manage to emit light from Sol to reflect the essence that there is illumination and hope, although shadowed by disillusionment and darkness. Fear twists the mind to expect danger, but is this actually true or just the imagination running rampant with the worst outcomes about things that are simply misunderstood or not yet comprehended? These satellites remind us that we can fall prey to this paralyzing emotion only if we feed into it, and must remind ourselves of the need to balance and temper our emotions and thinking.



*subconscious / uncertainty / anxiety /  
illusion / instinct / emotion / intuition*

## THE\_ANALYST\_



Approaching the unknown with logic and study is the skill of The Analyst. Whereas governing bodies are interested in control of the populace through the guise of promoting peace, harmony, and sustainability, the new settlers rely on advice from The Analyst as the source of truth. They peer beyond the obvious and will not relent, not content to simply asking the questions of how or why. The Analyst is interested in complete understanding and the purpose for being in existence. They value experimentation and monitoring behaviors and will employ any and all resources available to the senses to arrive at a complete and factual understanding for they know everything has a deeper truth than the obvious



*flexibility / managing resources / hidden  
information / weighing options / adaptation*



## THE\_NIHIILIST\_

Whereas one may experience Stasis in recognition of their limits, The Nihilist appears as the final stage when the body, mind, and spirit is completely ignored and devoid of rest. The organism is simply depleted and no amount of tech or medical advances can relieve it except for sleep. Exhaustion is the warning that going beyond one's limits is sure to cause greater harm than anticipated. Reassure oneself that the work will continue despite who is completing the task and time moves forward, with the potential for additional opportunities when one is capable of conducting their work with clarity.



*burdens / obligations / burning out / duty  
/ struggle / over working / exhaustion*



## THE\_MECHANIC\_

A skilled master laborer of technology, The Mechanic is a vital role to the new settlement. A true craftsman, they understand that everything can be fixed and improved upon for greater function. They employ their senses to listen for sounds of malfunction, spot anomalies, smell fluids, feel wear and tear, and taste success or failure at attempts to build a better and beneficial machine. The Mechanic is just as passionate for creating as they are for repair and they are valued for their talent. They have taken interest in understanding the workings of invention and have engaged in trials and gained experience to become a dependable resource for the advancement of all and are an invaluable contributor to the community.



*craftsmanship / talent / high standards /  
specialized knowledge / mastery of skill*

# THE\_PHYTOLOGIST\_



A skilled master of the natural world, The Phytologist is a role of vital importance to the new settlement. They have a complete understanding of the elements and how they collaborate to sustain all beings. He has studied flora and fauna and the effects that the air, water, land, temperature, and time affects growth and development. This understanding of the delicate balance required for crops to flourish in the harsh alien soils enriches the basics of food, water, and breathable air that are required by the inhabitants to maintain their existence. The Phytologist has knowledge and a passionate interest to ensure the inhabited world is cared for so all who inhabit it can live a plentiful and fulfilled life.



*practical approach / productivity /  
patience / investment / long-term goals*

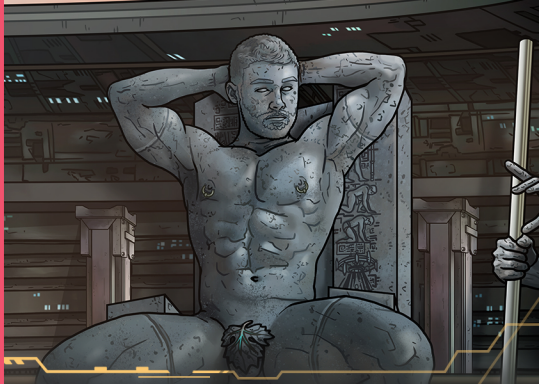
# THE\_MEDIC\_



A skilled master of human biology, The Medic has studied the bones, blood, organs, nerves, and cells that have given us form. They have also studied viruses, illnesses, and ailments that can afflict the body whether through incident or the natural aging process. Therefore, they know the value of analysis and assessment for greater understanding. There is awareness that everyone functions differently and not all patterns are the same. The Medic is referenced as a guide and healer to maintain a sustainable and healthy existence. Some are fearful of their extensive knowledge and what they could reveal that could be forever transforming. Regardless, The Medic values and is entrusted to care for anyone and everyone that seeks or requires their assistance.



*perseverance / resilience / challenge /  
healing / care / knowledge / prevention*



## SOREMIH\_

/so-re-mek/

CLASSIFICATION: fire deity



the blazen and seductive god of desire that ripples through the loins of those with an open heart...

The Flaming Spear, Soremih is the fire that burns within, the longing and the desire felt in the heart and loins. He is not only the god of love, but of lust and sex, making him a popular deity in the Martian pantheon. He is often depicted in a reclined or relaxed pose and is usually accompanied by a fox companion [or is portrayed with the head of a fox himself] to capture his playful and cunning nature. It is not unlikely to encounter men engaging in public sexual acts before Soremih's shrines, as feats of tribute such as this are considered sacred to the god of lust.

**Devotees of Soremih** are pleasure-driven and known for their fiery passions. Their strong desires have –at times– been known to lead them down a path of debauchery. They are admired for their ability to easily connect with others, and generally have a flourishing social life. However, they tend to be dreamers with no clear direction in life.





# SERENITY\_



An internal and external awareness of peace and calm, Serenity is felt. This is the presence of harmony in all things, from emotions and thoughts to environmental inputs affecting the senses. Serenity exists when there is perfect balance in action. When Serenity isn't present, it can be sought by either stilling the mind or going to a space that promotes a peaceful setting – be it a temple of faith, a body of water, or a quiet room. Once one enters a serene space, one can indulge in the pleasure of being unburdened and unconcerned about daily ongoing. However, Serenity is unfortunately not a constant for it is meant to be momentary. Otherwise, one can find their life receding into complacency and lethargy. Seek Serenity when needed and it will allow space for energy to flow freely and provide the time and space to recharge and be prepared when needed.



*tranquility / patience / moderation /  
harmony / calm / balance*

# DESOLATION\_



Desolation presents itself when one's needs are unfulfilled and when those needs are solely dependent on other individuals or external factors. This can be a desire for acceptance or recognition. Loneliness can present itself and we have entered a place of isolation. At times, this feeling of alienation can be experienced as a result of an emotionally traumatic event or the lack of emotional reciprocation. Such feelings can persist when one forces to seek this fulfillment from others, which is both uncertain and misplaced. Desolation is a reminder that one has the ability to self-fulfill needs and should focus on this approach. This could be loving oneself, doing things that bring one joy, or means of self-care without the need for dependency. One cannot welcome emotional fulfillment if they do not offer that to themselves first.



*heartbreak / emotional turmoil / grief /  
trauma / sadness / pain*

## REVELRY\_

When the energy of joy is felt by many in a given space, one feels a connection that is worth celebrating. This is the presence of pleasure on a communal level, when one feels emotionally fulfilled as part of a greater community. All those involved understand their purpose and contribution, especially when together and functioning as a well-oiled machine. There is a heightened sense of the team's potential to accomplish goals or desires and share in the successes, whether it be a reward or simply a feeling of completeness. There are also cultural practices that propel one to feel connected to a community which shares similar practices or beliefs, and that connection is worth celebrating. Revelry are moments to experience and should be enjoyed from time to time to remind us that together we can do many great things and are worth honoring together.



*celebration / community / teamwork /  
pleasure / connection / friendship*

## THE\_SOUL-BIND\_

The Soul-BInd is the presence of a recognized and committed union. Two beings have found one another through a connection that feels predestined. This is often interpreted as romance, love, or mutual sexual attraction but it is deeper as the energy of two individuals connects and surges. The connection does not necessarily have to be amorous in nature, however. Balance takes form and this can be interpreted in completing each other's thoughts, mirroring habits, cooperation, or complementing actions. When apart, the Soul-Bind can experience a sense of disequilibrium and that can reinforce understanding of the emotional power that can tether two individuals. In essence, the Soul-Bind is a recognition of a powerful partnership that sees fulfillment of needs and the desires of two individuals as one.



*partnerships / balance / romance / love /  
commitment / union / sexual attraction*

# THE\_STRANGER\_



Curiosity and mystery can embody an alluring quality. When one encounters the unknown [with the absence of fear], they can enter a state of wonder, desiring to learn more about the individual or object. Perhaps the person or object has qualities the viewer admires or desires to manifest. Exploring the unknown creates a bound sense of energy that seeks to be set free for the action of understanding fulfills a need. However, one must be conscious and cautious of the potential for obsessive behavior to appear, which can lead one to neglect the self and one's evolution. One should allow a degree of suspicion and caution so that exploration and understanding is assessed in a healthy manner.



*interest / connection / new relationships /  
curiosity / search for understanding*

# VIRTUAL\_REALITY\_



Advancements in technology have allowed many to explore their desires in private. Those that connect in virtual space can engage in experiences that may be otherwise inaccessible to the user. However, none of this is real, simply a tool to interact with a perceived experience. This can create a false sense of being, a warped perception of one's accomplishments, and lead to an unhealthy disconnection from the self, people/society, responsibilities, and even reality in general. This is not to say one cannot enjoy moments in a virtual reality but one must be aware that it is a place designed to entertain and should maintain a healthy balanced approach to use of such technology. Virtual reality provides temporary gratification and it can propel one to reflect on what one truly needs or desires, as long as used in moderation and understanding the real world exists outside.



*nostalgia / reflection / disconnection /  
boredom / idle hands*



## THE\_ANDROID\_

The Atlas XIII android embodies the thrill in realizing creative energy. When one envisions an artistic endeavor [a painting, a sculpture, a writing, an invention] and is able to bring that vision to reality, there is both a sense of accomplishment and joy. This energy can be both individualized or shared and is not solely experienced when reaching the end of a goal. The learning process can contain numerous sparks of wonder and fulfillment, such as when one gains a new understanding and is able to perform as expected. Atlas XIII is given form through collaborative efforts, for each individual in the creative space offers a specific skill or idea that is complementary to the task. Self-esteem is positively charged to continue forth with the plans and goals. Should one encounter failure, they will benefit from approaching it as a learning opportunity that contributes to the potential of success.



*appreciation / collaboration / learning /  
shared goals / team effort / advancement*



## DECONTAMINATION\_

When one feels exposed to an unknown environment or aware of the existence of germs and bacteria, they will seek Decontamination – be it a washing of the hands or cleansing the body. This act for personal hygiene can also be used as a metaphor for spiritual cleansing or absolving oneself of one's actions. There is a perceived sense of an external danger of invasion that one has experienced and now seeks to eliminate by engaging in the ritual act of bathing or cleaning. This produces a feeling of a clean slate, to being anew, or preparing oneself to engage once again in a task from a different viewpoint. Decontamination presents a self-awareness of vulnerability and reminds one of the potential for harm from external sources. One must remain aware of potential negative factors before venturing into unknown territory and take necessary precautions when deciding to move forward.



*rebirth / self-evaluation / absolution /  
awareness / cleansing / purification*



## JVVAL

/jeh·vAl/

CLASSIFICATION: air deity



the wind god of Mars that flows freely over the lands and beyond the clouds, creating pathways to know the unknown...

The sightless god of the howling tempest, Jvval is lord of the torrid winds of Mars. He is a powerful nomadic force that rules the skies, forever expanding and seeking, leaving no crack or crevice untouched. Often he is depicted as a blind figure, extending one hand outward and holding a staff in the other. In their original primordial design Jvval shared a single form with his lover and consort Bahk before they were sundered apart by the cosmic beast Enuryh, the same deranged celestial being who killed Vsojkk. To this day Jvval still searches blindly for his missing half, reaching out longingly in the form of powerful sandstorms.

**Devotees of Jvval** are known for their adventurous spirit and long for the thrill of exploration. They embrace change and are never content to remain in the same place for too long, and while they can be temperamental, they are also innovative and have the potential for greatness.



## THE\_PATHFINDER\_

Landing on the Red Planet, The Pathfinder intends to explore Mars with optimism and wonder. Receiving a mysterious transmission from beyond sparked his interest and led him to a world unexplored and filled with boundless opportunities. Adventurous, carefree, and inquisitive, the Pathfinder is unconcerned about unknown challenges for they all offer a new experience. Joy is found in wandering and taking in the environment, feeling that within any crevice and behind every mound lies a different perspective and insight to the mysteries of the planet – those from the past that could inform about potential for the future. Yet, the Pathfinder is not invested so much on personal growth as he is about experiencing the journey. The Pathfinder wants to be the first to forge new roads forward for others to equally enjoy and relish on what he established.



*freedom / initiative / naive perspective /  
adrenaline-fueled adventure / spontaneity*



## THE\_NAVIGATOR\_

Whereas there are dreamers in the universe, there are also the steadfast individuals that prefer to act and take hold of the controls, being on the front line of reaching the destination. These analytical minds have belief in understanding the way forward, with the acknowledgment of the faith and trust placed in them to ensure a safe and successful arrival at their destination. However, the journey is as significant as the arrival point for there is much to experience and learn in the process of leading the way. The Navigator always hopes for a pleasant and steady journey but is also equipped to deal with unforeseen obstacles because they are in control of their senses and the craft they manage. Their knowledge is one they share not by words or texts but by taking you along for the ride, for nothing is more important than discovering for yourself.



*progress / new ventures / foresight /  
discovery / looking ahead / expansion*



# THE\_MONUMENT\_



The Monument stands erect in place and memory of the trials and tribulations for newcomers to settle and build the world they desire. The statues are sturdy and meticulously crafted as a reminder of the intention, hardship, tasks, analysis, and achievement at reaching the goal, no matter how simple or challenging it may be. These are inspirational symbols that not only remind of the past but of what also could be of the future – being able to set one's mind to accomplishing a task and succeeding. This does not negate failures or obstacles for those are equally significant in contributing to the triumphant success of the settlement. Take heed that hard work has paid off. Take this moment to rest and prepare for what's to come.



*victory / achievement / proclaiming  
sanctuary / reaping benefits*

# TERRAFORMING\_



To meet the needs of Mars' newly arrived inhabitants, the natural land is not suitable or sustainable for living in the modern age. Therefore, a transformation is imposed to refine and reinvent the land in a manner that is beneficial for the beings, with minimal impact on the land for there is a need for what exists. This is compromise without compromising what is needed. Yet, every new form that is imposed on an existing land must be considered and so is the same for personal growth. How is this contributing to one's evolution? How will the change affect oneself and others? What are the limits and how far can they be pushed and at the cost of what? Growth is essential but can have repercussions if left unchecked.



*completion / fulfillment / integration /  
transformation / renewal / achievement*



## DISPLACEMENT\_

Movement can be both caused by motivation or through force out of one's control. Whatever the circumstances of the relocation may be, the unforeseen future is unwritten and can be an opportunity to experience something new that may forever change one's perspective. The being is transported, whether willingly or not, as a means to discover new opportunities at hand. At the point of arrival, the traveler has choices to adapt or come to an understanding that the destination is not the end point of the journey. Displacement reminds one to look at the potential in all things, whether in your current dwelling or beyond.



*New opportunities / adapting / new paths /  
Leap of faith / potential / change*



## PROSPERITY\_

This is a being free of worry, rejoicing in the simple pleasure of time acquired from their efforts. Whereas many see value in material things, property, power, finances, the prosperity found here is in comfort. Time is the most valuable currency, for many feel they don't have enough time to do all the things they desire or find pleasing, rather working and taking care of mundane tasks. This does not imply that one should rest on their laurels for effort is needed to maintain the luxury of time. Should the experience of prosperity be momentary, rejoice in the experience and understand that life has great rewards to offer should one be willing to do what is needed to earn it.



*Life cycles / karma / turning point /  
abundance / fortune*



# THE\_SETTLERS\_



New inhabitants of the Red Planet have spent time experimenting with that which will flourish and provide sustenance for their community. These settlers have shaped the land to fit the needs of their kind and must now find ways to provide and maintain stability for all. This can come in forms of ensuring the safety of the beings or contributing to efforts that will sustain basic needs, such as food, shelter, water. Successful settlements are created through a mutual understanding of care for one another rather than selfish motivations. One understands their role as a fragment of a community whose means of survival is dependent on every individual member. Adapting and growing in unison with the land ensures the sustainability of the settlement for generations to come.



*building legacy / stability / fulfillment /  
security / family / community / harmony*

# THE\_VOYAGERS\_



To transition from the known to the unknown is an equally exciting and terrifying experience. However, when one seeks to break their known boundaries and expand forth physically and metaphorically, the desire propels one to take action and no longer dream of change but become it. The Voyagers have taken a leap of faith to venture to a new land, regardless of what awaits. They may be hyper aware and cautious at first but that is a way to fine-tune the senses and adapt to a new beginning in a new land. Should one be afforded the opportunity to explore first, one can make a less hasty decision to relocate. Other times, growth cannot be postponed and one must take flight to encounter new opportunities.



*quick decision-making / ambition / speed /  
direction / momentum*

# working with the MARS\_SANCTUM\_ ORACLE

As *The Mars Sanctum Oracle* is an original and unique divination tool, we will provide some suggested uses for reading these cards. There are countless spreads covering a range of different topics (such as career, success, romance, spirituality, etc) and below are some suggested spreads (from simple to more complex). You are also encouraged to develop your own or use spreads as featured in other divinatory card systems.

## MARS\_ASCENDING\_

[single card pull]

Shuffle the cards in whichever method you prefer while focusing on your question. Questions can be a simple yes/no or a little more complex but keep in mind that questions should be specific. Those requiring detail may best be utilized in a lengthier spread. Pull the card and focus on the message it provides. Consider if the message is spiritual in nature or reflects a more practical approach to the situation. Gaze on the character's actions, demeanor, title, illustrated situation for the message.

## STASIS/STATE/SIGNAL\_

[3 card spread]

A 3 card pull is another simple and often utilized method of performing a divinatory reading. Each card will represent a point in time and provide insight as to events in the past, present, and future. Shuffle the cards in any method you prefer and lay the cards face down from left to right.



card 1: **past**  
card 2: **present**  
card 3: **future**

The first card on the left represents matters of the Past or what you seek. The center card represents matters of the Present or what you are experiencing. The card on the right represents matters of the Future or what you desire.



## THE\_GATEWAY\_

[ 5 card spread ]

You will start with a card on the left-hand side and pull the remaining cards to the right of the initial card and read from left to right.



**card 1:** the question at hand

**card 2:** background situation leading to the question

**card 3:** the desired outcome of the querent

**card 4:** message from outside influence  
- i.e. individuals/people/spirit guides

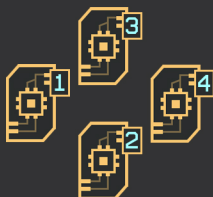
**card 5:** the possible outcome

Should you choose to explore the message of the final card in this spread further, move it to the top of the spread and choose 3 additional cards from the deck for further guidance on the “outcome.”

# THE\_SOURCE\_CODE\_

## [ 4 card spread ]

This spread is similar to the 3 card spread but provides additional information for issues a bit more complex. This spread is ideal to use when seeking more information on an outcome from any spread you employ, to dig deeper into your inquiry. You will start with a card on the left-hand side and place the next card to the right of and slightly below the initial card. Place the third card above the second, and the 4th and final card to the right, level with the initial card, as depicted below. Read from left to right.



**card 1:** purpose/the 'why' for the initial outcome

**card 2:** forces that can shift the outcome

**card 3:** forces that keep matters static

**card 4:** overall point of reflection

If further clarification is required, pull an additional card and place it beside the fourth.

# M4CHINES\_OF\_LIGHT/SHADOW\_

[ 8 card spread ]

This spread is ideal to investigate matters you are currently experiencing and reflect/meditate on both sides of the situation you are questioning - the shadow or negative aspects of the situation and the light or positive aspects of the situation.

This spread is designed to prompt reflection on light and shadow aspects for a given situation or concern. After the cards are shuffled, meditated upon, and cut, they are dealt in two columns of 4 cards each. You will decide which volume will represent the shadow aspect of the inquiry and which column will represent the positive aspects of the inquiry. As the reader, you have a few options for modification of this spread to tailor the reading - for example, you can use cards from the entire deck, work with only the Court cards, or sort using elemental opposites (wands/fire vs cups/water). Once you've decided whether to start with a light or shadow column, lay out 4 cards from bottom to top to form the column.





Study the reading and reflect on messages that appear to support you in your or your client's inquiry. Once completed, lay out another set of 4 cards to the right or left of each card from the first pull column. As you compare and contrast the cards, reflect on the alternating views presented. What messages are constant? Where are you given a different perspective? Contemplate the messages and you're encouraged to write and document your reading for future reference.


# CONSECRATION+CARE\_

[looking after your tarot cards]

The consecration of any deck, be it tarot, oracle, or other, ranges from the complex to nothing at all. This guide will offer some suggested practices and rituals to cleanse and consecrate your new deck prior to use. It will also provide some methods to ensure care and longevity of your new cards. Know that how you care for your cards is entirely up to you.

 **Saging:** Light a sage stick (bought or self-made) and carefully run your deck through the smoke, being careful not to get too close to the lit tip. Make sure to run the smoke on all sides, front and back. Visualize the smoke cleansing the deck/cards of any energy and replacing with a white-gold glow. If you like, you can pass each card individually as opposed to stacked in a deck. Alternatively, you can use palo santo or incense of choice instead of a sage stick.

 **Dreamscape:** Place your deck under your sleeping pillow. Make sure the cards are kept in a bag and free from any location that could bend or damage the deck. Use a cleansing prayer before going to sleep, meditate on making a personal connection to your new deck. Do this for a number of consecutive nights (3, 7 or 9 are considered fortunate numbers.)

 **Sun/Moon Consecration Ritual:** This ritual can be employed in various forms. You can take your deck outside during clear weather and ask the Sun and/or the Moon to cleanse your deck and empower it with its energies. Consider performing this ritual at high noon/midday and/or during a Full Moon at midnight. Say

any chant or prayer of your choosing to cleanse the deck and envelop it in gold/silver light in your visualization. Feel free to include incense and a lit candle in your environment.



Your deck and guide book are delivered in a safe-keep box and can be kept in such for ease of storage. Should you choose, you can store your cards in cloth bags or boxes sold through numerous stores, online makers/merchants, or self-created. We strongly recommend using natural materials in whichever method you employ, such as silk or cotton fabric or wood storage. Your new deck should be stored in a dry location or can be displayed on an altar to keep the aesthetic of a spiritual object. Keep in mind that location and method of storage will determine the longevity of your deck.

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# RECLAIMED EARTH TAROT



The Reclaimed Earth is the traditional story of the tarot retold in a futuristic era. Explore the Journey of the Fool in the year 3036, where the outside air is toxic and humanity is forced to live in giant bio-dome cities, filled with dazzling neon attractions competing for your attention.



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