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Further, uncontrolled characters can be treated as a trait, to allow a test to be attempted which would otherwise be impossible (for activities that would require multiple people), or to reduce the Difficulty of a test—simply providing an extra pair of hands and an extra set of senses can be valuable. Once per scene, if your character would be defeated,
you may choose to Resist Defeat. Devoted to her art, she keeps an ear out for saleable information. They typically involve movement and maneuver around a small environment, attempting to overcome enemies through positioning and decisive action. Their peaceful existence made them easy prey for the forces of Salusa Secundus and Bela Tegeuse.
Unknown to the player characters, the real saboteur is none other than the friendly Obregon herself. 156 Timeline of Human History 🗫 🗫 🌣 🏖 🏖 26 Titans, Notable......
                                                                                                                                                                                          .. A product of Bene Tleilax 'twisting', de Vries served as House Harkonnen's primary Mentat, working to further his master's ambitions. 282 House Soldier/Guard..
Generations ago, the master genetic manipulators, Bene Tleilax, discovered a way to train twisted Mentats at their own Mentat training academy. While officially regarded as illegal, these kinds of activities are an integral, invaluable part of the fabric of society... as long as they are kept quiet. Once the spice melange and its various miraculous
properties were discovered, however, the importance of the desert planet quickly rendered it the center of Dune (Frank Herbert) NOVEL OF THE ERA OF THE GOD EMPEROR @@ God Emperor of Dune
(Frank Herbert) NOVELS OF THE SCATTERING ERA @@ God Emperor of Dune (Frank Herbert) @@ Heretics of Dune (Frank Herbert) @@ Hunters of Dune (Frank Herbert) @
Don't expect to be good at everything. A noble is a noble, whether they control one planet or several. 118 S tep T h ree: S k ills Each character in Dune: Adventures in the Imperium has five skills, as described in the previous chapter: Battle, Communicate, Discipline, Move, and Understand. A situation that makes two Houses enemies one year might
see them making an alliance for mutual benefit when the situation changes the next year. They are the highest-ranking member of the House's troops in both peacetime and during war. And that's fine. There are few places a Bene Gesserit cannot infiltrate. @@ Valuables can
be difficult to target, as the asset represents items with actual physical presence and real worth. This hindrance trapped these early space explorers primarily within their home star system. What do the characters do? Artifact Sietch The Desert Anca, the Fremen stillsuit seller 13-16 Cause the murder or destruction of the... At its most extreme,
seeing prescient patterns and outcomes can mean an almost omniscient ability to see and foresee the actions of allies and enemies alike. Because of that, its native population's desire for self-determination is ignored, as Imperial factions vie for control of the planet's irreplaceable resource. We've packed in everything we can think of to give you every
option you need to take your game anywhere you want to go. Unfortunately, outthinking such a House may make them all the more dedicated to proving their superiority. He has a sharp eye for untouched spice fields. An indirect or seemingly unpredictable approach to a goal hides one's true motivations and invites the player characters to defeat
themselves with reckless action, potentially exposing their own goals to attack. T D ice Dune: Adventures in the Imperium uses a single type of dice to resolve the actions a character may attempt and the situations they may face: twenty-sided dice, often referred to as a d20. This reputation is only reinforced by the presence of the current ruler of
herself into a Major House on behalf of the Sisterhood. These weapons are deadly to the target and whoever carries the tooth in their mouth. Finally, and most significantly, vessels within a Guild transport are absolutely prohibited from interacting with one another, in any fashion. Many other House leaders turn to him for guidance, and his influence
is so great that even the Emperor has taken notice. Or do they have a deal at all? Creating the partial character should be a relatively quick process, but one that requires you to make a few decisions early. Other Rulers are so well trained (or arrogant) they feel no need for any assistance. ranked at 6, and two Focuses for any skill ranked at 7. You
may not want to risk being caught out in the few situations where you can't obtain something you rely on. Traits: Pilot, Arrakis Native Talents: None S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 7 FA I T H: 6 JU S T I C E: 5 P OW ER: 5 T RU T H: 5 SKILL Assets: Knife, 'Thopter, Stillsuit I cover the back of those who cover mine. No one really knows how it will turn out
and the aim of the game is to tell the most entertaining story. Perhaps the player characters could ally with them to gain access to these machines. It also helps to give your non-player characters strong motivations, so you understand where they're coming from as you play them. House conflicts and should either act as or appoint a neutral arbiter. No
sooner do they discover the identity of the saboteur than an incoming sandworm is spotted, forcing the player characters to make difficult decisions in a short space of time. In its apathy, humanity had become reliant on machines and artificial intelligence (AI) in every aspect of their lives. Dates identified only by era are unknown and are placed
approximately. @@ Security measure assets protect a zone by making it harder to enter that zone, with the protection provided having a rating equal to the security measure's Quality. 209 Drugs...
                                                                                                                                                                                                                             .. @@ If you move an asset boldly, then you may move one of an opposing character's assets by one zone if you succeed. 62 Thinking
                       Once connected, two zones count as adjacent, allowing your character access (or easier access) to a person or place you had little or no access to before. ROLL HATRED 1-5 6-10 11-15 @@ House Minor: One Minor House @@ House Major: One Major House and One Minor House that serves them @@ Great House: One Great
House or two Major Houses (or one faction, such as Bene Gesserit, the Imperial Court, etc.) and a host of minor Houses who owe allegiance to one of these enemies. It is easier than it looks, though, and most of the writing here is not difficult rules you need to learn, but are instead hints, tips, and examples to help you get the most out of play. The
needs for specialized equipment and materials to produce such a commodity offer opportunities for other shareholders and Houses to become inveigled in the trade. SUCCESSFUL ATTACK OUTCOMES @@ If the attack is against a minor non-player character or minor supporting character, then a successful attack against them means they are
defeated. Blades, varying in size from swords to daggers and knives, are the most common form of melee weapons, and many combatants enter battle with more than one: a blade in each hand, and maybe some extras sheathed about their body for special circumstances. Your character is considered to be adjacent to any zone which represents
someone they can communicate with in some way: speaking directly, sending messages, etc. If the player characters are quick to reach for knives the gamemaster should remind them they are outnumbered and the Fremen appear to be experienced fighters. No skill may be increased above 8 in this way. People are rarely as guarded when undressed
and a skilled courtesan can learn much, both from a quick study of what a person keeps in their pockets—and what company they keep. You may never have more than three Determination at once. The destruction inadvertently killed scientist Haloa Rund and destroyed his prototype no-field technology. C h a pter � C re ati n g
Your House We begin your journey into the universe of Dune: Adventures in the Imperium by creating some detail on the mobile House your characters all serve. No one is perfect, not even the writers of this book! Bre at hing Life into Minor NPCs When we talk about non-player characters that are ordinary folk, we are talking about the
barkeeps or the market traders who will likely remain at the location where the player characters found them, before going home at night after a hard day's work. This means that a primary domain is a narrative aid to explain what your House really does, but a secondary domain shows where the House is in conflict and what business direction it is
moving in. The patterns of possibility open before one. MEANING Once you've selected that first talent, you may select two other talents. She creates an asset 'Suspicious Rumor' and brings it into the husband's zone. The smugglers, on the other hand, would love to get the jump on the ambitious noble. 60 (Bene Gesserit Talent)..... After a specific
favorite. It may be that once trust is established, players are more open to some of the issues they may have initially had a problem with. 31 Scenes and Traits...
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Skirmish
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                                             Those searching for secrets might be giving away valuable details themselves. These are the standard line infantry used throughout the Imperium: shielded soldiers armed with melee weapons and trained to fight efficiently in large formations of a thousand men or more. Glossu Rabban is renowned for his
brutality and thuggishness. During a short period of time they send out scout vehicles to search for the incoming worm while drills and scoops extend to draw the various schools and the competition between the planetary ruling Houses has made politics in the
Imperium a very subtle balancing act. He hoped that the people of Dune might judge House Atreides on the strength of Idaho's character, and that the charismatic warrior might be instrumental in forging alliances that their House could count upon in the turbulent times that lay ahead. Their use on Arrakis is limited, as the vibration attracts the
worms in a violent rage. She was forced to make concessions to the Sisterhood and allow them to test Paul when he came of age. And then, when the bait has been taken, the agent's trap is sprung. Meetings are conducted between the elders and the naib—the sietch's leader, a position earned through challenging and killing the previous incumbent—
in such spaces, when their subject matter is considered appropriate for the ears of all, and the various religious rituals which the Fremen conduct are also typically held in these areas, so that the entire community can practice their religion as one. Some are genuine artists, hoping to earn patronage from the Emperor or from some Great House. Most
characters in an intrigue scene are fairly guarded about their goals and their feelings, seeking to maintain a mask of neutrality where their true intent cannot be easily guessed. A re a s of E x pertise The various domains listed below are grouped into areas of expertise for the sake of simplicity. 151 Common Uses......
almost all humans fall under the jurisdiction of Major and Minor Houses known as the Landsraad. DEFEAT Battles are not usually decided just on which army destroys the other (although that also works). 235 Prophecy, Prescience, & Hyper-perception................ As an Asset: This usually represents a standard unit of specialist soldiers large enough to
complete their usual specialty task. A cti o n s i n S k irmis h This section provides some guidance on the most common actions you're likely to attempt—or have attempted against you—during a skirmish. A ssessi n g t h e D a m a g e However they get down, the 'thopter is a wreck and cannot be flown. B a n n ers a n d A rms Each noble House has a
coat of arms they proudly emblazon on all their holdings to remind everyone of what is theirs. 10,174 A.G. House Atreides gains the service of Gurney Halleck. Their understanding of genetics and disregard for ethics empowered them to create a version of Mentats training to corrupt their own Mentats CULTURE Tleilax is a religious isolationist
society. But that does tell Kara the secretary has no part in it. JUSTICE Justice is a drive toward balance and fairness, but also the will to redress injustices. The impetus can be money, a shared enemy, or even ideology. They now carry them as standard issue, often blended into one's hair or concealed elsewhere. of simple right and
wrong, or to the law? If you pass, then you've managed to remove the chosen trait. Some situations allow you to re-roll a specific number of dice, while others allow an entire dice pool to be rerolled. The Difficulty is the number of dice, while others allow an entire dice pool to be rerolled. The Difficulty is the number of dice, while others allow an entire dice pool to be rerolled. The Difficulty is the number of successes you must generate to pass the skill test. @@ Armor is rare in dueling and gladiatorial combat, but it is
commonly used by soldiers who may not be equipped with a shield. Timed watering systems; experts skilled in biology and the genetics and care of plants and livestock; and advanced soil and water management techniques are their highest priorities. NOVELS OF THE ASCENSION OF MUAD'DIB ERA @@ Dune, Paul of Dune (Brian Herbert & Kevin
J. @@ Discipline: Stamina and willpower. One of the finest Mentats to ever live, Hawat was a trusted advisor to Duke Leto Atreides and a formidable opponent to their enemies. While restrained by the traditions and rules of kanly, each House maintains a standing army for defending its people and territory, for putting down rebellions and
insurrections from within, and for waging wars against enemies. Though long-lived due to life-extending procedures, the specter of death hung close to them. The Shield Wall surrounds the northern extent of the northern cap, keeping it safe from the potential influx of sandworms, and providing some protection from the excoriating impact of the
sandstorms which can strip rock, metal, and skin in moments. Guild and Landsraad contain the keys which hold this force in check. In doing so, you have become a Reverend Mother of the Bene Gesserit. POINTS OF INTEREST Junction has the only known Navigator School in the entire universe. Encourage that! However, some players haven't honed
that skill or aren't comfortable thinking up explanations in the heat of the moment. Many cultures use a patronymic or matronymic or matronymic or matronymic are not be family name, or they may keep the family names of both parents. An investigation gets her a clue that the smugglers are
trading with a particular group of Fremen. When playing with the archetypes, let them give the player characters chances to succeed, and remember that they are there to give the players new ideas to explore the game and come to their own conclusions. ANTICIPATE WILY PLAYERS While you should have a good idea of where you're headed with
the story, you should also anticipate player creativity. And she has plans to make her House into a major power within the Landsraad. An informant functions just like a spy, though they're normally less capable and somewhat disposable. UNQUESTIONABLE LOYALTY Your loyalty to your House is such that it can drive you to action even in the direct
                                                        52 Sardaukar. House Harkonnen is an infamous example of just Domains: The following list represents likely domains of this style of House at each level; feel free to mix and match to fit your story. Despite its unprepossessing nature, the creosote bush has become an emblem of fortitude and luck
to the planet's indigenous inhabitants—the Fremen, FOCUSES B AT T L E: 8 Short Blades, Tactics C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 Music (Baliset) DISCIPLINE: 7 Resolve MOVE: 6 U N D E R S TA N D: 5 Traits: Warrior, Jongleur TALENTS @@ Bolster: Gurney can spend 2 Threat to allow an ally to re-roll their dice pool, Discovering the desire of a
character is an extended task, with a requirement equal to that character's Discipline. Intangible assets can be created in most situations, as they have no physical form and thus tend to represent the benefits of position, information gained, contacts, favors, and similar benefits. @@ Asking for a dangerous favor from a stranger. While many sneer at
the Atreides pundi rice, it is a staple food on hundreds of planets. You're fast, able to cross ground, find the shortest route, and bring your tools to bear quicker than most. In such perfection, all things move toward death. This is the easiest and most obvious form of player investment. 244 Piter de Vries .........
trait for the scene, or a new asset for your character or an ally. It's not unusual for spies to have one in their mouths when on missions to avoid capture or interrogation. The Guild does business through its agents who are easy to find anywhere a person might go to arrange interplanetary transport — for themselves, those they serve, or goods. The
gamemaster may insist that especially important assets be removed with a contested roll instead, as they have more protection. MARSHAL The Marshal ensures that the House's laws are enforced, and that the House's territories are orderly and secure. @@ Third, refusing for the time being. @@ Great Houses, the wealthiest and most powerful of all
the Houses. TARGETING ASSETS Targeting an opponent's assets is a useful way of gaining an edge. It is clear that the ultimate pattern contains its own fixity. LegalProcesses of the Landsraad's High
Council. @@ Decisive Action: After successfully removing an enemy asset for 2 Threat. The doctor's wife, Wanna, had fallen into the clutches of the Harkonnens, and through a combination of simple blackmail and subtle, psychological manipulation, de Vries accomplished the unthinkable: he broke
Yueh's Suk conditioning. Most Houses will not take lasguns into a battle where they even suspect a shield may be present. Maybe they overheard soldiers talking at the tavern or they find an important message in the sand. However, some actions are simply more complex than others, or can be made more difficult by circumstances. The diamond
brand on his forehead assured all who saw it that Yueh was a doctor suitable to minister to the Emperor himself without risk of treachery. Over many years of constant evolution, the style reached an apogee of effectiveness and elegance. @@ Additional Threat Option: You can gain a specific or unique benefit by spending 1 or more Threat. Thankfully,
those skilled in hyperawareness can often spot a Face Dancer, but most people wouldn't notice if their own mother was replaced by one. He was not naïve, but he was inexperienced in the vicious maneuvering of the Imperial throne and the Houses of the Landsraad, to say nothing of the subtlest machinations of the Guild and Bene Gesserit. It also
doesn't mean that your players' characters can't die—the Imperium is a brutal place, after all. However, true spies are a rare and precious resource, and one that should not be squandered. These, and other subtler methods, make their members consummate spies and political operatives, achieving the ends of the Sisterhood while exerting little overt
or direct influence. @@ Extended Test: When completing the action takes time, and time is a factor. The Fremen have developed a rich series of traditions around these blades. 190 Assets - Espionage........206 Bene Gesserit Coded Dots ..........
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  . What became of the traitor Obregon? 10,108 A.G. House Richese loses its economic
war against Ix. 10.110 A.G. Vladimir Harkonnen is born. This might be because the area is small, or all the participants are forced into a more rigidly defined area. An armored groundcar can withstand greater punishment than infantry, and travel more guickly or more reliably over rough terrain. S a b o tag e The player characters can make
thorough investigation—a daunting (D3) Understand test—of the compressor, or another carryall mechanic does so if none of the characters take the initiative. And knowledge of your enemies is especially potent. He vastly overstates the difficulties of running the carryall's spice operation, while downplaying any suggestion that the poor condition of
the ship and low morale of the crew is in any way down to shortfalls in his management abilities. Through CHOAM, power is delivered to the rulers of the Imperial favor of control of Arrakis and the
spice melange. They participated in so many plots and even assassinations together that Shaddam eventually feared Fenring might not keep all their secrets. Sam spends the points from their Momentum pool and gathers his dice. The victim may act out of character to make sure they get their antidotes on time. Example: Kara and her friend Nasir are
set upon by two assassins. @@ Trait: Tactician @@ Primary Skill: Battle @@ Secondary Skill: Understand @@ Focuses: Combat Awareness, Tactics @@ Talents: Decisive Action @@ Drives: Tacticians are well-versed in the proper and effective use of force, and thus understand Power extremely well. 102, 103 Move..
on Poritrin is believed to be more ancient than any known, though records of the time are less than certain. of Duty and loyalty to their superiors and the chain of command, while others are ambitious, seeking Power and opportunities to elevate themselves. With one of these ships one could easily find themselves halfway across the Empire in a day.
to a Bene Gesserit Truthsayer. They are the foremost details about who the character is. However, with the gamemaster's permission, your group could continue to work together to define everything about their enemies, to the same degree they have done about their own House. There, the Baron and his family have crushed the planet's natives in
order to squeeze every last milligram of spice wealth into their coffers. The current Baron Harkonnen is renowned for his mastery of political maneuvering and for the acuity of some kind. How these zones relate to one another (including how
they're connected and how characters and assets move around them) is determined by the gamemaster as well. ...CREATE AND MANAGE THE CAMPAIGN. Unfortunately, the healer, who is not a member of the Suk School, refuses to treat the injured unless they pay ten liters of water. Such an item works as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would, though it might be such as a normal knife would would would be such as a normal knife would would be such as a normal knife would be such as a
have a higher Quality (see p.192), but the item's history may also make it useful in other situations. The Suk School A necessity for any House is a qualified and skilled physician, capable of administering to the health and wellbeing of the noble family and its retainers. As a Major House: A Major Artistic or Religious House can be considered the source
for a single type of artistic or religious product. 128 Imperial Conditioning (Suk Doctor Talent)........ In this chapter we present guidelines for creating the various people you and your allies will meet in your adventures, from water sellers, to spice smugglers, to noble courtiers. Any complications from anyone involved in the skill test apply to
everyone. As an Enemy: Everyone seems to be against you when you make enemies with a powerful Artistic or Religious House. Basically, it has most of the work done for you. A starting character should have three assets, one of which must be tangible, but during character creation you only need to choose one of them right away. It is favored by
Mentats. So consider carefully what you want your character to be good at in the long term and be prepared to take the odd knock or two as you learn about their true abilities. Telling a good story is. This time the assassin wins. They have a suicidal disregard for personal safety and a talent for brutality, due to their secret training on the prison world
of Salusa Secundus. E c o n o mic R e a lities While the above overview paints a picture of CHOAM as having relatively simple operations in truth it is a messy, often chaotic organization. The League of Nobles on Salusa Secundus led the assault on Omnius' Synchronized Worlds. Students studying to become full Suk doctors spend a similar length of
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            . @@ The third die costs 3 Threat. As you're creating, also consider giving your players
different ways to solve the same problems. A Fremen sietch village contains several different areas, including living quarters for each family. Little grows, the skies are clear of anything resembling a cloud. Whenever your character is faced with a new situation, they might use an ability they already have, or choose to define one that would be useful
from their remaining options. B.G. Albans establishes the Order of Mentats. © 2022 Edge Studio. DEFINING AMBITION Once you have chosen the focus, roll and resolve the skill test as normal. Maybe they prefer being around louder, more boisterous characters, or maybe they tend to open up more around quiet, more thoughtful characters. This
makes it a useful friend, as it might have just the right specialty to fill a gap in an ally's fighting force without being so powerful that a betrayal cripples them. Your character considers the action at odds with their drives, but not enough to make them question their ideals. The first test makes decent progress, succeeding and scoring 2 points toward
the requirement. —Words of Muad'Dib by Princess Irulan D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 15 T h e H ist o ry of H u m a n it y y the year 10,191 A.G., humanity has spread out among the stars and discovered itself alone in the universe. @@ Sacrifice: An uncontrolled character can be sacrificed to prevent a controlled character
                                     ... She starts moving the ornithopters in as they are 'Fast', to claim the objective area first, bringing the tanks and soldiers up behind them for support. As the clock ticks away and the great worm draws ever closer (it will be there in three rounds) the player characters have some tough choices to make: @@ Do they
offer the panicking crew valuable rewards to claim evacuation spaces on the 'thopters for themselves, or do they Battle (challenging, D2) the crew for seats? Spice has become the most precious commodity, but it remains something few people understand truly. She knows that she and her family could do a much better job. @@ Prana-Bindu
Conditioning: She may re-roll 1d20 on a Move or Discipline test. @@ Letting the archetype set up obstacles, leaving it up to the player characters use their skills to overcome the problem. This adds to their untrustworthy reputation, as to outsiders, any Tleilaxu may be a Face Dancer, or, by extension, anyone at all. Thus, an espionage scene is a
process of informationgathering, attempting to discover a way to obtain a crucial secret, or to protect such secrets from being uncovered. They believe the other House unworthy of the amazing benefits it possesses, or they feel that it has squandered all its gifts. When you suffer a complication, you may choose to buy it off by adding 2 points of Threat
to the gamemaster's pool—in essence, avoiding a problem now in return for potential problems later. These are all explained in the Conflict Overview (p.167). @@ Fremen Warrior: You're a hardened survivor, wellversed in water discipline and the other necessary skills for living on Arrakis. Healers also find employment as medical technicians,
surgeons, researchers, and advisors to planetary governors. 1,192-1,183 B.G. The Walgis Rebellion. These are frequently used under a layer or two of sand. But Session 0 isn't the only time you should talk about consent and content because a player is free to give and take back their consent at any time. Sometimes the tip of the blade is coated with
Tests can also be augmented by the players spending points of Momentum or Determination, or hindered by the gamemaster spending points of Threat. She can save this for later, making it useful information about the base and its soldiers that might aid her in her next objective. 88 B.G. The Arrakis Zensunni are assaulted by raiders and some are
enslaved. APPEARANCE What does your character look like? When comms from the harvester's scout 'thopters reached the carryall with word of the player characters' survival, Obregon flew to the Alberich to deal with them personally, though at great risk to herself. You might also like to have a some drinks and snacks available. If the game only
takes place on Arrakis, you should feel free to say so. Overall, remember that the player characters are the main characters in the story. In the early era of space travel, ... This book explores the Twilight Imperium setting as established in TI 4th Edition and Prophecy of Kings. 183 Duels and Wars......
'thopter—just as with the carryall itself— means that there is little else of use. However, they are not on the Landsraad, avoid direct political and military power, and instead focus on more ineffable concerns. Each game session focuses on hunting down and dealing with a member of the conspiracy. Mohiam is utterly dedicated to the Bene Gesserit,
and willing to do anything in their service. Avoid criticizing the player but be firm when reinforcing the idea that no single character motivation should supersede the overall emotional safety and enjoyment of the other players. The gamemaster tells her that officially Marcus is here to make a spice deal, but many suspect he may have another motive
Just as when reading a script, you need someone to read the stage directions and play the minor characters, so the gamemaster sets the scene and determines how all the minor characters react to what the protagonists do. Many have some influence over its disposition, from CHOAM to the Spacing Guild to the Landsraad and even the Fremen, but
ultimately, from a legal standpoint, spice melange is the preserve of the Padishah Emperor, no matter who may temporarily hold sway over its control. Quality is used in a few ways, described later in this chapter. When the players face a challenge, you serve as a referee for the rules, which may require interpretation from time to time. On the
defensive side of things, you may use information about suspected spies, additional security procedures such as random patrols or searches, or other actions undertaken by your security measures as a form of intangible asset. It is at the end of this era that we have set this game. However, you can use drives in several different ways to fine-tune the
style of game to what suits your group. Galaxy games shine when paired with lengthy campaigns chronicling the lives of the player characters. It is important to note that a House's domains are not the only areas of business or they are part of. Create your characters concept (and faction template if appropriate). @@ Similarly, you'll want at least one
drive statement which is helpful to your character, because that gives you more opportunities to use a higher drive score, and more opportunities to spend Determination. @@ Unarmed: I've lost my weapon. Older rulers often focus on adapting to political change and understand that even when disaster strikes, you must pick up and move on. Show
those vulnerable sides! characters, they might be missing bits and pieces of information, but you can try to find ways to bridge that communication. Assets: Technical Access, Tools, Vision Enhancement Goggles SCENARIO HOOK A technician comes to the player characters, concerned that they've been requested to make some components that they
suspect are going to be part of a thinking machine. The ability of these blades to safely bypass shields has increased their popularity to the point that they are commonplace. Each describes a tool, resource, or something else useful which a character possesses. From this point on, the character may earn experience points and spend them to purchase
advances. They demand the blade be handed over to them for purification. These function in much the same was as environments described in the Skirmish section, though they are typically more comfortable. Traps are often set for enemies in such a way that their discovery and defeat begin a sequence of events that bring misfortune on their foes by
the consequences of their own reaction. 56 Reverend Mother................. A Assets are merely tools for the characters' goals; what matters is how they are used to constant
interaction, maintaining a positive façade so customers will make a purchase. Though she is not so blatant, everything Obregon says suggests that she believes that the accident was a work of sabotage by a malcontent Euler. POINTS OF INTEREST Though not the largest city, Starda is the capital of Poritrin, built near the Isana River. They tip the
balance of power by removing their employers' political competitors, economic rivals, or social adversaries, all while following the Great Convention's rules and the guidelines in the Assassins' Handbook, of course. @@ Maelee Lyng is first into the fight whenever her smuggling group comes up against House soldiers or CHOAM law enforcement. @@
Placing non-player characters in difficult situations (within the safety of the pre-established lines that the players have already discussed) for the enemy is a minor non-player character or minor supporting character, then they are defeated immediately. Of particular
importance are those who smuggle spice from Arrakis, liberating small quantities of the precious substance from the control of whichever House currently controls the planet, and who must contend with deadly sandworms, often-hostile Fremen raiders, and other perils of that harsh world, but who can command a hefty price for their cargo in
exchange for their troubles. And they might even let you put up a bulletin or recruit for a player group at the store. @@ Justice ambitions are driven by a sense of fairness or balance, or a desire to right wrongs and injustices... including personal grudges and vendettas. He was a superlative medical practitioner and possessed of a kind manner, well
liked by the Duke's household. It also includes logical deduction and intuitive comprehension of situations, forming conclusions from perceived facts, as well as in-depth comprehension of situations, forming conclusions from perceived facts, as well as in-depth comprehension of situations, forming conclusions from perceived facts, as well as in-depth comprehension of situations, forming conclusions from perceived facts, as well as in-depth comprehension of situations, forming conclusions from perceived facts, as well as in-depth comprehension of situations, forming conclusions from perceived facts, as well as in-depth comprehension of situations, forming conclusions from perceived facts, as well as in-depth comprehension of situations, forming conclusions from perceived facts, as well as in-depth comprehension of situations, forming conclusions from perceived facts, as well as in-depth comprehension of situations, forming conclusions from perceived facts.
highlighting grand political intrigue, a scene of a few shadowy conspirators plotting against their foes can seamlessly fade into a scene that plays through the most critical parts of their scheme. Then, when equipped with spacecraft capable of exploring the entire Sol system, they started to walk. As the dangers of assasination are ever present, the
poison snooper is a standard fixture of most noble households, whether suspensor-propelled, handheld, or fixed. When you're interacting with player characters, here are some ways that a non-player character can support a player character's story and lead them to interesting plot points that you may have already set up: @@ Introduce player
characters to problems that only they have the solution for. The AI ruthlessly carried out that task for centuries and murdered countless billions. And what of the traitor Obregon? The final spark to the war that would be called the Butlerian Jihad was the child of Serena Butler and her lover Xavier Harkonnen. As an Enemy: A Military House is usually
easy to see coming. Politics within the Landsraad are as commonplace as they are vicious, with different Houses jockeying for capital and influence, striving against one another, using espionage and other tactics to spy upon one another, to war discretely, and to thwart the ambitions of their rivals. And you shouldn't abuse this tactic too much as
players like to feel free to make their own decisions. Ho u se Ty pe The first decision to make is the general level of power the House commands. They glide from place to place in their groundcars, avoiding the hot sun of Arrakis. An enemy can be defeated without a drop of blood being shed. CREATING A TRAIT OR ASSET Creating traits can help
shape the landscape in intrigue, creating options, opportunities, and connections that may not have existed before. But given the accused are agents of the player characters' House, is there more to the dispute than meets the eye? When using the hood, the wearer appears as a regular person in passing and looks different when viewed a second or
third time. As an Asset: The kindjal can cut through personal shields and can be used in artistic displays of sword use. Secondly, and more insidiously, the promise of control of the spice is arguably the most powerful incentive with which the Emperor may bind other Houses to him. Keywords: Frightened, Trapped, Valuable ILLICIT RECORDING It is
human nature to want things. As a result, admittance is largely afforded to those who not only meet the high standards of intelligence required by the school, but those who can also afford the fees. Traits: Elusive, Knowledgeable FACE DANCER An organic product of the Narvi narviium ground vine found on Salusa Secundus and III Delta Kaising,
                                                                                               . For decades, Siridar Baron Vladimir Harkonnen had been entrusted by the Emperor with the management of spice on the fiefdom of Arrakis (taking over from House Richese). This system ensures that all understand their role within it, and the certainty that
one is acting according to the social order ensures peace and relative ease from uncertainty. Baron Harkonnen was a man of brutal policies but was possessed of a subtle mind. Many Houses often employ a Warmaster as a dedicated commander for their troops. Defeat may also cause the target to submit utterly to the will of the victor for a time,
having been forced to capitulate to their argument or leverage. Inquiries to the Crder of Mentats regarding them garners only silence, a refusal of any services, and possibly being reported to the Emperor. While they don't love the drudgery of their family's business, they feel a duty to follow in their House's footsteps. STEP SIX: ASSETS Pick one
asset. Many noble families work hard to make sure their subjects live fulfilling lives. CARTHAG The Emperor's presence is felt strongly in Arrakeen, far more strongly than elsewhere on the planet, and Corrino imagery manifests in surprising abundance. But those who claim the mantle of Fremen warrior are truly formidable, lethal on their own and
devastating in large numbers. In the above example with Pinta the water-seller, it helps to know how her water was poisoned. @@ Joash primarily brokers imports with CHOAM and spends resources trying to crush the local smugglers. His modest demeanor made him more popular than many Suk doctors, often known for their arrogance and cold
personalities. And, certainly, no stilltent can provide protection against the attack of a sandworm or an enemy force. 128 Failed Navigator (Spacing Guild Talent)..... This allows starships to take nearinstantaneous journeys between star systems, enabling communication and trade and keeping the Imperium whole and intact. Their House has plans to
absorb one of their rival Houses in their ambition to become a House Major of the Imperium. @@ Peril: When the gamemaster spends 3 or more Threat at once. @@ Trait: Courtier @@ Primary Skill: Understand @@ Focuses: Charm, Musical Instrument @@ Talents: Subtle Words @@ Drives: Courtiers tend to be
ambitious, seeking the influence and Power that their positions at court can provide, but those courtiers who are rewarded with their masters' trust are those who are driven by a sense of Duty and loyalty. A Mentat is one of 'a class of Imperial citizens trained for supreme accomplishments of logic and deduction.' They are essentially human
computers that apply their ethics in a neutral manner along with unbiased logic to solve problems and formulate plans. By the end of their training, the twisted Mentat is apparently loyal to their employer, their minds malleable to the wishes of the Baron, although he hid this
vanity to all but those who knew him well. If he rolls equal to or under his Discipline rating (by itself), he immediately regains that spent Threat. "I don't like the way she's smiling. 122 Structure of an Asset........... Doing what your friend asked you to do is not only a sign of respect, but a sign of caring. All agree with these conditions because the
alternative is neither desirable nor acceptable. 110 BENE GESSERIT SISTER But the Bene Gesserit ways were devious and compelling. If you defeated an opponent, then you may spend 2 Momentum to inflict a lasting defeat. They know and understand their needs and can help the Ruler provide for them—or ignore them. This super-being would then
be under the direct control of the Bene Gesserit and bring to fruition millennia of plans. SPACE TRAVEL G u ild P o licies As the exclusive provider of system-to-system space transport, the Guild can, and does, impose drastic policies and restrictions upon those who they convey. In determining the degree of hatred, the players roll a 12, meaning that
the Houses loathe each other. Recovering Drives If any of your character's drive statements are crossed out, then they are less certain of their drives, and of their drives, and
Harkonnen, the brutal stewards of Arrakis in the decades leading up to the assumption of the Arrakis fiefdom by House Atreides. While there are many doctors and healers across the universe, the Suk doctors are considered the best. All Rights Reserved, except the Modiphius Logo which is © Modiphius Entertainment Ltd. @@ One ranked at 6, two
ranked at 5, and one at 4. sands of Arrakis as agents of a powerful The Imperium is a place of deadly duels, noble House. W a rri o r T r o u b a d o u r G u r n e y H a llec k DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 8 FA I T H: 4 JUSTICE: 7 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 7 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 6 SKILL The Atreides have given me everything, I will do the same in return. This is a literal
belief, each sandworm is a manifestation of the godhead, a fragment of the singular creator god. Situations may have both an extended task for you to work toward, and one representing a problem, with one or other increasing depending on whether skill tests were passed or not. @@ Ambition - Decide on a goal for your character, related to their
highest drive. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 153 Example: Kara has already picked up the complication 'Intoxicated' that has been adding to the Difficulty of her tests. C on f lict p.162170 Types of Conflict: @@ Personal - Dueling (corebook, p.171). Conflict covers a multitude of different forms of contest, from physical fights
to intrigue and assassination. It controls not only a homeworld, but a few other moons and even planets besides, all managed by loyal Minor Houses. These determine how capable a character is at a certain type of activity and are used as part of a character is target number when they make a skill test. They choose poetry (Produce), making their home
world a haven for the arts, where those accepted into their poetry groups are renowned for creating the most incredible verses in the universe. The war lead to Piers Harkonnen being stranded on Caladan for the remainder of his days. DEFINING TALENTS During play, at any point, you may select a single talent for which you fulfil the requirements
and add that talent to those you know. Further, the limits of what others would be able to notice do not apply to you for any questions. @@ Asking for a simple favor. Those characters may re-roll a single d20 on the next test they attempt which uses the same drive that you used on your Communicate test. ......
Dancer/Mentats or Bene Gesserit/Guild Agents. However, even these novices know more than they let on. She might even bring in her knife as an asset to physically threaten the merchant, but that might be a little much! The gamemaster might also use Threat to add more traits to make things harder again, such as the merchant having friends or not
being easily frightened. @@ Nia is actually an informant for a rival House and is SKILL always on the lookout for secrets. @@ Trait: Spy @@ Primary Skill: Understand @@ Secondary Skill: Move @@ Focuses: Deductive Reasoning, Kanly @@ Talents: Hidden Motives @@ Drives: Spies are often driven by a need to know, or control what is seen as, the
Truth. They might see the characters as noble and just and therefore undeserving of destruction. DUAL FEALTY You owe your service and your life to two different factions equally, and you have the trust of both. At any point during play, you may choose to define your character's ambition. A graduate of the Inner School is also permitted to wear their
hair in a ponytail bound with a particular silver ring. Quirks make room for humor in a game, especially when a session seems to be taking a moodier tone and you would like to break up the atmospheric tension. It can be difficult to see when events in a game session are overwhelming for a player, and harder still to tell the difference between the
character's reaction versus the player's reaction to something potentially upsetting. As the commander has just been defeated, the gamemaster makes the Difficulty 0, but a more resistant captive might offer a greater Difficulty 0, but a more resistant captive might offer a greater Difficulty 0.
offers the players characters a job tracking down the personal journals of a Butlerian Jihad veteran. NOTABLE SUPPORTING CHARACTERS Per adventure, the group may use up to five notable supporting characters, which are either created new that adventure or were created in prior adventures and are being used again. Traits: Common, Melee
Weapon, Subtle SLIP-TIP A slip-tip can render even the strongest opponent powerless just by scratching the skin. The Titans' leader dies. Humanity is also trying to find ways to do without the thinking machines they were so used to, leading to the formation of the Great Schools of the Mentats, Bene Gesserit, and Spacing Guild. 78
                              . They have called one or more members out to face them on the field of honor, in either an honor battle or a duel where one or more members settle the dispute via ritualized armed conflict. The Bene Gesserit Organized armed conflict.
Superior in command. Bringing Jellicoe along forces the player characters carrying her to make a challenging (D2) Move test, with failure earning them the 'Fatigued' trait. Lastly, the Emperor was given full authority in matters related to the Butlerian Jihad. Keywords: Concealable, Ranged Weapon, Quiet P ers o n a l A ssets: M elee W e a p o n s
BLADE Blades are as ancient as Old Terra and are just as critical for defense now as then. @@ Increase Difficulty: The gamemaster can choose to make things more difficult for a character, increasing the Difficulty of a single skill test by one for every 2 points of Threat spent. Or a n g e C at h o licism Many within the Imperium follow a religion
known as Orange Catholicism, named for the Orange Catholic Bible, a controversial religious tract developed after the Butlerian Jihad. By rejecting non-essential cookies, Reddit may still use certain cookies to ensure the proper functionality of our platform. After an interval—which could be minutes, hours, or even days—the Guild contacts the ships it
has transported and informs them that they have reached their destination and can disembark and land at their own convenience. SUBTLE STEP You're well-versed in methods of avoiding notice, and you reveal little that you do not intend to. Soldiers, servants of criminals in your character's employ may be better trained or better equipped. To
become a worm-rider is one of the greatest experiences in Fremen society. While House Corrino loses its control of the throne, the Great Houses and Imperial government are properly established to unify
the new Imperium and to rebuild what was destroyed. The Bene Gesserit often place their agents (openly or clandestinely) in such a role. They can continue to make the test and keep their drive statement but pick up a Complication to represent how unsettled they are. Historically, all Houses respect the Judge's authority, but they may challenge any
decisions the Judge makes. The Consort can attend court and speak on the Ruler's behalf when they are absent and may serve as Ruler if none is present (such as if the Ruler is dead and the Heir is not yet of age). Though minor non-player characters are unnamed, they can still slip in a bit of context for the player characters. This way your players
can start getting excited about their next character, and the death of their current character might not sting quite so much. When you attempt a test using that skill, before rolling you may spend a Determination point to automatically succeed at that test, but you generate no Momentum. An enemy in the morning might be a bosom companion by the
evening and an attempted assassin by the time the sun has set. This adventure is set during the final period of the Old Imperium, before the events of the book Dune, and concerns player characters whose House currently has fieldom over spice harvesting on the planet Arrakis. Assets: Crysknife, Maker Hooks, Small Band of Fremen Warriors, Stillsuit
Rarely seen in the city, these mysterious elders prefer to stick to the deep desert. Richese suffered mightily in this conflict and has yet to recover fully. Courtiers are as varied in character as they are in origin. Sent from their idyllic watery planet of Caladan to the harsh desert world of Arrakis, the Atreides must contend with the fierce, nomadic
natives known as the Fremen, as well as immense creatures called sandworms. @@ Drives: Minor supporting characters do not have any drive scores. 169 Resisting Defeat....... This resource might be a particular holding, monopoly of a business area, or even a planet or moon. Moving an intrigue asset into another zone allows you to confront
that person with the asset, perhaps to offer it as a gift, to propose a trade, or to try and threaten or coerce them. Zones used are somewhat abstract in nature. Do they feel like they are
an expert, or do they downplay what they know? @@ Power: Does the action rely on you having authority, Here you can pick from whichever you prefer (usually the highest), but consider how your character is deciding to approach the action defined by the drive you choose. DRIVE STATEMENTS For each drive with a rating of 6 or higher, you define
a single statement. Advanced machines that emulate the qualities or shape of humankind are considered profane, as is allowing technology said to 'disfigure the soul'. In a warfare scene, you must select an allied asset when gathering information. Would they act instinctively or think before acting out? Seats on the board of directors are highly
coveted as they carry with them not only the opportunity for stupendous wealth through control of prized commodities, but also the ear of the Emperor. 254 Gurney Halleck...... Form-fillable sheets that are 99-100% black & white with no background graphics. However, before passing the initiative over, Kara and Nasir spend Momentum to
Keep the Initiative. Creativity and flexibility are the keys to survival on this parched planet. The history of the Fremen, as recalled in their oral histories, is filled with examples of persecution. Outwardly meek but inwardly seething with resentment and ambition, Obregon has turned traitor to the House and has been sabotaging the Grief's already poor
spice production on behalf of her mysterious 'new patron'. �� Intrigue Assets...
                                                                                                                                                   ..211 Chapter �: G amemastering .. Maybe the player characters are too stubborn, or the antagonists they're fighting are too overpowered. A ranged weapon may attack an opponent once the asset has been
moved into that opponent's zone (that is, it's aimed at them). Resisting defeat prevents that defeat from occurring—your character remains active in the scene. P ers o n a l E q u ipme n t BARADYE PISTOL coloration for several hours before disappearing. He has a large family to support. As had been done so many
times before, scientists went to the planet to determine its value to the Imperium, to assess the suitability of the planet as a home for humanity. The man processed information at lightning speed, reciting observations, computer level calculations, and maintaining numerous tangent conversations with ease. The beam forms a tight, narrow laser that
can be widened, reducing the strength while increasing the area impacted. 203 B.G. Selim, a Zensunni outcast on Arrakis, becomes the first person to ride a sandworm. Is it hot, a little cold, always rainy? Some Advisors cover a weakness in the Ruler's education or abilities, other times they are simply a trusted sounding board for the Ruler's ideas.
These elite were frequently found in locations with stronger trade or business, as their status required more upkeep. THE GREAT COMPANIES Norma Cenva's discovery of the prescient powers of spice enabled safe space folding and solidified the future of the company that became the Foldspace Shipping Company, later the Spacing Guild, or more
commonly 'the Guild'. On a single world, individual Minor Houses may war amongst one another, so long as the Major House that rules over them permits it, and Major Houses may use their own forces to put down rebellious and seditious elements within their own domains. They are mines of information about the desert, its ways, and melange.
Meetings of the board are tense affairs. Arrakis is not just a desert planet populated by warrior nomads. Despite its cynical exploitation, religion often has a positive role when it unites people towards a common purpose against chaos and ruin. This makes them
a useful tool during trade and negotiations. @@ Talent: You may purchase an additional talent from those available to you. STEP EIGHT: FINISHING TOUCHES @@ Trait - Choose a trait based on your character's reputation or personality. In addition, they are not without one form of defense: Many other powerful Houses would be displeased if their
supply of the goods produced by this House were to slow down or stop. Others have connections to spies or smugglers or assassins. Minor and Notable NPCs are created in the same way as Supporting characters of the same rank (see p.136-137). The one thing that unites the entirety of the universe is the spice melange. However, they won't risk
their own resources unless they can do serious damage. These vary in size, but most are designed to comfortably carry an entire squad of soldiers, their equipment, and a pilot/operator. 72 THE STILLTENT A stilltent is created using the same technology as a stillsuit, but expanded, enabling Fremen to sleep on the surface of Arrakis when necessary
and minimize the loss of water as a result. By establishing the boundaries of the story, you establish expectations for your players. @@ Overcoming a complex lock. By the age of fifteen Paul Atreides had been groomed for greatness, not least by his mother. Similarly, glowglobes, often fitted with suspensors, provide light cheaply and can be moved
wherever desired. @@ Mentat Discipline: Add two automatic successes on all Understand tests Piter attempts when remembering facts or data. They have a deep love of listening to music from other planets. It shows their dedication to a higher power and the quiding hand of destiny. It must be based on the character's most important drive, and the
gamemaster will help you define it to ensure that it will come up in play in future. This may even require working toward the task in different location to location to location W a r f a re War in the Imperium is both a constant
threat and also heavily regulated. You are empowered with the Council's authority, but burdened with their factionalism and infighting. If that doesn't help, you can always end the session. If your character is off-balance, they can regain their center and restore their balance. The desire for commerce and evolution continues undaunted. The name
Harkonnen is synonymous with brutality, cruelty, and ambition. I know others see me as competent, but I'm not sure of myself sometimes." This could give you some insight into how the archetype feels about themselves in their position and how they could choose to relay plot information to the players when you roleplay as them. 2. Resisting Defeat
All player characters, notable and major non-player/ supporting characters may resist defeat once per scene they may create a temporary intrigue or
espionage asset (at no cost) that will allow them to initiate an intrigue or espionage conflict. @@ Security measures are the antithesis of espionage, and any House makes full use of every method available to keep spies out. As long as no one has, say, a record of payments made to an assassin to kill a Harkonnen aide. But he has never advanced far
due to his surly personality and lack of respect for his superiors. jot down a couple notes describing them. Nasir fails to bring his other blade back for defense and Kara presses her advantage, subtly moving her blade into Nasir's personal zone. Commonly, non-player characters (at least, those in need of stats and making skill tests) operate as
opponents to the player characters. You're one of those people who work in those gaps, skilled in the illicit-but-vital movement away from the gaze of the powerful. They can clone dead flesh, resurrecting the dead into gholas, living beings genetically identical to their original forms, if lacking in memory. SCENARIO HOOK The player characters
discover one of their servants is working with spice smugglers on Arrakis. SCOUT Working alongside military units and exploratory groups, scouts take on the perilous task of venturing ahead of their comrades to discover what lays ahead. NAME An asset's name will normally serve as a basic description of what the asset is. A few of these agents
retire, some are driven out, and some escape. Others are reliant on Faith—in their prowess, in their tools, or in a higher power—to keep them alive in their deadly profession. When is the Adventer some escape. Others are reliant on Faith—in their prowess, in their tools, or in a higher power—to keep them alive in their deadly profession. When is the Adventer some escape.
and make the situation more dangerous for the player characters. 204 Assassin.....
                                                                                                 ...... The main thing to remember is that the players will need opportunities to define their characters' attributes and abilities. Dune lends itself to epic stories that focus on individuals and their exertion of will against a seemingly predetermistic universe.
Assets: Access to Employer Data, Informant Network, Sapho Juice Mentats undergo rigorous conditioning, turning themselves into human computers who are both moral and truthful. They also are masters of artificial limbs and organs, a specialty being artificial eyes, which always look as if made of polished steel. When a player spends Momentum or
gives the gamemaster Threat, they should say what that represents. 201 Transports....... Fremen are considered poor workers by most city-dwellers, and frequently the Fremen who work alongside the city-folk are those who have lost their role in Fremen society, or are there for reasons of their own, particularly spying on the ruling
House. It only illustrates that humans are often fallible and that they are always tempted to subvert their most sacred creations to further their own material agendas. Which you pick defines the options for the narrative, the focus on the action, and how complicated the test is. As they incorporate a Holtzman effect to function, they are rare on Arrakis,
although Glossu Rabban Harkonnen used one as bait when he hunted a sandworm. To date, no records of the outcome have been discovered. Scenes also include descriptors called traits, which point out anything important about the scene's time or place, or the characters or objects within it. The scout 'thopter that found them buzzes away to
continue its duties after the interruption. He might also create the trait 'Clear Skies' for the environment, but as that helps the enemy pilot as well the advantages cancel each other out. SCENARIO HOOK Science holds the answers. ENVIRONMENT Junction is a grassland ecosystem that once had numerous lush green fields. These both anchor the
plant in place, even as the dunes relentlessly move and stir, and allow them to gain some access to the few reserves of water the planet D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 65 possesses. A notably handsome man, Idaho was also known for his many dalliances and love affairs. @@ Expertise: Your House excels at training or
managing the people who lead the area of expertise. 4. It may be a knife duel, but may just as easily be a social war of words or a political plot between two factions, @@ The action is directly opposed by someone else. The Fremen have been
upon Arrakis since before the Guild, even before the Guild, even before the Imperium. Unappreciated, unsupported, and all too often expendible, you and your cohort may be the only thing standing between the galaxy of Twilight Imperium and its most important
worlds. The second-most is rated at 7, then the rest at 6, 5, and 4. But in the 2d20 system, how you spend these points is often far more important than what dice you roll. Daunting (Difficulty 3) @@ Overcoming a complex lock in a hurry. @@ Your drive statements can and should change over time. Each zone represents a person, a group of people, or
a place. Her favorite things are broken Holtzman field generators she can repair. P OW E R: 8 The universe belongs to me. If you are not controlling another character in the scene, you may ignore this cost for one minor supporting character. Minor on Arrakis. Make a Contest skill test against your opponent. @@ If they do not fight back, how would
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they try to negotiate or communicate with the player characters? Players can pick one of these faction options to add to their concept, and doing so doesn't alter character creation very much. to convince someone of something, whether true or false? However, they are particularly renowned for the following products. (Examples of appropriate contests appear in each combat type section later in this chapter.) CONTEST RESULTS If you win the contest, then you successfully attack the enemy—see Successful Attack Outcomes, following. If a player has multiple characters in a single scene, then the player may not directly control those other characters. Many Houses find their planet

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especially rich in a single resource, which is why it has become the foundation of their business. Omnius Prime relocated itself to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it prepared for what was to come while Erasmus escaped the human Jihad by fleeing to Corrin as it is a single contract to the corring the corrin as it is a single contract to the corrin as it is
S c o pe Just as Chapter 6: Conflict breaks down conflict scope into smaller phases, a gamemaster can better manage a game by defining its setting scope. U si n g t h e R u les S y stem The Dune: Adventures in the Imperium rules are designed to offer a toolbox of flexible options you can apply to match the style of your group. Most of the time you'll
find saying something to the player is enough to curb the behavior. Zones can be any size or shape. @@ Rumors and lies are similar to knowledge, but fake. Newcomers to court with the connections to make their way swiftly up the ranks are ideal targets for agents trying to infiltrate the court—potentially powerful, but inexperienced enough to be
taken in by a quick enough tongue. Art like the Golden Lion Throne or the great palaces of the Imperium are but minor works compared to the litany of art installations these Houses display on their planets. Under his command the Atreides rose to such power and popularity amongst their peers as to threaten the Emperor himself. Pick one of the
talents listed in your archetype as your first talent. 213 House Retainer . It might be a rock, broken bottle, or shard of glass, but it is enough to function as a weapon. "There's a blockage jamming up the compression plates. @@ Smuggler: The dominance of CHOAM and the Spacing Guild still allow for goods and people to be moved in the gaps
talents, select your drives and create your drives and create your drive statements, and end up with a fullyformed character at the end of the process. The Padishah Emperor always has a Bene Gesserit Truthsayer by his side. Strong Reverend Mothers, the deaf, and iron- 56 willed Mentats who understand how Voice works, are some of the very few who can resist the
compulsion. The desert hawk and desert owl are both common species of bird on Arrakis—frequent sightings of both happen in the established cities at the northern pole, and across the exposed sands. Kanly, an ancient word from Old Earth, describes a certain type of War of Assassins, 'the art of vendetta', a particularly personal dispute. S tep F o u r
: F o c u ses A starting player character has four focuses, representing areas of expertise and specialization beyond their broad skills. Keywords: Anti-gravity, Flatbed, Shielded NAVAL TRANSPORT Naval transports would be
strategically unsound. But acting through assets can be just as devastating as being on the front line. One area that the merchants can't seem to touch are the Fremen-manufactured wares, like their high quality stillsuits. When creating any character, the first step is to devise a concept for the character: who are they, what do they do? Grouping
individuals into factions and allegiances is often the first step here, creating hard connections between those aligned people to represent their shared interests (and meaning that, if your character can influence one, that can be a way to reach others in that group who might be hard to get to otherwise). Veteran nobles rarely travel alone; it would be
dangerous for a prominent member of a noble House to do so. Tangible assets are often in the form of evidence or coveted valuables. However, a simple apology isn't good enough to repair their damaged honor. This sadism was highly appealing to the Baron, who valued him greatly but never fully trusted him or considered him anything but
expendable. Their devotion to their Bene Tleilax masters may become a liability in the field. Sandworms are entirely suited to Arrakis, being able to sustain themselves without the need for any other life forms save themselves and being incapable of existing in any location with abundant water. A secondary domain is an area that the House is known
for but is not their main source of income. The Dawn of The Butlerian Jihad. It will never reach the depot... Conflict Overview Here is a high-level summary of how to make an attack... 1. A
conflict along these lines usually results in death of a House's head, heirs, and household, or could even extend to the destruction of an entire House. The relationship an Advisor has with the Ruler also varies. Those who implement chaumas and chaumurky often need to find ways to avoid poison snoopers and the various methods of scanning for and
identifying different poisons. These challenging philosophical declaiming and D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 59 defense sessions are augmented by increasingly intense hypnotic and hypnogogic therapies. @@ If you fail, you may not spend Momentum on additional movement, and one enemy may move a single asset one
zone. To avoid chaos, the Great Houses agreed on a set of rules for assassination to prevent a slaughter. Also, for easy transport and disposal of the data if needed. He made significant contributions to the League of Nobles and laid the foundation for his grandnephew Mohandas. Whenever an ally attempts a test using that skill, and you can
communicate with them, you may spend 2 points of Momentum to allow them to use your score for that skill, and one of your focuses (if applicable). 251 Wellington Yueh (Doctor).... Disposition is always that character/group's stance toward the player characters and their House. EXAMPLE MOVE COMPLICATIONS @@ Awkward: I have no grace or
flow of movement. Business meetings between shareholders with common interests are more common but these are conducted as part of standard day-to-day business. Each faction must leverage what it can offer to get what it wants but must also be careful not to overplay its hand. Grab a sip of water. Most significant technological items are
described on p.194-209, while an overview is presented here. However, the blade is incredibly valuable and deadly. While most homes and other buildings have water traps and other buildings have buildings have water traps and other buildings have buildings have
often influence how characters choose to interact with the people in an intrigue (and the zones that represent them). Doing so grants them the temporary trait 'Envoy of my House' to represent pulling rank. 15-16 THEFT Something one House has acquired used to belong to the other House. 2 Highly effective or very potent. Malthace believes she's
made a deal with a CHOAM representative. Adventurous? If the players are uncomfortable voicing their concerns, you can always create an anonymous survey. You take two d20s, plus any additional d20s you've bought for this skill test. The planet is home to the shigawire plant, a metallic vine found on only one other planet in the Known Universe
He may use them to Obtain Information or create a trait about that enemy. Like warfare it should have an objective, which might be control of an area of politics, a favor or deal) or just the capitulation of an enemy. Each skill is rated from 4 to 8, and the more proficient a character is, the higher the skill is rated. 144
Example: Kara Molay, heir to her House, is trying to negotiate a new trade deal with a spice merchant at a large social gathering. We determine what level of power the House has, what it produces, and who its enemies are. However, they require a traitor or an infiltrator on the inside to guide the device. Their household moved to their present
throne-world, Kaitain, from their original homeworld of Salusa Secundus, which they maintained as a prison planet. Verite smashes through a user's willpower, compelling them to tell the truth. A.G. The Bene Tleilax takes control of Ix, with secret assistance from Emperor Shaddam IV. PUTTING THEORY INTO PRACTICE You've learned how to
quickly turn newfound knowledge into a practical advantage. Both factions are aware of your loyalties to both and expect that you will not betray one to the other. Heists, murder mysteries, origin stories, small-scale political intrigues, and turf wars can serve as the nugget of your local game idea. The famous Face Dancer spies of the Bene Tleilax
were originally designed as performers (officially at least). Their goal was to advance the evolution of humanity. This House goes to great lengths to hide their full subversive abilities so as to not draw the ire of the Great Houses or lose the trust of their own House Major. The Bene Tleilax study biology and produce shape-shifting entertainers called
Face Dancers and what few cybernetic prosthetics are still allowed by religious law. The gamemaster usually selects one skill to be used, then the player should pick one drive they think is appropriate, guided by their drive statements. RANSACK When time is of the essence, you prioritize getting the work done over covering your tracks. 10 NOVELS
OF THE BULTERIAN JIHAD ERA @@ Dune: The Butlerian Jihad (Brian Herbert & Kevin J. In Dune: Adventures in the Imperium the basic 2D20 system remains unchanged. As an Asset: Maker hooks can be used to guide sandworms into enemy locations or travel great distances across Arrakis. The gamemaster spends a point of Threat to add the
environmental effect 'Hostile Room'. The Face Dancer insists they are the original partner and is genuinely upset by any accusations thrown at them. Suggestions for these are provided, but you may choose your own if you desire. IMPROVED RESOURCES You are entrusted with greater access to the tools and resources you need to achieve your
goals. Most commonly, these fall into one of three categories: is important. The Imperial House shies away from exerting direct management of spice production for two primary reasons. When you attempt an Understand test to search an area, you may add 2 to Threat to reduce the difficulty of the test by 1, and to halve the amount of time the test by 1.
takes to attempt. All of these characters will be loyal to the noble House the player characters serve, but they have other loyalties and ties that cannot be ignored. Whenever a fast asset is moved, you may move it one additional zone. However, this isn't simply a case of picking the biggest numbers. This gives the Bene Tleilax incredible power in the
(randomly determined) will produce an atomic explosion; using such methods of destruction upon a human population is strictly forbidden. With the aid of his maternal cousin and oldest friend, the Count Hasimir Fenring, Shaddam has set in motion a plan to see the Atreides destroyed by the Harkonnens without revealing his direct involvement. Most
minor supporting characters have a Drive of 5 to begin with. They can be armed with guns, rockets, and missiles to work as close air support and air superiority, weather permitting. 242 History may only remember Duke Leto Atreides as the father of Paul, but the Duke was a most able man of an able time. @@ They allow the players to split their
characters between different activities in different activities in different locations without being left out of the game for long stretches: players can use supporting characters in situations where their main characters in situations where the situation is situation where the situation of the situation o
themselves. A character's drives and drive statements are a good basis for this: a character who is devout or dutiful may act in ways that reflect their beliefs. Larger Ixian dampers increase the dome's sphere of influence and countermeasures. @@ If your character is at their maximum number of assets, you may discard any number of
them to make room for new assets you have created. The nature, quality, and responsibilities of these individuals varies dramatically, but all are extensions of the House itself, and as such are considered as assets. If it feels more 'in character' to pick a lower rated drive, that's great too. SCHOLAR The Scholar is a representative of higher learning,
handling matters of science and academia on the Ruler's behalf and advising them on anything they are uninformed about. Characters can, and will, evolve over time, but it's a good idea to understand how your character is likely to behave in normal circumstances. However, the Bene Gesserit have taken control, quietly running things from the
shadows to maintain order. Hidden away on several islands are their secret assassin schools, disguised as more fishing villages. A N o t - s o F r i e n d ly F ac e Before the player characters get too involved with Metzos' smuggling operation or any revelations about Euler not being the saboteur, a 'thopter lands outside. Many have embraced that
simplistic outlook and often embrace strong views on honor and loyalty. Minor supporting characters are inconsequential subordinates, such as House soldiers or similar servants. As the most valuable substance in the universe, there is an entire industry devoted to smuggling spice from Arrakis and into the hands of various Houses and even the
various Schools for their own stockpiling.—from The Collected Sayings of Muad'Dib, by Princess Irulan D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 217 W h at D o es t h e G a mem a ster D o ? However, despite stellar communication and mitigation tactics, sometimes players and gamemasters have different styles that don't mesh. Often
useful in investigation. However, this competing House has stagnated for decades and the market deserves this innovation. The machines refused to hand over power peacefully, and humanity was forced to rebel. As a result, Arrakis now possesses two significant cities. But all of us possess precautionary plans for devastating retaliation. Assets: Small
Group of Thugs, Water, Wealth D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 295 R i val H ou sest is not only the agents and allies of the Houses themselves. The Difficulty penalty is removed. Claire was tempted to create a handmaiden for Kara, but whole Houses themselves. The Difficulty penalty is removed.
another player luckily wants to play such as character already (who will be called Anna). The objective is usually the same for each side, A ssets i n W a r f a re: Assets used in warfare are armed forces and fortifications. Galaxy games should feel epic. 295 Mentats......
Graduates of the Suk School were considered the best doctors in the Imperium. combat, some with dangerous intent carry them in dayto-day life. They don't want to look like the killjoy, or appear weak, or they may be worried they'll ruin everyone's fun. None of these suggestions are mandatory, but they can help when it comes to choosing the
character's drives and ambitions later. This is especially useful if a player wants to play a 'lone wolf' type of character who wouldn't normally work with others (a popular archetype). Torture, verite, and all manner of brutal methods are common and accepted in the Imperium. Play er's Journal MUH052167 An elegantly designed 160 page
journal to record your character details, House and adventures everywhere from Caladan to Arrakis. To date, no one has been able to have the shields protect only a single limb or appendage. Low-velocity projectile throwers remain somewhat common for ambushes and assassins, as they're useful against enemies who don't have shields, or enemies
who are unprepared to fight, but they're otherwise guite rare in dueling. House Corrino IMPERIAL (GREAT) HOUSE Imperial (Great) House Homeworld: Kaitain Other Holdings: Salusa Secundus (Prison Planet) Banners and Arms: Colors: Gold & Scarlet Crest: Lion House Traits: Imperial, Wealthy Primary Domains: Military (Workers) - Sardaukar
Soldiers Secondary Domains: Several diverse interests in partnership with other houses as Imperial House and greatest of the Houses of the Landsraad, House Corrino has ruled the Known Universe for thousands of years. However, if something you have brought aboard creates problems for the Guild, you will lose this talent.
                             ....... By losing the economic war, Richese was usurped by Ix, who became the main Heighliner distributor. @@ Targeting informants exposes them, but as they tend to lack the support networks of spies, they're normally captured and executed by their masters. For this reason, it is explicitly prohibited for the Emperor
himself to possess Arrakis, as this would tip the balance of power irrevocably. A ssets and Traits at their core, assets are essentially just a slightly more detailed form of trait. That and the threat of being thrown out of the harvester if they say
anything keeps them in line. Additionally, outsiders are not allowed to view these blades, and if they do, the blade is cleansed through a long ritual or the outsider being put to death. His people have been much wounded by hostile encounters with the player characters' House of late, and he is proud, so he does not offer the hand of friendship easily
While Kara dispatches more as they enter her zone, with numbers on their side it isn't long before all the entrance zone targeting Kara and Nasir. The Gamemaster can make these predictions vague and they do not have to explain any context for the prediction or why that thing is likely to occur. Military units of the Houses of the
Landsraad use ranged weapons almost exclusively against unshielded rebellious and riotous commoner populations. It was part of the Imperial domain, but it was deemed interesting only as part of an ongoing scientific inquiry into the survival of certain plant types. Both Houses have passed the point where simply returning the item, if possible, can
solve their differences. They may also have access to sensitive details about their employers, giving anyone who gets their hands on a spy the chance to turn the tables on a rival. The answers must reflect the skill you've used to gain the information, and it should be something that your character would be able to determine themselves. Everyone can
agree to keep their phones in their pockets, or you can leave a bowl out for everyone to put their phones in until the end of the game session. Everything depends on commerce. Those famed for their performers might also use the opportunity to put spies within a traveling company. This isn't always the case. Every pore is an enemy—a means by
which moisture can escape, costing minutes of survival. This is a work of fiction. An unexpected sum of money is suspicious. DISCIPLINE Discipline describes a character's ability to exert direct, overt influence over others through
presence, force of will, and the power of authority. In each case, the Difficulty is increased by +1 step. Att a c k S eq u e n ce p.166 1. If the projects they are working on are vital to the House, they may be under immense pressure to deliver solutions quickly. Most act as brokers, buying and selling in bulk, and are rarely the ones braving the
scorching sun to peddle their goods to the population. @@ The player characters embark on a journey to find a long-lost sibling. LORRIMER GLOBUS, CARRYALL CAPTAIN (NOTABLE SUPPORTING CHARACTER) Lorrimer Globus is the commanding officer of the Grief. After the discovery of space folding and the explosive growth of the Known
Universe, recent expansion has slowed. The first object is accuracy of the data, then volume of data retained, and lastly how quickly the data is repeated back to the instructor. The economic power of spice is so great as to distort the entire economy of humankind. With no need to move an asset, she slashes at one of the thugs in the same zone as she
and Nasir. These individuals most commonly return to their patrons and serve in their intended capacity, but some may find employment through the school's extensive network of connections. Eventually she manages to infiltrate the group deep enough to learn who is running the organization. Once per scene, you may command an ally or
                                                                    .. The craft would give the characters a significant advantage against their enemy in a battle, but it might turn the current cold war with them hot, and who knows what gremlins or Trojan horses have been implanted in these craft. Only a few among each House might even question the
situation. @@ Moving an asset boldly is the use of direct, forceful language and mannerisms to bring the asset into the conversation, with the intent of compelling an immediate, hasty response from your opponent. The Gamemaster Duncan I da
h o DRIVE S TAT E M E N T 8 I will give my all for those I have sworn to protect. They often oversee the tutelage of nobles in the fighting arts, both for the responsibilities they assume should they inherit their House's leadership. It should come as no surprise that most Houses cultivate a network
of spies, informants, and surveillance methods to ensure that they know everything worth knowing, and that they also take precautions to protect their own secrets from prying eyes. An impolite look or poorly chosen word has resulted in a challenge to the death. Some other things that are good to keep in mind are: @@ Replicating accents that are
not your own might dampen the mood of the game (and make your players a little confused). It's recommended that players create characters together, as a group; this will allow the players to discuss their concepts, bounce ideas off one another—are they friends,
polite colleagues, rivals for their masters' esteem, or virtual strangers? Those who fail to respect their prowess invite their own death. She befriended Vorian. DEFINING A TRAIT During play, whenever you attempt an action which may be affected by how others regard your character, you may choose to define your remaining trait before the action is
resolved. Non-player characters do not have Determination as do player characters. Unlike cogitors, whose brains were in sensory deprivation, preservation tanks allowed the Titans to live for thousands of years, complementing humanity's destiny. Assign a drive statement to the three highest drives. But this is not entirely true. This costs
advancement points equal to the number of focuses you already have. Over time, you will accumulate advancement points. Secret Data Warehouse Sardaukar Soldiers Bashira, the head of a House Minor's security 5-8 Solve the mystery of the... Stilgar was instrumental in the initial stages of the slow process of conserving sufficient water to truly
change the face of Arrakis. Every muscle and every nerve is under your control, and you have even mastered your own body chemistry and metabolism. Like most Fremen Stilgar was a deeply spiritual man, but he saw no contradiction in the prophecies of his people and Kynes' scientific plans. With the attacker RESISTING DEFEAT Some characters
are harder to overcome than others, possessing a limited ability to fend off the attacks—literal or figurative—that would lay them low. Some especially intense or potent traits may actually be multiple identical traits added together: a battlefield might be shrouded in Smoke, or visibility might be reduced by Thick Smoke 2, with the number indicating
that it counts as two traits. The player characters have a chance to mingle and converse with each other while you set the tone for family drama and high political intrigue. A Reverend Mother of Life) and alters her own body
chemistry to neutralize its toxicity. Though you have the players through an outline that you have planned, the story should feel like it belongs to everyone. When you wish to use a drive, you must check to see if the statement agrees with the action. Bunkers are also used to defend temporary systems like undermining operations
designed to penetrate shielded fortresses from below the ground. Their use is common among all noble houses who have been taught in their use since the Faufreluches days. Salusa Secundus was the capital of the Padishah Empire for centuries. How much Threat the game depends on what type of House
the players have chosen (or attained in the course of play). Assets: Glowglobe, Medical Records, Medkit In a universe wrought with battles, duels, and various skirmishes in-between, healers are in high demand. The radio inside the craft is inoperable. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 41 I x a n d T leil a x When it comes to
technology, most Houses within the Imperium obey the edicts of the Great Convention and adhere to the edicts of both the Butlerian Jihad and the Emperor's own will. Most Houses within the Imperium obey the edicts of these schools or taught their disciplines by
graduates of these schools. As a semi-shield doesn't protect the whole body unlike most defensive assets it can be moved into any personal zone of the user as they shift position to make the best use of its protection. All systems saw to humanity's every need and society fell into decadence. One who can penetrate to the very heart of an enemy's
 household is worth their weight in spice. 129 Master-at-Arms...................Tr a ding withthe erremen If the player characters manage to not provoke the Fremen, Drasil the chief asks for a gift in return for granting them safe passage through the desert. Some questions you might ask yourself about human assets are: @@ Does the archetype trust
them? But when that lone operator decides to raid the Arrakeen Residency on their own, and ends up getting captured, that is likely unhelpful. Then there is the spice. Some may give up small amounts of information can be obtained simply by
standing back and observing proceedings. The archetypes are created to offer every combination of primary and secondary skill. @@ Automatic 1: Before rolling, choose one of the @@ Re-roll: After rolling, re-roll any number of d20s in your dice pool. Actions that draw attention in a particular way can create distractions and provoke responses, and a
lict & I n tri g u e Social interaction is one of the most complicated parts of a roleplaying game. Directorships typically carry with them the responsibility of maintaining the most complicated parts of a roleplaying game. Directorships typically carry with them the responsibility of maintaining the most complicated parts of the changes are
narrative, detailing what the various assets and zones should represent. Anything less risks the eye of the Imperial bureaucracy. Even though these archetypes have been pre-generated, it is encouraged that you still spend some time putting yourself into their shoes by asking yourself questions. Their training also gives them the charisma and
confidence to manipulate an individual to their will or even influence a crowd. The daughter of the Imperial Planetologist, Liet Kynes, and Liet's Fremen tribe. Keywords: Laser, Ranged Weapon MAULA PISTOL The maula pistol is an assassin's weapon. KANLY The House has dedicated
all its resources to seeing the player characters' House not only fall but be wiped out to the last person. The Bludd family ruled much of Poritrin in the early days, remembered for their extensive exploitation of slaves. 'The Beast' brutalized the population of Arrakis
 Example: Kara Molay is an average looking woman in her early twenties. The need for reliable and effective martial arts led many to reconsider older, more obscure, traditions of warfare. The Challenge within a game, as miraculous devices can suddenly negate all the
familiar obstacles that usually confront player characters. They might want every character done by the end of the first session or allow three or four sessions or a full starting adventure to be completed before calling creation to an end. With their contacts spread among the underbelly of the Imperium as well as the highest ranks of nobility, they
often have intelligence others don't. @@ Do you believe in the goals of your House or is it just a job to you? Navigator voices change dramatically and require translators to interpret into Galach. A Suk doctor can make insightful diagnoses even in challenging circumstances, perform emergency surgery, manage a patient's pain, and do it all with the
assurance of a seasoned expert. Incidents in space are almost unheard of because of the prohibitions placed on space warfare by the Spacing Guild; although rare events do happen, they are generally limited. Thus, it is advised to use utmost care if turning to real-world cultures, ethnicities, and religions for inspiration, rather than presenting them as
mere source material to be drawn from and inadvertently exploited or portrayed disrespectfully. They then all pick a drive that suits that motivation. The character has an additional bonus trait, reflecting their other affiliation. You may have done this at school, with each person reading one of the roles in the script (hence roleplaying game). A
                                                                                                                                                                                     ...... Until they prove themselves, their absolute loyalty to the House will often be questioned. Every standard day, trillions upon trillions of solaris are transferred through CHOAM.
and billions of lives are impacted. Strictly speaking, characters don't know about Threat, but they have a sense of the stakes of their current situation, and the potential for things to go wrong. @@ Main player characters begin play with three assets, as described on p.122. How freedom requires power to secure, but that acquiring power can
summarized in a template for each faction option below. Tangible assets are a little trickier to create because they have physical presence—they are substantive, physical things which exist, such as spice. Champions are allowed, so if the characters are not well-trained in the art of war, perhaps one of their militant allies can stand in for them, in
exchange for a favor. CORPORATE SPY House Vernius, House Harkonnen, and others all have large organizations that they run. Once the task's requirement has been reached, the character is defeated. However, they train in a variety of martial arts and can also kill by combat and direct means, when necessary. 185 B.G. Gilbertus Albans is born. 129
like to provide a target, secretly priming another as their real Heir. No one else knows. Additionally, the Navigators created a school which turned its attention to finding a way to improve upon space travel. However, the gamemaster rules the partner can be brought into a conflict by using the asset. Would they rather be at home and not face any
danger at all, if given an excuse? Overviews of each of the galactic powers that vie for the Imperial Throne. @@ Guidance: Whenever you assist an ally in a certain way, re-roll your d20. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 265 @@ Use pronouns to your advantage! This can show the players the different characters that you are
Communicate @@ Secondary Skill: Discipline @@ Focuses: Leadership, Negotiation @@ Talents: Stirring Rhetoric @@ Drives: Stewards are often chosen from amongst those who prioritize Duty above all else, so long as their dutiful nature is accompanied by sufficient competence. A small tap allows water to be decanted into a personal water bottle
only a single session or turn into a multi-year epic. Did they part as enemies, allies, or something in between? 205 Strategic/House Shield....... This is not rendered impossible, in the fashion that imperial conditioning guarantees, but it is part of the Ginaz discipline that one holds to a bond. They can also destroy diseases introduced to their bodies or
even make a potential affliction go dormant, reawakening it to infect another individual at will. While the gamemaster can run creation in play with any adventure, they might consider running more of an 'origin story' for the group. ENVOY An Envoy is a diplomat, responsible for the House's foreign policy—that is, the peaceful interactions between
them hugely dependent on the spice, for the Navigators themselves were humans exposed to incredible amounts of spice in a secret process that granted them a limited form of prescience. @@ Intoxicated: I've had too much to drink. images can be invaluable espionage tools, allowing information to be gathered without the presence of a person. As a
Twisted Mentat, her specialty is to identify even the tiniest irregularities in accounting that will give her Tleilaxu masters an edge. @@ Focuses: The character receives two focuses for their primary skill. A published campaign is there to act as a guide for you in whatever capacity you want. Cargo carryalls as used in spice mining usually have room for
CHOAM and thus allows free trade everywhere, eliminating moneychanging and conversion that can potentially cut into profits. Average (Difficulty 1) @@ Overcoming a simple lock. @@ What part of yourself do you rarely show to others? There were exceptions to this peace, such as when one aggressive House desired removal of the thencurrent
Emperor and blasted Salusa Secundus with atomics, turning it into a devastated wasteland. ADVENTURE HOOKS: @@ A powerful member of the Espionage House, who is neither a rival nor ally, comes to the player characters' House seeking asylum and wishes to join. Unlike their machine counterparts, their memories and perceptions enable them
to perform supra-logical hypothesizing. Those same troops might easily turn and take control of any installations they are guarding. AMBITION Each player character has an ambition, which guides their long-term actions. you pass, you get the result you desire; if the skill test fails, you don't get that. Perhaps this is a relationship partner, a parent, or
                                                       .... WORK TOGETHER Why would a character work in a group? @@ The player characters attend the wedding reception of two young nobles from rival houses joined in matrimony. Body shields produced by Holtzman generators reduce the effectiveness and ubiquity of powerful ranged weapons,
meaning most action not on the battlefield will be up close and personal. They need to be aware of every possible strategy an enemy might use against them and know how to ensure the noble family can be kept safe, no matter what. The system explained everyone's role and provided a structure for the populace to adhere to. The number of shots is
thin wire as a garrote, it's more often found in recording and transmitting devices. FREMEN BELIEF Fremen follow a strange syncretic religion, which combines elements of the Old Terran Zensunni faith, but which has been changed over millennia to something uniquely theirs. However, enrolling in even the school's most rudimentary courses is a
great expense and competition for entry is fierce. (2 Threat. Things don't always go to plan, and while you may succeed at what you set out to achieve, there may be bumps along that road. If you have a group where everyone is an actor, then you can throw away
 more of the system and focus on the roleplaying aspects. While the nobles reap the benefits of this system, their lives are anything but simple. Example: As part of her attempt to discover more about the operation's leaders, Kara attempts to place a surveillance device in the operation. @@ A minor House that is friendly towards the
player characters reveals that they are not what they seem. @@ Communicate: Social tests. H o mew o rld Now that you know a little about what they seem. @@ Communicate: Social tests. H o mew o rld Now that you know a little about what your House does you can buy extra dice by adding to Threat, essentially taking risks to
get an advantage. Otherwise, especially low ranking minor supporting the opportunity to move when an opponent is distracted or looking elsewhere. These individuals usually find employment as proctors or low-level instructors for the school itself, but
 some few do end up practicing medicine in the wider universe. This trait details the way the rest of the Imperium sees your Houses are hereditary dynasties, title passing down from the House's head to their designated heir. Servants, spies, and soldiers
can undergo better training or be given better equipment. This can expose itself in gameplay in many ways. Some also suggest using it to send an unsuspecting individual on a rampage against a target to deflect suspicion. Keywords: Melee Weapon, Sacred Quality: Even the least crysknives has a Quality 1, and the poison used may increase the
Quality further. If they Keep the Initiative, then that character may take an extra action immediately, adding +1 Difficulty to any test they attempt, or allow an allied character may take an extra action immediately, adding +1 Difficulty to any test they attempt, or allow an allied character may take an extra action immediately, adding +1 Difficulty to any test they attempt, or allow an allied character may take an extra action immediately, adding +1 Difficulty to any test they attempt, or allow an allied character may take an extra action immediately, adding +1 Difficulty to any test they attempt, or allow an allied character may take an extra action immediately, adding +1 Difficulty to any test they attempt, or allow an allied character may take an extra action immediately, adding +1 Difficulty to any test they attempt, or allow an allied character may take an extra action immediately, adding +1 Difficulty to any test they attempt, or allow an allied character may take an extra action immediately, adding +1 Difficulty to any test they attempt, or allow an allied character may take an extra action immediately, adding +1 Difficulty to any test they attempt, or allow an allied character may take an extra action immediately, adding +1 Difficulty to any test they attempt and the action immediately attempt and the action immedi
responsibility for the vanquished's kin and children—being expected to take the loser's spouse or children as their own, just as they lay claim to their water. 105 Power.....
                                                                                                                                                                                                  ...... If so, these are limited to members of their personal retinue(s). Maybe a non-player character is slipping off the edge of a cliff and only one of the player
characters is close enough to save them. If you note something that someone else did that makes you feel uncomfortable, it's okay to let them know. Reverend Mothers become receptive to genetic memory. However, due to the challenges of gathering individuals from diverse star systems across the gulf of space, few directors attend every meeting
and often utilize proxies to speak with their authority and vote in their places. Higher Quality locks are more challenging to pick. Faithful and loyal though they are, they remain human and have weaknesses a wily enemy can exploit. If purchasing 5,000 tons of whale fur that rots on the docks is needed to hide an assassin or smuggle out important
documents worth far more to the right buyer, then such purchase is justified, and even better if the whale fur can be sold, even if at a loss. @@ The third marker is the smell. Momentum in this pool can be used by anyone in the group, representing the benefits of prior successes and collective effort. They consume sand in vast quantities, funneling it
into their stomachs where it is digested, along with any organic matter such as sandplankton. @@ Mentat Discipline: Thufir may add two automatic successes on all Understand tests he attempts when remembering facts or data. Example: As a House Minor, House Molay has only one enemy, which they decide to call House Acturi. Planed Char
a cter C re ati on his method is designed for players to create their characters before the game begins. With their command shuttle damaged and Molay tanks now in the objective zone, they decide to retreat and regroup, but only for now. As a Major House: It is best to leave viper nests alone. @@ Using the archetype to introduce other non-player
characters, so player characters can note the interpersonal dynamics of the different societies that reside in the Imperium and speak with other personalities. As an Asset: These can be used as waterborne transportation for troops or other supplies when air or orbital travel is unwise or prohibited. This should be fairly obvious, as your skill relates
directly to what you're doing. In general, one of the following is likely to be true: @@ The skill test is an attempt to achieve something: if However, there are sometimes actions that aren't so simple to resolve. Smuggling and piracy also play a role in
business. How did they come by their assets, and did acquiring them pay a debt or incur one? This is a necessary step, for those with power and status must be free of the fear that their physicians might be assassins. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 307 A d v e n t u re O u tli n e he player characters are members—or notable
supporters—of a Noble House with spice mining rights on the planet Arrakis. These infiltrators are usually Sisters or acolytes, whose skills in heightened observation, prana-bindu conditioning, and mastery of the Voice makes them a boon to any venture. As such, Mentats are supreme strategists, administrators, spymasters, and counselors, relying on
a state called the 'naïve mind', which allows them to assess incoming information without prejudice or assumptions. @@ You'll have two additional assets left to define. P OW E R: 4 T RU T H: 5 SKILL Raised by the Bene Gesserit, Jessica was groomed from childhood to be a tool of their breeding plan. The timeline of the planets ends a decade before
the Atreides family moves to Arrakis. Kynes' only concern was the wellbeing of the Fremen and their generational work to make Arrakis a world of plenty. She also sources supplies for their fellow players' fun, too. PHYSICAL
ENVIRONMENTS It may be useful, in some social scenes, to think about the physical environment rather than social connections; you may be describing a social gathering such as a party, a diplomatic conference, or something similar. @@ If you move an asset subtly, you reduce the cost to keep the initiative to 0 if you succeed. Describe how you
wish to aid the defeated character and attempt a skill test with a Difficulty of 2. Voice is a dangerous tool in the wrong hands. This can be thought of as comparable to their Duty drive, as it represents how effective and dutiful they are. @@ Talents: A character's talents are distinctive special abilities setting them apart from other people. In this
example, a skirmish normally involves the Battle skill and a melee weapon, while an intrigue interaction might use the Communicate skill and a blackmail asset. ...BE A TEAM PLAYER. The players need to uncover who the mole or moles are and decide whether to leave them in place and feed bad intelligence back to the enemy, or if they should purge
them and see if they can clear out any other internal spies that might have taken up root. B ene G esserit T raining Members of the Sisterhood go through extreme instruction and education to learn how to control their own bodies and the bodies of those around them. Under simple molecular observation this tattoo bears certain irreproducible
characteristics, ensuring the veracity of an individual's identity as a Suk doctor. Basically, knowing what's coming up and the different options the players have is helpful when pivoting during a game. So long as everyone is willing to listen to concerns and adjust when necessary, you can resolve most issues swiftly and with cooperation. 45 Quality
                                                      ...296 Agricultural House................ At times, more complex permanent bunkers are built in a place too small to secure with a full-sized fortress—for example, at a bridge with limited banks on either side suitable for construction. As a rule of thumb, a gamemaster might gain Threat each time a
character uses a particular drive, if it is halfway through the session and they have used no other drives. Questions could include: "What is a memory you have of your mother?" "How does Ani remind you of your mother?" "How does Ani remind you of your mother?" "How does that color your perception of Ani?" Questions not only allow players to create their own context, they can also drive
tension between characters. The Kwisatz Mother (p.54) is a special case and has more interaction with the past Reverend Mothers in the shared Other Memory than any other living Reverend Mother, even the Mother Superior. She makes a skill test of her own using only 1d20, but any successes she gets are added to Kara's total. Under the guise of
Muad'Dib, he and the Fremen strike back at the Harkonnens and wrest control of the entire Imperium itself from the Emperor. How do we afford the escalating cost of exploration? 203 B.G. Tio Holtzman creates the scrambler shield to combat the thinking machines. Unless the player characters dictate otherwise, Obregon guides them down the
decks of the carryall, past the crowded untidy crew quarters, the noisy industrial spice compressor, the deafening engine room, and finally to the lowest deck where a large harvester vehicle is currently being unloaded of its cargo of raw spice. Suk doctors are also the most expensive, with a percentage of their fees tithed to the Suk School of
Medicine on Kaitain. All spice processing must halt until the fault is cleared. 10,156 A.G. The first no-field is created by Chobyn, a Richese scientist. There are no recorded encounters of a Ginaz swordmaster encountering a large number of Sardaukar, and there is some speculation over whether the individual flair and skill of the swordmaster would
eventually fail when placed against the relentless advance of the Emperor's soldierfanatics. By the time a declaration of war or kanly has been made, resolution of the conflict will likely fall upon the Landsraad itself. The pistol fires a static charge capable of turning a large, 20-meter-diameter area orange (or another color if programmed). Anderson)
@@ Sandworms of Dune (Brian Herbert & Kevin J. However, they continue to be of use on Arrakis and against unshielded targets on other planets. FOCUSES B AT T L E: Siridar Baron Vladimir Harkonnen was one of the most feared, hated, and admired men in all the Imperium. Having killed his father on their homeworld of Lankiveil, Rabban was
taken under the wing of Baron Harkonnen who, lacking progeny of his own, saw that his nephews might suffice to become his heirs. They might be manipulative courtiers or inspirational leaders. @@ Constantly Watching: Whenever Baron Harkonnen attempts a test to detect danger or hidden enemies, he reduces the Difficulty by 2, to a minimum of
0. As many traits as you like can be added to a scene, but the gamemaster can veto any they don't believe are appropriate to the situation, or will do what the player wants. @@ Uninformed: I am missing a vital piece of information. 103 Understand......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   .. Some are powerful Fremen and are influential within their communities and their
sietches. The lessons encompass survival, observation, and even poetry, often before a recruit even picks up a blade. You tell them what you want made and they make it, from guard dogs to augmented agents to slave workers who will never revolt. As a group you should discuss what you want your House holdings to look like. They have a single drive
statement for one of their higher-rated drives. Will religious fanatics rule the House, or does it craft technology dangerously close to Butlerian proscriptions? These clandestine engagements are called 'Wars of Assassins', requiring a formal declaration and limiting the participants' choices as to what weapons are allowed. The curriculum is identically a formal declaration and limiting the participants' choices as to what weapons are allowed. The curriculum is identically a formal declaration and limiting the participants' choices as to what weapons are allowed.
for the first handful of years, whether the young Mentat-in-training is taken to an official academy or trained by a private advisor. This approach to refinement and to honor also colors the ways in which the swordmasters fight. Even though you control the endless enemies, the scheming villains, and the characters' antagonists, you are not the players
antagonist. Unfortunately, this sort of power does not come without making enemies. If you win the contest, your attack is successful. Malthace Ferreyra, a noble who leads a House Minor on Arrakis. In addition, you are allowed to spend a point of Determination (described on p.157) on that skill test if you wish. This also includes activities that
escalate the tensions of the scene, such as non-player characters raising an alarm. Chapter 7: Assets contains a list of the kinds of assets available. COUNCILOR The Councilor connects the Ruler, and then presenting the Ruler's
decisions to the people in ways they can understand. Finally, Vorian led an attack on the Titans, destroying them and killing his father, hastening the final stage of the conflict. Moving Assets To move an asset from one zone to the next requires a skill test (Difficulty 2). There they have jointly reconvened the Galactic Council, publicly pledging to work
together even as they privately scheme to claim the Imperial throne for themselves. You may ask for one additional prediction for every two points of Momentum you spend. The Fedaykin, the Fremen death commandos, speak these words
as they prepare for battle. Vehicle rules from Genesys and Embers, along with Fear rules because . "What? Delayed thumpers exist which have a candle attached to them that burns for one hour before activating the thumpers exist which have a candle attached to them that burns for one hour before activating the thumpers exist which have a candle attached to them that burns for one hour before activating the thumpers exist which have a candle attached to them by standing resolutely still. This
is called the requirement. of Nobles and is rebuffed. If you have multiple characters in a single scene, and the character to take control of. Basic or unnecessary scenes can be handwaved. Feel free to create your own maps or reference
materials for your players to keep on hand, too. 6. They want revenge. As normal, you don't need to choose how much to take from the group pool until after you've decided how to spend it, and you don't need to spend it all at once. 208 Assets - Intrique......
Newcomer....... A ssets in E spi on a ge: S pies and S ecurity The assets used in espionage are normally spies and security measures, but there are other forms of asset. @@ Your character could normally spies and security measures, but there are other forms of asset.
                        ble asset is set aside, unable to be used by their owner, but continuing to exist; that asset can be recovered as an action, or at the end of the scene. Leto took up the dukedom while still a young man following the death of his father, Duke Paulus, in a bullfighting accident. And even if those fans haven't played a roleplaying gam
before—many might just be willing to dive into a spice-filled escapade with you. Do they reprimand the terrible commander Globus? @@ Truth: What the fashions of court, but doesn't try to stand out. A Warmaster must be able to defend the House at a moment's notice and plan the logistics of moving troops with
speed and efficiency, even to other planets when required. She might also be a Fremen, secretly weighing up the characters' worth/threat to her people. FAITH: 7 The universe is vast, a man must find his own way. Such is life within the Imperium for those connected to the noble Houses: always to be on the alert for subterfuge, even when there is
none. The gamemaster also decides to add another point of Threat to their pool, given that Marcus is now looking to either silence Kara or at least ensure she doesn't interfere. @@ The third die costs 3 Momentum. As such, it is up to the player to decide how good they are, based on what options they still must define. She might make a fool of herself
in some way (such as spilling something on the wrong person) or fail to remember a point of etiquette and gain further complications like 'Clumsy' or 'Rude'. Talented and often overconfident, she serves a Major House. This is done before you roll the dice pool, but after the gamemaster decides on the Difficulty. 209 Dartgun.
FIRST MENTAT The first Mentat came into being as the result of a wager between Erasmus and Omnius, regarding humanity's usability. From an early age they learn to identify a hunter-seeker and other methods of slaughter. Fremen duels to the death carry with them a great weight of responsibility. @@ When you begin a warfare scene, you must
declare where on the battlefield your character is. Example: As Kara has had dealings with the spice merchant before, her starting disposition is unfriendly. Any assets remaining will stay until the end of the current adventure. The Guild's greatest strength is the guarantee of security while in transit, so Houses who are mortal enemies may travel
parked next to one another within a Guild vessel and expect utter safety. The water, fishing, and aquatic life are ingrained into them and influence every aspect of their lives. @@ Collaboration (Understand): Kynes may spend 2 Threat to allow an ally to use her Understand skill as their own. With their far reach across the Known Universe, many
different factions are willing to ally themselves with the Bene Gesserit. Omnius bet that a human could not be improved into a logical being, regardless of Erasmus' efforts. @@ Understand relies on studying information from scouts to find the effective routes through an obstacle. The balance built into the Imperium stayed the worst of the Emperor's
demands with a focus on backstabbing rather than outright confronting the other members. The player characters must face hostile Fremen and the ever-present threat of Dune's colossal sandworms. Some uses of Momentum can be used multiple times, or their effect is 'per point of Momentum spent'. conquer the Old Empire. Sandworms are
attracted to rhythmic noise, rising to the surface to defend their territory, and it is for this reason that Fremen cross the desert with such strange, asynchronous movements. This can lead to players using the same drive, their best one, all the time. position with the Tleilaxu representatives on Arrakis. ing machines for their own sake, they did so
because God commanded it. The player may spend Determination on the test. You may retroactively describe how this trait came to be. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 187 188 C h a pter 🕏: A ssets The advent of the Field Process shield and the lasgun with their explosive interaction, deadly to attacker and attacked, placed
the current determinatives on weapons technology. GAMEMASTERS, ESPECIALLY! Creative blocks happen. CALCULATED PREDICTION (MENTAT TALENT) Using the facts and figures you have memorized and your ability to process information, you can attempt to predict the future. The first is set aboard the massive carryall Graf Von Dreissen,
'the Grief'. The humid air makes it hard to breathe. At this point, you make your skill test as normal, rolling against that Difficulty. Threat can be used for the same things as Momentum, but the gamemaster can also use Threat to alter situations or the story in a few special ways. Example: Kara's player and the gamemaster have determined that the
test to convince the merchant to make a deal should be Communicate + Duty, and that Kara can apply her 'Diplomacy' focus to the roll. However, most noble women in their arts as a form of 'finishing school'. It may take up to 1-5 minutes before you receive it. Count
your successes, and if you scored successes equal to or greater than the Difficulty, your character has passed the skill test and achieves what they set out to achieve and if you scored successes equal to or greater than the Difficulty, your character has passed the skill test and achieves what they set out to achieve and if you scored successes equal to or greater than the Difficulty, your character has passed the skill test and achieve what they set out to achieve and if you scored successes equal to or greater than the Difficulty, your character has passed the skill test and achieve and if you scored successes equal to or greater than the Difficulty, your character has passed the skill test and achieve and if you scored successes equal to or greater than the Difficulty, your character has passed the skill test and achieve and if you scored successes equal to or greater than the Difficulty, your character has passed the skill test and achieve and if you scored successes equal to or greater than the Difficulty, your character has passed the skill test and achieve and if you scored successes equal to or greater than the Difficulty, your character has passed the skill test and achieve and you scored successes equal to or greater than the Difficulty, your character has passed the skill test and you scored successes and you sco
to be complete: partial or incomplete answers that leave room for further questions are more common. On Arrakis, they fill an expanded role beyond just recon and transport. @@ If you fail your contest, the gamemaster may rule that the scene is now a skirmish or duel. A tangible asset is one that has a physical presence, and which has a degree of
permanence to it: a weapon is a tangible asset, as is a unit of troops, a surveillance system, or a quantity of material goods. Thus, the proscriptions against creating thinking machines are not just a rule, but a holy covenant with God. SPYING AND SOCIAL MANIPULATION Perhaps the greatest tool in their arsenal of abilities is their extensive
conditioning in the arts of interpersonal communication: whether conversation, oratory, negotiation, diplomacy, and even seduction. For the more generous Houses, life can be comfortable, even pleasant. They are usually heavy ordnance, soldiers, or vehicles. This capability is often referred to as prophecy, because of the mystical and religious
significance it has to many cultures and societies. Claiming descent from the ancient King Agamemnon, son of Atreus, of Old Terra, the Atreides are among the most ancient households of the Landsraad. She passes the test and gains 1 point of Momentum. The philosophical education students mastered as undergraduates serves as a strong
framework for the instillment of the conditioning. Next, Erasmus instituted an intensive physical exercise routine. These Assassins' Handbook-approved instruments tunnel through skin and muscle to destroy hearts, brains, and other vital organs. But few surpass the skill of those trained on Ginaz. In some cases, you might even choose domains from
the same subsection. Moving an informant is the same as moving a spy, but informants typically have a lower Quality and thus less ability to move around. However, he managed to escape certain death at the hands of his hunters and find his way to Caladan. While it's tempting to take control of the latter, the more power you have, the more enemies
you have acquired and will continue to acquire. Suk doctors are not cheap, and their graduation. If you are new to roleplaying games, you may be looking at this huge but gorgeous book and wondering how much you need to read
to play the game. Groundcars? This can be done in a couple of ways: following a number of steps in order to produce a character before play and allowing their nature to be revealed in play. 6,600 A.G. First Wild Reverend Mother appears. 88 Espionage......
times produce more illicit profit than the legitimate trade of the goods in question. 207 Communication...................... Any gathering of the board is a period of intense political intrigue as they essentially amount to gatherings of the leaders of meters of rock,
steel, and reinforced plastics, are the records of the Kwisatz Haderach manipulation. @@ Assistance is when another character actively assists your action. Duels are always fought without stillsuits, as part of the practice of Amtal, or the Amtal rule. 10,166 A.G. A war starts between House Ecaz and House Moritani. For they often accept apologies
payments for slights, and profess friendship all while planning a House's destruction for whatever reason suits them. determines how much progress you make towards that task's requirement with each successful skill test. 127 Bold (Skill)...
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        ....... @@ Inferior: My lack of status has been exposed. HERALD Many Houses in the Landsraad
appoint ceremonial officers to handle matters of heraldry, genealogy, and similar matters of the long-term survival of the House. Disposition is not fixed and should change over time as a result of various actions. Traits: Remote-operated, Short-ranged, Stealthy POISONED TOOTH Designed to look like a tooth, a
poisoned tooth can even fool poison snoopers and scanners. If the gamemaster has Threat to spend, Obregon might have a bomb that could destroy the harvester or at least call a worm. Each combatant does not have a set of individual zones as they do in dueling. The most reliable means of circumventing duplication by an Ixian probe is consuming a
drug called shere, which disrupts the probe's ability to collect information, rendering the data useless. @@ If you may not use that drive score again until it has been recovered (see below). @@ Skirmish - Multiple opponents (corebook, p.174). But he is
also accustomed to trading his band's own small spice reserves with smugglers in return for contraband goods like weapons and other technology. Pronouns help show one aspect of a character's identity, before we dive deeper into their other facets. Transport at it on Aside from the spaceships of the Spacing Guild and the noble Houses,
transportation throughout the Imperium range from primitive animal-powered carts to advanced groundcars, ornithopters, carryalls, crawlers, surface-toair lighters, suspensor-held vehicles, and their like. ATTACKS Direct attacks should be relatively rare in intrique, but where they represent physical attacks in other forms of conflict, they represent a
social attack in intrigue—an attempt to diminish or destroy someone's social influence in order to prevent them from meaningfully taking part in the intrigue. As a Great House: These Houses feed countless people, although they likely know just how many they can feed down to the number of meals they provide per credit spent in production. Traits:
Bene Gesserit TALENTS @@ Prana-Bindu Conditioning: May re-roll 1d20 on a Move or Discipline test. THE ZENSUNNI A mystical religious sect incorporating elements from Zen Buddhism and Sunni Islam, the Zensunni broke from the teachings of Maometh, the 'Third Muhammed', millennia ago and became a distinct faith on its own, inspiring many
branches. In fact, they are almost anything but. Survival at all costs. For example, 'Bene Gesserit Sister', or 'Fremen', etc. 2,200 B.G. Using advanced technology, Several scientists and the other Titans transform philosophers transplant their themselves into cymeks. Sometimes this means employing their massive production or
technological edge toward dangerous ventures like war or espionage, or instead focusing on mundane changes like increasing quality or output. But you may take the focus multiple times to have a collection of different specialties (such as picking Music twice to play two instruments). Sometimes, individual players want something different out of the
game than do the other players in the group. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 4 C O M M U N I C AT E: 5 DISCIPLINE: 6 MOVE: 6 U N D E R S TA N D: 7 @@ Gallen is a street surgeon operating from a private stall in Carthag. Your House may have several of these, classed as either primary or secondary domains. But as this is an important deal, she decides
to give the gamemaster Threat so she can add another die, for a dice pool of 3d20. Each stillsuit is finely-crafted, with multiple plated layers. The vaulted ceiling contained a vibrant wooden pattern that catches the eye. You are snubbed at every turn, and word that you are unfashionable, gauche, or immoral begins to spread amongst other Houses. 12
                                                                    . This biochemical control gives a Bene Gesserit the ability to create antidotes or even cures from her own internal systems. First, select the asset you wish to target. They are no longer that efficient salesperson that the player characters saw earlier, but a tired parent who is trying to
                             ...159 Face Dancers......
make ends meet in an oppressive society. However, it is still lucrative. Defenses are set up and remain where they are to protect a zone. Their use on Arrakis is limited, as the vibration attracts the sandworms and puts them in a violent rage. Every action performed by the House as a whole is done in the Ruler's name (or in the name of their superiors
—the House Major above, or the Emperor). He also has family ties to one of the local merchants. MINOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Artistic Understanding (Fashion) Secondary Domains (2): Industrial Produce (Textiles),
Industrial Workers (Tailors/Dressmakers) GREAT HOUSE Primary Domain (2): Artistic Produce (Broadcast Entertainment) and Religion Expertise (Clergy), and Religion Produce (Religious Texts) ADVENTURE HOOKS: @@ A troupe of
performers who were trained by one of the player characters' enemies, but declare themselves independent performers, has arrived at the characters' House. A true agent, an agent worthy of the trust placed in them, does not leave such obvious paths for a hunter to follow. @@ Asset: You may select an asset (other than one which only existed for a
single scene) to make permanent. In a universe where most people owe loyalty to one House or another, who you serve is an important question, and counting one House as a friend always means making an enemy of others.
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characters' House. The character's drives are too strong to allow them to carry out this action freely, causing a problem. 88 B.G. Faykan Butler uses the Cult of Serena to ascend to Viceroy and institutes the law that no machine can be created in the likeness of a human mind. C h a r a cter A d va n ceme n t Your character's assets, or at least the most
potent and significant of them, will stay with them and may even grow and develop over time. @@ Contested Test: When the action is opposed by someone or something. De Vries commanded an intelligence network to rival that of any power in the Imperium and schemed ceaselessly on behalf of the Harkonnens, and likely, himself. It is a Fremen
thumper device, which he explains how to use. Intangible assets are created by individual characters during play... but they're also easier to remove from play than tangible assets. At this point the House is only a noble family with a small retinue and a little land granted to them by their patron House Major, who controls the planet they reside on.
Anderson) @@ Navigators of Dune (Brian Herbert & Kevin J. But this comes with risks; they might be imprisoned or executed for displeasing the Emperor without warning, drawing you into the purge. The risk of being caught, and the purge information, is much higher than that for any other role. But this new
system of government is not popular with everyone and internecine squabbles threaten the nascent empire. The end goal might be the enemy's defeat, but to do so in an ugly fashion is to have, in some way, failed. The conditioning has never been known to be broken and is of such potency that even the emperors have entrusted their care to Suk
doctors, hence the commonly used term of Imperial conditioning. For example, spice is a valuable resource, but only some will go to great lengths in order to gain ultimate control over the spice trade. @@ Major Houses, or Houses Major, often limited to a single planet and its moons, but occasionally extend to additional planets and moons within a
single solar system. If you have ever worked at a retail shop, you probably know how draining that can be! If and when a fight breaks out, they might be annoyed. Honest expressions of faith or religion certainly have their place within the Imperium, but a tenet of the setting is that all things that drive humans to action must be examined or they can
become dangerous. There are a million ways to design a campaign, but a couple of the easiest are to start with a story hook and your villain's motivations. Millennia ago, Yorek Thurr ruled the planet in service to Omnius. Example: Claire and her group are creating characters who will all be agents of House Molav. DEFINING DRIVES During play,
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when you attempt a skill test, you may choose to define one of your undefined drives. Arrakeen is not a model of ostentatious luxury in the way that Carthag is, but it is not truly of Arrakis. The zone has many uses, from signaling traders or spice raiders to capturing sandworms. The universe of Dune is a complex and fascinating place, but with them you attempt a skill test, you may choose to define one of your undefined drives. Arrakeen is not a model of ostentatious luxury in the way that Carthag is, but it is not truly of Arrakis. The zone has many uses, from signaling traders or spice raiders to capturing sandworms.
rules and detail we provide in this book you can politic with the Emperor, rule a noble House, and fight deadly duels like any agent of the Imperium. It commonly includes a manual, paracompass, stilltent, maker hooks, emergency stillsuit patches, and thumper. It also means she can manufacture poisons, as well. Water, however, always is. Specially
selected citizens from around the galaxy come to Junction in hopes of one day becoming Navigators. Your character may have a total of five permanent assets, though you can increase this number through purchasing certain talents. During character creation, your character's ambition should be based on their highest-rated drive, and your
gamemaster will work with you to define one for your character, helping to create something which can come up in play frequently. Now, the borders of the Known Universe are only slightly larger than the Imperium itself, having increased ever so slowly over the centuries as space outside it was explored and charted. @@ Talents: The character
receives a single talent. The nervous thopter pilot is reluctant to set down in the desert with reports of Fremen about, so instead he directs the player characters to his harvester, the Alberich, not far away. Another twist happens when you present a challenge, and instead of attacking the problem as you imagined, players head in an entirely new (and the control of the control 
unprepared for) direction. Each side in a conflict has a collection of tools and resources—collectively referred to as assets—which they can employ. Each of these forms of conflict are described in more detail in their own sections, later in this chapter. It's a friendly party, and so the gamemaster allows Kara to use the trait to approach informally and
introduce herself. If they fail they may still opt to 'succeed at a cost'. 1 B.G. The Spacing Guild is birthed from the Foldspace Shipping Company and establishes itself as a key force in the universe. On a daily basis people are bought and sold, whether as indentured workers, new assets for a House, or are conscripted into a House military. They gather
a dice pool, rolling against their own target number as if they were attempting a skill test. So instead she opts for something intangible and decides she has some blackmail material on a past lover. 118 Scholar......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                ..... 1 A.G. The Imperial throne, the Spacing Guild, CHOAM, and the Landsraad all work together, forming the Imperium as it
will be for generations. One can find Sisters throughout the families of the Landsraad, within the Padishah Emperor's own House, and even working as laborers where it can help them further their agenda. The outcome of this plot would prove to be more complex than even the Baron himself could imagine. 71-73 Fremen Belief...
Minor House: As a House Minor, an Artistic House is likely an emerging art trend that recently became popular. This does mean they add more complexity to the game, so they should be used sparingly and only in situations where the benefits of including them outweigh the extra effort involved. Each offers different opportunities for your player
characters and your campaign, and as the line progresses, we hope to look at each one in more detail. Example: As the situation is heating up, the gamemaster decides to spend some of their Threat. However, it is not simply a
mixture of religious texts thrown together, but a carefully curated gospel for the new era of humanity. Such ingenuity has required endless caution and care. Her intent is to tease out leverage the Sisterhood can use against both Houses. Or do they have a real case against the player characters' House? The Emperor's elite Sardaukar often carry a
flip-dart concealed on them. Her Faith statement might also apply, but as she is not Sometimes there just isn't a drive or statement that fits. This term is liberally used throughout the novels, but strictly in the context of a holy war, an emotionally loaded concept in the modern world. The other two assets will be decided later, during play. STIRRING
RHETORIC Momentum points, which you may use to Obtain Information or to create a trait that represents some knowledge or insight you've gained about your opponent. Any attempt to coerce you into such an action automatically fails, and you automatically fails, and you automatically fails, and you may use to Obtain Information or to create a trait that represents some knowledge or insight you've gained about your opponent. Any attempt to coerce you into such an action automatically fails, and you automatic
effects of any complications are applied. If their strength is in force of arms, they usually meet any potential conflict head on with firepower. Each island has a different lesson to teach, and those who fail to learn any of these lessons are sent home as failures. 173 Targeting Assets......
e I mperi u m P ri n cess I r u l a n DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 8 FA I T H: 4 JUSTICE: 6 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 7 SKILL My destiny was shaped for me, but I will choose how I meet it. Raquella Berto-Anirul was the first to survive and gain all the benefits of the agony. The zones she collects are: the spice merchant, her husband, her business
partner, and her secretary. After all, if an asset feels themselves to have been betrayed, their trust broken and their friendship (or more) discarded, they are likely to seek vengeance. Or they are a custodian of art trends past and struggling to maintain relevance. The governing faction of Arrakis is always accused of establishing a monopoly on the
production and supply of spice, in the same way that the Guild retains its monopoly over space travel. Warriors hail from such armed forces, and the most capable amongst them tend to gain prominence and status, often joining elite units or the personal guard of important persons outside the House. So Kara asks to invoke the Convivial trait to make
the attempt possible. If the player characters confront the harvester crew with this accusation, they react by giving up Metzos and blaming her entirely, out of fear that the House's reprisal will result in their imprisonment or even execution. After Traits: Fremen TALENTS @@ Decisive Action: After successfully removing an enemy asset with Battle,
remove a second enemy asset for 2 Threat. No legal arrangement occurred without paying a percentage to CHOAM. When a ruling of the House has not requires such a transfer of assets, a Judge of the Change is appointed, usually by the Emperor. Even if the House has not requires such a transfer of assets, a Judge of the Change is appointed, usually by the Emperor.
known to offer (or even insist on) providing one to a household. For example, if they want to fight, have some soldiers ready for them. Designate what their specialty trait is when they are acquired. They were always expected to support whoever had the planetary governorship. Tleilaxu products are used all over the Imperium by all the Houses. 198
                               . Creating traits to give you an edge or impair your opponent can tip the balance of a fight in your favor, opening @@ Intangible assets can represent the benefits of observation, positioning, tactical ploys and tricks, and any other advantage that may come from how your character fights rather than the physical tools of
combat. The vehicle crashes some 20 kilometers outside the capital with wormsign on the horizon. Communication between Sisters may even be centuries removed from each other as in the unique terms or imagery used in the Panoplia Propheticus (p.55) on different planets. Obtaining entrance to one of the Ginaz's most esteemed academies is not
easy and, even for those Ginaz pledging their loyalty to one of the various Landsraad factions, teaching an unworthy pupil is rare. Many dates are approximate or contested. Anderson, for The Herbert Properties team And our wonderful partners at Legendary and the extraordinary filmmakers without whom this game could not have been made. The
largest of which host the main public spaceport for the planet. Each point of Momentum you spend allows you to ask the gamemaster one question about the current situation. @@ If you would like to include the use of different languages in the game, instead of attempting to speak a made-up version of the language, stick to English or the languages
that you, as a group, have chosen to use at the table, so that everyone as players can understand one another. 88 B.G. Faykan Butler takes on the last name Corrino and declares himself Emperor of Humanity. Cutting off or poisoning food supplies can lead to not only the death of the people of an enemy House, but the death of the House itself. The
Major Houses are less afraid of such an eventuality, though they too are always ultimately at risk of their supply being cut off and their stockpiles depleting. They also can avoid a lethal equipment malfunction which proves to be the result of industrial sabotage. 30, 47 Spice Melange......
from the loser's body itself with a device known as a deathstill. You have exceptional recall and can reconstruct events and places you have experienced with perfect accuracy, allowing you to revisit them later. 25 Intrigue......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         .... Resources: The resources and holdings of this House only matter insofar as they further the agenda of the Ruler of
                                        ....... Illegal Technology Smuggler's Base Spacing Guild Hegai, the smuggler Secret Spice Stores Desert Smugglers Akira, the ornithopter pilot 17-20 Rescue or recover the... Caladan and Salusa Secundus formed fishing worlds league to support each other during the war under Vorian Atreides, who founded
House Atreides. Here are some example details you could provide. While he served, Agamemnon plotted revenge for nearly 900 years, awaiting the moment to overthrow Omnius. It is believed that only if all the Houses of the Landsraad were to join in opposition to House Corrino might they have a chance at defeating the Sardaukar. The stark interior
architecture itself recalls ancient Terran models, with high ceilings, crossbeams stretching across open spaces of dark stone. TO FIGHT SOMEONE IS TO KNOW THEM (SKILL) You are an expert in studying your foes in conflict, learning how they think and gleaning secrets from them based on how they move, attack, and defend. With such minute
control over every muscle, only the Emperor's Sardaukar rival their deadliness. They are exceptionally focused and dedicated, having honed their skills through practice and intense training. Next, define a drive statement for this drive. You can expect them to provide support to win over the hearts and minds of your enemies, and keep your House
well-received by others of similar mindset. Possessing even greater skill, Mohandas opened the Suk Medical School, which surpassed all others, and the doctors there were known for never betraying a patient. A spy in the market reports she saw a Tleilaxu Master pass a package to a Guild Agent. If only one side has characters remaining to act, then
they each take a turn in sequence until all characters have taken a turn. Anyone carrying Jellicoe who fails the test cannot escape the worm. In some instances, it could even be a pet. @@ Anyone in the same zone as any other character is considered a viable target.
their Drive statement. OVERCOMING AN OBSTACLE The battlefield can be as vital for victory or defeat as the combatants. Despite being utterly devoted to his love, the concubine Jessica, Leto never married her, shrewdly choosing to keep the possibility of marriage between himself and a noblewoman of another House as a bargaining incentive.
Traits: Carryall Commander, Unpopular Talents: @@ Constantly Watching: Whenever Globus attempts a test to detect danger or hidden enemies, he reduces the Difficulty of 0. @@ Focus: You may purchase an additional focus @@ Peril: Gain 1 advancement point
whenever the gamemaster spends four or more points of Threat at once. It generally falls upon the shareholders themselves to deal with criminal interference in their operations. Whenever you wish to spend Momentum, you may spend from the group pool in addition to or instead of any Momentum you've generated yourself on a skill test. Necessary
as it is to the operation of the Spacing Guild's operations, and its inherent geriatric properties to which a vast number of people are addicted, melange is the most protected trade to be found anywhere. In pursuing this agenda, they have manipulated several bloodlines in secret for centuries. Those wearing shields tend to avoid armor as it hinders
mobility for little benefit; the kinds of careful attack that can pierce a shield can also find the weak spots in a suit of armor. COMMUNICATE Communicate describes a character's ability to skillfully engage in conversations, discussions, and debates. Do they enjoy having that authority or would they prefer doing something else? This ambition may
change over time as a character's drives shift. As espionage devices they allow quiet observation of a target as well as providing a fast and subtle way to escape an area. For the duration of that scene, that player character they have chosen—the character they have chosen—the character they have chosen—the duration of that scene, that player will control the character they have chosen.
they don't rely too much on the Military House. It thus scores a critical success automatically. Two worlds and their inhabitants, however, buck this trend and skirt the edge of violating these proscriptions. Fully mutated Navigators are often described as fishlike in appearance, and require a constant diet of spice, swimming weightlessly on suspensor
fields in mobile tanks full of spice gas. @@ Second, requesting a Mentat advisor to train the child if they do not already have one in their household. Carthag is approximately 200 kilometers from Arrakeen and requires a difficult journey across the particularly inhospitable wastes known as the Broken Lands. In some ways, smugglers are the only
members of the entire Imperium who stand outside the Landsraad and the control of the Faufreluches system. Kara believes that family and House are the bedrock of success, but that ambition is what drives it. Others are ambitious, seeing the potential in their ability and the Power they could accrue from using it. @@ Do they attempt to Move (dire,
D4) the harvester to a distant rocky outcrop and claim the relative safety of solid ground, gambling that they and the precious cargo of spice will make it there before the sandworm arrives? I want to examine him quickly to see if there is anything I can do. @@ Why do they want whatever it is? 211 Hostage.
                                     Don't be afraid to introduce characters that look different from the players. Provided their annual reports maintain a generally profitable status quo most shareholders can expect no interference in how they conduct their business. Life within Harkonnen territory is full of conspiracy and fear, with everyone pitted
against another for survival and dominance. Richese became the primary distributor of Heighliners, colossal spaceships that could fold space, for the Spacing Guild. CULTURE The culture of Junction is more relaxed than one would imagine. The gamemaster makes use of Threat to alter scenes, empower non-player characters, and generally make
things challenging, perilous, or unpredictable for the player characters. She succeeds, defeating Nasir by sliding a slow blade under his throat. Whenever you spend Momentum to Obtain Information about the current situation, your current location, or a person you can currently observe, you may ask two questions for the first point of Momentum
spent. Some non-player characters may not fit into those categories but appear for moments in the game to give players a bit of context in certain situations or provide assistance. Theilaxu masters use this discomfort to their advantage. While few doubt that the purpose-built city of Carthag is more luxurious than the sparser, and older, confines of
Arrakeen, the former capital is definitely easier to defend and, despite the depredations of the Harkonnens during their reign, the residency of the planetary governor still retains a modicum of respect amongst the indigenous population. During any conflict, he may spend 1 Threat to take the first action, regardless of who would otherwise act first.
@@ Follow Orders: A character not directly controlled by a player may take actions when ordered. @@ Intangible assets can represent the benefits of observation, positioning, tactical ploys and tricks, and any other advantage that may come from how your character
fights rather than the physical tools of combat. Barony resembles historic Rome, with its population mainly composed of enslaved people and gladiators battling for the amusement of their lords. This might be for some imagined slight or a belief they are not as they appear, but it might just as easily be because they really are honorable and decent and
despised for that. Despite her loyalties and love for the Bene Gesserit, Jessica proved to be very much her own creature. HISTORY Kaitain was untouched by humans or thinking machines during the Butlerian Jihad and afterwards. The importance of spice is widespread, making it the single most valuable and sought-after substance in the galaxy. If
they fail, the bluff is exposed, and they gain a complication. These two traits paint a very basic picture of who the character is and how they fit into the Known Universe. C h a pter 🏶 A lies & A d v ers a ries Your House will not last long without allies, and there is inevitably an array of adversaries looking to see it fall. These are aspects that you can
also fill into your characters' identities without reducing them to one trope and can also build out what the community around them looks like. Fremen are formidable combatants—in part because of the necessity of physical toughness for any member of the tribe, should they wish to survive the rigors of life on Arrakis and contribute, but also due to
Trait (2 points) @@ This must relate to the action the character has just attempted, and it must be something that could reasonably result from that action. As an Asset: The bodkin is easily concealed in a wrist sheath and easily disposed of before capture. They offer a variety of products to the Major Houses, many of which are humans genetically
crafted for a particular purpose. Kaitain's Hassik III Center for the Performing Arts is a wonder of the Imperium. Though he despised his cleverer younger brother, and failed to understand his uncle's subtle stratagems, Rabban was utterly dedicated to the Harkonnen cause, knowing that it would continue to give him endless opportunities to delight inner the performing Arts is a wonder of the Imperium.
violence. By using an action, the character can remove the effects of any physical complication from a character who is in the same zone. They're hard to use against a shielded target—the shield stops fast-moving objects completely—but quite effective otherwise. These assets come in a wide variety of forms and types, ranging from personal items like
knives, shield belts, portable poison snoopers, or symbols of office; vehicles such as ornithopters and groundcars; to the service of groups of servants or soldiers, or agents like spies and informants; or resources such as valuable goods or raw materials. Those unprepared for its harshness are doomed to die, flesh reddened, mummified by the heat—
every drop of liquid drained from their flesh. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 83 84 C h a pter 🗣 : C re ati n g Y o u r H o u se "Control the coinage and the courts-let the rabble have the rest." Thus the Padishah Emperor advises you. The knife and ornithopter are tangible assets, and the blackmail evidence is intangible. Most
spies divide their efforts between obtaining information themselves—using fake identities, disguises, and similar methods—and building a network of information themselves—using fake identities, disguises, and similar methods—and building a network of information themselves—using fake identities, disguises, and similar methods—and building a network of information themselves—using fake identities, disguises, and similar methods—and building a network of information themselves—using fake identities, disguises, and similar methods—and building a network of information themselves—using fake identities, disguises, and similar methods—and building a network of information themselves—using fake identities, disguises, and similar methods—and building a network of information themselves—using fake identities, disguises, and similar methods—and building a network of information themselves—using fake identities, disguises, and similar methods—and building a network of information themselves—using fake identities and information themselves—using fake identities and information themselves—and building a network of information themselves—using fake identities and information themselves—and building a network of information themselves—and building a network
Mothers can enter a truthtrance, giving them the ability to detect lies and falsehoods. As the largest minority shareholder in CHOAM, the Emperor is functionally its chief officer. If you know how things are happening, then that gives you flexibility because the players can find the 'how' several different ways. Evoking The P o wer of F a it h Faith and
religion are often central to Dune, especially the exploration of the differences between the two. Their agents seek out the secrets of these Houses—their weaknesses and desires—so they might sell them exactly what they want. As a precious commodity, water fetches a high price and many water sellers can become quite rich. 128 Find
                         . As an Asset: Sapho is addictive if used repeatedly and leaves tell-tale signs by staining one's mouth and lips a ruby color. (Varies by success) Spending Threat (GM) @@ Buying d20s (1-3 points/die) @@ The first die costs 1 Threat. 87 House Enemies...........
the life, and remain at its periphery, calling upon their old training and network of contacts to remain viable and to turn their former experience into profit. Supporting characters serve the following purposes within Dune: @@ They represent the people who serve the group's House in various minor and lesser capacities, from functionaries, to spies,
to soldiers, and more besides. 302 A rtistic / R eli g i o u s H o u se Drawing upon millennia of tradition in the arts of humanity closer to God. 194 Ridulian Crystal....... These soldiers were raised on the harsh planet of Salusa Secundus, where
more than half die before reaching adulthood and completing their training. A full shield asset cannot be moved. Though she relies on the counsel of select Reverend Mothers, she is the highest authority in the organization. Make a list of content themes you intend to include in your story. It is up to each player to try and consider how best to use the
assets at their command. After all, there are always those willing to give into forbidden desires and those prepared to profit from it. This is to say nothing of shields, which enrage the worms and make them attack. 128 Hyperawareness Threat......
the game is mostly just talking to your friends, any meeting platform like Zoom or Google Meet will allow you to do that. Vast, rippling tides of sand cover almost the entire planet—only at the northern pole is there anything resembling a basis for building. REDUCING DISTRACTIONS Distracted players are different from disengaged players—they're
present but are more interested in socializing than playing. "We've got a job to do here. Kara wants better odds so decides to use her blackmail evidence asset, making it apply to the merchant. These are not limited to just major or notable non-player characters but can be used for minor non-player characters as well. However, they must constantly
jockey for power among the other Minor Houses that also serve their House Major, rivals for its favor. As a rule of thumb, your personal assets can include anything you could lead and coordinate alone, such as a squad of troops. These
 officers serve mainly as advisors to the House's rulers on these matters, and they frequently consult with the Sisters of the Bene Gesserit who maintain similar genealogical and genetic records. 82 Star System: Thalim Moons: None Habitable: Class V Noble House: None Primary Export: Biotechnology Population: In large collectives working together
Rights & Responsibilities: A Chief Physician is the head of all medical units and staff in the noble House. Some of these faiths are practiced only in one community; others have adherents across the Imperium. And of course, you are welcome to adjust these archetypes if you would rather see them take on new skills or talents. CHOAM assesses taxes
on goods, regulates trade, and sets economic policies affecting trade between Houses. They are considered popular throughout the Imperium, and slighting them would hurt the characters' image among the Landsraad. 172 Kara makes a lot of bold moves, taking her blade close to Nasir's personal zone and giving her the option of moving his
defensive knife out of the way (by dodging and weaving to find a gap in his guard). Luckily, he doesn't have much of a head-start, and Kara can utilize a talent she learned from her Bene Gesserit training to push her muscles to run faster. SCENARIO HOOK After disappearing, an assassin is on the run from their former employer. If you have a non-
player character assisting player characters, they can also guide the story on track. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 137 C h a r a cter A d va n ceme n t hen characters serve their own interests, they have the potential to advance. This requires an Understand test with a Difficulty of 4; if successful, you may ask the Gamemas-
 CONSTANTLY WATCHING You're vigilant, bordering on paranoid... and little catches you off-quard. T The player characters are dispatched to the carryall to discover the cause of the Grief's poor productivity and to take whatever actions are necessary to eliminate problems and improve matters. To read the intelligence left for her, a Bene Gesserit
Sister runs her fingertips along the dots. Some of the debris from the destroyed moon rained down on the planet while the rest went into orbit. The damaged surface from the war and numerous storms led to the people moving underground. He decides that the risk of a House on House conflict is not what his masters are interested in. The mightiest
and greatest starships in the Imperium, the Heighliners produced for the Guild are marvels of engineering, though much of their internal structure and architecture is concealed, known only to the Guild are marvels of engineering, though much of their internal structure and architecture is concealed, known only to the Guild are marvels of engineering, though much of their internal structure and architecture is concealed, known only to the Guild are marvels of engineering, though much of their internal structure and architecture is concealed, known only to the Guild are marvels of engineering, though much of their internal structure and architecture is concealed, known only to the Guild are marvels of engineering, though much of their internal structure and architecture is concealed, known only to the Guild are marvels of engineering, though much of their internal structure and architecture is concealed, known only to the Guild are marvels of engineering.
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g e A ssets W a r of A ss a ssi n s a nd K a n ly Conflict between Houses is inevitable. Keywords: Reliable, Valuable I n tri g u e A ssets: V a l ua bles Intrigue often centers around wealth and access to resources, and thus those things can be potent assets during any sort of social conflict. To make creation in play simpler we have divided the
remaining character choices into a series of options that can be used a limited amount of times. This serves as a last chance to customize your character from a collection of numbers and rules into a distinct person. Fremen employ rocket-propelled grenades during
raids targeting spice harvesters and other vulnerable targets. Any trademarked names are used in a fictional manner; no infringement is intended. If you pass, then the ally is still defeated, but the lasting effect, but the ally still needs time to recover and can't
rejoin the scene. S av i n g M o me n t u m Saved Momentum goes into a group collection called the Momentum goes into a group called the group goes into a group called the Momentum goes into a group called the group g
tended to by a Suk doctor in the employ of their apparent killers. Wallach IX became the homeworld centuries ago to its current rulers, the Bene Gesserit. DEDICATION FIND TROUBLE At the start of a scene, if there is no Momentum in the group pool, roll 1d20. Even before space travel, trade was lucrative, but became even more profitable as a
 larger holdings, and many are given considerable autonomy to take whatever actions they need to in order to keep things running smoothly. @@ Does the character value power? But they are not always essential. But the assets help her reduce the Difficulty due to the spice merchant's disposition in those negotiations. @@ Warfare is physical combar
on a strategic level, involving groups of armed personnel such as House troops, mercenaries, or even the Emperor's deadly Sardaukar. @@ What is the first thing anyone notices about you? This leads to a political landscape of plans within plans and layers of deceit covered in secrets and lies to protect dangerous truths. Spies also watch for the
activities of opposing spies. However, should loss be incurred as a pattern, the shareholding House can expect to be questioned, investigated, and even audited. @@ Prana-Bindu: Irulan may re-roll 1d20 on a Move or Discipline test. He tries to keep one knife on the offensive, moving it into Kara's defense zones, but keeps one knife back in his defense
zone to parry with. 26 221 B.G. Serena Butler is born. Nasir cannot move his shield asset, but can move either or both knives in an attempt to get an attack on Kara. 72 Skills...
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  . The mechanic is surly and disrespectful when talking to the player characters, but he is telling the truth when he says that
he had nothing to do with the compressor sabotage, and has never worked at the storage depot the player characters were going to. Data Analysis Traits: Broker, Wealthy TALENTS @@ Driven: After they spend Threat to gain a point of Determination, roll 1d20. ADVISOR (SKILL) You've got a knack for guiding others through problems.
OVERCOMING AN OBSTACLE A conflict may occur in an environment littered with obstacles, hindrances, and challenges to overcome. Other than the brief vantage of seeing ships entering the Heighliner's hold, there is little to see. The graduates of the Ginaz school are widely renowned. @@ Gauche: I am showing off my status too much. It defends
a smaller but critical location, like the only bridge that crosses a river for miles, or temporary defenses built to hold difficult ground recently won in a battle. Tips for Creating their characters. Once per scene you may create an asset (at no cost) such as
Emperor, and license for destruction by any enemies— or former allies—within the Landsraad. The Mahdi, when he arrives, is destined to incite the Fremen in a great jihad, a holy war, which sets the stars themselves alight with slaughter. For a fee, they instruct daughters from noble Houses across the Imperium. Relying on long-honed ambush
U T Y: 7 The Sisterhood is my family. Do the characters approach them openly and offer it back to them, or offer to pay them for having gained this knowledge for free? The player characters' personal comms devices don't have the range to raise the distant carryall Grief, or the even more distant storage depot. 249 Mentat Training.
The Military House might have built such a force to feel safe, or so they might hire themselves out as mercenaries. As a Minor Technological/Industrial House is often one step in a line of production of some major specialty good, or a major producer of some common good like furniture. IMPROVISED WEAPON You are able to turn the
most innocuous items into deadly weapons at a moment's notice. For the gamemaster, part of setting up a new scene is describing the traits which apply to that scene. As the thug is a minor nonplayer character, and Kara wins a contested test, he drops. @@ Focuses: One focus for the skill ranked at 6. Many of these assets are intangible, representing
information learned or rumors circulated (and the potential for extortion, knowledge trading, and similar activities), while tangible assets may represent valuable items such as precious goods, raw materials, land, or hard evidence. He is the descendant of an imperial line, House Corrino, which has ruled the universe for tens of thousands of years.
These are huge—much larger than the governor's residency—and built entirely with offworld stone in a brutalist fashion, a symbol of their pitiless character. Remember, these details that you have filled out are for you to process before stepping into the mind of the character, and they do not need to be perfect. THINKING MACHINES Machines have
impacted humanity's development since the stone age, enhancing their survivability. Others claim that the Fremen ride the vast sandworms, somehow able to swing themselves onto the beasts and surf the sand upon them. So, make sure everyone gets catered for at some point, especially when it is their character in the spotlight leading
the action. E ach d20 that rolls equal to or less than the target number scores a single success. Why is she no longer working for them? If you are stuck, try and find answers to the following questions: @@ Do you have a family and how often do you see them? JARIS OBREGON, SPICE OPERATION MANAGER (NOTABLE SUPPORTING CHARACTER)
Jaris Obregon serves as the overworked second-incommand of the Grief, a thankless role which combines secretary, administrator, and general gofer. 276 Criminal......
                                                                                                                                                                                                            .... However, others take advantage of the associated addiction as a means of manipulating others through blackmail, withholding the drug, or offering copious amounts of
House's fortune, their worth is primarily for the alliances they can make through marriage. Taren decides his Faith belief applies, and he luckily brought some of Sapho The juice of Sapho is derived from a plant found on the planet Ecaz. A
less than honorable. Also known as a 'Weaponsmaster', the title of Swordmaster is an ancient and honorable one. Where possible, conflict involving dueling, skirmishes, warfare, and espionage should have clear links between zones, while negotiations and intrigue should have most/all zones 'free-floating' where they all count as adjacent to everything
else.) Some zones may have special effects (usually traits) which apply to assets or characters within them, or which are regarded as more or less important than others; a skirmish may have a zone which is full of hindering obstacles that make it harder to move, while a warfare conflict may denote particular zones as objectives which each side is
eager to secure. C on ten ts Chapter 🏶 I ntroduction .. As time ebbed on, the Imperium became stagnant and reliant upon technology to perform even the most mundane tasks, abandoning its religious beliefs and replacing them with apathy. A cti on sin Intrigue Introduction into the Imperium became stagnant and reliant upon technology to perform even the most mundane tasks, abandoning its religious beliefs and replacing them with apathy. A cti on sin Intrigue Introduction into the Imperium became stagnant and reliant upon technology to perform even the most mundane tasks, abandoning its religious beliefs and replacing them with apathy. A cti on sin Intrigue Introduction into the Imperium became stagnant and reliant upon technology to perform even the most mundane tasks, abandoning its religious beliefs and replacing them with apathy. A cti on sin Introduction into the Imperium became stagnant and reliant upon technology to perform even the most mundane tasks, abandoning its religious beliefs and replacing them with apathy. A cti on sin Introduction into the Introdu
have attempted against your character—during intrigue scenes. The Sisterhood was livid but could do little. QUALITY DESCRIPTION 0 Ordinary, average, or basic in function and effect. Some Mentats have speculated that this is a deliberate slight to the Harkonnens, and that the Emperor may only be a few years from removing their fief, while others are the sister of the Harkonnens and that the Emperor may only be a few years from removing their fief, while others are the sister of the Harkonnens and that the Emperor may only be a few years from removing their fief, while others are the sister of the Harkonnens and that the Emperor may only be a few years from removing their fief, while others are the sister of the Harkonnens and that the Emperor may only be a few years from removing their fief, while others are the sister of the Harkonnens and that the Emperor may only be a few years from removing their fief.
insist that the relationship between the Harkonnens and the Padishah Emperor are actually closer and stronger than are commonly supposed. This can be used by the cunning to their advantage, but it can also spell disaster... As an Asset: Having risen high in the Emperor's esteem, this asset can get you in places and give you information few others
can. A character's drives cannot be altered through advancement. So, she decides to play a noblewoman who was trained by the Sisterhood as a girl. Resources: The resources of this House are focused on one thing: increasing the profits and production of the House. A cure was found in the form of the spice melange, which transformed human
society fundamentally, affecting almost every aspect of life. And he wants to join the ranks of nobility - even if it means killing to get there. @@ The Reason I Fight (Faith): When Chani attempts a Battle test using Faith, and the related drive statement aligns with the action being attempted, she may re-roll 1d20. @@ The asset has a secret
compartment. CREATING A TRAIT OR ASSET Creating traits to give your character an edge or impair your opponent and to go on to graduate, a small
that's okay. @@ In order to kidnap a Bene Gesserit trainee from the Chapterhouse on Wallach IX, the player characters infiltrate the Chapterhouse itself, no small achievement. As a result, many Houses, CHOAM itself, the Bene Gesserit, and other factions throughout the Imperium have embedded spies throughout these institutions. Get to the point
and avoid language that compares anyone to inanimate objects. Otherwise, the player characters can just keep going until they find what they are after, with few consequences. Satisfied with her answers, she saves the third point for later. The point at which the sandworm is about to breach the surface is often marked by lightning—the speed at
which the sandworm travels generates colossal friction, creating static lightning which dances over the sand, in a coruscating display. Breathe life into that character by touching on a hobby they might have or a familiar quirk that can feel relatable to the players. Kara decides to chat with some of the other guests to see if anyone else knows why
Marcus has arrived and what he plans. Spending 2 points of Momentum to move an additional zone represents moving more quickly: a quick dash or run. @@ Create a Trait allows you to define a new fact about the scene or situation. If this would mean that the drive is reduced to less than 6, then it no longer has a statement (and similarly, any drive
increased to 6 gains a statement). Great Houses control more than their home planet and its natural satellites, their territories encompassing several planets and moons, sometimes across different star systems. This costs 3 advancement points. If the asset is being wielded directly by a character—as in, it is an object in their hands—then it is a contest
instead. Retraining in this way halves the number of advancement points required (round up), but comes at a cost: @@ If you retrain a skill, then one skill is also reduced by 1, to a minimum of 4. Shine the spotlight on player characters and give them opportunities to act and react to their surroundings. Many cooks even prefer to prepare meals by
hand from natural ingredients. E spi o n a g e Knowledge is power. Once in control, the Titans divided the universe into small fiefdoms and installed themselves as dictators, ruling with brutal and cruel efficiency. The extremely lucrative nature of such an operation meant that the House responsible for ruling over Arrakis became immensely wealthy
and, most importantly, had access to huge supplies of melange. When running creation in play, the gamemaster should bear a few things in mind as well. The first House wants the second House refuses because they only started the fire by accident, they claim, and in defense of the first House's attack. It refers to
both the literal encampment where a group of Fremen live and to the community who dwell therein. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 95 E n emies Finally, we would be remiss not to mention that your House will have enemies. Whichever the case, the Fremen disappear into the dunes before the 'thopter can see them. 4 P OW E
R: 4 TRU TH: 4 SKILL and is honored to serve in a military capacity. However, the options for defeat may be less formal. Did she reveal the identity on Arrakis, and it
is here that the greatest concentration of the planet's small population is found. Incorruptible. @@ A large number of advanced military craft that appear to be painted in the colors of the planet's small population is found. Incorruptible. @@ A large number of advanced military craft that appear to be painted in the colors of the planet's small population is found. Incorruptible.
arena of spycraft. @@ Orphe intends to use her FOCUSES 4 merchant family's riches to get revenge on the House Minor that killed her father. Once all the options above have been selected, the character is considered complete. Assistance @@ Each assistant rolls only 1d20 (Momentum cannot increase). From these five, select one drive. The
character chosen receives the trait 'Friend of Obregon'. DUNE FANS There are a lot of people, online and in person, who love Dune and the Dune universe. Supremely deadly, the courtier-assassin Count Hasimir Fenring was the closest confidant of Emperor Shaddam IV. Example: Kara's next move is to see if the rumor can grant her any leverage
with the partner or secretary. Keywords (grouped by variant): @@ RPG: Armor-piercing, Explosive, Portable, Single-use, Unguided @@ MPAD: Anti-aircraft, Armor-piercing, Explosive, Two-person Crew @@ Rocket Launcher: Arcing, Armor-piercing, Armor-piercing, Explosive, Outded, Portable, Single-use, Unguided @@ MPAD: Anti-aircraft, Armor-piercing, Explosive, Fundamental Explosive, Two-person Crew @@ Rocket Launcher: Arcing, Armor-piercing, Explosive, Two-person Crew @@ Rocket Launcher: Arcing, Armor-piercing, Explosive, Two-person Crew @@ Rocket Launcher: Arcing, Armor-piercing, Explosive, Two-person Crew @@ Rocket Launcher: Arcing, Explosive, Two-person Crew @@ Rocke
Explosive, Ground Vehicle, Mass Fire, Unguided @@ Missile Launcher: Anti-aircraft, Armor-piercing, Explosive, Ground Vehicle, Guided, Mass Fire 204 Or n it hopers & Shields In general, anything can be shielded, as the generators required to create the field scale to the size of the object. SCENARIO HOOK A veteran noble of an allied House
seeks the assistance of the Atreides. FOSTER DIVERSITY CREATE IMPERFECT CHARACTERS As a gamemaster, you should lean into and reward quirks and flaws in the player characters. ATTACKS an enemy is aiming at your character, you should lean into and reward quirks and flaws in the player character, as it determines the general level
problem with twisted Mentats is that the adaptations to their personality often give them some deep seated psychological issues. Review in gthe Options The pilot Jellicoe can help the player characters review their options. Anyone in a position of power is aware of the value of knowledge and the power of secrets. DRIVE S TAT E MENT DUTE.
Y: 5 FA I T H: 7 JU S T I C E: 6 P OW ER: 5 T RU T H: 5 SKILL Traits: Fremen, Wary Talents: @@ Resilience (Battle): Drasil may resist defeat twice in a scene when in a conflict using the listed skill. @@ Use Truth when the character's curiosity has got the better of them, or when they absolutely must know the answer to enhance their own
an outcome, so it needs a little help from everyone to add an exciting narrative dynamic. How do the main characters get on with one another? And puncturing the skin of their enemies. Another House controls that market, and if the characters pushed this revolutionary product they would surely make an enemy for life. EXAMPLE ASSASSINS @@
Alcott is occasionally tasked with murdering a competitor to their House Minor. Artifact Sietch Desert Anca, the Fremen stillsuit seller 13-16 Cause the murder or destruction of the... Notably, Mohiam possessed the full Bene Gesserit truthsense. Any Momentum you don't spend can be saved, and saved Momentum goes into a group pool for everyoned
to use. That men such as Gurney Halleck and Duncan Idaho would follow the Duke was seen as a testament to his characters, but can require a bit of a personal touch, so players can feel invested. It's your job to dial back and avoid engaging that player
without their consent. During espionage or intrigue, these obstacles may represent factors that prevent access to places or people. A scene is the basic building block of an adventure, just like books and movies are broken into scenes. Is this a common pattern of this House, using these methods of bullying to stomp or weaken other Houses? Widely
used throughout the Imperium, on Arrakis they are only used within the Imperial Basin, as sandworms are not found there; if used elsewhere on the planet, sandworms would be attracted to their vibrations and attack. As Kara only needed one success (Difficulty 1), the roll is a success. It sends users into an intense rage that suppresses an individual's
survival instincts and changes their skin to a peculiar carrotcolored hue. 41, 255 House Harkonnen....... However you choose to create an asset, the asset is created with keywords chose the kinds of assets you create, but the gamemaster
gets to define the specifics), and it has a Quality of 0. p.151 @@ Obtain Information (1 Point/question) @@ Each point of Momentum the player spends allows them to ask the gamemaster one question about the current situation. Once per scene, when an ally fails a skill test, you may immediately spend 2 points of Momentum or add 2 to Threat to
allow that ally to re-roll their dice pool. 213 Indebted Landowner. When you create a trait, it must relate to the action you've just attempted, and the cost increases for each dice: the first costs 1, the second costs 2, and the third
costs 3. It's still going to be a tough test to succeed at, though. AC T I I T he A lberic h Either onboard the scout 'thopter or by following it while he was rightly
considered a just and good man, he was nevertheless remarkably pragmatic. Faykan Corrino became the first Padishah Emperor through a series of political moves and manipulation of humanity's fear of thinking machines. The people and the place are one. @@ If they interrogate the spy, they may be exposed to false information planted within her
memory that could lead down a path of their enemy's choosing. Perhaps the rulers bait their heirs into coup attempts against them. In that move, the city became the capital of the League. Duncan Idaho, for example, is a peerless Swordmaster, the equal of any Sardaukar, but when confronted with a conflict of loyalties between his liege Leto and
Leto's wife, Jessica, he becomes despondent and lashes out rashly. As an Asset: These can be used as short-range transportation for troops or other supplies, and a control console. Religious rulers do much the same, but their focus is on saving the souls of their allies
and keeping them on a righteous and holy path, not deviating into proscribed technologies or sins of disfigurement. Officially, the Tleilaxu take no part in Imperial politics. If Y o u A lre a dy K n o w t h e 🏶 D 🗣 S y stem If you have already know the
basics. They might be old friends or rivals, or they may be a new connection whose allegiance depends on the player characters. Having raised his House to untold heights of power, his schemes and plots were multitudinous, some decades in the offing. However, Kara has met the spice merchant's husband before at a party and they got on very well
so his disposition is friendly. As virtually the entire population of the planet knows, this comes at the order of the Baron himself, but the frenzied nature with which the Fremen are attacked and Arrakis is drained of its spice and water... that is all Rabban. A step up from simply trading raw materials, access to the land where these materials are
produced can be traded if the price is good enough, allowing whomever has access to generate as much of that raw material as they're willing to do the work. Keywords: Defensive, Heavy Cover, Strategic BUNKER CONSCRIPT SHIELD INFANTRY Bunkers, pillboxes, entrenched positions, or any sort of fortified location,
 shielded or not, are smaller defensive structures intended to slow or stop attackers. @@ Intangible assets are most commonly lies and rumors, including lies about the scene—which hinders or impairs your actions, by increasing the Difficulty of skill test
or making some actions impossible. Keep them grounded in reality, by showing off what the non-player character is most excited about. Thank the player that pointed it out rewind, and re-do the scene. Dr. Suk was instrumental not just in humanity's efforts in that war, but to its very survival against the thinking machines. They have their own
mechanism for change, described on p.146-147. Maybe you have an ambitious coworker who enjoys sucking up to the boss. It may be possible to use Understand, representing trying to discern an easy path through or past the obstacle, or to use Discipline to simply force your character through with grit and fortitude. Any territory or industries seized
as a result were to be divided by the Emperor among other Houses, making defiance of the Great Convention a risk few would dare to take. His knife skills have toppled more than one member of the Landsraad. 186 Gaining Information............. Which House was Metzos smuggling raw spice to? Smug and arrogant, there are many fighters who would
like to see him cut down. The needs and desires of each faction provide a clue to their weakness. He left human space to rule Wallach IX and undergo the life-extending procedure. Is this House being upfront and helpful, or are they just setting the characters up for a betrayal to the third House that they purport to hate as much as the characters do?
What? Assets created in this way are temporary and cease to exist at the end of the scene; whatever the asset represents is discarded or ceases to be useful. Over the ages, many noble youths have fallen victim to poisoned food or drink—called chaumurky or chaumas—simply so their sibling does not need to split the shares to someday be inherited.
@@ Move can be used to lead by example, guiding a unit through the terrain with personal experience. Are they in a community? Naturally, this is more obeyed in the form than the act as House wars are always good for the
business of one party or another. This extends to the use of assassins as a method of settling disputes. So, wherever you can find Dune fans, you may very well find some players to join your adventure. Any asset can have Quality, tangible, intangible, or ubiquitous, but where a Quality is not noted it is 0. F reme n W a rri o r C h a n i K y n es DRIVE S
 TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 6 I am but one Fremen, but I owe all to them as they owe all to me. Who can say which eventuality ultimately transpires... Remember that non-player characters can save their unused Momentum as Threat. The story ends with them sately reaching a neutral port. In the modern empire, a Major House controlled at least one
world as the primary base of operations, and possibly many more. On paper, the Keleres are an elite paramilitary organization formed by the Galactic Council to identify and eliminate threats to the survival of the galaxy. This might be a refined substance ready for use
such as the various useful forms and substances that spice can be transformed into. They are further subdivided to help offer ideas for what precise domains might be found within each area of expertise. Or they can bravely try to haul the worker out—a daunting (D3) Move test. These fights (referred to as 'Tahaddi' by the Fremen themselves) are
usually to the death—anything less would require the loser to live with an unbearable shame—and are watched by the whole sietch. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 303 A g ric u lt u r a l H o u se Considered by many to be the most basic, yet vital Houses, the Agricultural Houses (or Farming Houses) focus on feeding the
people of the Imperium. While they were considered equal partners, it required all the combined forces of the others to match that of Emperor requiring them to work together. In some cases, a refugee House may be sheltered by another House, but this is rare, as it risks Imperial disfavor—and likely consequences—upon both Houses equally. Many
Houses bring Bene Gesserit tutors to train their daughters, to add those abilities to the strength of the House. 183 War of Assassins.....
                                                                                                                                                                     .. As an Asset: The vibration effect of the blade disrupts thinking machine gelcircuitry. If it moves, Alik will make it go fast. Quick with an appropriate quotation or poem, Halleck became a close friend and
mentor to the young Paul Atreides. But the gamemaster may decide this makes them predictable and grant their enemies an appropriate bonus. Under the influence of spice, a Guild Navigator can intuitively use prescience to plot a course suitable and safe for faster-than-light travel, allowing ships to avoid gravitational anomalies, erratic orbits, space
debris, and other otherwise unforeseeable hazards to interstellar navigation. These typically require Communicate or Understand tests of worth may require Battle, Move, or Discipline tests depending on the nature of the group you're seeking to access. @@ Ground vehicles are another vital part of armed forces. C on cl u si on How do the
player characters intend to follow up on the dreadful state of the carryall Graf Von Dreissen? for that drive, which should in some way reflect your character's changed views and perspectives. The largest and most industrialized of the three is the Western Continent. The exact subject varies per book, though shigawire is only found on Salusa
Secundus and III Delta Kaising. As an Asset: The devices can only be cracked by extremely advanced technology. At the start of a scene, the gamemaster will inform you where your character is, what's going on, and anything else useful or important you should know. 10,118 A.G. Hasimir Fenring, the failed Kwisatz Haderach, is born. Next, Kara's
player and the gamemaster must decide if the task is at odds with the drive statement. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 167 As noted above, a defeated character can no longer take part in the scene, at least until they've had an opportunity to recover. The enslaved populace—largely Zensunni—was used to harvest fields and
reinforced the agricultural economy. Ho uses of the Imperium and hold most of its wealth and political power. This allows them to take off and land vertically and glide to preserve fuel. The thumper is composed of a spring-loaded clapper on a short stake that repeatedly strikes the
ground. Her secondary skill is Battle, which therefore starts at 5. Traditionally, life within the Faufreluches system is simple, with most people within it serving as some sort of laborers or craftsmen, with some few appointed positions of administration. Moving a spy into a zone represents an attempt to infiltrate that particular group or place, or to get
into the presence or confidence of that person. @@ Use Justice when doing the action is simply the right thing to do, legally if not morally. If you don't want either of those options, you may refuse the point of Determination and choose a different drive. @@ Machinery: Churches, statues, prayer beads, religious symbols, religious books @@ Produce:
Prayers, hymns, religious and inspirational writings @@ Expertise: Philosophers, clergy @@ Workers: Choristers, altar servants, community managers @@ Understanding: New religious philosophies, new forms of faith SCIENCE While the tenets of the Butlerian Jihad remain in force, it does not mean humanity cannot research and develop new
scientific ideas. You control every chatty assassin, desperate water seller, and snarky smuggler your players interact with. Keywords: Capture, Prisoners, Utility As an Asset: Paracompasses are essential to locate directions and determine which way to travel in the wilds. B ec o mi n g a M e n t at The students who decide to continue their training
receive the final years of Mentat conditioning, which forever changes them. Once harvested, it is made into a liquid high energy drink, a stimulant with the unparalleled ability to temporarily amplify a Mentat's mental abilities. Naturally, this means that they're destroyed. One between you all will do, but it is useful to have several copies in case the
players and gamemaster need to reference the rules during play. Oftentimes, no one is to blame. The I mperi um The universe Paul Atreides and his father are born into, a deadly and paranoid place of thousand-year-old traditions and cold war between Houses. Shareholders are expected to provide regular financial reports and keep detailed
accounting. If you want to see how other people play, either to help you understand the game or inspire new stories, Twitch and Youtube offer several recordings of people streaming their games. If that person wishes to break the promise, they must spend Threat equal to twice the Momentum you spent. In the days leading up to the Atreides
investiture of Arrakis, Halleck was one of the key members of the Duke's war council, plotting strategy and tactics and doing everything possible to thwart the Harkonnens. @@ Faith: Does the action rely upon trusting in others, an organization, or a higher power? @@ Rival House Action: The gamemaster may spend a Threat point to introduce a
known enemy House to the situation. A story hook also often includes a non-player character wants to achieve, and how the player character wants to achieve the player 
on their own. You should use whichever way round your group finds intuitive, and each player can use a different style if everyone knows who is doing what. 173 Defeat....
                                                                                                                                                                                                                     . Gamemaster decides on appropriate skill and assigns a Difficulty. The results of Yueh's tortured psyche would have results surprising to all involved. Individual
zones may contain obstacles that are difficult to move over, around, or past, or which otherwise get in the way of fighting. Anderson) NOVELS OF THE IMPERIUM ERA @@ Dune: House Atreides (Brian Herbert & Kevin I. By knowing the how of the scheme, you can figure out how to react to your players' actions. For more detail, and news of further
upcoming releases for Dune: Adventures in the Imperium and a host of other incredible RPGs and board games watch the Modiphius staff at ARRAKIS. The more renowned and dangerous your House is, the more deadly
your opponents will be. 5 SKILL FOCUSES B AT T L E: 7 Lasgun C O M M U N I C AT E: 5 Intimidation DISCIPLINE: 5 MOVE: 6 U N D E R S TA N D: 4 Stealth Traits: Thuggish Tyrant, Brutal and Vicious TALENTS @@ Bold (Battle): Rabban may re-roll a d20 gained from spending Threat on a Battle skill test. Who are they attracted to, if anyone?
(More guidance accompanies each different style of conflict. They are smaller than fortresses and can be created guickly with an entrenching tool. The Landsraad cannot afford to allow any other option. The ally may use the Sardaukar's Discipline instead of their skill as well. Of course, getting hold of such proofs can be difficult, but worth it. Swiften
Traits: Duelist, Arrogant and Ruthless TALENTS @@ Bold (Battle): Feyd may re-roll a d20 gained from spending Threat on a Battle skill test. This is usually a strategic zone, the control of which grants the power both sides seek to claim. Some may consider martial skills to be a pathway to excellence; others might never use a weapon, focusing their
mind on strategy and tactics instead. So, too, are the courtiers. @@ Prana-Bindu: Jessica can re-roll 1d20 on a Move or Discipline test. These blades use vibrations to amplify the attacking power of the sword wielder, but as a result are rarely used on Arrakis due to the possibility of attracting sandworms. Though it is often misrepresented in that way,
it is arguably the fulcrum of the Imperium's geopolitical and economic power: the source of spice, the commodity that fuels and sustains the the entire galactic civilization. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 255 P a dis h a h E mper o r S h a dd a m I V DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 7 FA I T H: 4 JUSTICE: 6 Lesser people
must look to their superiors to know what is right. Some characters may choose to lead their forces personally (in which case, they move with whichever asset represents the unit they lead), while others may be content to give their orders from the safety of a command bunker or fortified war room. tems, going 'dark' while in transit. A radical
preacher has spread their message throughout the lands of this House and now most of the farmers refuse to work until their demands are met. Sometimes this could cross over to very real situations and behavior that can hurt the players, damage the story, and essentially break the game. Ultimately, everyone knows that they, their families, and
everyone they know serve two masters: their siridar governor and the Emperor. Elements like the character's name—so that other character to life, even in this partially-assembled sense. The same is often the case for
rituals like weddings and funerals, with the whole community coming together to celebrate or mourn. Which mode you are using depends mainly on the assets being used. Just as human Mentats replace computers, others are trained and shaped to act with inhuman speed or perceive the slightest changes in another's micro-expressions. S cie n tist
DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 5 FA I T H: 5 JUSTICE: 5 P OW E R: 4 T RU T H: 7 SKILL Scientists do not often participate in political games. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 129 You must be a Reverend Mother of the Bene Gesserit (and have an appropriate trait reflecting this) to select this talent. This requires no test
from you, but the commanded ally may immediately attempt an action of their own, and you may assist any test they attempt. 78 ENVIRONMENT Kaitain is a glorious world and the Emperor paid for it to be that way. Giving different types of characters the chance to save the day can really make a game extra special for a player, especially if you
happen to design an event specifically to a player's or player character's strengths. Maybe they are familiar with all the gossip that spreads between traders. They come in a variety of forms: some may be personal items, other may be intangible ones, some are agents, spies and even Face Dancers. Great store is set on Imperial Conditioning.
Keywords: Melee Weapon (different sizes and forms of blade may have additional keywords) BODKIN These tiny, well-crafted blades are used for personal defense and are commonly used by assassins. You might worsen the disposition of others if you help their rivals or enemies, if you claim something they wanted, or if you do something that causes
problems for them. Once you've defined the skill's rating, roll and resolve the skill test as normal. Defensively, moving security measures secretly may catch enemy spies off-guard. As an Asset: To wrest control of a Heighliner from the Spacing Guild would be to commit one of the highest crimes against the Empire, and one would need to control the
specialized and mutated Navigator to even transport the ship anywhere else. FA I T H: 7 I must learn quickly to be worthy of my father's legacy. CULTURE Wallach IX's culture is one of obedience and community. However, with humanity spread out among galaxies, the Emperor cannot rule without the support of many other noble Major Houses, who
form a legislative body called the Landsraad. On the third attempt, she succeeds—scoring the last two points she needed—and even generates some Momentum, which she saves for later, as it's not needed here. However, they also brought along an incredible amount of electronic gear that is legitimately for productions, but can also be used for
espionage purposes. Time and again, the Duke's choices led to both his increasing popularity in the Landsraad and the jealousy and suspicions of the Imperial throne. For a lighter tone, it could be interesting to think about what a non-player character's quirks are. Keywords (grouped by variant): @@ Scout: Fast, Flying, Glide, Quiet, Size: Small @@
Troop Transport: Fast, Flying, Glide, Quiet, Size: Squad @@ Supply Carrier: Fast, Flying, Glide, Jet-assisted, Size: Small CARRYALL Most often seen as air transport for spice harvesters on Arrakis, carryalls are the air transportation workhorse of the Imperium
military and civilian sectors. It should also be noted that no character can take more statistics for the various non-player characters, although again, it depends which conflict system they use. @@ What is considered most valuable in their
environment/ society? @@ Increase Difficulty: The gamemaster can choose to increase the Difficulty of a single skill test before the roll by one for every 2 Threat spent. 64 A rr a k is PLANETARY HABITABILITY CLASSES Every planet is a unique location with a vast number of differences than others but fall within five classes for our purposes here.
Drawn by any rhythmic noise on the surface of the sand, sandworms can surge upwards and towards such noises with terrifying speed and, against creatures of such size, there are almost no weapons which can drive them off. EXAMPLE GUILD AGENTS @@ Senver is a broker who will sell you passage on a Heighliner or arrange for transportation of
your exports or imports but, mostly, Senver deals with smugglers. "Kara needs to chase down the assassin and take him down. 206 Political Spy.....
                                                                                                                                                                                   .... @@ Trait: Sergeant @@ Primary Skill: Battle @@ Secondary Skill: Communicate @@ Focuses: Long Blades, Strategy @@ Talents: Master-at-Arms @@ Drives: Sergeants commonly feel a
strong a bond of loyalty to their warriors, one which is reciprocated and manifests in a powerful sense of Duty. These gifted individuals can always find employ if they are willing to reveal their ability. This option may be used twice, once for each remaining focus. C on flict S c ope Conflicts take many different forms, and they can occur on many
different scales. By making access on foot virtually impossible, Carthag was insulated against a great deal of the varieties of political intrigue which make Arrakeen so dangerous. This exclusively female order focused on training the body and mind to its greatest potential. Regardless of the result, complications may allow the enemy to gain an
advantage over you, like opening you up for a counterattack. Coating the darts with a variety of drugs and poisons can provide a wide arsenal of options for employing these handy pieces of equipment. @@ House Major: 2 Threat per player @@ Great House: 3 Threat per
player Domains Having established the general level of your House, we now turn to what it produces, or what it is famous for. The primacy of my agenda is ruled only by fact. It is rumored that Bene Tleilax have abducted newborns to test if the transition to a corrupted, or 'twisted', Mentat is less complicated with a younger subject. Conversely, on
Arrakis, shield technology is difficult to use, as shields of any size attract the attention of enraged sandworms, and the weather conditions of constant dust particles, frequent sandstorms, and high static electricity make shields unreliable and difficult to maintain. Remember, anyone who controls an entire planet is not to be underestimated. But they
might instead get each player to pick which servants their character is talking to. If ever an allied asset moves from your character with it if you wish. This House is not aware that the characters know about this closely guarded secret. TWILIGHT IMPERIUM ADVENTURES After their defeat
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thousands of years in the past, everybody thought that they were gone forever. Whatever the asset represents is discarded or ceases to be useful. A tabletop RPG can be played at a table but works equally well in any location as long as everyone can talk to each other and has space for their characters, notes, and dice. But her other two picks can be useful.
anything she likes. @@ Espionage - Spying (corebook p.177). Once the psychic and mental benefits of extreme spice were discovered, prescience and enhanced computers to calculate the distances for faster-than-light travel.
Further, the limits of what others would be able to notice does not apply. In this chapter we offer advice to gamemasters old and new about how to apply the rules, manage each encounter, and develop the story in your adventures on Dune. 16 House Banners and Arms............ These kinds of problems tend to take the form of traits or complications
inflicted on characters, and removing traits from a scene is much the same as adding them. @@ Estes is a veteran of many battles, all of which are beginning to take their toll. If they serve the primary domain it can be 7. However, Rabban never really understood the complexities of
                                                                                                                                    .... The following provides a more detailed and streamlined version of these rules for these particular forms of conflict. In either case, this requires a skill test, with a Difficulty of 2. This has driven the Emperor to begin a plot to
destroy House Atreides, using their old enemy, House Harkonnen. @@ Conflicts do not need to cause wounds or physically hurt a target. In practice, thanks to constant Council infighting and many worlds barely paying lip service to Council authority, the Keleres are peacekeepers and troubleshooters trying their best to solve problems with little
support. EVERYONE PANICS. To have more time with her, it killed her child Manion, who became the first martyr of the oncoming war. They also make excellent financial advisors, and while they cannot pilot a foldspace vessel, they are often experienced space travelers. A primary domain is the area your House is most famous for. Maybe it's
sculpting or weaving or some other art. In either case, characters in a contest may accept assistance from other characters on their side. However, if you have the Heirs of Dune you might play this adventure after completing the Starter Set as part of the ongoing campaign as the player characters go about managing their new fieldom. Often useful
(ironically) in acts of deceit. With five drives in total, this will take ten questions (listed below, for convenience), and whichever drive wins most often is second most important, and so forth, until you've gotten your order. Personnel carryalls appear much like massed civilian air transports. Perfectly adapted to
the desert conditions it inhabits, it can survive without drinking water at all. Either roll 1D20 on the list below or choose a reason that makes sense to the group. Be n e G esserit Agent DRIVE STATEMENT LE: I know my responsibilities. If the statement ends with
'possible', then the activity can be attempted while the trait applies, while if it ends with 'impossible', then it can't be attempted while that trait applies. Most households have no means of long-range communication, and their homes are lit by glowglobes or more natural methods. While groomed and trained from birth to inherit his family's estate and
join the galactic ruling class, he is also potentially a prophesized messianic 'chosen one', inheritor of a vast and quasi-mystic set of abilities that have been engineered for thousands of years. Or are they a double agent trying to infiltrate
the characters' House on behalf of their own House? This weapon emerged from the world of shield-fighting, where combatants carry blades in both hands. The Imperial House's grip on the Empire is absolute. In extreme circumstances the board of directors may provide assets to increase security for a specific trade, but these costs will always be
ultimately borne by the shareholder who requested them. @@ Moving an asset subtly can represent using innuendo, subtlety, and implication to bring that asset into the conversation, creating a situation where your opponent may not know what you're implying until it's too late. The Zensunni arrived on Poritrin, their original planet of origin lost to
the ages, and lived contentedly for an unknown amount of time. While a fighter might choose to engage a foe unarmed, it is impossible to blackmail someone without something to blackmail them with. You may not Keep the Initiative after failing. @@ Hurt: An injury is slowing me down. The following is how the Conflict Overview (p.167) applies to
espionage: @@ As mentioned above under Assets in Espionage: Spies and Security, assets in espionage are usually things like spies, informants, surveillance devices, and intangible assets like rumors and propaganda. Everywhere in the Imperium shields are ubiquitous, cheap, and easy to produce, and have been common for over a thousand years.
Keywords: Atomic, Defense, Protection Special: It is more difficult to harm a character armed with a semi-shield with ranged combat, and special care must be taken to strike the portion not protected by the shield. How does their player character feel about this situation? Meetings of the board are held on Kaitain under the protection of the Imperial
House. Most modern blades are crafted with plasteel or damasteel. There is also an absence of widespread plantlife capable of producing the quantity of oxygen which tests of the atmosphere have indicated to be present. When? If you planned for a combat-heavy campaign, but the players have used every opportunity to circumvent violent
encounters, you may want to adjust your expectations and storyline. Either way, there's a lasting connection between both parties, which can allow for greater influence at a later date. @@ How much of the House's wealth is put into the community? P u tti n g t h e C l u es T o g et h er If the player characters do not yet suspect that setting off in their
'thopter to question the 'malcontent mechanic Euler' at the distant storage depot was a wild If the player characters investigated their 'thopter wreck and found the cut fuel line, the gamemaster can use the pilot Jellicoe, if still present, to remind them of that second act of sabotage. Scholars may specialize deeply in a single field of study, or they may
study a wide range of subjects. As an Asset: A reliable map can reveal a lot about a planet, the people, and the local Houses... Guild agents are a point of contact for noble Houses wishing to travel or trade, and some are assigned to a noble House to maintain good relations and offer a priority service. These might be weapons and vehicles, but can just
as easily be favors, status, or even blackmail material. The desert planet. ENVIRONMENT Originally, Salusa Secundus was a temperate world capable of sustaining life. Baron Vladimir has many plans for himself and his dynasty to further their ambitions — ambitions for which they are capable of any act, no matter how terrible. FOCUSES 4 C O M Most plans for himself and his dynasty to further their ambitions for which they are capable of any act, no matter how terrible.
U N I C AT E: 6 DISCIPLINE: 4 MOVE: 4 U N D E R S TA N D: 5 The swish of their exquisite clothing whispers of wealth. Do n't L et T h em T a ke O ver the Adventue to fill in several details about the non-player characters, these details are more for you than they are for the player, so that you can
process them and really step into the character's shoes. As traits can be used to cancel each other they should be brought into play one at a time, giving the other side the option of playing a trait to counteract it. If the statement for the Drive being used contradicts the action of the skill test, a challenge has occurred. Little more than a teenager by
the standards of the Faufreluches, she was already an accomplished warrior among her people as required of all among them at her age. Even Imperial guards and functionaries titter behind the characters' backs as they deny appointments to meet important officials to conduct business. What kind of adventure are you going to run for your players?
@@ When was the last time you cried? In the years that followed, Stilgar would become the naib of Sietch Tabr and a friend to Pardot Kynes' child, Liet. A makeover of the House is the way to go. The secretary isn't bothered about the rumor,
                                                                         ...... The more wide-ranging the action, the more important the test and the easier to determine motivation and drive. These interact with the rules in the same way as other traits. HOUSE MAJOR The House is the ruling power of an entire planet. In the most convoluted of these
feints, the pawn itself is revealed to be empowered by its proximity to its captors. Everyone needs shoes and Gral seems to know something about everybody. The pedagogical aspect of the swordmasters is an important one. These social gadflies don't just play the complex games of the Landsraad for extra power, they make these games their
storyteller, and your players are your creative collaborators. The Harkonnens are both wealthy and paranoid, and it is partly the constant fear of assassination that resulted in the founding of Carthag. Guild Navigators pilot their ships as they make these faster-than-light leaps, but they do not propel or transport the vessels themselves. What is a Pu
blis h ed C a mp a i g n? In this way they hope to one day make puppets of the entire Landsraad. This form of test can be exceptionally useful for a gamemaster. Do the player characters take the Sardaukar head on, attempt to bribe him, or find an alternative means of eliminating the imposing figure from the equation? You can find it in the turning of the entire Landsraad.
the seasons, in the way sand trails along a ridge, in the branch clusters of the creosote bush or the pattern of its leaves. @@ Additional Trait: Guild Agent @@ Mandatory Talents: Guildsman 112 SUK DOCTOR @@ Additional Trait: Suk Doctor
@@ Suggested Archetypes: Analyst, Commander, Courtier, Herald, Scholar, Steward @@ Mandatory Talents: Imperial Conditioning S tep T w o: ARCHETYPES AT A GLANCE A rc h et y pe Next, select a general archetype for the character. R el u ct a n t T r a it o r D r. Both are located on the northern cap, the only place into which sandworms
cannot gain access. ARRAKEEN ARCHITECTURE The outskirts of Arrakeen consist of large water-farms and a few collections of still-tents where those Fremen who operate within the city, but do not live within a permanent residence, dwell. Without the Guild's ability to move trade goods between star systems, a House's wealth is constrained, its
power within the Landsraad dwindled. You may instead spend 2 points of Momentum to allow one of your allies to move at your signal. This is especially the case if not everyone prefers the same thing. As a mixture of her time with the Sisterhood and
her training in the nobility, she takes Masterful Innuendo as her third pick. The Isana River is the lifeline of Poritrin traders using boatcars and other seafaring vessels to travel to Starda. @@ Physician: For the powerful, there is nothing so vital as health and longevity, so doctors are valuable... 100 and dangerous. 88 Farming...
Whatever it is, the whole universe knows your House is the best one to provide it. STEP FIVE: TALENTS Choose three talents. Sometimes, moving an asset represents wrestling your opponent into range of your asset rather than moving the asset to them. If this reduces the Difficulty to 0, you may move over or around that obstacle freely as if it wasn't
there. Example: After much thought Claire chooses Faith 8, Duty 7, Power 6, Truth 5, and Justice 4. B.G. Mohannas Suk establishes the Suk Medical School. As an Asset: The rulers of Arrakis are nominally the only ones who control spice harvesters, but smugglers and the Fremen employ their own. If someone has trouble adding narration, let them
roll the dice and move on. She gives the gamemaster enough Threat to buy 2 more dice and brings her handmaiden Anna in to support her with assistance. The Fallofthe Butlerian Jihad occurred over the planet Corrin, where Omnius gathered all its forces for one last fatal assault against Salusa
Secundus. If character's person, and only revealed now, or they may be something improvised from the environment, such as finding an object to use as a weapon. Dueling can take the form of formalized dueling, assassination attempts, gladiatorial bouts, and one-on-one combat. Many names found in the novels are provided as an example below,
providing common masculine and feminine names, as well as a sample of family names. Regardless of the desired outcome, this action always requires a skill test. Any action where the goal is to defeat an opponent is classified as an attack, and defeated opponents are no longer able to participate in that conflict: they may be injured or even dead, they
may have been forced out of a social gathering, or they're otherwise incapable of continuing to affect the conflict. FOCUSES B AT T LE: 5 C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 Intimidation D I S C I P LI N E: 7 Spice Harvesting M OVE: 4 U N D ER S TA N D: 5 Assets; Carryall Commander, Knife, Servant of the Residency D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E
I M P E R I U M 311 AC T I I 'Tho pter Down The player characters take a 'thopter from the carryall and head to the distant storage depot to question the suspected saboteur Euler. This rice is both nutritious and travels well and given the fair price the Atreides charge it has become a staple food for most of the Imperium. The M issi on a ri a P r
o tecti va Within the Sisterhood is a long-established group called the Missionaria Protectiva dedicated to spreading the Panoplia Propheticus across different worlds. This can be very simple, with one zone for each individual participant, or more complex as factions such as Houses, and the interconnected web of loyalties and rivalries, come into play
sneaking up on one of the House Arcuri technicians and stealing his uniform and access pass. This will become the heart of the B.G. Kwisatz Haderach program. Some blades are presented as parts of ceremonies, used to signify rank and status. Rights & Responsibilities: The Ruler has complete control over the House, and everyone must obey their
commands. She has been patient for many years and is making her big move now. In addition, once per scene, they can increase the cost for another to Keep the Initiative by +2. Some people prefer fast-and-loose gameplay, others like a complex and more simulationist approach. However, a script reading differs from a roleplaying game in that there
is no script. They may do this as often as they wish to spend Momentum, for as many of the House traits as they like. Skirmishes still take place over a relatively short range, but are close enough that a swordmaster is still able to put their prowess to good use. Fearing Marcus may be looking to offer a deal to the same spice merchant, she considers
asking who he might be making a deal with. Those other Houses have likely been paid off or offered sweetheart deals in exchange for your destruction. This chapter provides two different methods for creating main characters, but whichever method is chosen, it is recommended that the players all use the same method. Assets: Dartgun, Hunter-
seeker, Poison 272 In the Imperium, assassins are sanctioned professionals. This target number is calculated by adding up the skill you are using (rated 4-8) and the drive that is driving the character's actions (also rated 4-8). How else could they have lived so long on Arrakis? Globus resents interference from higher up the command structure—such
as the player characters—but grudgingly complies with direct orders. When they move on to actual combat training it is often done in heavy armor or on recalcitrant steeds to ensure the student learns to fight in the most difficult of circumstances. Others tend to emphasize the need to use their skills for a good reason, focusing on Justice. Moving such
an asset to the zone representing your opponent allows you to attack them with that asset. Coupled with an eye for detail, a Face Dancer can mimic the gestures and mannerisms of whatever disguise they take on. They land hard and the 'thopter takes a lot of damage, but there is no serious harm to anyone inside the 'thopter, and they suffer only
minor bumps, taking the new temporary trait 'Rattled'. This means that it is usually only done when people die young or from battle wounds. The perfect way to build your story and perhaps even your legacy on the dunes of Arrakis. The character can improve their equipment and do the same for those that serve them, who may also grow in their
skills and training. Once the Guild has connected to a House's ship's communication and sensor systems, each ship is self-contained. The main export of House Atreides is a crop called 'pundi rice'. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 5 C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 DISCIPLINE: 7 MOVE: 5 U N D E R S TA N D: 8 Command, Composure Gifted with generational
knowledge and the ability to detect lies and falsehoods, Reverend Mothers operate as counsellors and advisors. You may spend 2 points of Momentum to move your chosen asset one additional zone, or to choose a second asset to move one zone. C o mplic atio n s When you attempt a skill test, any dice which roll a 20 cause a complication. The Guild's
secretive nature kept outsiders from getting even a glimpse inside their operations, obscuring its structure and roles within. 3 C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 DISCIPLINE: 6 MOVE: 4 U N D E R S TA N D: 6 On Arrakis, nothing is easy. @@ Aury, a talented musician, has befriended the heir to a House and is obtaining information for rivals while giving
baliset lessons. @@ Trait: Smuggler @@ Primary Skill: Move @@ Secondary Skill: Move @@ Focuses: Pilot, Unobtrusive @@ Talents: Subtle Step @@ Drives: A character has scores in five drives— Duty, Faith, Justice, Power, and Truth—ranging from
attacks (using the extended task rules). Rights & Responsibilities: A Swordmaster is not only a lethal fighter but a deadly tactician, often with experience honed on several battlefields. While he lacked the experience of command, Feyd possessed a sharp mind, and was carefully tutored by the twisted Mentat Piter de Vries. This is a time before the
Houses of the Landsraad and the Great Schools. @@ Do they have a hobby outside of their job? When he saw how different the Atreides were from the brutal Harkonnens, he offered his undying loyalty to Duke Paulus. While it is not the most powerful, it has carved out an important niche in the Imperium. 195 Shield, Semi-..
people take their faith. As a body, CHOAM takes no part in these conflicts and discourages such open violence between shareholders. Most of the animals living on the dunes are small, hardy, and thus it once more falls to
 humankind to fill this void. On the damp, inhospitable planet of Wallach IX (see p.83), the Bene Gesserit Mother Superior guides humanity with a subtle hand from the massive Mother School complex. If anything appears confusing, refer back to the previous core system. CULTURE The culture of Giedi Prime is one of oppression. He works as a
freelancer and will kill anyone for enough solaris. 48 on less reliable methods, and space travel before and without the Guild—even still—was hazardous and slow, with many more ships lost to the darkness of space or destroyed in transit. D U T Y: 7 FA I T H: 6 JU S T I C E: 5 P OW ER: 5 T RU T H: 5 SKILL I cover the back of those who cover mine.
PROBE, IXIAN A device wrought by the folk of Ix, the Ixian probe allows the user to scan and replicate the electrochemical signals in a human brain—living or dead—making a copy of personality traits, sense experience, and memory for later reference. The depot is many kilometers away in the desert, but reachable by fast 'thopter flight in under an
hour. @@ Pain: Gain 1 advancement point when you are defeated during conflict. These sergeants are often practical people, hardened veterans who are accustomed to leading by example. To be prepared, have a whole bunch of random, quick minor nonplayer characters ready, so you can pull one out if your players do something unexpected. Only
the truly reckless make an enemy of a Reverend Mother. Fixed blades are treated with a unique process that allows them to be stored. Her dream is to appear to be an ordinary noblewoman but create a reputation as a master assassin that no one knows the real identity of. Dartguns and hunter-seekers are some examples of permitted tools in this
narrow definition of warfare. COURTIER Courtiers are the assorted attendants, advisors, clerks, agents, and others with positions at court, or access to the rulers of the House. 154 Success at a Cost....... As an Asset: A subject that has consumed shere is immune to the effects of an Ixian probe while alive or dead. Then, in order, assign the
associated rating: You can determine this order in any way you want, but the key is that this is the point where you determine who the character suffers one or more complications on a skill test, they or the gamemaster may choose to add two points to the Threat pool to ignore character suffers one or more complications.
a complication. A fight between some assassins in an alley might be a single zone, or even six different zones denoting different parts of the alley. Keywords: Crew-served, Long-ranged, Shell Varieties ROCKET/MISSILE LAUNCHER Rocket and missile launchers range from one-man disposable rocket-propelled grenades to large vehicle-driven systems
designed to launch masses of 'dumb' rockets or guided missiles at a variety of unshielded targets. @@ Contested Test: As above, the gamemaster tells the players this will take all day for all of them to talk to everyone. However, while you can't have an ornithopter in your pocket, you might come across one ready to fly. Use of Assets Common
examples of ways to use an asset include: @@ Attacking an opponent with the intent of harming or defeating them (see Attack Sequence and Resisting Defeat, opposite). Then again, the characters don't think anyone else knows. @@ Two skills ranked at 5, and two of their job or role, such as Military Officer, Steward, Pilot, or Scholar. You might
decide the character is a lethal fighter or not suited for fighting at all. Does she succeed? The same options exist to target assets, create new assets, and defeat opponents. While there is a lot of fun to be had creating in play, the group should also be focused on completing the characters. Resources, weapons, technology, warehouses, or sweeping
changes to a planet's environment might all be things that different factions want to keep to themselves. The game would get pretty boring if you always succeeded at everything you did. 186 Managing Social Conflict & Intrigue............................ Religion generally reflects the life of the people who follow it. Embers of the Imperium is a roleplaying game based
on the immersive Twilight Imperium board game. As an Ally: All ruling Houses worry about feeding their people. The dominance of the Heighliner market and spice operation led to several other noble Houses plotting Richese's downfall. If not, this could be a good opportunity to see how they feel about moving and how it shapes their identity. People
change day-to-day, and our responses to stimuli change. OCCUR ON... 1 Normal 2 Risky 3 Perilous 18-20 4 Precarious 17-20 5 Treacherous 16-20 20 19 or 20 S u ccess at a C o st Some skill tests can't really be failed outright. However, great care was always taken to ensure no gladiator slave stood a chance of actually winning, granting Feyd an
inflated view of his combat skill. This allows Nasir to take an attack. Finding someone who understands the right pestures to gain admittance to this sanctum, to that library, is a vital step for anyone hoping to situate themselves at the ultimate nexus of power. Do they work together to prove their innocence or plan their escape?
202 B.G. The spice melange's commercial value is discovered. Remember that everyone in the group should have a voice in creating the House at every level, as it will be the foundation upon which you build your campaign. Learning the disposition of another character is relatively straightforward, requiring only Momentum to be spent to Obtain
Information (one question lets you ask the disposition of one character toward a single other character toward a single other character toward a single other than additional allied asset in the same zone. While the possessor insists the item came to them fairly, the other House insists nothing
could be further from the truth. STILLSUIT These full-body suits are essential for survival on Arrakis outside the cities. The juice is refined into a high-energy drink that amplifies mental powers. In both cases, make sure the gamemaster approves your choices. These factors make it more likely that complications occur, by increasing the range of
numbers which cause complications. The first and most prominent of these signs is that the leader who guides the Fremen to paradise, who avenges the numerous wrongs done to the people of Arrakis, is not a Fremen. C o mm u n ic ate A rc h et y pes S o ci a lites Reputation can be a beautiful weapon. For example, if we were to look at a Sardaukar
loyalty, but offer incredible power and responsibility within the House. Shields are a common defense for facilities and make the use of lasguns deadly for all sides engaging in the battle, due to the unpredictable interaction of the resultant explosion. P OW E R: 4 T RU T H: 5 SKILL FOCUSES B AT T L E: 7 Short Blades C O M M U N I C AT E: 5
 Intimidation DISCIPLINE: 7 Command MOVE: 6 Worm Rider U N D E R S TA N D: 5 Traits: Fremen Leader, Fierce and Dedicated TALENTS @@ Cautious (Battle): Stilgar may re-roll a single d20 gained from spending Threat on a Battle skill test. This not only makes them incredible spies, but equally deadly assassins. The House with the right to
much can sap the game's flow. Passing this test means that you've managed to pass the obstacle unhindered. The other looks as though a human hand had been pressed into the surface by some ancient god. @@ Intrigue - Social conflict (corebook, p.184). @@ Tired: I am feeling too exhausted to run. As an Asset: The thumper is useful in calling or
complex mathematical processes required, that only machines could perform prior. Continuing with our Sardaukar Military Officer example, under Traits, you could have: "I'm not sure if I'm fit for this job. Kara's player has 2d20 to roll for the test, and no Momentum yet to buy any more. Had such a formidable organization originated on a planet with
TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 6 FA I T H: 5 JUSTICE: 5 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 7 SKILL EXAMPLE SPIES/INFILTRATORS @@ Tellia poses as a trader in an Arrakeen market while collecting intelligence for a 'friend' who is a Harkonnen employee. What deal do the Smugglers have with the Guild? The population is focused on flying and what it takes to
stay flying. If this doesn't reduce the drive's score to 5, then the statement may remain unchanged (and no longer crossed-out). With the drugor poison-covered needle hidden among their jewelry or uniforms, Sardaukar use the flip-darts in hand-to-hand combat to provide an arguably unfair advantage. The century-long crusade ended with the
destruction of all thinking machines and a decree that no machine can be built in a similar fashion to a human mind. Following in the footsteps of Cogitor Arn Eklo, their advisor, they would place their brains into preservation tanks. A person's water is not simply the water they possess; it is also the water contained in their body, their most valuable
commodity D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 71 and resource and the means by which they contribute to the survival of the sietch, even after death. The view from the upper floors of Castle Caladan is breathtaking, overseeing the vastness of Cala City all the way to the shadow of Mount Syubi reaching tirelessly skyward,
accompanied by the roar of the great Marius River flowing next to the castle. For her final pick she decides the Bene Gesserit taught her how to move unseen and takes Stealth as a Move focus. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 5 C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 Diplomacy DISCIPLINE: 7 Command, Composure MOVE: 4 U N D E R S TA N D: 5 EXAMPLE YOUNG
during play. The Ruler makes all the most important decisions regarding the House and appoints others to their roles. This could be run as an intrigue conflict, but the commander has already been defeated. You are not powerless in this situation, though. Some keep their populace cowering in fear and treat their subjects as little more than animals
or resources that can just be replaced when they 'wear out'. S h a re h o lder R esp o n sibilities Shareholder Houses typically control several especially lucrative trades with partner Houses. As they're time-sensitive, they may vanish after a few turns, though recurring events may appear
will react to the situation. @@ Terris Ghurani coordinates the movements and sales for one of the largest smuggling rings on Arrakis. They hold a noble title such as Baron/Baroness, Duke/Duchess, or similar, and as the head of the House, they have a vote in the Landsraad
the Imperium embodies a very human future. The asset is considered to be leverage, which allows your character to influence someone else, whether positively (the ability to harm that person), negatively (the ability to harm that person), negatively (the ability to harm that person) and norms, religious drives,
or the target's reputation). Er a of the God Emperor but undergoes a strange metamorphosis, encased in living armor made up of the larval form of sandworms. The players and gamemaster should also finalize any traits they are applying (some might be required to even make it possible) before moving
on to roll the dice. The early years of his reign on Caladan were marked by conflicts both subtle and overt with the age-old rivals of the Atreides. For many years, the Harkonnens held the rights and responsibility
of mining Arrakis for its spice, a period in which they made a vast fortune and many enemies among the planet's natives and their rivals within the Landsraad. A character's ambition is a short phrase describing their ultimate goal or desire, and it is defined by their highest-rated drive at the time of character creation. Attempting an attack in the same
zone as a shield is impossible unless the attack is sufficiently slow-moving (normally from a melee weapon). Caladan is the counterpoint of the familiar to the Atreides once they arrive on Arrakis, forcing them to adapt and ultimately change the universe in the process. Just saying you move an asset isn't very exciting, but saying you are flying your
ornithopter low over the desert to avoid the spotter drones is much more interesting. Where did they meet their contacts and how much can they trust them? Adherents generally read and reread the OC Bible to memorize its warnings and understand the truth of its laws and moral guidance. Harkonnen forces who attempted to corral and subdue the
Fremen upon first arriving on Arrakis were quickly shown the folly of doing so. Business contracts and quantities of valuables are traded alongside information and favors and can be distilled in small and fleeting
moments, even if they never take the spotlight in your campaign. As an Asset: The compact cloak appears like any other cloak appears like any other sheddam IV married a Bene Gesserit of Hidden Rank. Kara and Nasir really wish they'd worn their shields. You have little reason to trust off-worlders, but
circumstances may lead you to stand beside them for a time. We Fremen need to see it succeed.' Then she vanishes back into the crowd on the main street." "Not with that leg wound she won't. The next layer of the city is chiefly composed of engineers and those vital to the spice mining and spice trade. An exceptionally
lavish personal ornithopter might even grant some social status. Being a Mentat requires a specific mental aptitude and mental conditioning that is rare in most people. DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 6 FA I T H: 5 JU S T I C E: 5 P OW ER: 7 T RU T H: 5 SKILL A commander should be obeyed. Example: For her first pick, Claire must take
Pranabindu Conditioning as she has Bene Gesserit training. @@ The skill test is to avoid or resist a danger. When one spoke of a 'swordmaster' or a 'doctor', it was assumed that these were products of the Ginaz or the Suk schools, as no others would be worthy of mention. Much of that history has been lost and does not figure into the timeline of the
Imperium. The Houses banded together to form the Landsraad, composed of the noble Houses who were overseen by the Padishah Emperor and run by its High Council. Their appearance might be putting into play a plot of their own. Biting down on this instrument of doom crushes
the brittle, fake enamel and activates the nerve-shaped tablet within, resulting in a cloud of poison gas that surrounds the tooth's bearer and any in the immediate area. As an Asset: Depending on the design of a carryall, they excel at transporting cargo or personnel across planets at suborbital altitudes. You may describe a scene, adding some detail
players misinterpret as being vital to the story. During this chaos, the Titans temporarily escaped, then took control of the planet Bela Tegeuse and converted willing volunteers into a deadly army of Neo-cymeks. Your chosen archetype will provide a single talent, and it will suggest several options which are appropriately thematic for that archetype
can navigate these social battlefields. To attack a Guild ship would be financial and political suicide, and it is possible that this is innate or acquired is not known). Some player characters may prefer to operate from relative safety, far behind the
front lines, while others wish to lead from the front. The Count was a small, unassuming man, and easily underestimated — a persona he carefully cultivated. Even a Minor House will have several interests, and those of a planetary power are vast. Self-serving actions need not always take from others and might even require sacrifice (for a greater
reward), but they are never entirely altruistic. As the eldest daughter of House Molay, Kara was sent to the Bene Gesserit for training, as much for her edification as to keep her out of the way. A shield can provide protection for more substantial areas, making them much harder to penetrate. 293 Tleilaxu Master...... FOCUSES B AT T L E: 6
C O M M U N I C AT E: 5 DISCIPLINE: 7 MOVE: 6 Stealth U N D E R S TA N D: 5 Religion (Fremen) A young woman of Sietch Tabr, Chani was a consummate Fremen. She is most known for her ability to find and neutralize other assassins. RELATIONSHIPS Life does not occur in isolation. The highest-scoring student of each class can choose the
specialty they desire, creating an air of competition within the school. C o mpress or M a l f unction At an opportune moment determined by the gamemaster—perhaps in the midst of one of Globus' diatribes about the difficulties of recruiting competent workers on Arrakis—an alarm sounds on the bridge, mercifully cutting him short. He still bears
the scars of an inkvine lash across his jaw, and his own sister was murdered by the Harkonnens, an act he has never forgiven. E spi o n a g e A ssets: Weapons DARTGUN The Assassins' Handbook sings the praises of the humble dartgun. Without its dependence on machines humans expanded their own capabilities, some even honing skills bordering
on the supernatural. ENVIRONMENT Tleilax is ecologically a welcoming world with a near year-round temperate climate. They served Omnius for a millennium. Often useful in conflict. Its governance is a peculiar paradox: the combined force of the Landsraad refuses to allow the Imperial House to control Arrakis (and the spice) directly, but only the
Padishah Emperor is allowed to choose who administers to the planet, as all property in the Emperor himself. Though admission is costly, the Suk School has continued to train medical practitioners and provide a place of research and collegial review for millennia. Or maybe you cross paths with the same
House Corrino MUH052165 Show your allegiance to the most powerful Houses of the Imperium or collect the set of these three stunning special edition covers for the Core Rulebook. It is unlikely that any conflict can be considered resolved by them unless it has been settled on a battlefield. Naturally, this is a leading motivation of intra-House
intrigue as young nobles desire not just the inheritance of title, but wealth, or wish to see themselves land higher in the line of succession than their peers. The asset is a lie, of course; you don't have anything, but your target doesn't know that. Innocent, they must clear their names or find the real assassin. Barbarossa continued to evolve the
computer network. M a n a g e D i v ersit y The world of Dune is vast and large, filled with unique characters that have different needs. Physical media includes filmbooks, shigawire readers, minimic encoders, memocorders, and other media players and projectors. 128 Improved Resources................ As they move past their enemy, blood seems to
blossom on the enemies' body in several places at once, leaving the wounded shrieking and those less fortunate in ragged heaps. The leader of a House may in some cases have a married spouse and one (or more) concubines. She is utterly dedicated to her family but also considers anything that benefits her to benefit the House. The competitive
nature of achieving the next scientific breakthrough or breaking ethical laws means little if your competitor or the Imperium discovers it. Arrakis becomes the center of not only a new Imperium but a new religion. Alternatively, it could be a tangible asset, but this must be something that your character could reasonably have concealed from everyone
else (and WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE AN ASSET? A complication might instead cause an activity to take longer than normal (as a rule of thumb, each complication increases the time taken by 50%). This miraculous substance is found in only one place in the entire universe: the planet Arrakis. This allows the player to define their own interpretation of
the drive and forgo the need to check the definition of the drive in question before deciding. If you know what drive seems appropriate but the statement doesn't fit... The cannon turret is a powerful asset with a Quality of 1, so the gamemaster scores a total of 3 of the 4 points they need, leaving only 1 left. Caladan's populace are sea people by birth.
The gamemaster could make the alley a single zone, but decides to make things more interesting by creating three zones: the part of the alley with a fire escape ladder (fire escape), and the end of the alley that is a dead end (end). @@ Notable NPCs are significant experts and agents of rival Houses
or other factions, similar to notable supporting characters. There are also a few platforms designed for gamers, such as Roll20 and Discord that have additional features like tactical maps and dice rolling programs. No House Major is worthy of the name without something they are regarded as being the best at. "Realizing he's not going to escape, he
enriches the Houses and the Emperor. 258 Glossu 'The Beast' Rabban . As the House hides its assassination training to create a new name for itself, the group decides the House has been plotting for some time, gaining the trait 'Secretive' as its reputation House trait. A War of Assassins might be about a business deal or political
differences, and an end could be negotiated, while kanly asks no quarters and expects no mercy. Physical items might be improved with better technology, sharpened, or even have secret compartments of poison edges added. Some players, however, focus entirely on the rules, reviewing every word or sentence, upsetting the flow of the game. They
conduct research and gather information under the Ruler's patronage, with the repositories of knowledge they cultivate advancing the House substantially with new innovations or discoveries. The annual reports of CHOAM profits and operations are keenly aware
when managing their own interests. Mentats can process immense amounts of data from various sources by tapping into 'the naive mind'; a mind without preconceptions, analyzing data with extreme precision and speed. Though as a gamemaster you do not need to go too in-depth into their creation, it would help for you to understand their
backgrounds to express their intentions and act out their motives. They have also adapted to survive on a diet of whatever they can find. Many people leave known space to escape the fighting, or simply because they have nothing left to lose. 201 Carryall......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                . Wherever you are, once per adventure, you can always contact the criminal
underworld or black market (as long as there is one in that area). @@ A roll of 1 (or up to the skill value if using a focus) is a critical and yields two successes. When you make a skill test, the gamemaster tells you how difficult the skill test is, expressed as Difficulty. Fear is the mind-killer. @@ Passive Scrutiny: When the Reverend Mother enters a
scene, she may ask one question of the gamemaster as if she'd spent Threat to Obtain Information. 6 This is certainly something that influences you. Example: Having completed her trade agreement in principle with the spice merchant is 'Distrustful 2' upon meeting that influences you.
Kara. Each House begins with a trait for any primary domains it has. (Various) (unless it is 4) and reinstate it. You may also share your genetic memory with other Reverend Mothers at will. 248 Swordmaster of House Atreides, Duncan Idaho was one of the finest warriors in the universe. For a primary domain, the player group decides to have an
Artistic area of expertise. Later scenes can explain how they reached this point, either through narration or even roleplaying them out. His closest confidant was the twisted Mentat Piter de Vries, chosen by the Baron precisely for his perverse and cynical mind. A contest between two merchants might use two zones, each being a whole planet. Some
Suk doctors choose—or are invited—to serve the Suk School itself as researchers and instructors. While most will be well taken care of like any employee, few have any idea what awaits them in their new assignment. The gamemaster decides this is an extended task, with a requirement of 5 to settle any of the other guests' ruffled feathers. Or maybe
the player characters are escaping from bandits, and the non-player character who has tagged along is falling behind. Their focus on maximizing profit without regard to ethics propelled them to become a powerful House. Only the most talented and resolute of warriors can face a Sardaukar with any hope of survival. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N
THEIMPERIUM135 Supporting characters are the other type of charact
Imperium, Mentats (or 'human computers') took over the assessment and forecasting tasks that the thinking machines once performed. The Dune: Adventures in the Imperium The Dune: Adventures in the Imperium core roleplaying game takes you into a far future rulebook contains: beyond anything you have imagined where @ Everything you need
to create your own fear is the mind killer so be sure to keep your stories of intrigue and adventure on the wits about you. On the second test, she struggles to assuage the partygoers' concerns, succeeding but suffering a complication, which means she only scores 1 point. 80 Richese......
thugs in a back alley in Arrakeen. Where a focus requires you to specify something in par- EXAMPLE BATTLE FOCUSES @@ Assassination (attempting to get close to attack a target) @@ Dirty Fighting (brawling and fighting with improvised weapons) @@ Dueling (duel
etiquette and technique) @@ Evasive Action (dodging and avoiding blows) @@ Lasgun (use of laser weapons see p.23 and p.200) @@ Long Blades (use of knives) @@ Shield fighting (using shields and bypassing them) @@ Short Blades (use of swords) @@ Short Blades (use of knives) @@ Short Blades (use of swords) @@ Short Blades (use of swords) @@ Short Blades (use of knives) @@ Short Blad
conflict) @@ Unarmed Combat (fighting without a weapon) EXAMPLE COMMUNICATE FOCUSES @@ Acting (pretending to be something you are not) @@ Bartering (reducing the cost of a good or service) @@ Charm (befriending others and appearing trustworthy) @@ Deceit (lying and plotting) @@ Diplomacy (negotiating a deal) @@ Disguise
(appearing to be something you are not) @@ Empathy (understanding the emotional responses of others) @@ Gossip (knowing commonly discussed rumors in your local area) @@ Inspiration (using a spark or artistic ability to create
something) @@ Interrogation (eliciting information from a target, subtly or with threats) @@ Intimidation (forcing another to back down) @@ Linguistics (languages and the study of the nature of language) @@ Listening (overhearing quiet sounds and hidden conversations) @@ Music* (specify a particular instrument: harp, baliset, drum, etc) @@
Neurolinguistics (planting an idea in someone without their knowledge) @@ Persuasion (getting someone to agree to a particular action) @@ Secret Language* (specify which faction's secret language you know) @@ Teaching (the ability to explain things quickly and simply) EXAMPLE DISCIPLINE FOCUSES @@ Command (giving orders and getting
them followed) @@ Composure (staying calm in a stressful situation) D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 103 @@ Espionage (spycraft, intelligence gathering, following a target) @@ Infiltration (gaining access to an area or faction) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Precision (performing access to an area or faction) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Precision (performing access to an area or faction) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Precision (performing access to an area or faction) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Precision (performing access to an area or faction) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Precision (performing access to an area or faction) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to a person or area to gain intelligence) @@ Observe (paying attention to gain attention
complex task dexterously) @@ Resolve (resisting environmental danger) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Survival* (specific to an environmental danger) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Survival* (specific to an environmental danger) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Survival* (specific to an environmental danger) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Survival* (specific to an environmental danger) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Survival* (specific to an environmental danger) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Survival* (specific to an environmental danger) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or actions) @@ Self-Control (remaining in control of your feelings or acti
@@ Climb (climbing surfaces) @@ Dance (knowing how to dance and performing as a dancer) @@ Distance Running (running a marathon) @@ Drive (operating a ground vehicle) @@ Escaping (freeing yourself of bonds) @@ Grace (moving with poise and style) @@ Pilot* (specific type of craft) @@ Stealth (moving without being seen) @@ Swift
systems) @@ Emergency Medicine (first aid and basic life saving) @@ Etiquette (knowing the rules of good society) @@ Genetics (the study of genetic data) @@ Geology (the study of rocks and land) @@ House Politics (understanding the history and relationship between the
Houses) @@ Imperial Politics (the state, history, and organization of the Imperial court) @@ Philosophy (knowing how to debate philosophical thought) @@ Physical Empathy (understanding a person's state from their body language) @@
Physics (the physical systems of the universe) @@ Poison (the study, effects, and use of poisons) @@ Psychiatry (knowing the human mind) @@ Religion (understanding the best ways to evade customs authorities) @@ Surgery (performing surgical techniques)
 @@ Traps (constructing and avoiding physical traps and explosive devices) @@ Virology (the study of viruses and immunology) D ri v es A character's inner life motivates and defines their actions. A story set in the city of Arrakeen is different than one that travels between planets in the Imperium. Example: House Molay has a single primary doma
its well-regarded poetry. You are not a Navigator, but you may be an agent, representative, banker, diplomat, or similar associate of the Guild. What do you want? E spi o n a g e A ssets: C o mm u n ic ati o n To communicate with each other in secret, the Bene Gesserit developed a system of raised or engraved dots that can be left on almost any
surface. As an Asset: Indebted landowners are potentially the most extreme of courtier assets, as they may range from fiercely loyal and hoping to better their status within the House by its enemies. The prominence of
the Spacing Guild and the Bank has made it a hub for those looking to find anything in the Imperium. @@ Threat can be generated to buy extra dice instead of spending Momentum. She decides that for Taran to neutralize it he needs to beat a Difficulty of 4 on an Understand skill test. He is a time-serving bureaucrat who has advanced as high as his
lack of ability permits and has thus reached the pinnacle of his incompetence. Rather than attempt to duplicate the skills of a computer, as the Mentats do, the school of Navigators turned to spice instead. This typically relies on scouts and reconnaissance operations, who can gather and relay information. @@ What is the dominant form of weather on
the world? Cloaked in mystery and appearing in every corner of the Imperium, Bene Gesserit agents gather information and further the schemes of the Order — all while the Sisterhood makes efforts to appear neutral in all political matters. Their holdings are relatively technologically unsophisticated, almost rustic, though the folk the Atreides rule
are relatively content, and live lives of simplicity and quality. But if you still can't find something that fits, either change the theme of an archetype that matches what you are looking for. He'll become a smuggler. 130 Stirring Rhetoric.......
present, is purely coincidental and unintentional except for those people and events described in an historical context. @@ Subtle Step: When Fenring attempts a Move test to sneak through an area, or to move an asset subtly during a conflict, the first extra d20 he purchases for the test is free. Long the victims of Harkonnen persecution, they are
mistrustful of off-worlders and despise the pyons from Arrakeen. The islands have a variety of features that might inspire the poets who travel around them. The Landsraad made decisions by vote, with the Major Houses having considerable power, seconded by the Imperial throne, and lastly, the Minor Houses. STEP SEVEN: ASSETS Your character
begins play with three assets, one of which must be tangible. They have no drive statements. Some other published campaigns allow for more flexibility in player agency and customization. The matter is brought for review, and the High Council votes on how to proceed. This method also makes more sense to take time on each roll, as it defines so
much. The planet's blistering heat and endless sand are a technician's biggest challenges. T 108 Character C r e at i o n S u m m a ry STEP ONE: CONCEPT Consider your character idea. Your training also allows you to buy those automatic successes on any test made to resist the effects of Voice. Such people would agree that God exists, but beyond
36 that, faith takes little part in their lives. The Butlerian edicts preventing the use of thinking computers forced others to rely S m u g g li n g Despite the Guild's exclusivity on interstellar travel, all Houses of the Landsraad have vessels capable of spaceflight, though few are capable of safe and reliable travel between solar systems due to the
incredible distances and time required. B.G. The Old Empire begins with B.G. humankind governed by an Arrakis is abandoned. The Atreides' greatest challenge, however, turns out to be the Imperium itself. Gilbertus Albans joined the League of Nobles while hiding the Erasmus pod and founded the order of Mentats. The cymek Titan gave more D U
NE ADVENTURES INTHEIMPER ACTIONS The universe essentially broke into three distinct factions, each with their own motivations. This extra point can only be used on an action which is in direct service to your House. The second hook is used to carry the Fremen up onto the sandworm's back as it twists to try
and allow the ring segment to close. In this book we focus on the time just before Frank Herbert's first novel Dune. Example: Kara and Nasir are both using knife assets, but to give Nasir a chance, he is wearing a shield and holding a knife in each hand. @@ When you make a skill test to move an asset and your character is not in the same zone as it,
you may reduce the normal Momentum cost to move further or move a second asset to 1, to represent the bigger picture perspective you gain from maintaining a distance. These methods are as follows: PLANNED CREATION This method involves going through several steps, making decisions at each step. Remember, you want to foster a
collaborative atmosphere where everyone can have fun playing. 168 Creating and Developing Assets............ control to the AI that became sentient and birthed Omnius. HISTORY Tleilax was an Unallied Planet during the Butlerian Jihad that sustained itself as an organ farm and supplied enslaved people for resources throughout the universe.
Zensunni teachings are incorporated into the Bene Gesserit's own Missionaria Protectiva, and most members of that faith. They can attempt to retrieve weapons lost in this way but doing so requires an action. He was a master of 93 fighting techniques and promised to teach his skills when
the time was right. Any agent who survives for more than a month likely has them. Once per scene, when you Obtain Information, you may create a trait for free, which must represent an 130 advantage, opportunity, or weakness you've identified with the information you received. Intangible assets can also represent misinformation given to the
enemy, such as incorrect intelligence about the positioning of assets. Its swordmasters, however, are the most talented and deadly wielders of the black mask created by the Ixians. Long Term Campaigns...
In this way, they are no different than the traits the gamemaster describes when they set a new scene, described in Chapter 5: Core Rules. The two formed a familial bond that inspired the independent robot. All trade within the Imperium is governed and regulated by the Combine Honnette Ober Advancer Mercantiles—an immense organization
usually referred to solely by its initials CHOAM. A ttit u des T o ward the S ister hood Because of the aristocracy send their daughters, wives, and other women in their lives to the Bene Gesserit for instruction. Led by bitter experience, humanity created new laws and new
religious philosophies. An industrialized world, the lower castes are held in slavery or near-slavery under the savage whip of Harkonnen rule. Flora As stated previously, Arrakis lacks any Quality it had. @@ Use Discipline when attempting to resist
attempts to subvert body or mind, such as poisons, drugs, or mental influence, as well as to suppress instincts and reflexes when subjected to extreme pain or hardship, or to compel or threaten others through presence and authority alone. Where is God if we are in space? Only knowledge is dangerous. @@ If you find yourself without any other
weapons, you automatically receive an 'Unarmed Attack' tangible asset with a Quality of 0, allowing you to strike and grapple without the use of a weapon. It is easy to assume an artistic House has an idyllic planet, but blasted features, dead forests, and brooding mountains might inspire an equally gothic form of popular art. Manresa oversaw a
refuge for humans fleeing the Titans and housed the nobles after the destruction of the Hall of Parliament. Beyond their political and social dealings, the rumors and suspicions about their abilities give the Bene Gesserit a certain mystique. @@ Noemi manages the fleet of vehicles SKILL FOCUSES B AT T L E: 3 C O M M U N I C AT E: 5
DISCIPLINE: 6 MOVE: 6 Unobtrusive U N D E R S TA N D: 4 Etiquette Listening @@ Rheged Traits: Servant TALENTS @@ Nimble: When attempting a Move test over difficult terrain they may reduce the Difficulty of the test by 2. Once their presence is known, they can no longer provide valuable information. Kara gets three successes on her test,
so she gains 3 points of Momentum. Sisters can hide messages for each other in unexpected places that even skilled spies won't find. This costs advancement points equal to three times the number of talents you already have. @@ Conflicted: I am torn between possibilities. Kara won't need an asset to initiate a conflict, as she can negotiate with the
merchant at any time. The Spacing Guild CHOAM The greatest challenge to the cohesion of the Imperium and the rule of the Emperor is the various worlds the Imperium encompasses. When breaking into a facility, it might be on behalf of the House (Duty) to save a friend (Faith) or
right a wrong (Justice) to uncover a plot (Truth) or to prove the strength of your army (Power), etc. In addition, they sometimes also expand into domains that support potential patrons or industrial bases when their artistry has a great need for certain resources. You can find tips and tricks for adventures and the size and length of campaigns in the
                                                                                                                                                 .. However, few, if any, Minor Houses can afford Suk-trained doctors. SEMUTA Ecaz's valuable elacca tree also produces semuta, a highly addictive narcotic. When you select this talent, choose a single drive rated
Creating an Adventure section on p.221 and the Short Games and Long-term Campaigns section on p.219. 130 Ransack......
6 or higher. THE SIETCH The term sietch is something of a flexible one in the Fremen language. MINOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Farming Understanding (Advanced Farming Produce (Gourmet Cheeses) Secondary Domain (1): Farming Understanding (Advanced Farming Produce (Gourmet Cheeses) Secondary Domain (1): Farming Understanding (Advanced Farming Underst
(2): Industrial Machinery (Cheese Production Machinery) and Farming Workers (Cheesemakers) GREAT HOUSE Primary Domain (2): Farming Produce (Sweets/Candy) Secondary Domain (2): Farming Produce
HOOKS: @@ An allied Farming House has asked the player character for help. Each character has an extended task track with a requirement equal to a relevant skill, which is used to track how close to defeat that character is. Ruler: Old rulers are uncommon for this type of House as they become too slow to survive the schemes and plots of their
heirs. After the war and the ensuing millennia, the planet became more religiously fanatical and insular regarding outsiders. Both choices are dramatic and allow the player characters to explore their own internal dynamics in a contest with the outside forces pitted against them. This can be thought of as a standard ATTACKS, DEFEAT, AND USING
ASSETS walking pace, or normal wary movement around a combat environment. Sometimes an action will inevitably succeed, but there might be problems or consequences along the way. GET ORGANIZED. ATHEISM IN THE IMPERIUM While not everyone follows a religion, it is quite difficult to be an atheist in the Imperium. 115
                             Some Landsraad Houses own their own orbital transports and prefer to stay aboard their own transports for security and comfort reasons, and these craft vary in size from single- or two-person affairs up to the size of Guild craft. Each graduate is also mentally conditioned so they cannot possibly harm their patients. 207
                              Even after agreeing on the tone of the game beforehand, you might have an idea of what the villain would do to place the player characters in danger or threaten the geople around them. If you pass, then you've managed to create the desired trait. The standard unit of currency is the solari, a denomination that has been
tied to the value of the spice melange, again underlining the importance of spice to the Imperium. EXAMPLE COMPLICATIONS As complications are tied to a specific skill, the following are grouped by skill only to suggest what sort of tests might result in particular complications. Thurr, even ascending as a ruler, worked as a traitor inside the League
of Nobles for the thinking machines in hopes of gaining more power and position. This applies to gamemaster behavior as well. LOATHING The House always has some a plan to destroy the player characters' House. The S c attering God Emperor Leto is killed, and everything falls apart. As with Arrakeen, the central districts of Carthag are
occupied chiefly by the palatial complex constructed for the Harkonnen rulers. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 177 You may also seek to create intangible assets that represent rumors, information leaks, or propaganda that undermines, misleads, or disrupts the enemy. The streets, parks, and canals are clean, appearing as if
they are manicured around the clock. Regardless of the outcome, their faith is tested and their understanding of that facet of themselves can be altered as well. He was utterly dedicated to the liberation of the Fremen by any means necessary. While they offer an array of narrative and motivational options, and facilitate architect play, their very
flexibility can prove confusing. The Guild are masters of space travel and hold a monopoly that keeps the peace, only so the spice can continue to flow. The city is the primary producer and government center. Surveillance devices can gather information remotely and be very difficult to find, but they cannot really move between zones. They must
choose between escaping the worm, saving the raw spice cargo, or dealing with the saboteur before the great sandworm arrives to consume the harvester and everyone on board. As yet, none have come close. Religion itself is often portrayed as deliberate social engineering of peoples' beliefs to the advantage of groups of such as the Bene Gesserit
Sisterhood, or even the Spacing Guild with its secrecy and traditions. FOCUSES B AT T L E: @@ Tomlin runs a pickpocketing and shoplifting racket. Traits: Secret Information MAP Guild bribery, intentional deceit, financial dishonesty, and geographical fraud all contribute to flawed or incomplete maps of the various planets and systems within the
Imperium. No questions asked, so long as the money is right. Drive statements are described in more detail on p.105106, with numerous example statements available there, but this can be a tricky part of character creation, so additional guidance is provided below. 6 You are well-trained, or you have basic training and some experience. No skill may
be rated at higher than 8. —from "Manual of Muad'Dib" by the Princess Irulan D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 239 N on - pl ay er C har a cters hile Arrakis and the other planets in the Imperium are mysterious and intriguing places, it is the people of Dune and their agenda that create the plot and adventure. 208
                              Plots of many kinds were a fundamental part of her life and left her mistrustful and cynical. @@ Intangible assets which represent your opponent's positioning or circumstances, or effects inflicted upon you (such as being tricked, put off-balance, or having a weapon aimed at you), can be overcome and removed from play
entirely. G u ild A g e n t DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 7 FA I T H: 5 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 6 SKILL The spice must flow. @@ Lies and rumors are similar to knowledge, but easier to remove, as they have little or no basis in truth to begin with. These tools are long, slightly curved pieces of metal, designed to
latch onto the segmented rings of the sandworms. Their fighting style, however, is distinctive, relying on teamwork, and for this they are easily recognized when deployed in combat. A cti on sin Warfare.
Encrypted shigawire reels also act as ways to send messages. Keywords (choose three): Expendable, Poor Training, Ranged Weapons, or Unshielded Quality: 0 (larger units may have higher Quality). You might also like to check out our Heirs of Dune boxed set that allows you to play from the moment you open the box, with no preparation. Certainly,
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it is fair to say that, while the Ginaz are peerless in individual combat, or in those knife-duels so beloved of the Harkonnens, they have never been able to assemble an army. The player may be bored, or perhaps they don't know how to interact with the game and don't want to embarrass themselves by asking. With devices in specific, some game tables

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employ a 'no phones' rule. Native to Arrakis, they are from the 'pyon' class, city-bred and without the hardy resilience of the Fremen, whom they despise and fear. These gatherings occur once each standard year for a general overview of CHOAM affairs and profits reporting and take place over several days. They might serve as inspiration for your formula to the first and profits reporting and take place over several days.
own characters and non-player characters or even become part of your campaign. Duty or Faith Duty or Fower Duty or Truth Power or Truth Power or Truth Power or Truth Making A ssets P ers on a l If you can usually obtain a knife, or a shield belt if your House is wealthy enough, it
may seem pointless to take one as one of your starting assets. The kangaroo mouse is one of the more common of Arrakis' mammals and forms an important part of Fremen religious belief. Players have a number of ways to improve the odds: buying more d20s to roll, spending Determination, or getting assistance. This cruelty in policy dripped down
to every level of the House, and those that toiled under the Harkonnens suffered terribly. As an Asset: Shigawire isn't hard to find in the Imperium, considering its varied uses in communications. Accurate maps are helpful for survival and planning but finding them is not always easy. Due to the Holtzman Effect the personal shield makes lasgun usage
extremely dangerous, as their collision causes a pseudo-atomic explosion. These details can make the interaction between characters more interesting and add more depth to your character more interesting and training the House troops and instructing the Heir
how to protect themselves. These are normally weapons or tools, and they can be positioned to help defend your character or attack your opponent. "I think I should use some of our Momentum on this one," says Sam. Maybe they have a stronger sense of community that goes beyond their job. Though, as scholars love to point out, would a planet with
greater advantages in terms of political power produce such a martial tradition? Espionage can easily turn into another form of conflict if performed well. It was widely believed that no army could match the Sardaukar of House Corrino. Each is equipped with
                                                                                                     ... So, in the feudal society of the Imperium, the faith followed by the nobility is often quite different from that of the workers and peasantry, no matter how beneficent the ruler. Keeping them happy and highly productive is their primary concern, and all
resources are aimed at these endeavors, be they the latest tools and resources for them to create, or other personnel aimed at reducing stress and boosting artistic output and keeping religious figures going as they preach the word of God. STEP THREE: FOCUSES Pick one drive (8) and its statement. She now works to reclaim her rightful place as
heir to the House against her many devious brothers, as she sees all of them as unfit to rule. Amtal refers to the practice of testing something to destruction, with the intention of discovering its limits. S tep E i g h t: F i n is h i n g T o u c h es At this stage, your character is almost complete, and needs only a few final elements and adjustments. These
extended tasks occur entirely at the gamemaster's discretion and can be used for a wide range of situations. Example: On a deserted moon, House Molay and House Arcuri have come to blows over a mining deposit. The sentient AI continually pressed a logical and ordered attack. If Malthace can find a way to ruin the reputation of the Great House
currently running Arrakis, her CHOAM contact believes that they can have the House exiled and transfer their directorship to Malthace's House. The second scene is their escape. All have a stake in melange. Most organized labor on Arrakis is performed by the city folk, though they are supplemented by Fremen—often employed as servants, or less
frequently as bodyguards. 5. The Chief Physician also works closely with the Spymaster to ensure no biological weapons or poisons are used against the House or its ruling family. S kill T ests Whenever your character takes action, and there is doubt in the outcome—failure is a possibility, or the result might depend on how well they succeed—the
gamemaster asks you to make a skill test. You can have some Threat: I need some more dice." "Good! I'm after him." "Damnit. So, an asset or trait may often be required to make the conflict possible. They can directly manipulate events and have more options to change their approach in the mission. DECISIVE ACTION You take risks in combat, often
ones that seem foolhardy or needless. The forces followed the two religious leaders—its High Priestess Serena and the Grand Patriarch Iblis— along with the Generals Vorian and Xavier. Over the millennia, crysknives have formed part of Fremen culture. It is impossible to resist. @@ Each success beyond the required Difficulty earns 1 Momentum.
Guild Heighliner or other Guild transport are expected to shut down their sensors and any surveillance capabilities, as well as their communications sys- 50 Traveling on a Guild Heighliner is thus a relatively casual experience. Many areas of expertise offer several different types of produce. Take note especially of their weaknesses, as these are
wonderful levels by which you can apply drama and conflict in the game, elements that feel personal to the player character. However, they also make good mediators, understanding the complexities of House politics and how to keep everyone happy. Mastery of these skills may appear supernatural or superhuman but are the result of diligent
practice from the learner. They deliberately make their footsteps inconsistently spaced, confusing Shai-Hulud waiting below and minimizing the risk of being swallowed. Despite the dangerous political turmoil in which House Atreides was embroiled, Paul's childhood was sheltered from the worst dangers. @@ Faith ambitions are zealous crusades,
 spiritual fulfillment, matters of prophecy or destiny, or attempts to undermine or destroy those things. This may relate to your current activities, or it may be completely unrelated. The Faufreluches is the governing political structure that holds the Landsraad together. Competition between shareholders in
control of similar goods can be ruthless and at times result in the declaration of a formal War of Assassins. The players could help Pinta or they could go for the big payday and help the House Minor. Example: The group decides the emblem of House Molay is a scroll, representing poetry, and their colors are white and red. 201 B.G. In response to they could go for the big payday and help the House Minor. Example: The group decides the emblem of House Molay is a scroll, representing poetry, and their colors are white and red. 201 B.G. In response to the emblem of House Molay is a scroll, representing poetry.
revolt, Omnius eradicates all human life on Earth. Their pilot, Taryn Jellicoe, shouts that the craft's engine has suffered a catastrophic failure. The expertise gained from this training cannot be overstated. Some more desperate souls even sell part of their own vital water rations to make ends meet. As the daughter of Liet, Chani was a great proponent
of the planetologist's plans for the transformation of Arrakis. Their agents often wear disguises and adopt near-anonymous, bland identities, even going so far as to cover their spice-hued blue eyes. This basic concept will be refined and changed throughout character creation, whichever method you select, but it provides inspiration for the choices
you'll make later. Their fates are often uncertain if control of the House changes hands, especially should they shift towards a spouse or an heir they are not the parent of. It is also useful when uncovering secrets. The harsh environment also led to the perfect breeding ground for the Emperor's elite troops. Instead, non-player characters should be
quiding the player characters and attempting to lead them down exciting paths of the story. Doing so also makes longer and more complex tests a lot more interesting and involving. These also range in size from squad-based carriers to massive shielded land ships that carry companies or even a full regiment of soldiers. Others still prefer for
roleplaying and narrative to take precedence over the rules. It is followed by a scratchy comms message: there is a mechanical malfunction in the spice compressor. Finding a Groupto Play With Where does one unearth the kindred spirits who wholeheartedly dive into this adventure with you? No more than three bonus d20s may be bough
for a single skill test, regardless of the source. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 275 C o u rtier DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 5 FA I T H: 6 JUSTICE: 5 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 6 JUSTICE: 5 P OW E R: 7 T
anything which a character possesses or controls which they can use to protect themselves, overcome others, or otherwise achieve their goals. Learn to harness the spice and battle your way to power. Moving Between Architectus & Agents Identifying what elements of the setting the story will focus on not only helps clarify what kind of
characters will prosper in your story, it will also open the possibilities of how your players transition between the architectural disposition of the city itself. As an Asset: These guns need to be crewed by a group of soldiers trained in
their use, but if this is done they are very effective and can deploy a variety of warheads from air-burst and explosive rounds designed to eviscerate unshielded soldiers, to armor-piercing, bunker buster, and even gas and toxin shells that can spread deadly pathogens or poisonous gases across the battlefield. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I
M P E R I U M 231 C on sent & C om fort Levels A roleplaying game requires trust between everyone taking part, including a gamemaster with their players and between the individual players. Many Houses have divided the major
                                                                               @@ Mentat Advisor: A graduate of the Mentat school, your ability to recall and reason are a vital resource for anyone seeking to hold or gain power, and you serve your House to the best of that ability. These large, amorphous blobs of matter are found in great numbers in the
deep desert, buried deep in the sand. and what they're hiding. It is up to the group to decide on the House banner. This may require time, action from allies (see below), a specific condition being met (such as restoring a tarnished reputation after a social defeat), or some combination of the three. They don't have much personal power, but they have
powerful friends, very useful for a Minor House seeking to rise. They can alternate, but the transition from one dominant mode of play to another is generally easiest to achieve some other goal. Though these planets are usually
hereditary, they are technically 'owned' by the Emperor and granted as fiefdoms. Mentats, and Bene Gesserit sisters are often exceptionally valuable in both espionage and counterespionage. Others are instead determined to serve their masters well, driven by a sense of Duty. Regardless of the reasons, those that rely too heavily on prophetic abilities
risk locking themselves into futures with unforeseen consequences just beyond the edge of their prescience, or they see their carefully-laid plans toppled by the actions of another they could not see. Is your Ruler a kindly old grandmother figure or a ruthless general? Only the Fedaykin can rival their fighting ability. When you attempt a Communicate
Information about the most effective ways to harm or inflict pain upon a person within the scene, or to create a trait which represents a weakness you have discovered which you can exploit. They are gifted with prana-bindu skills worthy of a Bene Gesserit. 173 B.G. Kolar, the first spacefolding shipyard, is established in space. 167 Contest
                   .. This may come about by establishing new facts and details about the current scene or environment, by creating a trait, or by obtaining or revealing a new tool or resource at your disposal by creating an asset. 290 belonging to one of the Houses Minor. The gamemaster receives 1 Threat per player to begin each session. Science
will solve the problem. SCENARIO HOOK An associate of the player characters comes home from the market without their wallet, which — apart from a small amount of currency — contained the key to a cypher the characters' House uses to communicate with an agent in an enemy House. When activated, a thumper emits rhythmic vibrations into their wallet, which — apart from a small amount of currency — contained the key to a cypher the characters' House uses to communicate with an agent in an enemy House. When activated, a thumper emits rhythmic vibrations into their wallet, which — apart from a small amount of currency — contained the key to a cypher the characters' House uses to communicate with an agent in an enemy House.
sand. M ane uver & Position ing GUARD Each combatant is assumed to turn to face their opponent at all times. A Mentat character who is a woman distributing illegal goods at the marketplace. 235 Evoking the Power of Faith...
                              While Understand is the obvious choice for gaining information, the Battle skill can be useful in dueling for learning about an opponent's weapons and fighting style or judging how capable a fighter your opponent is. While it takes her the rest of the night, she manages to talk to all the guests and assure them that Marcus
simply felt ill and had to retire. In fact, some of the most entertaining stories end in spectacular failure. Betrayed by their own Emperor working in league with the Harkonnens, House Atreides is destroyed, young Paul and his mother escaping, only to fall into the hands of the Fremen. Where standard Mentats are meticulously trained and conditioned
to act without base emotion, de Vries' worst tendencies had all been encouraged. More severe penalties may include garnished profits and oversight by outside parties appointed by the directorate. However, this quasi-mystical being is also a result of paradox, foretelling of a so-called 'messiah' that is the result of century after century of overt
or two colors and a crest, which might be an animal, object, or even chemical element. Additionally, some assets are hard to come by and must be either purchased or provided specially by the character's patrons or House. 5 You're trained to a basic level. However, because of their strategic importance three such vehicles may be found at the center
of a furious battle for control. The two men grew to have a genuine friendship, and no other individual enjoyed such trust from the Emperor. ATHLETE Athletes are those who hone their bodies to achieve great feats of physical prowess. Keywords: Fragile, Portable, Precious I n tri g u e A ssets: B l a c k m a il It is a truism amongst agents that the
louder a person denounces something, the more they secretly crave it—the clever blackmailer notices these tendencies, these not-sohidden tells, and seeks to exploit them, laying temptation in the path of their intended victim, or offering the possibility of access to such forbidden fruits. Houses place a high value on their Masters of Assassins. Most
Mentats drink Sapho juice, extracted from the roots of the ecaz tree, which enhances their mental processing abilities tremendously, but marks their lips with a telltale red stain. The discovery is kept a secret to all, with only a few knowing of the possibilities. Together, its militaries would likely outmatch even the Emperor's vaunted Sardaukar, and
thus a stalemate keeps the peace, each side knowing that full engagement would be ruinous to both sides. The device is a small handheld circular object that fits firmly in the palm. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 6 C O M M U N I C AT E: 7 Charm, Diplomacy, Empathy DISCIPLINE: 7 Composure MOVE: 5 U N D E R S TA N D: 6 House Politics, Imperial
Politics Traits: Noble, Fair and Honorable TALENTS: @@ Bolster: Leto may spend 2 Threat to allow an ally to re-roll his dice pool. Guild Navigators are perhaps the most profound example of this, being mutated by excessive exposure to spice to force upon them prescience by which they can plot courses across the galaxy. The foundation of the first
stage allows for an accelerated second stage. Assets: Crysknife, Fremkit, Stillsuit 280 "Who can turn away the Angel of Death? An ornithopter with Quality is faster, easier to handle, or stronger than a standard ornithopter with Quality is faster, easier to handle, or stronger than a standard ornithopter. This might be politics, CHOAM business, finance, social etiquette, Imperial history, or a host of other subjects. Keywords: Cargo
Guild/House Design, Shielded, Spacecraft, Staterooms HEIGHLINER The Imperium exists because of spice and the Holtzman engine. This means that any House that knowingly or unknowing breaks any of the rules of the Great Convention will be crushed. They apply most often in agent level play. While she is dedicated to her friends, she would
sacrifice almost anything to advance her House. Their answers can reveal their motivations and provide insight on which clues they'll gravitate toward in future scenes. @@ Trait: Analyst @@ Primary Skill: Understand @@ Focuses: Attention to Detail, Composure @@ Talents: Intense Study @@ Drives: Many Analysts
are driven by a strong drive to uncover or reveal the Truth, while those trusted with the secrets of their employers are ones who believe strongly in Duty. These warriors swear blood oaths to Muad'dib and are some of the toughest warriors in the Imperium. Traits: Guild Agent, Diplomat TALENTS @@ Priority Boarding: Avoid customs check on Guild
vessels. A boy of only fifteen, none could foresee how his destiny would shake the universe. An intangible asset is one that has no physical presence: a bribed guard, the leverage from having other potential trading partners, the mistaken drive of a foe fed false information, or newly obtained knowledge about a rival's weaknesses. As he is a player
character it takes an extended test to take Nasir down, but a concerned attempt from the thugs nearly does so. House Tantor blasted the capital planet Salusa Secundus with atomics, laying waste to it. - Bene Gesserit Teaching These archetypes seek to master an internal stillness where they function with perfect grace and clarity. It is also worth
noting that Artistic/Religious Houses are just as likely to have teeth as any other House. Let's do this." Kara and the assassin engage in a conflict action. An ornithopter may replace their Fast keyword with the Shielded keyword. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 3 C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 DISCIPLINE: 6 MOVE: 5 U N D E R S TA N D: 7 Neurolinguistics
Genetics, Faction Lore (Tleilaxu) Traits: Tleilaxu, Biologist TALENTS @@ Masterful Innuendo: They can conversation by adding 1 to the Difficulty of the Communicate test. The greater the number of automatic successes, the more overt your use of Voice, which others may notice. @@ Have you any distinguishing marks,
such as a tattoo or a scar? 5 6 @@ Horace is a respected noble of an Agricultural @@ Slynn is a cousin of the head of a rival House, on FOCUSES C O M M U N I C AT E: Not every young heir manages to survive the deadly games of politics. @@ Threatening: When using a specific skill, or acting in a certain way, and buying additional d20s with
                                                               .......... An asset's Quality determines how effective the asset is when used in a conflict. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 5 W h at is D u n e? @@ Non-player characters have whichever assets the gamemaster wants or needs them to have, with some consideration as to
the kinds of resources a given non-player character has access to. If one side claims the objective and the consequences. Due to your prowess, you may spend 1 Momen- You have undergone the Agony attended by another Reverent
Mother, and now you can draw upon the memories and wisdom of all your ancestors. Instead, he moves boldly and is able to move one of the thugs out of Kara's zone, either shooting to force the thug to step back or intimidating him with his pistol. However, your character's Drives are coupled with the Skills to create a target number. As an Asset: A
shield is a House-level asset whose control can change the tide of a battle. In turn, invented languages are commonplace, from the finger-signs of the Bene Gesserit and Fremen. Characters may also have private or personal names, used only by
those close to them, or they may assume official or ceremonial names for specific purposes. If you do decide to go with a shorter adventure or campaign to begin with, communicate this to help manage your players' expectations. @@ How content are the people? His love for the Atreides ensured that Hawat provided the most superlative service
possible of a Mentat, extending even to the training of Paul Atreides in his dark arts. The victim may or may not know about the death waiting for them. As an adult, Liet spent as little time in the city of Arrakeen as possible, preferring the company of the Fremen and scientific pursuits to the politics of the city. While it's next to impossible to deny and the city of Arrakeen as possible, preferring the company of the Fremen and scientific pursuits to the politics of the city.
 shielded or armored foe their shield or armor—as such assets are securely affixed to them—you can still remove other kinds of asset from play. Only in comparatively recent times did the Harkonnens manage to gain the wealth and resources to become recognized as a Great House, an accomplishment soaked in blood and born of quiet betrayals.
Keywords: Long Blade, Melee Weapon, Traditional PULSE-SWORD The pulse-sword is a melding of two different worlds: the medieval and the technologically advanced. Smaller groups frequently carry multiple transmitters and receivers to minimize lack of communication. 298 Military House......
grows, the intrigue itself grows more complicated. Despite this, the Harkonnens demand huge loads of the spice for export—a tactic which has proven popular with the Padishah Emperor, Shaddam IV. T RU T H: 5 SKILL The crown lies heavy, but is made of gold. Anyone not in the same zone can only be attacked with ranged weapons. @@ A lasting
defeat can include death, but also covers serious injuries which have a long-term or permanent effect, such as dismemberment, disfigurement, severe organ damage, and similar. 22 Members of the Landsraad from the Great Houses held more power on the board of directors than the Minor Houses. They will also be able to determine the mood of the
people and whether unrest may be on the horizon. As a result of this absence, the Fremen are also expert in the universe. Though the Imperium has no official state religion and many creeds are followed within it, Orange Catholicism is perhaps the most widespread of the
                                         . The most common application of this narcotic is in drugging slave-combatants for the gladiatorial arenas. Significantly it was the homeworld of the Fremen. The gamemaster may also decide other defenses can't be
brought to bear depending on circumstances. Choose one drive and create a drive statement. 31 Measure of a Character is inclined to engage in espionage more directly—perhaps because they are a spy themselves—they may do so, treating themselves as a spy asset. For example, a
character with a disability is not solely defined by that disability, because they have several other facets that make up their personality and background. Instead, a non-player character adds 3 points to Threat whenever they 240 would gain a point of
Determination. @@ Subtle Step: When Chani attempts a Move test to sneak through an area, or to move an asset subtly during a conflict, the first extra d20 she purchases for the test is free. They are trained in a comprehensive knowledge of human anatomy and pathology and can make complex and accurate diagnoses with only minimal aid from
advanced instruments. A character's first trait is normally their title, status, or role in society. Each defeated servant reveals whether they can be trusted or not. While they do not openly advise the Emperor like a Truthsayer, they meddle as
much as the Bene Gesserit. The attacker inflicting the defeat can increase this cost further by spending Momentum. THE HONOR OF THE BLADE While some assassins, this is relatively rare. Composed of fables, superstitions, and myths, the Panoplia Propheticus has an appealing message that lends itself to integration with
local doctrines and religions. Their original ancestral homeworld is the planet Salusa Secundus, an inhospitable prison planet rumored to be the training ground of the Emperor's deadly shock troops, the Sardaukar. A character's first trait should always mention the House to which the character belongs or serves. Particularly important and profitable
commodities are entrusted only to those most loyal to the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings, but this must be done with the approval of the Emperor and the Landsraad and inherit holdings.
know what is true anymore, but I will act nonetheless. The scent of the sandworm is unmistakable and often detectable before the worm explodes from beneath the sand. Famed throughout the Imperium, its graduates are among the finest warriors the galaxy has seen, perhaps even capable of besting Imperial Sardaukar. @@ Whatever the
motivations of this House, they are placing extensive military aid at the service of the player characters have one focuses for any skill ranked at 8 (if an NPC the gamemaster has granted higher score to). Diplomacy would break
We have a blank character sheet example in this book you can photocopy or download to print out from the Modiphius Entertainment website: www.modiphius.com. @@ Drives: Can only be altered through play. As such, many trades and products have been monopolized by specific Houses for many thousands of years. The buildings that dominated
the city are all rectangular with no access on the ground level to keep the enslaved populace trapped. In game terms, though, she is moving a surveillance device asset into the smuggling operation zone. The more resources it has, the more the others will try to take from it. If you don't know if a drive statement applies to a situation, you're not able to
before it began to filter through to the Landsraad. Upon death, a subject using shere suffers rapid neural disintegration, eliminating any possibility of future copying. ROLL PLOT GOAL LOCATION HAZARD CHARACTER 1-4 Break in and steal or kidnap the... EXAMPLE SERVANTS @@ Trophnus works as a cook for one of the Houses What one wishes to the Landsraad.
were true is seldom so. Maybe the player characters overhear two soldiers chatting, before they sneak into an enemy base. The school does make some effort to seek out promising individuals who receive their education pro bono, but these students will find themselves indebted to the school for decades, if not the rest of their lives. So fat that he
n g M o me n t u m You can spend Momentum to improve the outcome of a skill test you have passed, such as gaining more information or creating a lasting effect. However, Guild power is completely broken with the advent of Ixian-built interstellar navigation machines. You may want to look through the archetypes described later in this chapter,
from one of the concepts mentioned in the introduction, or something else inspired by the universe of Dune. Two of her dice offered a success each, and while she could re-roll those in the hope of getting a better result, she decides not to risk it. N u mber of E n emies @@ Nascent House: No starting enemy Houses Roll 1D20 for each enemy your
Threat) C h a lle n g i n g D ri v es If the statement for the Drive being used does not contradict the action of the skill test, proceed as normal. However, if a true alliance can be formed with such a House then the benefits of excellent intelligence, the deaths of rivals, and ways of subverting the system others must follow are unparalleled. Tech n o l o
g y The strict prohibitions of the Butlerian Jihad prevent much technological development, and though there are many other means of machinery, overt reliance on technology is somewhat distrusted by much of the Imperium. But that won't be the case for all player characters. However, they spend most of their time training the young heirs of their
employer to avoid assassins. And so it is that more than the Emperor, Landsraad, or even CHOAM, the Spacing Guild itself is the most critical entity within the Imperium. You may increase the number of assets you possess by +1. 203 Rocket/Missile Launcher..... In this way, Threat mimics the rise and fall of tension that builds throughout a story,
eventually culminating in a high-tension finale. Xerxes, an exiled prince, gave financial backing to the plan of General Agamemnon, who outmaneuvered the Old Empire to allow the technical genius Barbarossa unfettered access to the Imperial network. Guild personnel staffing these facilities are always unmutated humans, specifically chosen for their
blandness of appearance and affect. CHOAM was run like a corporation with a board of directors and profit shares, and was open to the public to purchase shares for those that could afford them. Something; agree to anything; agree to anything; agree to anything; agree to anything; agree to anything the corporation with a board of directors and profit shares, and was open to the public to purchase shares for those that could afford them.
second result stands, even if you have another ability that lets you re-roll. The 'thopter—one of the Grief's own—picked them up from their House's estate and they have spent the voyage to the carryall in its cramped and dingy interior. Chief among these was a proscription against the creation of any form of 'thinking machine'. 211
                              260 The naib of Sietch Tabr, Stilgar was among the most respected of the Fremen of Arrakis. The city is mostly surrounded by the beautiful, crystal clear, blue water that occupies most of the planet's surface. This renders the asset ineffective, at least until the breach is discovered and closed (recovering the asset). Once
pried open, the sandworm rolls onto its side to avoid sand getting in between the exposed flesh between the ring segments. Others cultivate networks of information spread if those information from far and wide... but this has the potential to see misinformation spread if those information spread if those information from far and wide... but this has the potential to see misinformation spread if those information spread if those information from far and wide... but this has the potential to see misinformation spread if those information spread if those info
 teaching. As an Asset: Hunter-seekers are brutal and effective weapons of assassination. The stark harshness of the desert planet appeals to her. Respect your players. 298 such a House. Alternatively, you may be on the lookout for information that doesn't help you during the combat at hand, but which might be helpful later. FOCUSES B AT T L E:
Short Blades C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 Persuasion DISCIPLINE: 7 Self-control MOVE: 7 Body Control U N D E R S TA N D: 6 Etiquette, Faction Lore (Bene Gesserit, Dedicated, and Devoted TALENTS @@ Hyperawareness: Whenever Jessica spends Threat to Obtain Information, she may know two pieces of information
some context that is specific to warfare scenes for how to use and interpret those actions. Games with local scope can answer establishing questions for your players in a more interactive way than just telling them what is going on in the world. Anderson Mari Tokuda the Herbert Properties team Ben Woerner C h ie f C re ati v e O f f icer Rachel
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the valuable discussion on the form. @@ Tangible assets must be something hidden on your @@ The skill you roll in a dueling contest is normally Battle for both sides; other skills are possible if there's a good reason. 200-108 B.G. The Butlerian Jihad. 129 Mind Palace (Mentat Talent)......
of the few pathways into a city, while a main road may be the fastest route from one place to another. Keywords: Desperate, Frightened, Paranoid OLD FRIENDSHIP As an Asset: A companion you've known for some time, carefully compiling information on them and acting as their friend. Mounting a sandworm is an incredibly dangerous process—
unsurprisingly. C h a pter 8 G a mem a steri n g Being a gamemaster is the toughest job in the game, but also potentially the most rewarding. They are having trouble even getting an audience. @@ If the drive statement agrees with the action, then you can use that drive on this skill test. @@ Justice: Does the action relate to matters of morality, If
that is the skill most applicable to obtaining and processing knowledge. Each asset is useful in different circumstances, and can be used during warfare to attack or defend, but they can also be used as guards to prevent infiltration during espionage, or in a parade to honor or awe a guest
during negotiations or intrigue. Is he trying to escalate the rivalry between Harkonnen and Atreides? Your Mentat abilities were shaped and engineered by the Bene Tleilax to leave you unencumbered by such petty things as morality, taboo, or decency. Favors are more clearly defined and harder to ignore when called upon. "So, the wound in your leg
is going to be a penalty, and you've got no Momentum left." "I did, but there's still time to catch him." "Okay, okay. And he tells you: "If you want profits, you must rule." There is truth in these words, but I ask myself: "Who are the rabble and who are the ruled?" —Muad'Dib's secret message to the Landsraad from "Arrakis Awakening" by the Princess
Irulan D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 85 In Dune: Adventures in the Imperium, the player characters all serve a single noble House. Humanity continues to evolve, learn, and to succumb to its need for power and self-destruction. As the only providers of system-to-system travel, the Guild can influence a war's outcome simply
by refusing to transport frigates from one location to another or allowing more rapid transit to the side it favors. The Major Houses were originally granted worlds at the behest of the Emperor, later becoming hereditary akin to the throne. You can draw your players into the game with these non-player characters in many ways, such as by asking
yourself these questions: @@ What are some defining characteristics about the non-player character's personality? @@ Indiscriminate use of mass weapons of destruction, specifically atomics and biological weapons, is prohibited due to the potential for civilian casualties. Example: Kara's primary skill is Communicate, so that starts at 6. C o n diti o n
in gall graduates of the Suk Inner School are subjected to the so-called 'Imperial' conditioning; an unbreakable psychological inhibition against causing harm to a patient. FAITH Faith is the moral expectation of religion and a character's spiritual needs. 8,677 A.G. House Atreides moves to Caladan. Maybe these sacrifices have shaped the way the
 Panoplia Propheticus even millennia later. A character's drives, thus, shape the things they do, and how successful they are at those things. 'O k ay 'Check-in COLOR CHECK-IN OR STOPLIGHT METHOD This system allows the player
characters an opportunity to get to know each other. They have a Drive statement for one or both of their higher-rated Drives. PROTECTOR Security is a must for anyone of wealth and status, and protectors are those most capable of providing that. However, there is always an agenda behind the appointment, and nothing is ever free. The drawback to
this is that intangible assets are often easier to lose: they can be taken from your character or rendered useless with relative ease, because they can change the chemical composition of a poison, removing its toxicity. It draws attention to itself, or it makes its
owner act foolishly. Few outsiders have ever seen a Guild Navigator, and none have visited Guild headquarters or holdings. If an opponent has a good position, you can move to deny them that. @@ If your successful attack leads to an extended task (meaning the foe is not a minor character), the task's requirement equals the foe's Battle skill. The
player characters didn't poison their own rice, and no one had enough time to poison all of it after delivery. TREASURER The Treasurer is the main financial officer of the House. These two modes of play allow players to choose between their player characters D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 233 acting directly as agents or
pulling the strings behind the curtain as architects. Of the two, Rabban proved a useful tool for brutality but little else. Sometimes, they even offer in-person pickup games, one-off adventures, or even specific days where a particular game is the focus. Q u ic k T ips FLEXIBILITY IS KEY. Some of these may even be assets of a player character. The log
shows the characters that it was a carryall mechanic named Euler who last worked on the compressor. The stillsuit processes these fluids by filtering impurities, recycling captured fluids into drinkable water collected in catchpockets, which is drunk through a tube. Maybe it's something like "I have a duty to my people, but I don't believe the House
rulers have our best interests at heart." Perhaps there was a time when the archetype noticed something wrong with the House rulers and have been suspicious ever since. Then both Imperial Sardaukar and Tleilaxu conquered the world, placing the Bene Tleilax in rulership of Ix for a time, until House Vernius, with the aid of young Duke Leto
Atreides of Caladan, won control over the planet back from the Tleilaxu and petitioned the Landsraad to formally acknowledge their dominion. Even a few adjectives like this can help in locking down the personality of a character. You can choose to use a pre-made campaign or create one from scratch. Each asset is a special kind of trait (see p. In
quick succession, Richese also lost control of Arrakis to House Harkonnen. While the cymeks' human nature distracted them and gave them other avenues of interest, Omnius had only one purpose: to replace humanity with logical machines. They can wear whatever clothing and armor are required for a particular battle or assignment. First, select
your skill. The Judge's duty is to preside over the process and to report to the Emperor that all forms are followed, and that the penalized House does not behave egregiously or further violate the Great Convention. A knife can be used to parry and is therefore treated like a defensive asset if in the same zone as an attacking one. Any character might
use either style of play to perform missions and your group may have a preference for one or the other. If you've already prepared a one-off that you can slot in anywhere, you can try that. In some cases, the relationship is purely a business one, but many Rulers and Consorts do love and care deeply for each other (such as Duke Leto and Lady Jessica).
@ Guidelines for novice and experienced gamemasters on how to run Dune themed campaigns of intrigue and adventure for the elite agents of a noble House. This treaty, derived from the Butlerian Jihad, when the Houses of the Imperium strove
against one another for supremacy. This method allows a player to start with the kind of characters they want to play from the outset, and the process allows for a considerable amount of customization of characters. TARYN JELLICOE, 'THOPTER PILOT (NOTABLE SUPPORTING CHARACTER) DRIVE Taryn Jellicoe is a 'thopter pilot for the carryall
Graf Von Dreissen, or the characters' House if that is more appropriate. Keywords: Communication, Concealable, Tiny Special: Use of an emergency transmitter is often a good justification for creating assets that represent extra troops. 199 Shield...
                . PRIORITY BOARDING (SPACING GUILD TALENT) You can call in a few favors to ensure the Guild inspectors don't take too long looking at your luggage. 237 Moving Between Architects & Agents....... They work to collect information, to spy on the comings and goings of the Houses, to influence the fate 214 of worlds. You could even
weave one scene into the other using flashbacks and 'flashforwards', possibly even blurring the lines of which scene occurs in the present.—from Collected Sayings of Muad'Dib, by the Princess Irulan D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 161 T h e N at u re of C on flict onflict is inevitable in the Imperium
He was too unwise to realize that this mismanagement was precisely what the Baron wanted, as it would allow Feyd to appear as a savior when he took over. Or step out of the room and get something to eat. DEFINING SKILLS During play, when you attempt a skill test which uses a skill which is undefined, you may choose to define it. The smugglers
of this world will do anything they can to undermine it. @@ What is the crime rate like? It's also fairly common for some cultures to place the family name first, with the personal name afterwards. VOICE Because of their incredible physical prowess, members of the Bene Gesserit can also take advantage of Voice. Over 10,000 years ago humanity
Move or Discipline test. It is important to remember the Butlerian Jihad was not just a war, but a holy war. Alongside this, skill in single combat is also useful for defending against would-be assassins. While the zones may be different, skirmish attacks work in the same way as dueling attacks. The Known Universe of the human empire is ruled by the
Padishah Emperor Shaddam IV. Regional and planetary variants exist and many, many other languages are spoken within the fieldoms of the various Houses of the Landsraad, but most official communication is done in Galach. Example: Kara has been sent to investigate a spice smuggling operation. Something one or more of their ancestors did
caused a rift that has only widened as the centuries have passed. We also explain how to create and play such characters and how to make them really come alive in your adventures. Any die that rolls 6 or less count as two successes, because of the focus. So, the gamemaster asks Kara's player to make a Communicate skill test to see what she learns
from the interrogation. You can always turn a Minor non-player character into a notable or even a major one at a later point in time if the players end up interacting with them a lot. This is the time when you'll all talk to each other and set boundaries. Keywords: Communication, Information, Universal DAMPER, IXIAN The secrecy of the Ixians led to
the creation of these devices to nullify eavesdroppers. ADOLESCENCE Ment at Training is intense and essential for the development of mental abilities. The needle gun is a variant of the maula pistol. See Managing Personalities on p.231 for tips on how to address many issues that may crop up within a
them is about to be withdrawn, or you can do it suddenly, demanding payment now! Of course, as necessary as this might be, it tends to cost an agent their asset. This has resulted in considerable additional political and espionage resources being concentrated in Arrakeen, as the Houses see Fenring's presence as being a route to earning the ear of
the Emperor himself. @@ Drive statements should be easy to understand, so that you and the gamemaster can both understand when they're helpful, when they're helpful, when they're helpful, when they and the second connects into the next ring.
graft and embezzlement is expected as a matter of course and tolerated provided the involved parties don't blatantly show their hand. R ec o n str u cti o n Post-Jihad, humanity is victorious, and vows never again to create a machine in the likeness of the human mind. WHAT DOES YOUR VILLAIN WANT? G a mem a ster's T o olk it MUH052168 A
four panel decorated screen with 32 page booklet offering all manner of gamemaster support. Agamemnon found the rest wanting and slew them. Typically speaking, targeting an asset is a skill test with a Difficulty of 2. Assassination, Sneak Attacks Assassins of the Imperium often employ poisons and hunter-seekers to minimize collateral damage, as
Kara, and so picks 'Noble'. TARGETING ASSETS Denying assets to the enemy is a key element of conflict—the fewer assets they have, the harder it is for them to attack you or defend against your attacks—so targeting assets is likely to be a common choice of action. Characters who belong to the group's House (rather than being vassals or servants)
will likely use the House's name as their surname, in part or in full. The player characters' House will probably begin play with an enemy or two. When you attempt a Move test and suffer one or more complications, you may spend Momentum to ignore some or all of those complications; this costs 1 point of Momentum per complication ignored. The
revolt was quelled and, in the chaos, Butler and Iblis Ginjo escaped along with Vorian aboard his ship and fled to the League of Nobles' home base. @@ Determination ties into a character's drive statements, and has other uses, but it can be used to improve the odds. See p.280 for a writeup of the Fremen warriors. What is certain, and all that anyone base.
truly needs to know of the sandworm, are the marks of their coming: @@ The first is the trembling of the earth, which can be lost, contacts may turn away from you, those who owe favors may refuse to give aid, and so forth. The birds often shelter in
the apertures of homes and civic buildings in 66 the cities, before venturing out over the wasteland to find food. While this isn't pleasant or refreshing to drink, a stillsuit wearer can endure weeks in the open desert, surviving only on this reclaimed water. Something like cinnamon and something like flint struck against flint, the odor is highly
distinctive and fills the air near to where the worm is likely to emerge. Poison snoopers come in two forms. That said, galaxy games can also work in shorter stories when time is of the essence: A controversial noble must reach a summit on a specific day, or Houses across the galaxy race against one another to obtain a priceless artifact. Even the
Emperor had to adhere to decrees made by the High Council, as the combined might of the Major Houses nearly matched that of the Imperium. Others still might find it an evocative science-fictional adventure story set in a challenging environment. Are they shy and quiet or expressive and passionate? While most Truthsayers need a special
Truthsayer drug (p.208) to enter a truthtrance, a few exceptional Reverend Mothers can choose to go into this hypnotic state at will. The Fremen, Imperial-backed rulers, and the smugglers wage an ongoing shadow war, striking at their opponents' spice harvesters whenever they see an opportunity. The player characters might serve their House in
different ways. Each House also begins with a descriptive trait for its reputation. Everything from the grand Heighliners of the Spacing Guild to the ubiquitous utensils used by the countless masses on every planet are invented, engineered, and produced in the sprawling factories of the Grand Technological and Industrial Houses and their satellite
minor Houses. The carryall itself is not much better. The citizens obeyed the laws and roles set out before them. CHIEF PHYSICIAN Most Houses run a sizable medical staff, which requires coordination and management. The first was
the Swordmasters of Ginaz, battle-trained warriors of superlative skill, capable of defending House-members within their estates and training their soldiers to incredible discipline. JOTHI METZOS, HARVESTER CAPTAIN (NOTABLE SUPPORTING CHARACTER) Jothi Metzos is the thuggish skipper of the harvester Alberich. @@ Increase the Drive it is
now equal to by 1. Sabotage, industrial espionage, and even assassination are prohibited, but not uncommon elements of doing business in CHOAM. At Session 0 or the start of game, everyone agrees with a word or phrase, which when said, calls for an immediate five-minute break. Her character, Kara, will be a deadly fighter, but also one of the
 otential heirs to House Molay. Most are shielded like personnel carriers, but their grav systems allow them to be used as ways to overcome fortress walls, deliver troops in tight spaces, work as elevators along unprepared cliff faces, or ferry people and equipment across rivers or other impassable terrain. If you are faced with defining your
Communicate skill and another player seems keen to have a high Communicate rating, it is worth taking a step back and letting them shine in the situation. @@ Targeting surveillance devices destroys them or renders them useless. DRIVEN Your determination does not waver. Note that this does mean that, working in concert, a group of uncontrolled
characters can achieve more difficult actions—reducing test Difficulty to 0 so that they can attempt and succeed at the action. 280 Guild Agent....... FOCUSES 5 EXAMPLE BENE GESSERIT AGENTS C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 DISCIPLINE: 7 Composure, Espionage MOVE: 6 Body Control U N D E R S TA N D: 5 @@ Catriona, a Bene
Gesserit acolyte, is working to infiltrate the personal guard for one of the powerful merchants on Arrakis. House Atreides has long ruled over Caladan and created a near-democratic world. They are immediately met and welcomed on board by Jaris Obregon. Blades come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and forms. @@ Drives: Two Drives rated at 6 and 7.
More than one has had to improvise an air filter from a discarded stillsuit to get a broken carryall into the sky before a sandworm arrives to destroy profits. See the example below. 118 Adepts (Move).......
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characters and flies into a disorganized, panicking rabble. SCENARIO HOOK @@ Hyperawareness: Whenever she spends Threat to Obtain Information, she may know two pieces of hidden information for each point spent. The Landsraad met frequently, allowing nobles a place to air grievances, discuss matters impacting the universe, and formalize
deals, whether contracts, feuds, or other business and territorial matters. The gamemaster decides Kara can only make three rolls before the party ends—there's only so much effort she can make to fix this. Very soon, many noble rulers had a Mentat as one of their most trusted advisors. One even laughed in a character's face after making a joke
about their own wardrobe! Clearly, the House's enemy, an Artistic House, is behind these attacks, but how to stop them? As the one in charge, you should keep an eye out for signs of anxiety, call for breaks when necessary, and act as an advocate for players who might be too shy to speak up. This is especially important when dealing with otherwise
routine sequences where each character may have a nearly-identical task to perform. 195 Ranged Weapons....... For others it might be a brutal regime where anyone not part of the ruling family is considered an expendable resource whose life only matters as far as they are useful, or entertaining. 152 Spending Momentum....... This often-
symbiotic relationship frees the Farming House from concerns beyond the need to provide food. BENE GESSERIT CODED DOTS Traits: Addictive, Euphoric, Expensive, Ingestible SHERE A drug taken by anyone fearing that they will be subjected to an Ixian probe (see p.199). Are they longtime friends or work acquaintances? Anderson continue to
expand the Dune universe, with multiple books set before, during, and after the events depicted in Frank Herbert's original series. found their place in the sietch. As a player, traits influence the kinds of things your character can try and do, and how difficult those actions are, but you can also interact with traits more directly, adding, removing, or
altering the traits in a scene as your actions change the situation. 213 Valuables.....
                                                                                                     .... This is part of what Session 0 (see p.224) is all about. This is not merely a matter of the skill with which those tools and resources are employed, but also the ends to which they are employed. An ordinary example of any particular asset, even a rare one,
has a Quality of 0. Getting flustered and not being able to improvise is normal. It is not unusual for sisters to act as the hands of the Bene Gesserit throughout the Imperium by becoming spies, assassins, advisors, wives, concubines, and agents furthering the goals of the order. @@ The other three skills are rated at 4. Having a Farming House as an
ally takes that concern from one of their top priorities to a minor issue as food becomes cheap and plentiful and allows the ruler and their council to focus on other pressing matters. The former cymek leader vented his frustration against humanity. 61 Fremen.........
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                .... As a Great House: The Great Technological and Industrial Houses are the
masters of innovation and the backbone of industrial production within the Imperium. In the school complex, initiates learn control, discipline, and loyalty to the Sisterhood. Burned. Even its very name conjures images of vast, desolate lands. They may focus on one or two staple foods, like pundi rice or golden wheat, but they also must have major
skills in management, logistics, and basic defenses to protect their massively vulnerable production facilities, including fields that cover continents. These are all explained in the Conflict Overview (p.167), but here we've provided some context that is specific to skirmishes for how to use and interpret those actions. Those born and brought up on a
planet might have all manner of career options, so long as they serve their House. Assets: Illicit Recordings, Old Friendship, Trusted Access With quiet footsteps, House servants go about their business, often unnoticed by those they are
during play. Others see the value and potential Power to be found within knowledge. It cannot be, Are they a House ruler, or are they at the same position of power as the player characters? The Suk School is no mere trade school from which workers are churned out, but an institution that produces practically trained but critically minded thinkers.
The gamemaster creates an outline of the plot and then describes the initial situation to the players. In this instance, the ordering character instructs the uncontrolled character instruction in the uncontrolled character in the uncontrolled characte
skilled The truth is what you make it. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. They had evolved along with humanity, with different lineages that rose and fell as the engine of time turned. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 7 C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 DISCIPLINE: 6 Command MOVE: 8 Stealth U N D E R S TA N D: 6 Poison Assassination Fenring served
the Emperor as an advisor and an emissary in delicate political matters. Next, they determine the reason for this hatred, and roll a 9, indicating a difference in morality. Just because industrial produce is not a domain for a House does not mean their home planet is empty of factories. On the main thoroughfares through the city, particularly the one
leading to the governor's residence, date palms are grown and maintained—despite the difficulty and expense of doing so. @@ If you comply with your drive, then you immediately suffer a complication (which may often make the action harder or prevent you from even attempting the action). This is, again, entirely deliberate. 42, 82 Wallach
                      Restored to authority there, House Vernius currently rules over Ix, attempting to reclaim their former glory. The Truths ay er's Truths aver is lying. Most of the population are city-dwellers or former offworlders
directly loyal to the Harknonnens, with a small number from other Houses the Harknonnens either own or seek to curry favor with. @@ Focuses: Putting Theory into Practice @@ Talents: Endurance, Stealth @@ Drives: The dangerous vocation of a Scout is one undertaken by
those driven by Duty, as few would willingly undertake their missions without a good reason. Whether it is cash, drugs, or whatever, they have borrowed from you in some way. Personal suspensors do not have the power to allow flight or stop falls from very high distances before running out of power. In a few cases these real-world elements are used
unmodified, but for the most part they are altered in an attempt to portray human culture Even Muad'Dib himself doubts his divinity and is often paralyzed by his own vision of a future he cannot accept but simultaneously feels powerless to avert. B.G. Under the leadership of Raquella Berto-Anirul, the Rossak Sorceresses become the Bene Gesserit,
founding their Mother School on Wallach IX. As a rule of thumb, each passed skill test should score 2 points towards the requirement, which can be reduced by complications and increased by spending Momentum. FOCUSES 8 Dueling, Short Blades, Unarmed combat C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 DISCIPLINE: 7 Survival (Desert), Resolve MOVE: 7
Worm rider U N D E R S TA N D: 5 Just as the harsh conditions on Salusa Secundus produce the dreaded Sardaukar, the inhospitable landscape of Arrakis hones the Fremen into a terrifying force. Nasir and Kara begin in the entrance zone with two thugs; three thugs begin in each of the fire escape and end zones. The ability to fold space is exclusive
to the Guild and its Navigators. Some might have a physiological response to detailed descriptions of gore, 117 Scout......
                                                                                                                                                 . At times, the value of a single decagram of spice has ranged as high as 620,000 solaris. Money, manufactured goods, precious materials (and any useful material is precious if you have enough of it), land,
population, ships, mercenaries, and anything else which has both physical presence and worth. CULTURE All worlds within the Imperium are respected but none more than Kaitain as the seat of Imperial power. ADVISOR There are many areas of expertise that a Ruler needs to be conversant with. The reason for their training is kept secret from the
students, whether in a school or learning under a single instructor. @@ New Statement: Create a new statement @@ Changing Priorities: Modify the score of 6, you would increase the one which had a score of 5). Many, but
not all, are nobles. Combat can be exciting and dynamic, but it can also be rules-heavy, and therefore slow. The nature of a sietch legislates against much in the way of privacy and most of the larger areas in the underground complexes are communal spaces. 73 Short Games vs. The Lit any Against much in the way of privacy and most of the larger areas in the underground complexes are communal spaces. 73 Short Games vs. The Lit any Against much in the way of privacy and most of the larger areas in the underground complexes are communal spaces.
bones and muscles, they have little time left before becoming a burden. @@ To Fight Someone Is to Know Them (Battle): Stilgar adds to 2 points to Threat when he defeats an enemy using the Battle skill. These obstacles are traits and don't strictly belong to any one character, but they are still problems that need to be overcome in some way.
Younger rulers may still be jumping at shadows and poorly estimating the abilities of their rivals as they try to settle into their role as a spider at the center of the web that is their House. The subterranean caverns provided a natural level of secrecy that Ix used to experiment with outlawed technology. This powerful woman has an even deeper
connection to Other Memory than the Mother Superior does, Though yet untested in command and combat, Paul bore all the makings of a great leader. When an opponent fails an Understand or Communicate test against you, you may immediately create a trait which reflects a mistaken belief they have about you. Resources: Artists and priests are
the two most important resources either House can produce, as they are the source of all great art and wisdom created by these Houses. This is normally a player character to take the first turn, or the gamemaster spends 2 points of Threat. 66 Sapho
STEP EIGHT: BEGIN PLAY! Pick one talent. Most are described from some Old Earth dynasty and have existed for thousands of years, frequently based on an ancestral holding upon their home planet. Characters This chapter will refer to abilities and details which are described fully across this chapter, but in order to avoid too much page-flipping,
we've provided a basic overview here: @@ Traits: A character has two or more traits, which serve as basic descriptions of who the character is. A Bene Gesserit can be carried by individual characters. Nothing is left to chance, nothing is unconsidered. She
wants to secure a CHOAM directorship for her House. One particular Reverend Mother from the past is urging her to find a hidden cache of knowledge left somewhere on Arrakis. One solution is to schedule periodic breaks during a game and limiting non-related conversation to those periods. THE CHOICE Upon reaching a specific threshold in their
development, every Mentat-in-training is told the truth about their training. While the ruler is the most renowned, they do not survive long without the assistance of such as a spymaster or advisor. Claire decides to put an extra point in each of her other skills to bring them all up to 5, leaving her with 2 left. A sandrider, killer of Harkonnens, and
dedicated member of her sietch, Chani was as respected as any Fremen in Sietch Tabr. A Fremen in Sietch Tabr. A Fremen in Sietch Tabr. A Fremen is likely to be either devoured whole by the sandworm or subsumed into the vortex left by its
@@ Your character could reasonably have already obtained the asset and simply be revealing it now. COMMANDER Commanders are senior leaders of military forces; their role is to decide upon a plan of action and give orders to their subordinates. With that said, rivals will undoubtedly do their best to uncover illicit practices in the hopes of inciting
censure by CHOAM authorities. Whenever you attempt a test where knowledge of past events—even those which may have occurred many generations ago—would be treated with distrust, so much so that even the most blatant and superficially obvious ploy is
viewed as a potential stratagem whose true nature has yet to be revealed. It marked a historic moment in humanity's evolution, paralleling ancient meetings of Old Terra by banning weapons of mass destruction. A trait is always both true and important: a trait goes away if it stops being true or important. FOCUSES A character's skills are broad, and
each character has a selection of focuses which allow you to demonstrate their specialized training or hard-won experience. As an Asset: Noble Houses and other elite people use them for training their younger House and Guild members. Much like the characters, planets themselves are
multidimensional and composed of unique and competing political, economic, and environmental factors. If you're using a non-player character is in the right place at the right place at the right time. But while the Arcuri command shuttle is as
far away as Kara's, it isn't much distance for an ornithopter to cross. But it isn't quite as simple as that. A character's name reflects their culture—different worlds may have differing traditions for how people are named—and their upbringing. An experienced member of the Sisterhood can fight with almost superhuman speed and movements. These
safety tools are not for players to police one another's behavior, but they are there for everyone to make room for a more engaging story. Alternatively, there is always the option of physically forcing their way on board. HOUSE HARKONNEN One of the more powerful Great Houses, House Harkonnen is based on Giedi Prime, a planet they have
stripped all wealth from, a dismal place under totalitarian rule. They can distract opponents, offer support, or even make bets on who the victor will be! So, the gamemaster should still ask what even less involved characters might like to do when a fight breaks out. Assets: Dangerous Secret, Group of Bene Gesserit Acolytes, Robes of a Reverend
Mother 274 Dignified, solemn, and powerful. ENVIRONMENT The surface of Ix is little more than a scattering hollow town across the globe with small two-story buildings. 196 Damper, Ixian...
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         ....... But any focus can be used with any skill if it applies appropriately to the action in question. When an action is
important, motivation becomes easier. 88 B.G. The Foldspace Shipping Company is established by Adrien Venport and Tuk Keedair. It dominates everything; its absence dictating how the Fremen have become such a distinctive culture. Assets play a vital role in any conflict, and in this chapter we offer a variety of options to equip your character. This
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new technology they are employing has already revolutionized their House's abilities. While you may have an idea how a game session will go, the session is likely to run into challenges beyond any the gamemaster could have anticipated. Between adventures, you may choose to use any points you've accumulated to purchase an advance. This was one
of the key events that aided the Butlerian Jihad in destroying the AIs. As the last of the thinking machines were destroyed, Gilbertus rescued Erasmus' memory core and spirited it away with him. They may break the covenant, unaware of the consequences, or worse, because they don't believe there are any. The Fremen do not want the characters'
'inferior' stillsuits— nor would even they sentence someone to walk the desert without one—but they do accept containers of precious water or personal weapons, though not personal shields, which they scoff at. He just never wants to see the Shield Wall or endless dunes again. When worn, the design of the stillsuit enables almost all the body's water
to be captured, cleaned, and drunk again. Traits: Spice Worker, Captain Talents: @@ Find Trouble: May contact the criminal underworld. T wisted Ment ats Another 'people product' in secret demand by many Houses are the specialized 'twisted' Mentats produced by the Bene Tleilax. 52 The next stage involves more physical demands on the young
Mentats, placing them in hostile, dangerous, and extreme conditions. They can be quite personable and are far from automatons, but they are never who they once were. @@ Target Number = Skill + Drive @@ Investigating confidential or hidden knowledge. The Baron and his twisted Mentat were both masters of intrigue and deception so refined
that they broke the mental training of a Suk doctor and, at the time, brought House Atreides low through this impossible betrayal. It is up to the adherent to decide for themselves which interpretations they will follow, and there is no shame in changing your mind. New universal governance was needed to lead humanity. They know they can call on
you when things get tough. When a player takes the game in an unexpected direction, consider their action. As an Asset: Face Dancers can sneak into almost any location, or government without notice. When this happens, you may want to ask the players what they would like to do. Brilliant, insightful, and possessed of a deep calm even
in the face of peril, she was as well-suited to her assigned role as the Bene Gesserit could have dreamed. Here are a few questions that you can pick and choose from to get you started: @@ Why do the people around the character fear them? By defining an ability in this way, the character is not suddenly learning how to perform it; instead, they
finally reveal an ability they already had to the other characters. @@ Machinery: Surveillance devices, sensors, jamming technology @@ Produce: Information and secrets from other Houses, probably by a particular specialty (such as military secrets or blackmail information) @@ Expertise: Spymasters and agent handlers @@ Workers: Agents, spies
infiltrators @@ Understanding: Particular forms of espionage and counterintelligence techniques FARMING Houses that rely on farming tend to be pastoral and peaceful places. When you create a drive statement for your character in this way, you immediately receive a point of Determination. 162 Gaining Information....
Warfare revolves around targeting and defeating assets, and the system for doing so is the same. Rights & Responsibilities: An Envoy needs to have a keen grasp on the entire universe, the planet Arrakis. MAKER HOOKS Keywords: Navigation,
Survival These narrow metallic shafts are used to open a gap within a sandworm's ring segments, exposing the lessarmored hide beneath to the elements. Perhaps even the Emperor is worried that this House's ambition might even turn to the Imperial Throne itself... 182 Defeat...........
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drives if they are not suiting the way you are playing them. Each skill may only be advanced in this way once, and no skill may be advanced to more than 8. In a small House Minor there may be little option when they need a good agent. Assets: Hidden Base, Maula Pistol, Ornithopter Ornithopter Shum between bases deep in the deserts of Arrakis,
while space-worthy vessels laden with contraband climb into near orbit around the planet. They need to hurriedly Move (challenging, D2) at least a kilometer from the crash site before the worm breaches the desert surface and consumes the wrecked craft (and possibly Jellicoe). The harvesting and refining of melange is a complex business, and the
responsible shareholder will find themselves needing to draw upon numerous outside parties, all eager to gouge exorbitant prices for their services in this critical trade. 86 B.G. House Atreides is founded as reward for actions during the Butlerian Jihad. Unfortunately, the Guild's power is not without cost. HOUSE MINOR Before making any definite
decisions, your group—players and gamemaster together—should take a moment to discuss the story you all want to tell. Many work hand-in-hand with CHOAM advisors to maintain the House's position within the Landsraad. Ornithopters? Based on the type of attack you are making, choose an appropriate skill and drive, as well as a focus if one
applies. They may be ransomed back to the House in return for some concession or favor or may awaken in confinement with an opportunity to escape and learn more about the nature of their enemies. As an Enemy: Nothing is certain when a Farming House is your enemy. @@ Trait: Athlete @@ Primary Skill: Move @@ Secondary Skill: Discipline
@@ Focuses: Grace, Stamina @@ Talents: Nimble @@ Drives: Athletes are often driven by a sense of pride in their personal accomplishments and a drive for greater Power over their bodies and their lives. Often Great and Major Houses are considered together in the Landsraad, and as noted above, the term is at times used interchangeably. 242 Liet
Kynes . These ships have changed little from the eras before humanity took the stars. Obregon tells the player characters that she was 'worried' when she received no signal that they had reached the storage depot. WARRIOR Might at arms is a necessary part of the politics of the Imperium. In addition, you may pay to Resist Defeat one additional
time during a conflict. They are certainly used by the Tleilaxu as their primary agents. Several influential Houses want this assassin alive. They don't want the Landsraad involved because the disputed land was being used to grow illegal narcotics for both Houses. These rules assume a few concepts that differ from many other roleplaying games, and
allow us to use the same system to cover a multitude of conflict styles. In fact, Fenring's mannerisms are all conscious choices. Your group should take a moment to talk about their House's home planet, and how they feel about it. So, for most House's home planet, and how they feel about it.
market. Personal shields also exist, but they cannot begin to compare to the strength of these massive defenses that would require energy levels like that of a crashing spaceship, comet, or meteorite to cause the shield to fail. W ater S eller DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 4 FA I T H: 4 JUSTICE: 5 P OW E R: 6 T RU T H: 4 With their distinctive cry
of "Sook Sook!" water sellers can be found all over the city of Arrakeen. If the player characters need encouragement to get moving, a successful average (D1) Understand test shows a distant crest of sand heading their way. 10,154 A.G. Lady Jessica is born. Such Houses are the ultimate courtiers, and the leaders of style and etiquette. The House has a distant crest of sand heading their way.
a strong tradition or dedication and service to their patron, but has not established itself far beyond their home planet. However, the players and gamemaster should take some time to decide which positions are filled in their House and who it is that does so. @@ Espionage assets are used for assassination, stealth, and information gathering. Other
 highly insular cultures like the Tleilaxu or the Fremen make it unlikely that one will find a member of the Sisterhood in their midst... but not impossible. As an Asset: Poison snoopers are excellent for defense and for use in safeguarding endangered people. Answer these questions about your villain to find their motivations. 94
                                 She is successful in moving the asset, but she needs to use it to learn anything. They may use hand signals or coded dots (p.208) to give each other information they do not want to provide to outsiders. To natives of Arrakis, these are the 'city folk'. The Farming House? Try to hit a variety of senses. In these cases, it is
highly likely that the Guild will only agree if the reason for this transit aligns with their own purposes. After the spice melange, food is considered the single most important resource that keeps the Empire running. Your character will have numerous blank spaces on their character sheet: @@ You'll have one trait left to define, which will reflect your
character's reputation. Her approach to medicine is innovative, which clashes with the rigid, traditional Baron who employs her. Fanatical and intractable, she wages open war against her enemies (both real and perceived), even when her elders might prefer a more diplomatic approach. New weapons, gear, vehicles, starships, ancient relics, and
other items essential for adventuring from the heart of civilized worlds to the furthest reaches of the galactic rim. Paul's very existence was an issue of secret contention amongst the Bene Gesserit who had ordered his mother to bear a daughter for Duke Leto. If the situation with Marcus becomes physical, she might gain complications representing
wounds, or even that she has been poisoned. The larger the relay station, the more range the signal has. A player character directly controlled by one of the players, rather than by the gamemaster. Notable among these duties was his service as fighting instructor, and eventually close friend, to the young Paul Atreides. This might be
the people in a specific location at a particular time, such as a society party, a meeting, or similar gathering, or it might simply be all the people vying for power and influence in a particular region of a planet, or within the courts of a the Major House which commands your own. This brings her dice pool up to 4d20. 89 Political.
comes to understand that whoever controls Arrakis controls the spice, and who controls the spice controls th
incursion. As the Atreides Master of Assassins, Hawat was instrumental in both counterespionage and the elimination of dangerous opposition elements. No matter their ultimate vocation, a Suk doctor is in possession of a formidable mind, a skillset of incalculable value, and the trust of the most powerful people in the universe. This is when the
classic 'Who, What, When, Why, Where, How' style questions can help. Note that the player characters' House is not necessarily the injured party! They may just as easily be the aggressor or the House whose bad behavior caused the rift. FAILED NAVIGATOR (SPACING GUILD TALENT) You underwent trials to become a Guild Navigator, but you
failed to meet the standards required... yet, for one brief moment, your consciousness became one with the universe. For their secondary domain, the group decides to branch out into assassination, and picks 'Assassins' (Workers) from the kanly area of expertise. DISPOSITION meaningful in intrigue, and you may wish to use this to your advantage by
creating intangible assets that represent things your character claims to possess. Millenia ago, when fleeing from Imperial raiders, the Zensunni scattered across the galaxy, 'wandering' from Terra and other worlds to the most distant reaches of space, beyond even the boundaries of the Imperial raiders, the Zensunni scattered across the galaxy, 'wandering' from Terra and other worlds to the most distant reaches of space, beyond even the boundaries of the Imperial raiders, the Zensunni scattered across the galaxy, 'wandering' from Terra and other worlds to the most distant reaches of space, beyond even the boundaries of the Imperial raiders, the Zensunni scattered across the galaxy, 'wandering' from Terra and other worlds to the most distant reaches of space, beyond even the boundaries of the Imperial raiders, the Zensunni scattered across the galaxy, 'wandering' from Terra and other worlds to the most distant reaches of space, beyond even the boundaries of the Imperial raiders, the Zensunni scattered across the galaxy, 'wandering' from Terra and other worlds to the most distant reaches of space, beyond even the boundaries of the Imperial raiders, the Zensunni scattered across the galaxy, 'wandering' from Terra and other worlds to the most distant reaches of the Imperial raiders, the Zensunni scattered across the galaxy acr
five types: Dueling, Skirmish, Warfare, Espionage and Intrigue. 198 Maula Pistol.
                                                                                                        ... As an Asset: This is a former agent encountered and trusted in in the past, able to be called on for a safe place to hide or tips on the moves being made by opponents. This may mean taking the entire story to an unexpected place, or this might mean
discouraging the idea and returning them to the primary thrust of the story. @@ Skills: A character has scores in five broad skills—Battle, Communicate, Discipline, Move, and Understand—ranging from 4 to 8. Each is more than a match for a score of normal soldiers and consider themselves peerless, save perhaps only the highest-level Swordsmen
of Ginaz. But all know what it is to fight and are lethal in one way or another. Unless the published campaign before you start playing it. However, instead of returning from the Sisters with courtly graces,
she came back to House Molay a deadly knife fighter and skilled politician. CULTURE Richesian culture places a high value on the balance between success and family life. Their fates are often determined by the disposition of their parents and the heir, whomever that might be. @@ Environmental Effects and Narrative Changes: The gamemaster may
trigger or cause problems with the scene or environment by spending Threat. Soldiers assembled with little to no training and bad or non-existent equipment. The originator writes a message on the square with a needle, one word on top of the next until the message is compete as the box absorbs each word. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I
bodies with an almost supernatural control. However, she knows Marcus is also known to be a skilled assassin, so instead she asks, "Is he here to kill someone?" TIMING MOMENTUM The majority of uses of Momentum come immediately after a successful skill test, to improve the outcome of that skill test. Subsequent noble children are essentially of
noble status but have little else attached to their name, other than status within the House. @@ Rigorous Control: The Emperor may use Discipline instead of any skill in an extended test. Read some reviews to find a published campaign that meets your needs. Telling a great story together is the goal of a role-playing game. Where? PASSIVE
SCRUTINY RAPID MANEUVER When you enter a scene, you may ask one question of the gamemaster as if you'd spent Momentum to Obtain Information. Its ultimate purpose is the creation of their Kwisatz Haderach, a genetic superhuman whose psychic and physical abilities will bring peace to the universe, all with the careful guidance and control
of the Sisterhood. Many other Houses produce large amounts of food as a way to feed their people, but these Houses focus on producing enough food to feed the large numbers of people on planets that do not or cannot produce enough food to feed the large numbers of people on planets that do not or cannot produce enough food to feed their people, but these Houses focus on producing enough food to feed their people. F a it h a n d R eli g i o n While humanity has spread out into the stars, religion and faith still
have a place in the Imperium. The nonplayer characters should probably not hold the spotlight longer than the player characters. Though each had many rivals, none could attain and maintain the standard of excellence that made the Ginaz and Suk schools synonymous with the services they provided. As with knowledge, casting doubt upon the real
worth of a valuable is possible—are these art items real or fake, do you have as much of this mineral as you claim, etc.—but often more effective is demonstrating that there is no need or demand for those valuables. There may also be a struggle for power if the Ruler dies and two powerful claimants contest the succession. This gives her a dice pool of
4 with bonus successes if Anna rolls well with her single die. You're well-versed in the subtle ways of avoiding an opponent's defenses. If the players have already created their House but do not have holdings on Arrakis, you can discuss changing the era to one when their House does have rights on the planet. Over 70% of the planet's surface is water,
and there are three main continents. Not long after, Berto-Anirul went on to lead the Sorceresses and transformed their organization into the Bene Gesserit Sisterhood famous across the Imperium today. Most of this is dismissed as ludicrous—tales told only by those who have spent so long out in the desert that their minds have melted, or those who
have breathed in too much spice. Fighting should never be clumsy, or haphazard. To date, no ghola has ever been able to remember their past life. It is not enough to simply be effective and highly trained. 128 Direct......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   .... Sounds like poison. STEP THREE: SKILLS Assign a rating to each skill: @@ The primary skill listed for your
archetype is rated at 6. T This method allows you to partially create your character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through their actions in the same way that a character through the character thr
designed to offer a quick narrative description of what a drive means to that character. When on the surface of Arrakis and exposed to the sun, the Fremen are entirely covered, every inch of skin obscured and protected. into harming a human automatically fails, and he automatically succeeds on any skill test to persuade another that he intends them
no harm. 1. They also have vast connections reaching outside the House they run. Regardless of how long the scene takes, before you move on to the next, you should make a habit of offering one last request for actions. Their sensors acted as replacement for all sensory stimulus, and thus, they waited, seemingly immortal. @@ Machinery: Tractors,
harvesters, large-scale farming equipment @@ Produce: Crops and animal products (from special wheat to sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese) @@ Expertise: Stewards, land managers @@ Workers: Farm laborers, sheep and cheese and c
control planets full of factories and production facilities, but most do not let productivity destroy their home. As such they carefully monitor the health of everyone in the House and perform autopsies on enemy agents to make sure there are no further tricks or traps, such as implanted bombs, yet to be sprung. Do they recommend that Globus be
removed from his post? Dire (Difficulty 4) @@ Overcoming a complex lock, in a hurry, without the right tools. The freedom of humanity was a gift from God for doing his will and tearing down the enslaving machines. They must live in an atmosphere saturated with spice gas to survive, and their appearance shows a dramatic mutation from the humanity was a gift from God for doing his will and tearing down the enslaving machines.
form. Other Traits may be gained (or lost!) by the House during play, usually after an important event that changes their reputation in the Imperium. After the Butlerian Jihad, such devices were forbidden, limiting space travel considerably, making it less safe and thus threatening to isolate the scattered worlds humankind had settled upon. Each
character is composed of several elements, which serve to represent and define who the character is and how they inhabit. Technology in the Imperium is exceptionally advanced, but absent of 'thinking machines', any form of mechanical computer or robot intelligence. We have divided them along the same lines as the
types of conflict, to make it easier to see how they might apply. Languages: Galach Locations of Interest: Barony, Eastern Wasteland, and Giedi City OVERVIEW A heavily industrialized world with pockets of nature ruled in an authoritarian manner. When you attempt a Move test to sneak or otherwise pass unseen through an area, or when you attempt a manner.
attempt to move an asset subtly during a conflict, the first extra d20 you purchase for the test is free. For example, say you rolled a 1 on your d20 four times. Having declared all the traits they wish to use, Nasir and the enemy pilot make an opposed test against each other. While such prosthetics are not always biological in nature, they are always
biologically compatible. Nonetheless, this is still a journey of many kilometers across the sand on foot. Put a rating of 6 for the primary skill listed and a rating of 6 for the secondary skill listed and a rating of 6 for the primary skill listed. They pray for good weather and a plentiful harvest. It would revolutionize the current system (entertainment, small arms, transportation, housing, etc.). You
said he just collapsed the instant he was hit with a dart from the assassin? This repeats until the conflict is concluded. The Fremen's other name for the sandworms, 'Makers', is even more explicit in this regard. Though it might not seem like they are too important, they oftentimes actually serve as an introductory point for the player characters. There
are dozens of different prophecies surrounding the Mahdi, where he emerges from, and how his coming is recognized. @@ Male: Abulurd, Arkie, Aureluis, Bijaz, Cammar, Dmitri, D'murr, Dominic, Duncan, Edric, Elrood, Farad'n, Feyd, Glossu, Gurney, Hasimir, Iakin, Jamis, Korba, Leto, Mattai, Miles, Moneo, Otheym, Pardot, Paul, Piter, Rhombur,
Shaddam, Stilgar, Thufir, Tyros, Victor, Vorian, Wellington, Xavier @@ Female: Alia, Anirul, Chani, Dhuri, Faroula, Ghanima, Helena, Irulan, Jessica, Kaliea, Margot, Murbella, Norma, Siona, Wensicia D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 123 @@ Surnames (usually by House for nobility, but also): Bludd, Calimar, Cour,
Dinari, Garon, Hawat, Idaho, Noree, Noret, Pilru, Reed, Reffa, Rund, Trig, Tuek, Wu PERSONALITY Once you've got an idea of what your character does, and believes, and you've thought about how others perceive them, consider what sort of personality your character does, and believes, and listeners, for access and
knowledge are the advantages of the courtier, and they are often at the forefront of palace intrigues. Because they can change, you don't need to worry too much about choosing the perfect statements right away; simple statements might be a better way to start, becoming more complex as you play the character and their feelings grow more
nuanced. Knowing that a particular asset is a ranged weapon tells you the circumstances where it isn't, such as if an enemy is shielded). A starting character should have three assets, one of which must be tangible. When the actions you want to attempt are actively opposed by another, a skill test becomes a contest
Though he had great affection for her, he privately worried that her ties to the Bene Gesserit might one day compel her against her family. Anderson) @@ Dune: House Corrino (Brian Herbert & Kevin J. "So, you're splitting the party?" grins Helen. For these reasons and more, the Spacing Guild is as disliked as it is relied upon, and most Houses
regard dealing with it as a necessary evil. Rights & Responsibilities: The Marshal is responsible for maintaining the rule of law within the holdings of the House. A character who takes steps to achieve their ambitions will become more capable, more influential, and generally more effective. 165 Aiding an Ally........
The population of Carthag is substantially different from the diversity of Arrakeen. Somehow their ability to observe and interpret the pattern, or threads within the pattern too subtle for all but the most talented prescient beings to perceive. Is the character close friends with
other characters in the House's service, relaxing with them? 10,153 A.G. Imperial Planetologist Pardot Kynes is sent to Arrakis to discover a way to replicate spice. Other, somewhat larger creatures also make their home in the desert. C h ec k i n g i n wit h P l ay ers As players portray their characters, dramatic and dangerous situations can draw
them in. @@ Alahhaois Ranum is one of the many technicians who repairs carryalls and spice harvesters. @@ Cautious (Discipline): They may re-roll a single d20 gained from spending Threat. @@ Moving boldly is overt, dramatic, and attentiongrabbing, often accompanied by a shout or war-cry that might drive a foe away in sudden fear, or a taunt
that draws out a chosen foe. P ro p h ec y , P rescien ce , & H y p e r - p e rc e p t i o n Most formidable and iconic of all human abilities in Dune is prescience. T h e B e n e T leil a x While the sisters of the Bene Gesserit have a reputation as 'witches', there is another organization more reviled but whose services are just as in demand. Remember that
assets are simply additional traits you can use to modify the situation. You just need to get the job done or follow your orders. Quests, pursuit and rescue plots, galaxy-spanning space operas, large-scale political intrigues, and galactic war stories can send player characters to the ends of the Known Universe and back again. If you are about to attempt
a skill test and the talent would provide an advantage on that test, you gain the talent's benefits on that test. Directors who fail to attend these meetings will rarely be formally censured but may find themselves missing important opportunities or becoming useful scapegoats. Otherwise they have no interest in the dealings of the Imperium and its
people. Called 'Shai-Hulud', or 'Makers', by the Fremen, the sandworms course through the planet, posing a terrible threat to any who travel carelessly across the surface of the sand. 232 M iti g ati n g P l ay er A b u se Players portray characters in a game, but a player who uses their character to conduct themselves in an inappropriate manner car
sometimes use their creations as a shield. THEROLEPLAYINGGAME Modiphius Entertainment Ltd. These mechanical devices scan edible substances before they are inquested. Keywords: Experienced, Intelligent, Wily Intrigue Assets: Courtiers The Padishah Emperor is the most powerful person in the universe, and like any great ruler
in any era of human culture, he has established a court around him. 190 Determination and Assets... @@ The skill you roll in an intrigue contest is normally a Communicate in response. HISTORY POINTS OF INTEREST The capital of Ix is the
underground city of Vernii. As knives are easily obtained, she decides it has the special attribute of being easy to conceal. Peacocks strut freely in the pristine Palace gardens surrounding the tea House year-round. The heraldry of the Imperium is nowhere near as complicated as that of old England but still serves as a clear symbol of each house
Others are driven by a strong sense of right and wrong, and a strong drive in Justice. The company was composed of the Emperor and the Landsraad with the Bene Gesserit and Spacing Guild as silent partners in profits paid to shareholders. This is the thing most important to the character, so you need to know it in advance. 127
they succeed?" The answers to these two questions can provide the urgency and stakes for the adventure. Others, confronted with the dangers of their profession, put their Faith in a higher power to see them through each job. Begin play! 132 STEP ONE: CONCEPT STEP FIVE: DRIVES AND DRIVE STATEMENTS Create concept and pick faction if
appropriate. Anderson) @@ Mentats of Dune (Brian Herbert & Kevin J. @@ Stirring Rhetoric: When Leto succeeds at a Communicate test to address a group, select a number of those people equal to his Communicate skill. Further, the limits of what others would be able to notice do not apply to her. They're the protagonists of the story and will
often serves to draw attention (and defenses) away from the slow blade. Historically they are known to be given as a diplomatic gift between warring factions. They operated in the background, pushing political players as needed through marriage, terror, and other, more subtle means. Architect-level play involves the player characters using their
any complications suffered by either side are handled by the gamemaster. Do they have a disapproving family? A House Major may have many Houses Minor sworn to it. WHAT'S IN A STORY HOOK? Few planets are just one vast desert or entirely a water world. Don't be afraid to improvise and create scenarios outside the published campaign. The
in the service of Omnius. Technological and Industrial Houses focus on building up vertical or horizontal monopolies related to their primary domain. They mastermind the strategies in a War of Assassins against and for their House. If they rolled well and don't want to expand upon it, you can just explain that their character got the upper hand,
leaving the poor courtier to pick up the pieces of their now-tattered reputation. Nasir moves boldly, flying close enough to get the attention of the enemy pilots. Anna's assistance roll was also a failure, but as it isn't part of Kara's dice pool it cannot be re-rolled with the Determination spend. And while their art, farms, or religious institutions may not
                                                                                                                           ........... Anyone who breaks this status quo for any reason threatens to shake the very foundations of civilization in the Imperium. need a Skill Test when it wouldn't normally). @@ Why does no one seem to believe the character, despite their
best intentions? FOCUSES B AT T L E: 3 C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 DISCIPLINE: 6 MOVE: 4 U N D E R S TA N D: 5 Composure, Precision Advanced Technology Traits: Commoner TALENTS @@ Cool Under Pressure (Discipline): May spend Determination to automatically succeed at a Discipline skill test. Players and the gamemaster spend Threat
and Momentum and play out a catand-mouse interrogation, where winning reveals if the servant can be trusted (or if there is an assassin in the group). Someone has deliberately and recently rewired the machine's power supply so that it remains powered on, even though the emergency stop button was pressed. @@ Channing Hudgeons Traits:
Sardaukar, Soldier TALENTS @@ Bolster: Spend 2 Threat to allow an ally to re-roll their dice pool. MINOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Rare Refined Alloys) Secondary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined Metallic Ores) MAJOR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Industrial Produce (Mined M
(2): Science Expertise (Scientists) and Industrial Expertise (Engineers) GREAT HOUSE Primary Domains (3): Industrial Expertise (Foremen), and Science Workers (Lab Assistants) ADVENTURE HOOKS: @@
Either through direct or indirect means, the player characters' House has discovered that another House has been creating machines that could fall under the Butlerian-Jihad-proscribed thinking machines that could fall under the Butlerian-Jihad-proscribed thinking machines. The average stillsuit wearer loses 2.7 ml of water per day. If it is difficult to get everyone together in one place, the internet offers many different
 . Similarly, you can create additional intangible assets to represent actions undertaken by active security, such as additional patrols or tighter
procedures, bolstering the security measures present in a zone. A rt of W ar The origins of the Ginaz style of fighting can be traced back to the Butlerian Jihad. Do the player characters pay the head of a House Richese, is on Arrakis to avoid the
manipulations of a rival within their House. Are they stoic or grim? @@ Disaster! One of the senior members of the player characters' House has become the laughingstock of the Landsraad for their unfashionable wardrobe choices. The stored information is compiled into a simulacrum, a digital 'duplicate' of the original subject, which responds to
stimulus in the same fashion, answering queries or providing answers. The life of the Fremen was harsh and Stilgar could be uncompromising as a leader, but he was noted for his people. Kara is leading the Molay forces, which have been landed in one zone. Your character will have two other talents, but these are left
blank for the moment: you'll decide what they are during play. The President, however, takes his final orders from the far more powerful CHOAM Ur-Director, who is rarely seen in public. Notable supporting characters are specialists, experts, trusted lieutenants, and similar people, though not as important as the main characters. Runs smuggling
operation (Group) Trades with Fremen (Group) Lives on @@ Surveillance devices which record sounds and Arrakis (Place) What defines each zone is that each is a potential source of information or is connected to one. 10,171 A.G. The Bene Gesserit devise a plan to make Lady Jessica Leto's concubine. Not only are its resources coveted by its
enemies, but they are also looking to destroy the House out of fear it might one day do the same to them. This might be in service to their House or the people under their command. Keywords: Mnemonic, Shigawire, Training As an Asset: The baradye pistol is a covert weapon useful in relaying messages and distracting others. Obviously, the more
powerful the fortification, the more costly it is to construct or obtain, and fortifications cannot be moved. A first scene with said baron dead on the floor evokes mystery and indicates player characters should gather clues and search for evidence. But you can tend towards simple or complex depending on the need and desires of your group. This both
guides the actions of that person or group (it's a roleplaying prompt for the gamemaster), and is something valuable for the player characters to learn, because it allows them to influence that person or group more easily. @@ Workers: Your House either trains or produces dedicated staff who are responsible for doing the actual work that makes the
area of expertise flourish. Once you've chosen these, you may choose two other focuses, which may be associated with any skills you want. A simple fisherman or water seller is not especially worried they will create a thinking machine. Thus, communities on barren desert planets and lush forest worlds have different needs in their religious life. The
                                                                                                      ...... FA I T H : 7 The mystery of life isn't a problem to solve, but a reality to experience. Example: While Nasir is maintaining a distraction, Kara has landed and entered the facility. If the player characters manage to climb on board the Alberich and take
shelter from the desert at last, they find a cramped, badly-lit interior that is louder and filthier than the carryall Grief, and even more suffused with the cinnamon scent of spice. Often useful when relying on empathy and wisdom. As an Asset: Recordings, visual or audible, of an asset's illegal (or at least extremely embarrassing) practices. For this
reason, very few people ever request a ghola, but the Tleilaxu have been known to offer them as gifts for a variety of nefarious reasons. with her family at this soiree it isn't quite right. Were the player characters effectively robbed and shamed? TRAIT PERSONAL DETAILS Select one additional trait for your character, reflecting the character's
reputation and how they are regarded by others. There is little more powerful than the threat of exposure hanging over the head of an asset. While that should be enough, Kara can also enlist the help of Anna, her handmaiden. She has upset a few of the guests with her questions, and possibly embarrassed herself by drinking too much. Perhaps, it was
poisoned in the merchant's warehouse before it ever even got to her. Most telling is the use of the word 'jihad', usually towards a noble purpose. Essentially, a defensive asset is a trait that can be used to increase the Difficulty of any attack to that zone. Kaitain is warm year-round with few clouds to obscure the crystal blue sky, and only the rarest of
storms occur. The young man was an accomplished fighter and gladiatorial combatant as a teenager and had already dispatched a great number of slaves in the arena before the age of 20. As several security measures are in play, infiltrating the base becomes an espionage conflict. Alternatively, converting a well-placed non-player character into a
double agent can be extremely valuable, but difficult, likely requiring an extended task (with a requirement equal to the nonplayer character's Discipline) and some way of persuading them to betray their masters. She is well known by the criminal fraternity, including smugglers. GAINING INFORMATION Often, a situation may not be entirely as it
seems, and many conflicts revolve around keeping secrets and relying on misdirection and misinformation. Trained people are 'reassigned for money' and are expected to be loyal to their new employer, whoever they are. EXAMPLE WATER SELLERS @@ Manan is a wealthy water merchant who love to Everyone wants water. D ri v es p.105 @@ Duty
p.144 Tr a its @@ Let you try something you couldn't do normally. @@ The planetary governor hires the player characters to protect a spice shipment traveling from Carthag to Arrakeen. Or perhaps they are playing a long game where the attack on the player characters' House was nothing but an attempt to place them in the debt of this Military
 House. SCENARIO HOOK An artisan working for the player characters' House has valuable information that could harm a rival. You may not keep the initiative. This is, understandably, a dangerous and difficult task, and good scouts are valuable. EXAMPLE COMMUNICATE COMPLICATIONS @@ Disconnected: I am out of my depth in this social
situation. However, she could still create a new trait such as 'Inquisitive' that might give her a bonus to further investigations. The Guild, meanwhile, keeps track of the quantity of spice leaving Arrakis and who it is held by. This is mainly as they are in an informal setting at a party. Secret Spice Stores The Desert The Smugglers Akira, the ornithopter
pilot Check out Creating Non-player Characters on p.263 for more hints and tips for making well-rounded villains that make great antagonists for your players to face. You have been trained to modulate your voice to influence the subconscious minds of others. However, more subtle attacks are still an option. @@ Driven: After Duncan spends 3 Threat
for 1 point of Determination, roll 1d20. U si n g D ri v es Drives can be one of the more challenging aspects of the system to use. SPY Espionage is an integral part of the politics between the Houses, the Landsraad, the Spacing Guild, CHOAM, and the other factions in the Imperium, and spies are the ones who perform this work. A cti o n s i n E spi o n
a g e This section provides some guidance on the most common actions you're likely to attempt—or have attempted against your character—during espionage scenes. Other skills may be applicable, but only in specific circumstances where the skill relates to the kinds of information being gathered. Determination may be spent in the following ways,
each use costs 1 point: A ddi n g t o T h re at p.155 Players can add to the Threat/Die) @@ Escalation: Some actions may 'escalate' a situation, @@ Automatic 1: On a single die. The ecosystem is perfectly balanced to grow
crops for the populace as a primary export. MOVEMENT Moving assets in a duel reflects moving weapons and defenses to attack and defend different areas. Some information may not be obtained easily, requiring that it be actively retrieved from people rather than gathered passively from written records or simple observation. With some effort, they
can be rallied and brought back into the fight, though with a Quality one less than normal due to casualties and reduced morale. Spend Threat, Momentum, and/or Determination points to modify the test 6. In either case, appropriate traits may increase these scores further. In this era, it is the Great Schools and Ix who hold things together.
                                                                        statement that poses a problem for your character, because that's how you can gain more Determination to spend (see p.157). Suspensors, mentioned above, also play a large role in industry. Secretive or isolated factions may be difficult or impossible to reach under normal circumstances, even if connections exist. This might raise the characters
prestige within the Landsraad, and if they are an honorable House the characters may have just purchased their friendship, ended an old grudge, or even made an ally. All the factors worked to support the others to maintain their place in the system, so removal of any one group would cause the entire structure to collapse. So, he must first declare he
is using his ornithopter asset to make the conflict between them possible. The few examples of plant life are all highly adapted to surviving in the most inhospitable of climates, with extensive root systems sunk deep into the earth. The turret is an asset that was already in the zone Nasir has entered, so now the gamemaster decides to use it. STEP
TWO: ARCHETYPE Choose or adapt an archetype from the list. Side adventures and risk takers can, at times, present new and interesting opportunities. When Duke Leto accepted the fiefdom of Arrakis, Idaho was among the first envoys he sent to that planet. JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 8 T RU T H: 5 SKILL FOCUSES 7 Short Blades C O M M U N I C AT
E: 6 Intimidation, Listening DISCIPLINE: 5 MOVE: 7 U N D E R S TA N D: 6 The favored protégé of Baron Harkonnen, Feyd was as beautiful as his mentor was repulsive, and as deadly as almost any man alive. To attack the Spacing Guild is to assault the very structure of the Imperium: that should be enough to deter any aggression against them.
Not just physical evolution, but psychosocially and spiritually evolving. A cti o n O rder During a conflict, characters perform actions in a specific order. 129 Nimble......
                                                                                                                                                                                                       ...... @@ Where do they live? The Spacing Guild is quite aware of this, and acts accordingly, extracting every solari it can from those who use its services, working in
tandem with CHOAM to ensure a status quo that maintains their highly profitable monopoly. A character's place in society, and influences what they can and cannot do. But there is no reason not to modify this if there is disagreement. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 201 SPECIALIST
Specialist troops represent any unit of soldiers not meant for main line combat. While they are all working from the same text, different conclusions might be made over the same passages. Such systems were vital for galactic navigation and data storage. If they want to go about it peacefully, maybe have an option where they can appeal to a neutral
party instead. By combining ancient approaches to the use of the blade with their understanding of how the new shielding technology functioned, the early Ginaz Swordmasters developed the perfect means of puncturing them. This is one of the great risks of the position—despite the wealth and exalted status it confers, it also possesses the ability to
push a House into exile, should the Landsraad or the Emperor himself come to the conclusion that they have become too powerful. A ssets in Intrigue are typically things which can be used or traded to gain an advantage or exert influence. The wealthiest Houses (especially the Imperial House)
often employ Bene Gesserit Reverend Mothers in this capacity for their Truthsayer abilities. Thus, one of the sole means of waging war between Houses is under specific terms and guidelines agreed to by the Great Convention. POINTS OF INTEREST The Chapterhouse Mother School is the ideal of every Bene Gesserit to attend, and provides
education for many daughters of Major Houses, sent there for training if not to join the Sisterhood. The gamemaster should simply ask the player why they are doing the action and see what they say and how that relates to drives and statements. 10,156 A.G. Shaddam Corrino IV ascends to the Imperial throne. A super-efficient limb? Their capital and
homeworld is the planet Giedi Prime. Having said that, any character can become more involved in any conflict without picking up a weapon. For others, it is about ecology and the consequences of exploiting resources, an indictment of capitalism and about the cruelty of feudalism. WORLD GAME A world game has multiple locations in a single
planet. But, beyond preparedness, if you still want to have a 'ubiquitous item' as an asset, it should probably be more than just a tool or resource—it should be something personal, something special. There are almost no Fremen in the city at all, and the few that are there are treated poorly and with extreme suspicion, only remaining if they have no
other options. There is no sense of velocity, no shift in gravity, no appreciable clues that the Heighliners are traveling at fasterthan-light speed. If you succeed, then you achieve your desired goal, and can spend any Momentum you generate to improve that outcome as normal. 4 Spectacular or devastating in effect and function. @@ Understand:
Mental challenges and knowledge. Knowing that Paul's birth interrupted generations of breeding plans by the Reverend Mothers, she suspected he might even be the fabled Kwisatz Haderach, the super-being that the Sisterhood sought to control for itself. @@ Shields work in the same way as n dueling, except that ranged attacks against half-shields knowledge.
increase in Difficulty by +2 instead. Those who have been within it describe it as a paradise, though, again, they are less than clear what kind of paradise it might be. They use Momentum and Determination in a different way (see below) and instead of picking a Talent may instead choose from the NPC Special Abilities (see table on p.328). Within a
House and the Landsraad itself, the distinction between Houses Minor and Houses Major is of immense interest and concern; to those outside the House these distinctions are relatively meaningless. The self-preservation of a House and its continuation is its highest priority, and thus the head of the House and their family are protected by a force of
guards, poison-snoopers, trusted advisors, and defensive tactics. If they have no extra water and did not discover that one of their number has a damaged stillsuit, then that character also receives the 'Weakened' Complication. Intrigue can take place over a long period of time, or it can be focused on a single localized event. They are also good at
ensuring the right investments improve the House's financial portfolio. They may have a third faction trait if applicable. Each player makes a contested test (either for all the servants together or each one they interview). Nearly obsolete, artillery is only employed in the rare instances when a military force is fighting against unshielded rebels or on
Arrakis, where the inability to use shields on most of the planet makes their use a viable military strategy. DON'T DEMAND IMPROVISATION FROM YOUR PLAYERS. Favors are the only currency, outside of spice, that holds its worth, that isn't susceptible to the fluctuations of market prices. @@ Duty ambitions are about service to a cause or Coming
up with the details that turn a character from a collection of numbers and rules into a person is a vital part that obviously should be left to the very end, bringing together those disparate elements into a cohesive whole. This may also produce opportunities for skirmishes and dueling scenes if the character is targeted.
Their own Azhar Book predates the OCB and serves as their own handbook for manipulating religion to suit their purposes. They are to become a participant in a War of Assassins between two Houses. JUSTICE: 6 Harsh laws are needed in a harsh world, but we must know mercy in all its forms. Without the means of transporting troops, the Emperor
cannot hold his Sardaukar as a sword above the collective neck of the Landsraad, and the balance of power would shift irrevocably. The Bene Gesserit's Kwisatz Haderach, the confluence and goal of their immense breeding program, is perhaps the most obvious expression of a foretold prophet. She treasures her vast collection of antique weapons.
 @@ A created trait may lay the groundwork for other actions later, such as establishing an alias or cover story to make it easier to bypass security later. This gives your player characters a chance to understand the complexities of the setting, and perhaps even lead their House during the storm of Paul Atreides' great Jihad. CULTURE POINTS OF
INTEREST ENVIRONMENT Castle Caladan is the ancient home of House Atreides and is constructed of stone, wood, and reinforced with metal. Guidance on character details of this sort can be found on p.123. The Bene Gesserit acquired this archive after Berto-Anirul took over the Sorceresses of Rossak and transitioned the group into the Bene
Arrakeen's population is extremely heterogeneous, with people from throughout the universe taking residence there. 56 Drives......
                                                                                                                                                             crysknife is sacred amongst the Fremen and bearing one may grant the wielder an advantage in social conflicts with these desert-dwelling warriors. 54 Mother Superior.....
                                                                                                                                                                                                      .. With this in mind, you may want to pick one that reflects how you respond physically, one that reflects how you tend to respond mentally, and one that reflects how you
respond socially. If the security measures have a higher Quality, the spy asset cannot enter that zone without attempting to move subtly or boldly. 61 Faction Characters and Templates.....
                                                                                                                                                                                                                         ...109 Bene Gesserit Sister............. The new capital city offered a level of opulence and luxury that Arrakis had never previously possessed. Amongst the
Minor Houses on a single world, however, warfare may be as common or uncommon as the ruling Major Houses encourage strife between their subordinates to weed out the weak, while others prefer different methods of resolving tensions. No background, however small, cannot offer a few plot hooks and story seeds of its
own. The key to a world game is creating opportunities for players to go globetrotting. 185 B.G. Work on space folding begins. @@ Skill: You may increase one of your skills by +1. @@ What (if anything) would make you betray those around you? @@ Attempting to remove an opponent's asset from play. CREATING A TRAIT OR ASSET Creating traits
can help shape the landscape in espionage, creating options, opportunities, and connections that may not have existed before. Study of the holy book is encouraged, and new interpretations are welcomed as they lead to greater understanding of God's will. A.G. The Great Houses convene to sign the Great Convention, outlawing the use of atomics
against humans. A graduate of the Suk Inner School, Yueh served the Atreides for many years. Keywords: Designed for Carryall Transport, Factory, Integral Scout Vehicles, Massive, Spice-infused, Wormcall ORBITAL TRANSPORT To reach Spacing Guild Heighliners, the Spacing Guild has countless large craft that travel to and from orbital space. The
sandworm is not simply a creature of limitless destructive power, however. 10,162 A.G. Irulan Corrino is born. CHOOSING DRIVES It can be difficult to pick when none of your drive statements seem to fit the situation. Expensive perfumes waft in their wake. 102 Discipline.
 The territory the House controls (be it a planet, moon, or just an area of land) is usually defined by the primary domain. Ecologists and meteorologists and thus their future productions and profits. If the statement for the drive you're using on a
skill test supports the action you're attempting, you may spend a point of Determination before rolling to change one of the dice so that it automatically rolls a 1, or after rolling to re-roll your entire dice pool. The League trapped Omnius Prime with a scrambler network: a device created by Norma Cenva that used the Holtzman effect to destroy the
gel in thinking machines. Brought up on Giedi Prime, Idaho was trained to be a prey animal, for the entertainment of Rabban Harkonnen, while Duncan was only a boy. Mentats since the time of Gilbertus that babies are taken from their homes to begin learning
the art. Despite this, it is nonetheless the primary source for the most popular religion of the Imperium. Describing the Warehouse: "The doorseal hisses as you push your way into the warehouse was popular religion of the Imperium. This talent can be selected
in place of any other talent the player might pick, but it must be taken by the end of character creation. They can also leave messages for a Bene Gesserit Sister... 74 OVERVIEW Standing in stark contrast to the future home of the Atreides line, Caladan is a vibrant ocean planet with a scattering of landmasses. This can be an intangible asset, such as
advantageous positioning in a skirmish or duel, additional preparations, useful information, or some other non-physical benefit. Richese retained a vital role in the universe as a technology planet but was diminished entirely but for their crowning achievement, Richese retained a vital role in the universe as a technology planet but was diminished entirely but for their crowning achievement, Richese retained a vital role in the universe as a technology planet but was diminished entirely but for their crowning achievement, Richese retained a vital role in the universe as a technology planet but was diminished entirely but for their crowning achievement, Richese retained a vital role in the universe as a technology planet but was diminished entirely but for their crowning achievement, Richese retained a vital role in the universe as a technology planet but was diminished entirely but for their crowning achievement, Richese retained a vital role in the universe as a technology planet but was diminished entirely but for their crowning achievement, Richese retained a vital role in the universe as a technology planet but was diminished entirely but for their crowning achievement, Richese retained a vital role in the universe as a technology planet but was diminished entirely but for their crowning achievement, Richese retained a vital role in the universe and the role in the universe and the
Spice melange is introduced commercially to the League of Nobles. Assets may also take the form of information known about an enemy, rumors spread to discredit them, or similarly intangible advantages. This represents the character attaching no real focus to the task as it doesn't mean as much to them. GAINING INFORMATION Even in a
skirmish, knowledge is power. A good technician is worth their weight in spice. So great is the Emperor regularly wears the uniform of an officer of the Sardaukar, to remind his enemies and allies alike of his command over them, though he has not trained as one. Remember that the members
of a House are valuable to that House and may be more useful as captives or bargaining chips, taken prisoner rather than slain outright. Scouts need to be able to move quickly through unknown and potentially hostile territory undetected, gather information efficiently, and return to tell the tale. To ensure that their needs were continued to be met
and that the threat of attack within the Landsraad was mitigated, the Great Houses signed a treaty establishing an alliance to stop anyone from ever again using atomic weapons on one another and die for the merest fraction of this incalculable wealth, and
whole worlds have been scoured in the pursuit of the coveted directorship positions on CHOAM'S board. @@ Lina has come to a player character's House with a The message is what matters. And, occasionally, a group just doesn't work out. 6 C O M M U N I C AT E: 5 DISCIPLINE: 7 MOVE: 5 U N D E R S TA N D: 8 Hawat had served the Atreides
for three generations by the time of the Arrakis Affair. As an Asset: A political spy can provide information on a War of Assassins, blackmail material, or plans for Landsraad proposals. That began with Tlaloc, the revolutionary who, in a failed attempt to awaken humanity from its stupor, turned to more radical means to overthrow the Old Empire. 178
                              . Even a failed student from the Inner School possesses a knowledge and skillset of great value. The same applies if the result is equal to or under your skill, provided you have an applicable focus (a type of specialty) you can apply to the test. There are hundreds of possible options, from the hawk of the Atreides to the lamp
of House Richese and the double helix of House Vernius. It's the way of things and entirely accepted, so long as no one can ever prove those previous allegiances. Heirs are trained extensively in various forms of combat, and those who hope to lead the House are driven to excel. As an Asset: Dew collectors are one of the ways to maintain life on the
planet. The gamemaster spends some Threat and manages to get 4 successes. As an Asset: Shields are affordable for those of means, and always a factor when determining strategies against House operatives and soldiers. But some kilometers out, a mechanical alert blares. HOUSE TYPE AND THREAT The gamemaster has a pool of points called
Threat they can use to create all manner of problems and difficulties for the player characters (see Threat, p.155). Remember that the story that you are creating is a story that you are created together. Called the "weirding way" by the Fremen (p.71), this hand-to-hand combat style uses prana-bindu training to a devastating level. Also, this is the
time to work on characters together. Keywords: Arrakis, Fremen, Survival P ers on a l A ssets: C omm unications, The school is generally believed to have been founded by the renowned swordsman Jool-Noret. If they survive to adulthood, they
understand that they will become even more of a target. Some few are installed with heavy shield generators for the protection of important passengers. She has access to all manner of other specialized equipment her House can provide, and as for normal items, no one in the Imperium is ever very far away from a knife. Sardaukar battle uniforms are
white, and ritually stained in blood. All the universe's economic business was executed through CHOAM, which was critical in assisting the 24 Order of the Mentats to assign members who were in great demand from each universal power player. An alarm sounds if the snooper detects poison. Technological- and industrial-focused Houses desire
material that is difficult for them to produce, access to technological breakthroughs, and highly-skilled personnel; in exchange, they offer beneficial trade deals and access to their best finished products and technologies. A knife that was a gift might represent a special bond between characters. They will probably spend quite some time with the
player characters, pushing them along with the story. Visiting one city feels like being in any other city, granting a level of familiarity and a disconcerting feeling of having been someplace before but uncertain. CREATION IN PLAY Creation in play is like planned creation, but you make fewer decisions. This might be a unique resource like spice, but it
could be a common product your House is the unrivaled expert on. Roll your contest against the target. The spotlight should mostly be on the player characters put a stop to the racket, or turn it to their own advantage? Most directorships have been maintained hereditarily for many generations, and it is uncommon for new
directors to be so invested. CHOAM is covered on p.43. Length Games range in length from one-shot events to longterm campaigns. MOVEMENT Moving assets in espionage reflects moving agents and security apparatus to the places and people where they're the most useful. Not every House utilizes every position, and some might have multiple
agents serving in the same position (such as Advisor or even Consort). Freme n E Ider DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 5 FA I T H: 7 JUSTICE: 6 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 5 SKILL EXAMPLE FREMEN ELDERS @@ Akrab is naib of his sietch, aging now and concerned that younger Fremen are building up their courage to challenge him. If so, how
much? You're likely to find fellow storytellers in places like these. He is curious about these particular off-worlders, however, traipsing across the desert and risking their lives. Troubles hooting contact with the players. They are also great sources of information and can
give players insight on the ins and outs of the planet they are on. A story that starts in a bar suggests a casual, adventurous atmosphere. After all, if such technology is linked to the brain and nerves, what part of the person is doing the thinking? Born to Pardot Kynes and his Fremen wife, Liet inherited Pardot's position as Imperial Planetologist. It is
uncommon for a House Minor to receive such a reward, but when it does occur, that House almost inevitably finds itself elevated to the status of a House Major due to the attendant influx of wealth and prestige. There is nothing wrong with creating new areas of expertise if what you want your House to excel at isn't listed. With comms inoperable,
there is no way they can complete their journey across the vast, searingly hot desert to the distant storage depot on foot. Some suggestions can be found on p.106. It has granted them skills of persuasion and seduction some would consider mind control. Houses, believes their House should have a monopoly on all maintenance of the spice mining
equipment on the planet. ...KEEP THE GAME ENJOYABLE. In appearance, Tleilaxu look mostly human, with curious features and sharpened teeth. Is the character in contact with the rest of their family regularly, and are they close at hand, or on a distant world somewhere else in the Imperium? With the Guild and Bene Gesserit reliant on spice for
many of their abilities, and most nobles desperate for its life-extending properties, the Imperium is forced to accept Paul as the new Emperor. A Truthsayer told a close friend that the person they are about to marry is a Face Dancer. - Gurney Halleck These archetypes all follow the code of war in some form. Infantry fight at relatively close ranges, and
thus can only attack other assets in the same zone. She should come across as a friendly but meek member of the House, and something of a middle-management nonentity, not likely to amount to much due to her low station and seemingly modest personality. Keywords: Addictive,
Mentat. Stimulant STILLTENT This airtight tent works similar to the stillsuit by capturing the humidity inside of it and gathering it for use by the tenant. However, your character can only maintain a finite number of assets in this way, as upkeep and maintenance become an increasingly large drain on time. Surrounding the governor's residency are
the various residences and embassies of the Landsraad. This option may be used once. Due to its immense potential for espionage, the Ixian probe is considered a loathsome innovation to most civilized people and is not generally used, even by the most amoral of spymasters. @@ Truth ambitions often include uncovering knowledge or revealing
secrets, concealing knowledge or protecting secrets, spreading knowledge (including propaganda or misinformation), or exposing the lies of others. Attempts by the Harkonnens are exempt from this talent as they have found Yueh's weakness — the safety of his wife Wanna. The employment varies from archivist to advisor to strategists in the court of
Emperor Shaddam IV. The military House might apply the grand style of opera and the precision of a well-organized factory to its weapons design and manufacture. They cultivate friendships with as many other Houses as possible, both as potential customers for their creations. Keywords: Damaging, Illicit, Subtle D U N E | A
DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 213 I n tri g u e A ssets : C o n t a cts Every agent needs them. He gains the surname 'Wormrider'. They have seemed friendly toward the characters' House in the past. Each Guild craft can carry thousands of individuals and millions of tons of goods for planetary markets and exchanges. @@ Deliberate
Motion: When Stilgar attempts a Move test, he may spend 1 Threat to ignore some or all Move-related complication ignored. During any conflict, they may spend 1 Threat to ignore some or all Move-related complication ignored. During any conflict, they may spend 1 Threat to ignore some or all Move-related complication ignored.
widespread adoption of shields. ATTACKS The following is how the Conflict Overview (p.167) applies to warfare: @@ As mentioned above under Assets: Armed Forces and Fortifications, assets in warfare are larger in scale than a skirmish, representing such battlefield elements as soldiers, vehicles, and fortifications, assets in warfare are larger in scale than a skirmish, representing such battlefield elements as soldiers, vehicles, and fortifications.
Titans for nearly a century. However, even the most ardent technologist might push these limits but would never break them. Basic technology allows food preparation to be done quicker, more efficiently, D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 33 T h e G re at S c h o o ls Over the millennia, many organizations have risen and fallen
within the Imperium, with the more powerful achieving the status of Great School, venerable institutions whose very names impart confidence in those who they have trained. This trade in people applies not only to specialists, but to groups of soldiers, workers, medical personnel, and many others. They might even try all of them. Introductory scenes
set expectations for your players. This took the form of a constant, and constantly brutal, cold war between the various Houses to try and secure the quasi-fief of the planet, producing spice and exporting it off planet via the Guild. In response and out of necessity, 10,000 free human systems united, forming the League of Nobles to oppose the Titans.
@@ The skill test is to achieve something, but there's something at stake as well. She rolls 5, 14, and 20. Leave everything to the player's natural ability to deceive, persuade, and convince, and leave it at that. Keywords: Disguise, Infiltration, Technology DEW COLLECTOR These devices are commonly found on Arrakis. If they ask to divert the carryall
itself, they are told that such would cause an even greater delay with production, cost valuable fuel, and they would still need to use the 'thopter to land. If the opposing character has any factors—such as traits—which would make things harder for them, each such factor reduces the Difficulty they set by 1, to a minimum of 0. When it goes off,
gameplay must resume. Basic information-gathering is typically a Difficulty 0 skill test the skill depending on the conflict, with Momentum spent to ask the gamemaster questions about the situation. But after curing a diabolical case of poison-induced indigestion during a tense summit, he complains less about her methods. Giedi City is a shining
example of Harkonnen ingenuity for industrialization. Since that time humanity has believed that it was their faith that allowed them to prevail, and that without it, God may take his gift of freedom away. Once the gamemaster has finished setting the scene, you and your fellow players can ask questions about the situation and choose for your
characters to do things within the scene; During a scene, your decisions are important; the choices you make have an impact upon the world around your character, and you'll have to face the consequences of those choices. This allows them to move with incredible speed and precision, making them lethal fighters. This takes several forms, and
different types of conflict may refer to asset Quality for different purposes. Keywords: Familiar, Loyal INDEBTED LANDOWNER Not all who bear titles are wealthy, and due to the whims of the market or through political connivance, it is entirely possible that a landowner may be relatively poor, either inhabiting a shell of a former estate—hollowed
out by the necessity of selling possessions to survive—or subsisting entirely on a wave of debt incurred to maintain the illusion of prosperity. These experts in their fields provided Paul a superlative education and he proved to be a fine student. The
supervisors run factories like a boot camp to increase efficiency. Sometime later, Norma Cenva provided them the secret that would revolutionize the Known Universe. Despite this somewhat circular argument, this idea is so ingrained in Imperium society it is hard to shake. The person ordering the parts did so through a proxy, so the player
characters must discover who ordered them and what they are planning to do. After his escape from Giedi Prime, Halleck became embroiled in conflicts involving House Vernius of Ix, eventually leading to his arrival on Caladan and his association with the Atreides. It is an effective solution to the near constant challenges of water scarcity and the
endless, enervating heat of the desert. They were there upon Arrakis when melange became the most sought-after substance in the universe. Sanctioned under the Great Convention and the Guild Peace, a War of Assassins allows Houses to battle each other by following a series of strict rules and using only allowed weaponry as described in the
Assassins' Handbook. @@ Notable supporting characters have a single asset each, created the first time they appear. Using safety tools is not a way to sanitize and dull your game or to police your creativity, but to make sure everyone wants to play the same game. You need not be making a skill test as with Obtain Information, and the data can be
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your supposition as much as a specific document or rumor. The Emperor has come to fear that the Atreides might soon have enough allies to be able to challenge House Corrino for the throne. 130 Putting Theory into Practice.. Example: Given that Marcus is a highly skilled assassin, Kara cannot let him get close to the spice trader, who is chatting
amiably nearby to another noble, utterly unaware of the danger he is in. JUSTICE: 6 My own word and oath are all I need to measure the deeds of others. @@ A lasting defeat from assassination is much the same as one from dueling. It also means that if the character has boasted of their martial prowess before defining it and the player decides to
give them a low Battle score when it is first tested, they have been clearly exaggerating their ability. It is generally believed that uncovering the secrets of these tanks is the key to understanding all the Tleilaxu technology. The Imperium expanded slowly during the reign of the current Emperor. Anderson) @@ Dune: House Harkonnen (Brian Herbert
& Kevin J. If a player opts to challenge or comply on a test, they may gain 1 Determination. MODIFIER Allied -2 Difficulty (minimum 0) Friendly -1 Difficulty (minimum 0) Neutral No effect Unfriendly +1 Difficulty (minimum 0) Friendly -1 Difficulty -1 Difficulty (minimum 0) Friendly -1 Difficulty -1 Difficulty -1 Difficulty -1 Difficulty -1 Difficulty -1 Difficulty
drives may conflict with your actions, though both you and the gamemaster must agree for this to happen. They are utterly reliant on a constant supply of spice. Keeping the Initiative, Kara then uses the asset to make an attack on the cannon turret, accessing its controls to overload it. For more information, please see our Cookie Notice and our
Privacy Policy. Keywords: Fremen, Sandworm, Transportation PALM LOCK These small-to-medium-sized locks are usable on objects up to the size of a warehouse door. T leil a x u E y es Replacement limbs and organs are also available from the Tleilaxu. FA I T H: 8 Shai-Hulud shows us the way. This section describes the ways that conflicts in Dune
are similar. This is, in most senses, a perfect illustration of how Arrakeen is used by those who come from offworld. Rights & Responsibilities: A good Treasurer can see a lot of details in the accounts, as discrepancies will reveal corruption, poor management and a host of other problems. You are all a team. There are already many ways they can go
about this, from sitting each of them in a room to following them to see who they talk to or even searching their rooms for clues. Corrino hegemony is maintained by the infamous Sardaukar, the premier fighting force of the entire Empire. JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 8 SKILL There are problems in this universe for which there are no answers
They allow the success of a character to be determined by their character's abilities, not the player's. Characters can play to their strengths and their highest drive is the way they tend to meet most challenges. These are easy to create, but easy to destroy as well, and it is potentially dangerous to lean too heavily on deceit to achieve your goals in
intrigue, as it can result in many resentful people who regard your character as a cheat and a liar. Hawat's counsel was a large part of the Duke's trusted inner circle, as he had been for the dukes before him. The Imperial Planteologists Pardot and Liet Kynes have both
speculated on this possibility. A Fremen crysknife is more potent than a simple footpad's knife, elite professional soldiers are superior to an equivalent number of ill-trained conscripts, etc. Maintaining the health of just the household staff and soldiers can require a lot of work. Having a steady, reliable supply can lead to extreme loyalty. They typically
go masked, as the stillsuit provides a facial covering to catch molecules of water emitted in each breath, and gloves cover the hands. A more dramatic and adversarial method is to add a point of Threat to the gamemaster's pool every time a player uses a phone at the table for anything other than what might be supported by the game. Most planets in
the Imperium have smugglers of one sort or another, and Houses deal with them in various fashions, from looking the other way, working clandestinely with them, taxing them heavily, or attempting to stamp them out. Something which grants bonus Momentum may specify that it can only be used in specific ways. The instructor encourages physical
activity and provides time for the students to do so. While most of the planet is urbanized and industrialized, it has many well-maintained natural areas for the populace. One of them makes an attack, and then the initiative passes to Kara and Nasir. Do they have a secret partner? A juice created from the roots of plants on the planet Ecaz. How did the
encounter with the Fremen end? In addition to crops, some food production Houses might focus on precooking agricultural produce, such as preparing cake and other baked goods from the raw ingredients they produce or import. The nascent program would become the foundation of the Kwisatz Haderach and the Bene Gesserit Sisterhood. @@
When you attempt to move a spy asset, compare the spy's Quality with the highest-rated security measures of the zone they are moving to. Each player should ideally copy this list and tick them off as they use them. His ruthlessness against his enemies was matched only by the kindness he bore for those he loved. Such is their reputation, even the
suggestion they will be deployed by the Emperor is enough to bring a noble House to heel. And then there are those entities searching D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 289 S erva n t DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 4 FA I T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 6 Servants handle the day-to-day operations of a noble
House, functioning as assistants, couriers, cooks, gardeners, guards, maids, mechanics, secretaries, and tutors. 83 Planned Character Creation.. The emergency stillsuit patches can be used to temporarily repair tears in a stillsuit for roughly a day. You're likely to find yourself in a position where you need to try and gain information during a conflict in
manufacture might also be recognized for its great operas and factory supervisors. The massive mercantile organization is unhappy with the shares of melange they're receiving from the current planetary governor. Obtaining a crysknife from Shai-Hulud renders each crysknife sacred—after all, they are shed by a god. Through processes unknown
outside the Guild, Navigators are recruited from childhood and exposed to vast quantities of the spice, becoming mutants. If you or a player worries about someone else's comfort at the table, instead of stopping the game to ask how they're doing, you can use an 'Okay check-in'. @@ The non-player characters can act as quides or messengers to keep
players on track, but if the player characters decide to go off-course, that's okay too! Just make sure that everyone at the table is okay with the way things are going and if you need to, use 266 the non-player characters decide to go off-course, that's okay with the way things are going and if you need to, use 266 the non-player character to steer the players back to the plot points you want to hit. If there are no characters left on a side who haven't yet taken a turn, that
side must pass and immediately nominate another opposing side. A small example is below. It is in the hands of humans that these great powers become either the path to a golden future or to the dreadful arafel, the cloud-darkness at the end of the universe. 194 Krimskel Fiber Rope............. Ruler: Farming rulers tend toward the stoic and those
capable of the long-distance view. Complications COMP. However, some players find it more intuitive to start with the drive and see if the statement suits it, and that's fine. The Imperial House Corrino controls the largest block of shares in CHOAM and is empowered to assign and revoke directorships. Attempting to escape being bound with the fiber
instead reinforces the bonds. A form of hereditary feudalism as has existed many times throughout human history, the Faufreluches caste system is the hierarchical organization that extends from the Emperor to the Major Houses, to the Houses Minor, then to the siridar governors, who administrate Imperial Law upon individual planets. If this
reduces the Difficulty to 0, they may move over or around that obstacle freely. They prefer the desert to the city and use the terrain to their advantage. The era of the Imperium sets the stage for the incredible events that are about to unfold. 95 Warmaster.......
Fremen territory, and he soon became a believer in the planetologist's vision of a verdant Arrakis. such is the endlessly unpredictable nature of the politics surrounding Arrakis. 168 Assets and Knives. In an RPG all but one person takes the role
of one of the main protagonists (or characters) in the story; they are called the player spends 1 Momentum, they may apply one of the House traits to their character for the remainder of the scene. @@ Talking
about the different religions in the Dune universe, especially on Arrakis, gives players different perspectives of the world. In addition, once per scene, he can increase the cost for an opponent to Keep the Initiative by +2. @@ The second die costs 2 Momentum. I knew we
should have taken more guards. They chafe under the power structures of the Imperium, like the abuses suffered at the hands of the ruling House of Arrakis and the tyranny of CHOAM. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 297 @@ The player characters' House has discovered a secret technique, method, or weakness of a Military
House. For several generations a quiet revolutionary movement has been building among certain noble Houses, the Noble Commonwealth, with the aim of breaking apart the vast, monolithic Imperium into smaller, independent, and competitive holdings. EXAMPLE MENTATS @@ Oren Yudin works for one of There is always a reason. RIGOROUS
CONTROL You are an island of calm amidst the chaos of the universe, maintaining control over yourself when you cannot control anything else. melee weapon, designed for trickery and deception rather than honest battle. If you have opted for a faction template, you must pick one of your mandatory talents for this option. Many are prepared to do
just that, but some special individuals are prepared to go a little further... 'accidentally' recording such illicit activities in one form or another, before filing it away, ready and waiting for the moment when it becomes useful. The following is a selection of talents which characters may select. @@ The Emperor must remain neutral in all conflicts
between Houses, as he must serve as an impartial arbiter when disputes become matters for the Landsraad to decide. Assassins are clever, dangerous, and often placed in positions of power within the Great Houses. Once all characters have taken a turn, the round ends. This doesn't mean they will be well disposed toward you, just that you can find a
contact. It is earned when a character's drives impede or hinder their actions. @@ Moving subtly involves commanding a unit to move stealthily or taking the opportunity to move when the enemy is distracted or looking elsewhere. The Harkonnens and their associated noble families relished cruelty, and public bloodsports are a leading form of
entertainment. When incorporating elements of faith and religion into their stories, you should try to balance these meta-narratives implicit in the setting against the characters that experience these concepts as authentic expressions of themselves and their beliefs. Her friend, Jimmak Tero, treated her with healing waters from a pool deep in the
                                                                                                          . All in all, quite a good evening. 102 S k ills Of course, characters are more than just their position and their drives. @@ Attacking an opponent with the intent of harming or defeating them (see Attacks, Defeat, and Recovery). FOCUSES B AT T I
E: 5 C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 DISCIPLINE: 5 MOVE: 5 U N D E R S TA N D: 7 Deceit chef, has infiltrated the House kitchen and awaits a signal to administer chaumas (ingested poison). She could try and physically confront Marcus but that may go poorly. Without the ability to move goods across the universe, trade would grind to a halt and all the
Houses would face economic ruin. To expose the crysknife to an outsider—except during battle—is taboo, and the crysknife must either be disposed of or else ritually cleansed, to render it fit once more for use. If the enemy is a notable or major non-player character, a notable supporting character, or a main player character, then defeating them is an
extended task. Thoughtful? You can adjust difficulty using Momentum and Threat. At the time of the Arrakis Affair, Mohiam has been elevated to the Imperial court where she serves as the Emperor's personal Truthsayer. @@ If the player refuses the Determination point, they fail the skill test with no further consequences. The entirety of Carthag is
essentially dedicated to procuring the favor of the Landsraad and the Guild. But before he can deliver a killing blow, Kara sees the flash of a white-bladed knife held high before it is driven into his back. Faction characters shouldn't be chosen lightly or on a whim, and their faction should be a core part of the concept from the outset. Assets: Face
Dancers steal or copy the assets of the person they are mimicking, and frequently kill them to avoid exposure. In this trial, a Reverend Mother candidate imbibes a fatal poison and must use her control over her own body chemistry to alter the toxic chemical composition into something harmless. While some of these forms of test are better suited to
different situations, they can apply to any action if the group prefers. See Running them around a battlefield. 128 Guildsman Spacing Guild Talent)..... @@ Where
is it? So, don't be afraid to talk about solutions as a group. Having unlocked the secrets of foldspace travel, they decided to keep the mysteries to themselves. But some elder children can be passed over for a more competent or conniving younger sibling. Even less proof can be found of the accusation that Fenring was responsible for the previous
emperor's death by poisoning. O therwise, defeating the foe is an extended task with a requirement equal to the foe's most appropriate skill. "Let's deal with Taren looking over Nasir first. The spice allows Spacing Guild Navigators and Steersmen to navigate this jump through space while controlling moon-like spacecraft called Heighliners. @@
Rapid Maneuver: When attempting a skill test to reach a destination quickly when moving on foot or in a vehicle, Feyd can reduce the Difficulty by 1 for attempts to reach a destination quickly by any means. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 249 H o u se H a r ko n n e n HOUSE MAJOR Homeworld: Giedi Prime Other Holdings
Lankiveil, Arrakis (Governorship) Banners and Arms: Colors: Red & Black Crest: Sigil House Traits: Brutal, Cunning Primary Domains: Industrial (Produce) - Refined Alloys, Industrial (Produce) - Mass-produced Goods. As a noblewoman she also has a personal ornithopter
as her second asset. Strategic locations themselves are shielded to prevent artillery strikes or bombardment. 94 Rights & Responsibilities: The Councilor has their ear to the ground in terms of the House. The training regimen for twisted Mentats involves the Bene Tleilax breaking the Mentat's mind down and rebuilding them in
whatever fashion their customer requested. Just start at the beginning and we'll help you take your first steps onto the sands of Arrakis. Their task is monumental and never-ending, and it affects every member of society from the lowliest slave up to the Emperor himself. What about the people around the character? They call it 'Dune'. However, the
gamemaster may then spend Threat to increase the set Difficulty to represent further complications, and permissible techniques from the Assassins' Handbook, assassins are not rogue actors working outside the system but rather a critical
part of how the Imperium functions. 4 C h a pter 🏶 C o n f lict It is inevitable that conflict happens in your adventures. or at least with minimal civilian casualties. Perhaps they have made huge sacrifices along the way in order to gain the control that they have now. Maybe they overheard a bit of gossip about a location of spice thieves and raiders, or
perhaps there's a hidden entrance into a secret Tleilaxu laboratory. When introducing these archetypes, think about how they would benefit the player characters. 292 Technician.....
                                                                                                                                                                                                  .... C re ati n g a n d D e v el o pi n g A ssets In addition to knowing how assets work, it is necessary to know who has which assets. Thus, each character
receives a single zone which represents themselves, and two zones that represent the area immediately around them, which can be thought of as their guard zone (though they might equally reflect 'high' and 'low', or any pair of areas that
a fighter must protect). Hyperawareness, for instance, allows a character to see the minutiae others miss, making certain advanced observation tests possible. That's what black market contacts are for. Some defeats may be impossible to fully recover from, such as serious debilitating injuries or death—though permanent defeats for player characters are for.
should be rare, as anyone as significant as a player character is likely to be captured, to ransom or subvert, since they're too valuable to simply kill. 54 The Bene Gesserit This mysterious Sisterhood is one of the most ancient schools of the Imperium. The recipient of the animal retrieves the message by using a code. Move Common examples of
ways to use an asset include, but are not limited to: You move one of your assets (or your character, in some cases) from its current location to any adjacent zone. 103 Skill Tests.......145 Choosing Drives........
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    .. Several factors can help you achieve more successes. When a character wishes to use a drive as part of a skill test, they
must check to see if the statement agrees or conflicts with the action being taken. Other envoys have a strong sense of Justice and a reputation for fairness which helps their work. 289 Servant.....
                                                                                                                                                                                                                     .. Was blood spilled, or were gifts given? Many things might lead to their defeat, such as exhaustion, lack of resources, or losing allies or the
respect of their peers. The vast size of the universe makes such meetings difficult to arrange at best, and thus most official CHOAM business is conducted via couriers transported by the Spacing Guild. It is a hostile desert world of deadly sandstorms and great worms, where no drop of rain has ever fallen. A pseudoatomic explosion occurs that lays
waste to the area and anything within it, possibly even for miles around. What are the ambient sounds? As satisfying as a good brawl is, not everything has to end in a fight. The gamemaster can shape the events in a scene, too, by spending Threat and through the actions of non-player characters, but this is normally in response to your choices and
those of your fellow players. They idolize the other House to such a degree it has turned to festering jealousy. Each archetype includes a couple of suggestions only, and shouldn't be considered limits on what you create yourself. In the meantime, we offer
an example of how a game might run... T 12 On the streets of Arrakeen: "The assassin is getting away," says Helen, the gamemaster. Much of the Spacing Guild's initial political power emerged from the Great Convention that established the new Imperium for the universe, ensuring that the benefits for cooperation far outweighed any gains for non-
compliance and violating the peace. Some of your drives come with a statement. Creating a trait that represents an observation or insight might allow you to use Move. Any House will contain a cadre of trained bodyguards and security personnel to secure
the House's grounds and protect its members and senior agents. The nonplayer characters, the risks and rewards for the player characters, and the pacing of your campaign are all up to you. 127 Decisive Action......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                              .... @@ Talents: Notable supporting characters normally have one talent. Testing a person without the protection of the stillsuit is
                                                ...... A victim who doesn't know about the residual poison may simply not receive the antidote when their usefulness runs out. These little gems are amazing resources, and they're just a web search away. 116 Herald......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            .... The devices are frequently worn by nobles and high-ranking
officials when they are in the field. If you are stuck, try and find answers to the following questions: @@ Are you more of an introvert? You do not have the authority to make demands of the Guild itself. So why the big book? We'll go into all the details later in the book, but all those complications basically boil down to the following. The
gamemaster may already have a plan in mind for the campaign, so it's important that the players listen to those suggestions first. This level of training is intense and generally lasts for a year or two at most. While these can make for interesting plot devices, be sure to take a step back and look at how some of the hooks can impact the players' well-
being. D if f ic ulty For many skill tests, as long as you achieve one success you have succeeded at the action you are attempting. The title was used by the leader of House Corrino for more than 10,000 years. Person alt Traits A character has two traits, which are essential descriptions of the character. These cover the character's broad aptitudes
and capabilities, forming a major part of skill tests the character attempts during play. There is no time for someone else to take her. The Orange Catholic Bible issued the commandment, "Thou shalt not make a machine in the likeness of a human mind." That decree was enforced and lived on. Making a test involves rolling twenty-sided dice (or d20s).
Moving an asset to a character's zone represents putting that leverage or those valuables into a position where they can be used, mentioning or alluding to knowledge your character has or resources they possess in conversation. It would be a little odd to have such a vital officer of the House working in the field as the player characters do, but it is
not unheard of. But it is equally possible the ruler may have tired of war and fighting and now tries to avoid it. That simply means it's time to go out, form a new group, and start telling brand new stories with a new team. From luxury imports to precious water, these cunning individuals work hard and will do almost anything, to make solaris on every
transaction. CREATING A TRAIT OR ASSET up new opportunities for you or closing off options that your opponent might have used. If you win the contest, then you successfully attack the enemy. Player chooses a Drive statement: @@ If one is relevant, use that Drive. Some combatants employ a partial shield, or halfshield, which only covers half of
their body, but which can be maneuvered around tactically. The rumor is that he was once a noble himself. This balance was adhered to by the Spacing Guild, Bene Gesserit, and the Landsraad. So, if your character does not have a rating for their Battle skill, they might choose to define it in their first combat. @@ You'll have to define your character's
ambition. This creates opportunities to exploit and crises to overcome, and the fortunes of any House, or any person, rise and fall with how they face the conflicts ahead of them. But in the meantime, we offer this rather broad description of over 20,000 years of history. Similarly, some non-player characters may generate Threat simply by arriving, in
different zone. Achieving goals through intrigue and influence is often regarded as 'soft power', as a counterpoint to the 'hard power' of direct authority, force, and military might. Each successful attack scores points equal to 2 plus the Quality of their asset. These rebels make it work by keeping their wits about them and possessing a fierce
determination to survive. S t a n d a rd E diti o n C o re R u leb o o k MUH052162 A beautiful 336 page hardback full colour interior core rulebook, offering everything you need to create your own character and noble House to adventure in the Imperium. 151 Narrative......
House: Specializing in one area of espionage, this House might train superb diplomats or craft an expert tool for assassins, or even anti-espionage equipment, but if they know how to build it they know how to subvert it. However, their power lies in creating something basic the other Houses may not realize how much they rely on. In play, while you
receive focuses for particular skills, they may be used on any skill test where they might reasonably be appropriate: the skill a focus is listed alongside is simply the skill most likely to use that focus. 194 Memocorder......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     .... As it is one-against-one, this is a duel, so the zones are defined as the standard personal zone and two defensive zones
each. These soldiers were the Padishah Emperor's elite military force, in service to House Corrino, feared throughout the Known Universe for their capability and loyalty to the throne. Most food consumed within the Imperium is prepared by traditional means, rather than through industrial methods. They'll make sure to put an end to those ambitions
Keywords: Fremen, Sealed, Survival SUSPENSOR, PERSONAL Personal suspensors are frequently placed into belts, chairs, and other portable objects. Arrakeen is a city of spies, and the closer one draws to the center of the city, the more evident this becomes. Nobles want to know that when they are safe, and that there are limits
to the myriad ways their enemies will attempt to describe the character to a person out of game. The sandworms are so-called not simply for their place of residence, but also for their diet. As Kara makes her approach the gamemaster tells her player that as Kara doesn't know the spice merchant
                                . Your players may make decisions that might take you all in unexpected directions. Rights & Responsibilities: It is up to the Spymaster to protect the House from the threats lurking in the shadows. the merchants who imports a large percentage of Arrakis' technology. COMMONERS The autochthons of the Imperium
people who live their entire lives within a short distance from the place they were born, live humbly, their relative comfort reflecting that of the House that governs their home planet or territory. The number of dice being rolled are noted as Xd20, where X is the number of dice being rolled, so 2d20 means two twenty-sided dice are rolled. These
mechanics and tinkerers can replace ornithopter blades or clean sand out of a water reclamation unit with their eyes closed. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 211 Keywords: Land, Production (plus other keywords according to the type of material, such as Scarce or Abundant) als for something, but anyone skilled in business
                                                                ... Traditionally, the Padishah Emperors have kept a Truthsayer near at hand to keep their people honest and help them root out any kind of insubordination... A primary domain marks such power that most enemies look for easier pickings. @@ Just or unjust, this House feels that the
player characters' House has wronged them in some way. After you spend a point of Determination, roll 1d20. Vorian, who knew the ways of machines, provided tactical guidance to the League of Nobles 20 VenKee Enterprises formed under Aurelius Venport and Tuk Keedair, to distribute spice throughout the universe and trade with the League of
Nobles. Before its destruction, Omnius sent a radio signal into an unknown region of space, laced with a copy of itself. The tiniest flick of the eye or hesitation in speech will give a Sister a mountain of knowledge about whether someone is telling the truth, hiding something, or has a separate genda (although only a Truthsayer knows with absolute
certainly). The Harkonnen effectively used rocket and missile launchers against the Atreides when they seized power on Arrakis. Then we'll come back to Kara and the assassin." Helen knows that there was a deadly poison on the dart that hit Nasir. Most of the time, scenes are linear, with architect-level play dominating at the onset then, if
appropriate, agentlevel gameplay coming to the fore. It was constructed by House Harkonnen shortly after it was granted the fiefdom of Arrakis in 10,114 A.G. While Arrakeen was for many generations prior the planet's largest city and the traditional seat of the planetary governor, the relatively unadorned and stark nature of much of the
architecture rendered it unsuitable for the more baroque Harkonnen tastes. At this stage in character creation, you will have the following skill listed for your archetype is rated at 6 @@ The secondary skill listed for your archetype is rated at 6 more baroque Harkonnen tastes. At this stage in character creation, you will have the following skill listed for your archetype is rated at 6 more baroque Harkonnen tastes. At this stage in character creation, you will have the following skill listed for your archetype is rated at 6 more baroque Harkonnen tastes. At this stage in character creation, you will have the following skill listed for your archetype is rated at 6 more baroque Harkonnen tastes. At this stage in character creation, you will have the following skill listed for your archetype is rated at 6 more baroque Harkonnen tastes. At this stage in character creation, you will have the following skill listed for your archetype is rated at 6 more baroque Harkonnen tastes. At this stage in character creation, you will have the following skill listed for your archetype is rated at 6 more baroque Harkonnen tastes.
HEIMPERIUM 253 BrutalWarriorGlossu'TheBeast during a scene if... conceal on their person or within the environment (if they've been there before or had time to prepare), such as a concealed blade, or
But the player is still free to choose any archetype. @@ Machinery: Factory machines, spacecraft, large vehicles @@ Produce: Mass-produced goods, refined alloys, toys @@ Expertise: Supervisors, business managers @@ Workers: Factory workers, craftsman, mechanics @@ Understanding: New techniques for business management and factory
operation KANLY The next step forward from espionage is assassination. As an Asset: Glowglobes are used to illuminate areas of darkness, as distractions, and possibly as a concealable explosive delivery system. Those of the Suk school are prized for their conditioning that prevents them from betraying their patients, but their services are highly
combat and can be used to destroy obstacles. The cloaks are easily converted into a hammock or make-shift tent and regulate temperatures by absorbing or radiating heat. However, for all its fighting power it is still reliant on the Guild to move its troops around the universe. A devious plan to corrupt the Omnius mind was executed, destroying eight
instances of it before it was stopped by Omnius Prime and Erasmus. What does it smell like? These 'forms of kanly' are designed to limit both assassinations and the inevitable responses and are ruthlessly enforced by all the Houses. The Sisterhood is often sought out to provide consorts, concubines, and advisors by the nobility. Lasguns are as risky to
                                                                          .. So, in general, ornithopters don't carry shields. The rewards must therefore be much greater. The second scene takes place in the trackless sands of Arrakis, when the player characters' 'thopter crash-lands and they are forced to march out of the desert to safety before the
myriad dangers of the desert bring death to them all. Fremen characters may only be played outside an Arrakis based campaign with the gamemaster's permission. This at least tells Kara the partner is involved, or at least worried about the consequences of an affair being revealed. As noted above, characters in an intrigue scene have dispositions—
how they feel about other characters—and desires—what they wish to gain—which guide their actions, but most try to keep those secret. Each character is recorded on a special form called a character sheet, so their skills and attributes are easy to see at a glance. However, some soldiers do choose to ingest it before a battle to harden their resolve.
Having said that, the gamemaster can rule they have not justified the use of a particular drive enough and should either pick another or offer a better explanation. Example: In Kara and Marcus' contest the environment was working to Marcus' advantage. Publicly, little is known about the process by which they take a dead body to their axlotl tanks,
apparently restarting its biological processes and making dead flesh live again. - Lady Jessica Atreides Sisters of the Bene Gesserit are common among all levels of the nobility. 151 Timing Momentum............. Smugglers supply illegally acquired spice that leaves no record of its existence to anyone who can pay. Warfare on Arrakis
has little resemblance to warfare on nearly any other planet in the Imperium. Dune was like nothing that had appeared within the field of science fiction before, standing out even from the New Wave of science fiction that was the vogue at the time. How can the players figure that out? However, non-player characters can still use Obtain Information
to know information about the player characters, often as a prompt to call out details about them. While a single political advisor is most common, some Houses employ several Advisors in many different areas to grant the Ruler the benefit of their experience. Those vessels are loaded with grains, flora, metals, and goods to trade. BOLSTER Your
certainty and resolve are a beacon to others, who might waver without your example. Try to keep the focus on the player characters. As an Asset: Another strategic asset, fortresses and their control play a major role in who controls a planet, and who can lay claim to ownership of a territory in front of the Landsraad and the Emperor. You may choose
to give the skill a rating of 4, 5, or 6. They are easily switched on or off with a touch. It was de Vries whom the Baron encouraged to play his nephews against one another to better control them. The player characters will need to defuse tempers with an immediate Communicate test, the Difficulty depending on how they have behaved. Most shields
protect the whole body, stopping any object moving faster than a few centimeters per second (to allow air to pass through and avoid suffocating the wearer). All of this, is, of course, pure conjecture, but it is nevertheless interesting to compare the fact that those places said to have produced the most dangerous and effective fighting styles and forces
are harsh backwaters. All future Mentats are taught the basics of combat, and their ability to read the slightest shift in body movement makes them exceptional combatants. She pays the cheaper price to Keep the Initiative, allowing Nasir to take an action before the enemy pilot. Prepare to swap out your plans to make things more fun. Don't be too
hard on yourself if this happens to your group. Baron Vladimir Harkonnen once described him as "a killer with the manners of a rabbit... These are distinct from ordinary House troops, as they practice greater restraint and self-awareness, and have an unyielding resolve; they will continue to protect their charges after most soldiers have lost their
nerve, and they prioritize the safety of their charges above glory in battle. ... "BEAT" THE PLAYER CHARACTERS. But when spycraft fails her, she relies on her enchanting nature to beguile anyone who might suspect her ulterior motives.
giving advantage to one while weakening another, changing his favorites as they become relevant. Certain options might close to them because their characters just can't solve a problem a specific way. Or are the two incidents unrelated? Could this have been a Tleilaxu experiment with synthetic spice? Her Faith in Fremen ways married perfectly to
point of Momentum to reduce the extended test track of an ally in physical combat by 2 as an action. Being observant might allow your character to detect hidden weapons or discern the signs of their ploys. This narcotic is also an effective interrogation tactic or an intelligence-gathering tool for dosed unknowingly. Merc has not been ployed as an action.
T D U T Y: 5 FA I T H: 5 JUSTICE: 6 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 5 SKILL B AT T L E: There is power in solaris. You should view the rules included in this book as tools to use at your discretion. Maybe your character has a fear of insects, but you as
inspiration for how you will shape the villain and the obstacles that you will throw at the player characters. @@ Do they have a very specific pet peeve? Some of the best food on Kaitain comes out of the restaurant's kitchen, and the waiting list is decades-long. @@ The skill you roll in a warfare contest is normally Battle for both sides; other skills are
possible if there's a good reason. Anyone could declare themselves emperor, but without a rigid structure, the Imperium would all fall apart and blank paper beautifully rendered in matching graphics with character and House sheets. The all-female order of the Fish
Speakers is created as Leto's personal elite guard. To many within the Landsraad, the Harkonnen name is a synonym for treachery, and the Harkonnen family does little to discourage this reputation. Creating a new notable supporting character costs 3 points of Momentum or adds 3 points to Threat, plus any additional costs incurred during creation
Anyone else is either a worker, a guest, or a prisoner. A small number of shares are controlled by private individuals and lesser organizations, typically awarded by the largesse of a House or the Emperor himself. With that step established, Erasmus began teaching Gilbertus how to organize his thoughts and think logically as a computer would. The
ruling family of this House is highly educated and well-versed in the various technologies and industries that they produce. A character might not actually be the Heir but might still be a noble looking to prove to the ruler of the House that they are more suited to the task than their elder brother or sister. A rating of 1 would be unlikely whereas 5
would suggest it's unavoidable. When making an Understand test that applies to recalling data, one of the D20s in your pool may be considered to have rolled a 1 instead of rolling it. 124 @@ Do you like to be noticed or dress to hide away? The current inhabitant of the governor's residency is Count Hasimir Fenring the Imperial Spice Observer—
while the fief of Arrakis is held by the Harkonnens, their preference for their own, newly built city, meant that the residency lay empty. GAINING INFORMATION Information is the point of espionage, so naturally this action is undertaken frequently during espionage scenes. This is, of course, in part because of the size and impecunious nature of
Ginaz itself. But it might also create new hazards in the environment. Exposure to this much spice has transformed the Navigators into something no longer entirely human. These pistols have a spring-loaded trigger and can launch poison darts or other projectiles with considerable accuracy up to 40 meters. As an Ally: The uses of a Military House as
an ally are quite obvious. Some serve as commanding officers over detachments of troops, or leaders of mercenary companies, while others are freelance strategists hired to help guide a standing army. In which case you may be wondering what's different from what you're be used to. Someone somewhere is lying. 30 Like the Spacing Guild, which
owns a silent partnership within it, CHOAM is integrated into every part of the structure of the Landsraad, and thus its influence is felt everywhere. Erasmus' fascination with humanity never ceased, and the conscious machine struck a bet with Omnius that a human could be as logical as a machine. Reasons vary, whether fleeing persecution,
espionage, or the most basic of needs: greed. Despite this, his seriousness was never in question when it came to his duty. Players often try and pick their highest drive as often as possible. Languages: Galach and Caladanian Locations of Interest: Atreides Landing, Cala City, Castle Caladan, Mount Syubi, and Underwater Park Fremen also utilize
this knowledge to deliberately tempt sandworms to emerge from the sand in the form of the thumpers. @@ Passive Scrutiny: When Jessica enters a scene, she may know one piece of hidden information as if she'd spent Threat to Obtain Information. The rare older ruler of an Espionage House is a master of terror all should fear. @@ Declaration:
Before or after rolling, create a new spiritual drives, or sense of honor—then the gamemaster can offer you a choice: comply or challenge. A Corrino descendant has sat upon the Golden Lion Throne ever since the foundation of the Imperium itself. @@ Stunned: I'm dazed from a strike. This is particularly
covetous eyes on the wider galaxy once more. Only the Reverend Mothers of the Bene Gesserit have mastered full truthsense. This option may be used three times, once for each remaining skill. You're all there to have fun. However, it is rare to find a group where that is the case for everyone, so pay attention to timid players and allow the system to
help them get the results their character deserves. HOUSE ATREIDES House Atreides is a well-respected House, ruled over by Duke Leto Atreides, who inherited the title from his father Paulus, who was killed in a bullfight. The expansion lasted for over a millennium under the rule of an Imperial government. But Paul was still growing into manhood
Their force of arms might give the player characters' House the 'teeth' they lack. @@ Conflict is not just physical combat, and any method to defeat an enemy with any tool can be a conflict. Ideas that seem opposed or antithetical to each other today may be destined to align and grow into something more profound still. Nasir can opt not to move with
the asset, because this is a ranged weapon and he is aiming. @@ Celestin Wilhelmina Sarraf is an instructor from the Bene Gesserit Chapterhouse on Wallach IX. POWER Power is the pursuit of greater influence, authority, or control over the universe around them. The respect of Houses not constrained by fashion can only deepen. These advantages
are managed by applying traits. In this case he describes forcing the other ornithopter out of the sky with some clever flying. Therefore, to provide some context we have detailed them here. Rivalries are common, and so is pitting the brilliance of Mentats against each other. The betrayer, on the other hand, is willing to part with their solaris for
protection. Through Other Memory, she has incredible wisdom and insight; however, past Reverend Mothers sometimes withhold information even from this formidable woman, splitting the responsibilities of the Sisterhood between her and the Kwisatz Mother. @@ Include different people of color! There should be representation for Black
and large scale combat on Arrakis is exceptionally difficult. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 5 C O M M U N I C AT E: 5 DISCIPLINE: 7 MOVE: 5 U N D E R S TA N D: 8 Assassination Data Analysis, House Politics, Imperial Politics Traits: Twisted Mentat, Killer TALENTS @@ Advisor (Understand): Piter may re-roll a single d20 in the dice pool of an ally he
assists. Or is this a scheme to learn more about the player characters' plans? With this core rulebook, you and your friends can take on the roles of agents of a powerful noble House, looking to carve out a place in the complex society of the Imperium. @@ The player characters' ally, one of the Religious Houses, notes their piety and has invited them
to sit upon the latest council of the Orange Catholic Caucus within the Landsraad. DEFEAT Espionage often leaves little trace, sometimes not even a body. Many pupils never proceed beyond this stage, and it is rare that anyone is trained to this degree outside of a Mentat training facility. the storied worlds of Frank Herbert's sci-fi masterpiece,
inhabit elite agents working for noble Houses where Mentats, Swordmasters, Spies, Bene Gesserit Sisters, Devious Advisors, or even desert Fremen join together to follow your banner. Blind faith and dogmatic religions are twisted by heroes and villains alike to achieve their selfish ends, but without faith there can be no progress on the Golden Path
toward enlightenment. No more than three bonus d20s may be bought for a single skill test. ................... 186 @@ If you fail your contest, it may lead to the target seeking to avenge such a slight, which could include a challenge to single combat if they are of a militant inclination. All within the Landsraad swear allegiance to the Emperor, but most
Houses within the Landsraad strive and scramble for influence and power, usually represented in wealth and military supremacy. For these purposes, their Quality is the lowest of the Bene Gesserit, and may serve as a consort or concubine, a diplomat, a spy, or any
other role the Sisterhood has commanded you to perform. Dune: Adventures in the Imperium is an officially sub-licensed property from Gale Force Nine, a Battlefront Group Company. Instead, focus on creating a fun story that can make room for fun and strange solutions. Law must rule the people, but the heart must rule the law. They can use this
command over their own bodies to stop their hearts, appear dead by slowing their heartbeats or breathing, strike an opponent with uncanny precision, work on complex technology that requires supreme dexterity, or even perform delicate surgery that needs an inhuman level of precision. @@ Cool Under Pressure (Move): Stilgar may spend 3 Threat
(1 Determination) to automatically succeed at a Move skill test. Spice and its properties changed this fundamentally, and the Guild adapted to its use, just as its Navigators mutated to meet the needs that interstellar navigation placed on their minds, particularly the necessity of prescience. @@ A trait can also be used, with the right justification for
how it is created, to connect one zone to another. Unlike minor nonplayer characters, they are mostly neutral and can help the player characters, instead of attempting to create obstacles for them. Their holdings will cover around a third of their world or might be set upon a moon controlled by their House Major. @@ Cool Under Pressure
(Understand): The Reverend Mother may spend 3 Threat (1 Determination) on to automatically succeed at an Understand test. Spending 2 points of Momentum to create a trait 'Subverted Surveillance' (or something similar) may allow you to use a discovered surveillance device to spread disinformation. The Sisterhood of the Bene Gesserit is
described more fully on p.55. Board members rankle at these displays of naked power but are largely reconciled to them as an unpleasant fact of life. Some Mentats even hypothesize that such an extreme approach might be sufficient to shatter the Imperial conditioning. You provide these services to large organizations and in return, you get to know
where they send the resources you offer. Much as the Spacing Guild is dependent on spice, while CHOAM is dependent upon the Guild as its lifeline. All she knows is that it is based on Arrakis. An Old Earth resource, the Book of Assassins, outlines these guidelines and methods by which the War of Assassins might proceed, and lists prohibited
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weaponry, updated to include great weapons such as atomics. It cannot produce the best army and weapons and strategy, etc., so it works to be the best at one particular aspect. 196 Communinet ..........
But little by little, the resistance is overcome, and the desire wins out. Many of the worlds freed by the League's attacks were considered partial victories. Will she bedevil the player characters another day, now a fugitive from her own House but with intimate knowledge of its operations and facilities? Rights & Responsibilities: Each Advisor has a
field of knowledge they are expected to be an expert in. Listen to the preferences of the players and see if you can come to a compromise that offers them agency in the story even if that means losing a character. At the start of each adventure, you begin with one additional point of Determination. In exchange for this, she asks for permanent
employment. These small weapons are incredibly versatile thanks to the huge number of poisons and drugs available to coat their small needles. Their home planet Tleilax is ruled by a totalitarian theocracy, dedicated to the strictures of the Butlerian Jihad, and outsiders are not welcome. Due to the universal prohibition on thinking machines, a
hunter-seeker requires a nearby operator to control it, and due to limited visibility are difficult to use against immobile targets. They take any risk if it might see an end to the player characters' House. SPICE HARVESTER The literal factory that supplies the source of Imperial power, spice harvesters are massive mobile mining and refining factories
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where fighting is likely to take place, and when armies march to war, they fight over places of importance. 112 Suk Doctor...
when one of their guards snuck some for a late-night snack and died in agonizing pain a few hours later. Whatever the differences, their appearance makes humans from other planets feel uncomfortable, as if the nature of the Bene Tleilax's services — artificially grown limbs and organs, ghola returned from the dead, and, of course, the Face Dancers
characters have the right to be wherever they want, and that they can assert this at any time. Even if they are packed with people and can just barely take off, roughly 12 people will still be left behind to face the oncoming worm. She moves the ornithopters straight to the enemy command shuttle and opens fire on it. Another curious and significant
side effect to Navigator prescience is that it has the effect of shielding that particular Navigator and their actions from other forms of prescience, even extending to those nearby or in close collaboration with a Navigator. @@ Assets are capable of observing or protecting the zone they are in, so moving them around is a necessary part of getting the
desired information or securing your House's secrets. I f a focus applies, then each die that rolls equal to or less than the skill being used scores a critical success. Sometimes he does this for pay and sometimes just for the pleasure of seeing things burn. 131 Subtle Step........
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               . All these factors must be decided before you roll anything. Unless
otherwise noted, each use of Momentum—often called Momentum spends—can only be used once on any single skill test. You might have outcomes pre-planned for When players decide to go one way versus another. To start your recruitment drive, hunt for the 'Looking for Group' (LFG) sections of your favorite tabletop websites and online tools. 127
                            During their final years of study in the Inner School a doctoral candidate will be subjected to conditioning sessions even in their sleep. SERVITUDE One of the Houses used to serve the other and now owes no fealty. They can inspect the warehouse and find evidence of poison. As between characters. Do they find a way to
cling to their faith while rejecting a dogma that is leading them to ruin, or do they accept that their identity is too tied to the institutional practice of their faith to avoid the traps set for them? That doesn't mean the merchants don't try, however. It is often difficult for prescient beings to see and predict outcomes that directly involve the actions of
others with this ability. 7 You're highly capable and experienced. @@ The skill you roll in an espionage contest is normally Move for you, to get close enough to strike; your opponent may use Discipline or Understand to represent their awareness. Heighliners are entirely spacebound vessels, too great to
land within an atmosphere. T RU T H: 5 SKILL whenever he spends Threat for extra dice on a Communicate test. Quality rating if they are of a better Quality than usual. Every Sister has stepped on Wallach IX at least once, always for training on the Chapterhouse, and later potentially for a meeting with the Mother
Superior or to receive special assignments, 115 Steward.
                                                                             If the player characters pass a challenging (D2) Understand test, they notice that several barrels of raw spice are marked with a crudely sprayed symbol in chalk. Under Vladimir Harkonnen, the ruling baron of the House, and his nephews—Feyd-Rautha and Glossu Rabban—
melange production has increased through the most violent and ruthless methods of extraction. If the players pursue a false lead that would take them offworld, you can remind them of the boundaries established at the start. The trappings of religion are popular, and some Houses have found a way to monetize religion and package it for sale. While it
is not quite time for your player characters to ascend this high, one day they will. Some of the greatest strategists in history have been Mentats, applying their computational thought to the vagaries and variables of war. So the nature of the House should be a group decision between the players and gamemaster. Some have even developed strange
powers of deduction and prophesy, and for this they are often called 'witches'. Bene Gesserit are trained to be perceptive and insightful. The Guild links with ship communication systems and controls (and likely filters) all extra-vehicular communication. The roles known to outsiders were limited to the Navigators, a few administrators, and a handful
of executives who interacted with the Emperor. This domain often couples well with Industrial domains where a House might take full advantage of what they discover, rather than pass it on to others to make money from, 151 Saving Momentum.....
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               .. This still allows ample opportunities for 'creative accounting' practices. There are four 'House
Types' from which you should pick one for your House. A crisis threatens the House's profits this year: one of their flying carryalls, and its small fleet of ground-based harvesters—has a poor spice productivity record. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 2 C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 DISCIPLINE: 4 MOVE: 4 U N D E R S TA N D: 5 SCENARIO HOOK A water seller
complains that their wares have been stolen, but the people they accuse insist the seller has actually drunk their own stock. It is easy to be overeager to grab the dice and get rolling. While your protagonist characters might succeed in their objective, there isn't really a way to win. Whenever you spend a point of Determination, the gamemaster will
grant you an additional insight. C HOA M (Combine Honette Ober Advancer Mercantiles ) While the Imperial House, the great Houses of the Landsraad, and the Spacing Guild seem the most obvious powers in the Imperial House, the great House of the Landsraad, and the Spacing Guild seem the most obvious powers in the Imperial House, the great House of the Landsraad, and the Spacing Guild seem the most obvious powers in the Imperial House, the great House of the Landsraad, and the Spacing Guild seem the most obvious powers in the Imperial House, the great House of the Landsraad, and the Spacing Guild seem the most obvious powers in the Imperial House, the great House of the Landsraad, and the Spacing Guild seem the most obvious powers in the Imperial House, the great House of the Landsraad, and the Spacing Guild seem the most obvious powers in the Imperial House, the great House of the Landsraad, and the Spacing Guild seem the most obvious powers in the Imperial House, the great House of the Landsraad, and the Spacing Guild seem the most obvious powers in the Imperial House of the Landsraad, and the Spacing Guild seem the most obvious powers in the Imperial House of the Imperi
(CHOAM). This corporation has existed for millennia and is the ultimate arbiter of economic power in the known universe. Or do they use Discipline (challenging, D2) to impose some sort of order and fairness on the panicked evacuation? At their core, conflicts arise when two or more opposing parties have goals which are at odds with one another,
and the conflict itself occurs as a means to resolve that tension. EXAMPLE FREMEN WARRIORS @@ Fara is the captain of a platoon of elite Fedaykin. As she is some distance away, she needs some sort of asset to do so. During each roll, the gamemaster and players can describe what actions they might be taking as they follow clues to uncover the
assassin. Would it be better to take them in, kill them, or turn them back over to the other House? Some Face Dancers work as entertainers, which was their original purpose. The Grand Palais serves as a palace for the Vernius House and key administrative personnel. The Titans were composed of scientists, geniuses, and
fallen nobility, and they possessed the tools needed to topple the Imperium. He has a fascination with other languages. 166 U se an A sset When you take your turn, you may take a single action, to either move an asset or use an asset. Humankind and its capacity for both reason and recklessness is at its center. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H
E I M P E R I U M 251 T wisted M e n t at P iter de V ries DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 7 FA I T H: 5 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 8 Domination is the only noble pursuit. There is no rainfall and nothing to sustain a varied or abundant plant life. Sadly, the rise in popularity of House Atreides has not gone unnoticed. Despite his status as a genetic eunuch
— or perhaps because of it — the Bene Gesserit maneuvered him into the confidence of the Emperor. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 235 R especti n g P e o ple & t h eir C u lt u res The Imperium is both recognizably human but also beyond humanity as we know it today. He may use them to Obtain information or create a
trait about that enemy. The capital planet is a picturesque world of grace, opulence, and abundance. GAINING INFORMATION In war, knowledge is power. She makes it clear she does not desire rescue. Assets: Tools of Trade, Workshop The native population of Arrakeen—its 'pyons' as designated within the Faufreluches—make their livings in a
variety of ways not intimately connected to Noble Houses or organized crime. They've been exposed, and need to withdraw and go into hiding to establish new cover identities and rebuild connections, which takes time and effort. The dining room is known to be as much battlefield as diplomatic retreat for visiting nobles and is famed for hosting lush
events where the Caladan wine flows freely. If the player characters have seen through their supposed friend's feeble story, and want to have some harsh words with her, Obregon drops the friendly act and stands unashamedly revealed as a traitor to the House, freely admitting that she was the saboteur all along and has been promised to be well
rewarded, by her new patron, for damaging the hated House's spice operations. Since the fall of the Lazax Empire, the galaxy has been plaqued by thousands of years of chaos, war, and isolation. Unknown to the Imperium, the Fremen rear a few sandworm young, keeping them in their encampments and deliberately cultivating the Makers, to ensure
a supply of the Water of Life. They can provide you with information, spy on a target, or hide you when things become dangerous. Diamond pillars support the rock roof, with walkways, tube transports, and aerial vehicles allowing movement throughout Vernii. Metzos shows surprising courage, or greed, and chooses to stay with the Alberich, looking
to the player characters to somehow save the harvester and her cargo of spice. For an extra +1 to their cost, add a second trait, reflecting the character's reputation. Younger rulers often come into power when something has befallen their previous ruler and often look to shake things up. If you fail, then the action you've attempted is prevented, and
you may not Keep the Initiative. A short discussion can offer new ideas for traits, Momentum spends, and narration for the scene, all of which offer greater roleplaying opportunities for the group. Some talents, such as Bold, have to be connected to a particular skill. While we have listed the combination of Communicate/ Understand as a Courtier,
they might just as easily apply to an Entertainer or Merchant instead. If you pass, then you move your asset, and then you move one of an opposing character's assets: your daring ploy has provoked a reaction, just as you planned. The Emperor's capital ship is essentially a mobile castle capable of housing thousands of Sardaukar, a symbol of his
invincibility. You may wish to play a Sister of the Bene Gesserit, a Mentat, an agent of the Spacing Guild, a Suk doctor, or one of the harvester crew to make it worth their while. A roleplaying game (or 'RPG') is an interactive storytelling
game where everyone is both participant and audience in an adventure you all share. This is especially useful when an ongoing action can be interrupted or cannot be completed all in one go. Or they focus 304 on providing a singular farming domain that is no longer as popular or as useful as other sources of nourishment. Some ways that an
archetype can help connect the dots for players are: @@ Taking the player characters to meet with one of their assets so that they can find out more about the adventure and advance in the task at hand. 5 JUSTICE: @@ Zavir has worked for the House since childhood SCENARIO HOOK One of the House military has started to behave oddly. Assets
created in this way are temporary and cease to exist at the end of the scene. How powerful that House is depends on the group, and the more power it has, the more enemies it accrues. Ask yourself questions such as: @@ Has this archetype ever felt the sting of failure? It is rare, but not unheard of, for a House to change its status as its
fortunes and influence shifts, and at times, a House's designation does not indicate its relative influence within the Landsraad. @@ How does the archetype treat the asset? The thugs press their attack, looking to move more of them into the entrance zone to overwhelm Kara and Nasir. They may even push the boundaries of the Butlerian
proscriptions, but if they do they know to keep such things well hidden or risk the Houses of the Landsraad joining forces to destroy them. This method is simple and quick, but perhaps a little too simple and quick for such an endeavor. Some combination of the flora-infused water, the retrovirus that raged through her body, and the harsh environment
of Rossak itself changed Berto-Anirul on a cellular level. As a Major House, the Emperor's own House Corrino's votes have considerable weight, as well, but even he cannot outvote the rest of the Landsraad should it unite against him. C h a pter 🏶 C re ati n g Y o u r C h a r a cter After giving you a little detail on the system so you know what the
numbers mean, we next take a look at creating your own characters. The key to a local game is remembering that less is more. Spice workers bustle to and fro, going about their business wearing grimy overalls, some with goggles and breather masks. Each successful attempt to gather information scores points toward that requirement equal to your
character's Understand minus two. The center of the city is where the elite live—in the largest and most carefully maintained of buildings. If multiple statements are appropriate, choose which of those drives to use. Rights & Responsibilities: The Consort always has the ear of the Ruler and as such has incredible influence behind the throne. Look for a
name generator and edit the names that come up as you need to. These are not necessarily the only types of conflict, simply the most common ones. A new order born of renegade Bene Gesserit adepts, the 'Honoured Matres', arrives from the fringes of space, looking to expand their empire. Not simply through fulfilling the desire and taking payment,
of course. HISTORY Bovko Manresa, first viceroy of the League of Nobles, settled on Salusa Secundus during the Old Empire. You can use them to try and help the player characters whenever players feel stuck, but they are ultimately there to provide guidance. Both Ix and Richese are the primary manufacturers of poisons snoopers; however, the
continued Ixian propaganda has most of the public believing their models are more sensitive. Part of the Fremen tradition surrounding the blade states that one can never be re-sheathed without first drawing blood. At the start of each adventure, you have a single point of Determination for your character, but you may gain more during play. The
Minor Houses had a single moon, territory, or some other strategic or valuable asset under their control, owing fidelity to a Major House that they were bound to. To win a warfare conflict, one side needs to take control of an agreed objective. @@ If you retrain a focus, then you must remove a single focus you already possess. 69
                            ..217 Character Advancement......138 Character Creation Summary �� 109 CHOAM.....
                                                                                                                                  ..30, 43 The Board of Directors....... From designing ships that travel the stars to concocting poisons from local flora, these brilliant researchers change the way the Imperium functions. After a skill test has passed, the
gamemaster describes what happens. The jubba cloak is a flowing cloak with various styles and functions. It is also worth watching what each of the other players pick and allowing each other the spotlight. Nasir gains a success and so defeats his opponent. It is also famous as the birthplace of Tio Holtzman, the scientist whose pioneering work
enabled tremendous advances in shield and foldspace technology, among other achievements. @@ Unquestionable Loyalty: At the start of each adventure, Liet Kynes begins with 3 Threat, which only she may use, and which may only be used on an action in direct service to the Fremen. Possessing wealth beyond imagination as well as the de facto
owner of the Imperium itself, the Emperor knows for no want. These individuals are capable, decisive, and good at organizing people, because anything less would be unacceptable. A concubine cannot inherit a title or holdings and cannot vote within the Landsraad. 42, 77 Ix and Tleilax.....
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extensive look at the Imperium, its fight for the Imperial throne. Mentats are often trained to fight and kill as well. This prana-bindu conditioning encompasses a body's musculature and nervous systems, giving them the ability to isolate the movements of individual muscles. They might say, "This is how my character would act" to justify their actions.
It might be a low-ranking House, only just able to stand on its own feet, or an ancient and powerful combine controlling several planets. While they cannot corner the market with what they produce and innovate with, they still can be useful as their sheer ability to fabricate goods dwarfs major Houses with other focuses. As an Asset: A Krimskel fiber
rope can be used to bind prisoners or even as a device to secure doors when tried to pull open. You can spend Determination before rolling to re-roll an entire dice pool, or to create, destroy, or change a trait, or to take extra actions in a conflict. In a conflict, when Feyd moves an asset,
he may move it an additional zone by spending 1 point of Threat. SPECIALIST Your duties require you to manage a greater type of a specific kind of asset. Her role as Imperial Truthsayer affords her and the Sisterhood access to vital intelligence with which they might advance their own plans. The noble family ruling the House revolves around strict
military protocol. If done during a conflict, the ally acts on your turn regardless of if they have already acted, and this does not prevent them acting later during the round. Kara attends the players talk and interact with non-player
characters between dice tests, but call for a roll to discover what the result of the conversation or plot was. HISTORY The original name of the planet that would become Junction has long since been lost to time. This means you always have a free minor supporting character to bring in if you do not have anyone else to play as; bringing in more than
that requires spending Momentum or adding to Threat. However, the Tleilaxu are met with widespread revulsion throughout the Imperium, for their primary export is one that violates the spirit of the Butlerian Edicts, if not its precise wording. Fiercely loyal to the Duke and his son, he was their bodyguard and trusted friend. Faction characters must
pick all mandatory talents but otherwise have a free choice for any remaining picks. Assets: Bodkin, Groundcar, Manor House on Arrakis, like those throughout the Imperium, are always vying for power. The gamemaster typically begins each adventure with two points of Threat for each player present at the start of the adventure, though
this can be adjusted based on the tone and underlying tension of a given adventure: if the stakes are high, the gamemaster may begin with more Threat. The Guild is highly proactive when dealing with any threats to its hegemony over space travel, relying on CHOAM, and
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if need be, the Emperor, to exert pressure on any threats to its exclusivity. The first edict is that passengers on Guild vessels are absolutely forbidden to leave their own ships, save for the most extraordinary of circumstances, and only when so explicitly permitted by the Guild. 166 -Adventures...
in opportunities for combat, diplomacy, puzzles, and any other kind of challenge you can think of. Directives from the board are uncommon but must be carried out by shareholders with haste and efficiency. You may always choose how many dice you wish to re-roll, up to the maximum listed—in essence, you can always choose not to re-roll a die if you
wish to keep that result. The game starts with each of the players displaying their green item. The sandworm susceptibility to water is perhaps best described as an allergy—even small quantities of water can cause a gigantic sandworm susceptibility to water is perhaps best described as an allergy—even small quantities of water can cause a gigantic sandworm susceptibility to water is perhaps best described as an allergy—even small quantities of water can cause a gigantic sandworm susceptibility to water is perhaps best described as an allergy—even small quantities of water can cause a gigantic sandworm susceptibility to water is perhaps best described as an allergy—even small quantities of water can cause a gigantic sandworm susceptibility to water is perhaps best described as an allergy—even small quantities of water can cause a gigantic sandworm susceptibility to water is perhaps best described as an allergy—even small quantities of water can cause a gigantic sandworm susceptibility to water is perhaps best described as an allergy—even small quantities of water can cause a gigantic sandworm susceptibility to water is perhaps best described as an allergy—even small quantities of water can cause a gigantic sandworm susceptibility to water is perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best described as a single property of the perhaps best describ
Damnit, we wanted to capture the assassin, not kill him." "You realize Kara is alive right? Many swordmasters swear that you can only learn who someone truly is when you fight them. Artistic Houses produce art of various sorts ranging from the profound. While most Houses want someone honest and loyal, other nobles want a Mentat
that can lie and cheat so they might create more devious plots. There are many smaller laws within the Great Convention, but the primary ones are as follows: @@ Internecine wars between Houses must be conducted under the code of kanly, vendettas formally recognized by the Landsraad and holding to certain standards of conduct. 257 Jessica
                    . After all, to lose the loyalty of a swordmaster would be foolish and, potentially, deadly. This might be staking out an enemy facility to get an idea of the security, scouting out terrain before a battle, or mingling with the guests of a soiree to pick up rumours and gossip. This is one of the occasions where many possibilities exist and
limiting a character to just one trope can leave the players feeling like they might have missed out on the larger picture. The Baron Dmitri Harkonnen, upon arrival on Arrakis to the great emptiness of space, a player character is a
single, fragile individual surviving dangers posed by planetary environments and politics alike. They have refused all other forms of compensation and the Landsraad sees this as an equitable form of dispute resolution, less wasteful than kanly for both sides. Traits: Last Resort, Stealthy, Toxic 206 SHIGAWIRE GARROTE Shigawire comes from the
. Inner School students continue to receive education in philosophy with an increasing emphasis on
rhetorical study. @@ Any asset mounted upon one of your character's arms, or held in one of their hands, begin the conflict in one or other of the zones immediately in front of them; you can choose which ones go where. @@ Workers: Assassins, thugs, infiltration specialists @@ Understanding: Means of assassination, infiltration @@ Machinery
Couture fashion, expensive trinkets, MILITARY @@ Expertise: Political analysts, mediators, diplomats, techniques, deadly combat strikes While war is rarer than assassination, no House wants another to see they have a weak military, as that may be considered an invitation. Anyone breaking the convention is open to attack without warning. 203
                            . Much of the faith revolves around the coming of the 'Mahdi', the Fremen messiah. 226 Which drive should be used for a test to address a group of people, you may select a number of those people equal to your Communicate skill.
Keywords: Attractive, Cunning, Resourceful EX-AGENT As long as the Landsraad has worked to undermine each other, as long as the Padishah Emperor has watched the affairs of the Houses with paranoid panic, there have been agents. The planet possesses several extensive mountain ranges which strike up through the otherwise endless deserted.
where the planet's various tectonic plates shifted and aligned millennia ago. These economic woes forced them to use substandard and cost-cutting tactics to save the House and the planet. 130 Priority Boarding (Spacing Guild Talent)..... Later sections describe the specifics of how these common elements differ (often in just a narrative sense) in
different types of conflict. It may be one of their agents simply taking an opportunity to attack the player characters are dealing with. S m u g g ler DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 5 FA I T H: 5 JUSTICE: 7 P OW E R: 6 T RU T H: 5 SKILL B AT T L E: EXAMPLE
SMUGGLERS They will not control us. Regular pogroms are launched against the Fremen to try and exploit their access to the desert and its bounty. The resources at its command are legion, and its power is almost unassailable. No two Mentats are equal, as each person is unique and cannot operate at the same capacity. These were incredibly
powerful machine entities, built along many forms, a scale that ranged from almost human-shaped and -sized to mobile vehicles, to others giant in scale with offensive capabilities, even capable of interstellar travel. When evoking and utilizing these aspects of the setting, it is important to remember they were meant as a shorthand for the unlimited
capacity of humankind to create, adapt, and survive as it spreads across the galaxy, but also to continue tradition of belief, uninterrupted across even greater spans of time. What's the quality of the file? As a Minor House: The Minor Military House is more of a specialist. A Fremen warrior character might make sacrifices for their sietch, but they are
more than just a heartless fighter. If you are new to roleplaying games, don't worry: we'll explain how they work. These contacts are drawn from all the different echelons of society—from the dregs, clinging to life in the gutter outside a Harkonnen palace, to the spice dealer who travels in luxury aboard a CHOAM ship—and all require different things
just as they provide different information back to the agent. As a result, each player character has an ambition which guides their long-term actions. If any of your d20s rolls a 1 it counts as 2 successes. No such predictions are 100% perfect, as there may be variables you are unaware of that affect the future. Keywords: Countermeasure, Privacy,
Technology EMERGENCY TRANSMITTER Emergency transmitters are small, coin-sized devices possessing limited range to alert others that the user needs help. His favorite problem-solving method is to find a likely scapegoat and brutally punish them, and then make a blustering announcement to the crew over the comms system that the problem
has been solved. Nasir may be able to apply other traits, just like any other contest, to get a better Difficulty rating. She makes a successful test and moves her ornithopter into the next zone, but it is a zone occupied by an enemy 'thopter. @@ Investigating knowledge that has been actively hidden by a powerful faction. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S
N T H E I M P E R I U M 139 140 C h a pter 🗣 : R u les "Science is made up of so many things that appear obvious after they are explained." —Pardot Kynes D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 141 O v erv iew his chapter introduces the core rules for playing Dune: Adventures in the Imperium. Though the sisters of the Bene
Gesserit, cloaked as they are in mysticism and ritual, learn the contents of the OCB in apprenticeship, they are not believers in Orange Catholicism, viewing the very construct of religion as a tool which the Sisterhood can use as it needs to, and little beyond that. A character who takes steps to achieve their ambitions becomes more capable, able to
influence others or impose their wills more effectively. Assets: Sardaukar are equipped as according to their assignment, but generally carry a variety of concealed weapons including Lasgun, Shigawire Garrote, Shield, Kindjal, Flip-Dart, and more. 208 Verite ......
holdings is the shareholder's primary responsibility. Some Houses even employ both a Spymaster and a Master of Assassins. In fact, the twisted Mentat Piter de Vries of House secret, years prior. The War of Assassins Open warfare is generally prohibited between Houses except in extraordinary circumstances such
as retaliation or when sanctioned by the Emperor, who uses this permission sparingly. You cannot willingly inflict harm upon or kill a human being. To ensure minimal collateral damage during a clash between members of the Landsraad, a House can declare a War of Assassins. Each trait can be placed into a simple statement, such as one of those
below, and if that statement makes sense, then it applies. This monumental step in human evolution created the need for a new Imperial Calendar, After Guild (A.G.), because of the importance of this event and the extent that the new technology would change the future. Kara must overcome the additional Difficulty of a hostile environment, as
Marcus knows he has several 158 allies to back him up. 129 Mentat Discipline (Mentat Talent)..................Gholas Perhaps the greatest and worst thing the Tleilaxu can do is bring people back from the dead as gholas. Some players might find these issues or concepts problematic. Rivals die of mysterious illnesses, while friends seem to be lucky without
reason. EXAMPLE ENVOYS @@ Tatil is an envoy for a player character's House and has just returned from a failed mission. Others see themselves as explorers, seeking to discover new Truths about the universe as they venture into the unknown. Many are psychopaths, although that is often just what the Tleilaxu's clients ordered. You may spend 2
points of Momentum to add +1 to the number of points scored. Bookmark the different confrontations and items you think you might need to reference quickly. Example: So far, Kara has used Momentum to buy extra d20s and to Obtain Information by asking about Marcus' secret mission. 19 NPCs & Supporting Characters.........136 Creating NPCs &
Supporting Characters...... Espionage is primarily performed by spies, informants, and surveillance devices, and countered by guards, security systems, and methods of ensuring loyalty or rooting out deception, such as Truthsayers. For this reason, the gamemaster should set a limit to how long this part of the campaign will go on. While many of
these plant species are found on other occupied worlds, there are a number native to Arrakis—specifically, the creosote bush. Accordingly, the wages earned by the common people of the Faufreluches are utterly inconsequential in this economic structure. The players decide Kara should be the one to act, and after she attacks, the initiative passes to
the assassins. While they are a little disconcerting to others, the eyes work just as well as natural ones, although they lack any expression. - Pardot Kynes Exceptionally rare outside Arrakis, the desert Fremen are slow to give their loyalty to anyone outside their tribe, but once given it is absolute. While strife and intrigue are commonplace occurrences
within CHOAM they should still be viewed as exceptions and not the rule. It remains a force powerful enough to create leverage in business ventures and is even a service that can be sold. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 115 D iscipli n e A rc h et y pes D isciples One observes the survivors and learns from them. Both Major
and Minor Houses were welcomed, with the Major Houses being the only members elected to the High Council. How this plays out is up to the gamemaster, based on the player characters' actions. Then one's true forces can be brought to bear while enemies are distracted. Like all Corrinos, Shaddam is prone to baroque plans and a conspiratorial
mindset. When you're creating your own campaign, you can make it whatever you want. Instead, they might help them with clues, dropping hints of information, leading the player characters on to their larger adventures. CREATING A TRAIT OR ASSET It's likely that you'll seek to try and shift circumstances in your favor during a conflict. As player
characters generate and spend Momentum, the gamemaster generates and spends their own resource: Threat. Unfortunately, she notices that her old enemy Marcus Tarin, a courtier from a rival House, is also in attendance. Life Within the Imperium are subject to the
Faufreluches and are as such hereditary peasants whose destiny is to serve the siridar governor appointed by the House, who in turn serve at the will of the Emperor. The Bene Gesserit Sisterhood's secretive withholding of their ultimate goals or aims does not help their reputation with those who are already wary of them. As an Asset: Used to
distract, hinder, or slow down an enemy force, or to attack unprepared enemy locations only defended by noncombatants. The metal that lines the walls and ceilings is hidden beneath the stone to maintain the old-world aesthetics and is filled with rooms, halls, secret passages, and hidden crannies to get lost in. Build the second platoon with a few
                                                                                  ........ environmental precautions. The Guild does not sell weapons, does not fight wars, but it transports arms, soldiers, and warships readily, its fees a 'soft method' of throttling the movement of arms and troops throughout the galaxy. To reach a desired future one must
cleave to a rigid path, but also be ever aware of the cresting waveform of the present—always adjusting to the minutiae of circumstance or risk falling off the path and into unintended chaos. For most player characters, that will be enough of a warning. The following is how the Conflict Overview (p.167) applies to dueling: @@ A dueling asset must be
a weapon of some kind, and to defeat your opponent it must be used in the zone that represents your opponent. The younger the child, the more likely they are to succeed. DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 5 FA I T H: 6 JU S T I C E: 7 P OW ER: 5 U N D ER S TA N D: 5 SKILL I'll get what I'm owed. One of these, Zensunni Catholicism, was influential
in the formation of the Orange Catholic Bible, the holy book that much of the Imperium holds sacred. As everyone will get a moment to be the best at something, and this will make the group more dynamic. Quality gives a guide to the guality of an asset among its peers, not compared to other
assets. Religious House Minors are more likely to contain shrines at locations of minor miracles or holy places. But having used his ornithopter to initiate the conflict, it cannot also adjust the Difficulty. The Titan General fathered multiple children, with Vorian Atreides as the sole survivor. The player characters may make a daunting (D3) Discipline
test to upbraid him for his poor management. The inviting environment, flat land, and key locations along the travel routes have made it an ideal new home. Infantry may be armed and equipped in a few different ways, from lightly equipped commando units, to armored heavy infantry carrying heavier weaponry. They might be a simple extension of
yourself or wildly different, depending on the choices you make. Ruler: Rulers of these Houses tend to be older as they are often less involved in plots and ploys and directly dangerous ventures. If they have been respectful and polite it will be average (D1) but if they have been rude and aggressive it might easily be dire (D4). Whether working
independently or appointed as an expert advisor to a House, scholars collect, study, and archive information—about a single subject, or a range of subjects—to inform and transports—though they tend to be faster and have the advantage of
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                ... How were they able to defend themselves with a makeshift weapon? With their intense mental conditioning and
altitude. Ruler: If the ruler of this House is getting old, their fighting days may be behind them but they are still an expert tactician. The Fremen understand the behaviors and moods of Shai-Hulud intimately. 187 Movement.........
exceptional cognitive ability, Mentats are employed by almost all influential entities within the Imperium, like Houses and high-volume traders. It's often useful to give character Motivations, plus rules summaries that aren't on the
official Genesys GM Screen. Check to see if a focus can be applied (max of 1) 5. This makes most people see them as somehow 'soulless'. These are just her most useful possessions, though. Ignore the other three skills for now. While Understand is the obvious choice for processing this information, the Battle skill can be useful in warfare for judging
the strength of enemy forces based on their armament and disposition, and for spotting enemy strategies unfold. Many schools of physicians exist throughout the Imperium, but none have the prestige of the Suk School, whose graduates are said to be as incorruptible as they are skilled, compassionate healers unfailingly loyal to their employers,
incapable of taking a life in even the most extraordinary of circumstances. SAFE WORD A final method for checking-in with player characters. A less-thanethical scientist wants their competitor's data. The hardness of his earlier life left
                                                                                       However, a Guild agent is often more than just a point of contact. Religious and Artistic Houses have eclectic domains, as they might pursue multiple avenues of expression. Old Terran fencing was a significant influence on the formulation of the Ginaz fighting style
utilizing its careful footwork and speed as a means of confusing opponents, tricking them off balance and using this opportunity to pierce their shield with the outstretched blade. Knowing why they are doing something can offer the player characters much more agency and help craft their characters. The use of the ultimate weapons, atomics, and
deadly biological plagues is prohibited entirely (as mentioned previously). With their new masters in controlled by the Guild, leaving is simply not an option for most people. 194 Melee Weapons...... Life in the Imperium very much depends on where you are born and to what social
class you are born into. Here's a story hook that could turn into a bigger campaign: One of the Houses Minor is accusing Pinta, a waterseller in Arrakeen, of peddling poisoned water. This character is your persona within the universe of Dune, one of the protagonists of the stories you tell. Their training is not limited to swordsmanship (in which they
are without peer) but also all manner of hand-to-hand combat, armed or unarmed, shielded or otherwise, as well as tactics, command, demolition, logistics, and all the arts of war. B u tleri a n J i h a d This is a time of revolution, change, and war. Perhaps the false spy even implicates a trusted ally as a traitor, backed with the certainty of false
memories meant specifically to circumvent powers such as hyper-perception or the Voice. Eyes that double as binoculars? It has been hypothesized that the oxygen percentage present on Arrakis must be because of the enormous sandworms as well as sand plankton in the open deserts. @@ The Reason I Fight (Duty): When Gurney attempts a Battle
test using the chosen drive, and the drive's statement aligns with the action being attempted, he may re-roll 1d20. Who? Of course, the planet's long-time inhabitants, the Fremen, have adapted to their terrain and learned effective tactics and strategies, and learned how to fight asymmetrical wars against standing militaries. Many characters may also
be known more by informal nicknames rather than their full name. Rather than spending Momentum, their abilities spend points of Threat from the gamemaster's pool. While their precise agenda is unclear, they broadly seek to control the Houses with the products they sell them. Though the nobles may pay them little mind, domestic attendants are
observant, perceptive, and more powerful than the Houses could imagine. Documents with Quality are more complete or damning when used for blackmail or intrigue. We don't want the heir to House Corsare getting killed on our watch!" "Well, Kara isn't a doctor, so she's going after the assassin," says Claire. As Dune begins, the stewardship of
planet Arrakis is being handed to House Atreides. Or maybe they have killed over control of the spice trade? They are designed to impede and kill attackers while still allowing access for regular business during peaceful times. Introducing moments like these create empathy for the non-player characters, making them feel more real, while also giving
you the opportunity to reveal secrets and hints about the world that the characters are playing in. 8 This is the single most important thing for you. If you already have a combination, the following table will help you find it. The young heir is hiring mercenaries to
put a stop to it. However, running the House takes all their time, and if they fail in or ignore their duties the House quickly falls apart. RE-ROLLS Some situations or abilities allow a character to re-roll one or more dice. A Mentat Master of Assassins is a dangerous and clever opponent. What kinds of dangers do your characters face as they travel
across the Imperium? But upon seeing Nasir is in trouble, she decides to try and neutralize the cannon turret. The school was also where he protected the memory core of his friend and mentor Erasmus, a thinking machine. Or maybe their distribution networks have been cut because of a catastrophic event and they have opinions on how the current
governing body is dealing with that event. When you make an attack during a duel or a skirmish using a melee weapon, and you buy one or more dice by spending Momentum, you may choose one of the enemy's assets in the same zone as your attack; you can ignore that asset during your attack. This Great Convention saw the Imperial throne
Houses, and Spacing Guild reach an accord. In many cases a defensive asset cannot move. Helping a defeated ally during the scene they were defeated in works in much the same way but is somewhat more challenging. Even answering the question of what makes an authentic 'Dune adventure' has an almost limitless set of possible answers. A House
is not just the head noble—baroness, duke, or countess—and their immediate family, including any spouses or heirs: it D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 37 includes allies, employees, servants, inhabitants of their ancestral lands, and their slaves, if any. Those who make the cut find themselves subject to years more education in
practical medicine and enduring the infamous Imperial conditioning. @@ Focuses: Notable supporting characters have one focuses for any skill ranked at 7, and three focuses for any skill ranked at 7, and three focuses for any skill ranked at 7, and three focuses for any skill ranked at 8. EXAMPLE SCIENTISTS @@ Talaith Ng always has a wrench in one hand and the sharp smell of oil about her.
Keywords: Cunning, Intelligent, Wily 216 C hapter 8: Gamema stering There is in all things a pattern that is part of our universe. With the help
of an Emperor whom he would soon after betray. When the Emperor ordered House Atreides to take control of Arrakis and the harvesting of spice, Paul was as prepared for what came next as any boy could possibly be. If she were a Fremen, she might have found something going on with the tribe. The Guild not only knows what goods are being
transported, they know who is going where, giving them a clear picture of any House's status and activities. @@ If the attack is against Nasir in the ornithopter and wins the opposed test. The Duke was also noted for the company he kept. Part of creating a
memorable adventure or setting is determining what to de-emphasize as well as what to de-emphasize, or ignore outright. But for those who are truly powerful, or those who understand how true power works and where it lies, currency is worthless. When gathering information during warfare, you might wish to create traits that represent identifying
weakness in enemy defenses (making it easier to attack them), or ones which represent anticipating enemy attacks, to make it harder for the enemy to attack your character. Students are placed in a receptive psychological state through a combination of prana-bindu muscular manipulation and neurochemical drugging. Fenring's formidable
reputation as an assassin and skilled duelist—said to be better than even one of the Emperor's Saudaukar—renders this a risky proposition, and the intrigue concentrated around the governor's residency is careful, polite even. How such promotion is handled depends on the way the House is run, but each character should have an eye on their own
advancement. Often, issues surrounding a game stem from miscommunication rather than malicious intent. @@ Why do the rest of the citizens hardly ever see the @@ What is their position? Shielded infantry fight exclusively with blades, as their shields stop their own projectile weapons as surely as an enemy's. They can often predict upcoming
offensives and determine the best course of action for their Houses. The coveted item might be an ancient artifact, piece of advanced technology, a title, or even something more abstract like the favor of the Emperor. trait, or change or remove an existing one; this must relate to your character, but it may represent something which was always true
but which has only now been revealed or become important. This altered the course of the universe. With Tio Holtzman and Norma Cevna's invention of the Holtzman engines enabling foldspace, ships were vastly faster, but were limited to the degree by which longrange jumps were possible. However, a few defensive assets can be moved as a more
active defense. This often makes technology extremely unobtrusive, offering a low-tech appearance to most places. Each is usually equipped with a variety of concealed weapons, ranging from shigawire garottes in their hair, poison
needles, flip-darts, weapons in fake digits or teeth, etc. While shields provide incredible protection, they allow slow-moving objects to pass through them— otherwise, the users would suffocate without atmospheric gasses such as oxygen. Anyone educated by the Bene Gesserit is a dangerous adversary, whether they're in rags or Imperial finery. The
when doing the action serves the character's agenda in some way, either directly or indirectly or indirectly. In addition to these House of those who wish to do so under the official auspices of the House governing that planet. A perfectly normal, natural thing to want to
do. Accordingly, she trained Paul in the mysteries of the Bene Gesserit, forgoing the usual order of instruction that he might be prepared for the dangerous times she foresaw. Before you know it, they've spent an hour tracking down the provenance of an Albe oil painting which only you know is insignificant. an ally an extra action on his turn. A few
even infiltrate other organizations to learn their secrets, not for themselves but so they can sell them to others. Keywords: Faithful, Reliable, Wily SERVICE Everything comes with a price. Training at this stage resembles training at this stage resembles training at this stage resembles.
Tr a its All adventures in Dune: Adventures in Dune: Adventures in the Imperium are broken down into scenes, which the gamemaster is responsible for setting up. Genetics, Surgery Traits: Suk Doctor, Despises the Harkonnens TALENTS @@ Advisor (Understand): Yueh may re-roll a single d20 in the dice pool of an ally he assists. These are all explained in the Conflict
Overview (p.167), but here we've provided some context that is specific to intrigue for how to use and interpret those actions. This adds another 3 successes to the existing 2, taking the total to the five successes required. Arrakis is a notoriously harsh world and while the possible wealth a shareholder stands to gain from the spice trade is staggering
so too are the costs and dangers. Ginaz is a waterlogged planet in a small, out of the way system ruled over by a relatively small and outof-the-way House. While once a glorious city surrounded by greenery, with culture oozing out of every building, and a sense of royalty, it became a barren blasted-out hovel that houses the lone spaceport on the
planet. They cannot hope to track it once it reaches the open market or the Houses that purchase it, but they are quite aware of how much spice is out there and who holds it. EXAMPLE UNDERSTAND COMPLICATIONS @@ Complicated: There are too many connections to see an answer. With a further challenging (D2) Communicate success, he also
reveals that in fact he was assigned here by Obregon herself. At times, a zone may instead represent an event—a gathering or meeting of some sort. @@ On the planet Poritrin, player characters discover spies from a rival House. Those with a * require a bit of color ink to properly print the Genesys symbols. They wear formfitting garments that allow
                                                                      ........... Kara finds a quiet part of the ballroom to take Marcus aside. However, there are a few common Momentum spends which serve as examples for what you can do with Momentum. There is officially no known school that creates
twisted Mentats. The Fremen of Dune lead a brutal jihad across the universe to bring any malcontents to heel and spread the worship of the Atriedes noble family with Paul as the universe's Messiah. @@ If an opportunity arises where a player character can influence a pivotal moment in the storyline, let them! Use the non-player characters to guide
them there, without letting the non-player characters take charge of the moment. This is added to the amount of Momentum to Threat
spent to Resist Defeat increases by an amount equal to the Quality of the asset used to cause that defeat; it's harder to avoid an injury caused by a poisoned dagger than some ruffian's blade. Star System: Canopus Moons: Two Habitable: Class III @@ Class II @@ Class II.
Communicate test convinces the pilot to land and pick the wounded pilot up, or any player characters injured in battle with the Fremen. By modulating the timber, pitch, and cadence of their words, a trained member of the Bene Gesserit can compel a listener to follow her commands. This has allowed them to make many friends among the Imperium
and secure several allies. The complex computations required for foldspace travel were only possible though the use of thinking computers, which were forbidden after the Butlerian Jihad. So, their customers are content to not ask questions, buy their products anyway, and denigrate them to assuage their guilt. Anderson) @@ Dune: The Machine
Crusade (Brian Herbert & Kevin J. With its small body, long tail, and exceedingly large eyes, the kangaroo mouse (or, as the Fremen dub it, 'Muad'Dib') is also renowned for its ability to leap implausible distances, hurling itself fearlessly across the sand. @@ Skills: @@ One skill ranked at 6 (the one most relevant to their job). At first, they unnervingly
say nothing and make no signal, interested in seeing how the player characters react to their presence. Of course, as with any intrigue asset, time must be expended to select the most appropriate form of blackmail record—to find the thing that is sufficient to ensure obeisance, as well as guaranteeing silence after the asset has fulfilled their function.
Set the expectation that they will be available, so that everyone is comfortable using them. Every few centuries, a new room or hall was constructed to facilitate whatever need that arose. @@ Informants are generally less capable, and less Spice Smuggler (Person) mobile, than spies, but they are often already wellplaced within a location or group, or
within the confidence of a person. The stillsuit of one of the player characters—the gamemaster chooses who, likely based on who was injured—was ripped in the crash-landing. Would an origin story set on a frigate help acclimate your players to the tone of Dune? Upon gaining dominance of the planet, Thurr focused on the eradication of all human
life. Among the burnt remains of the engine they discover a charred but obviously cut fuel line, the source of the engine fire. Some might act as agents breaking into a complex while another remains at their base monitoring and using other agents to cause a distraction for the complex's defenses. The tattoo is in the form of a simple black diamond
upon the forehead. No one gains power in the Imperium without upsetting a few people on the way. This position also ensures that Carthag is the first port of call for mining vessels as they return from the desert. If they do take a direct tack against you, then expect highly sophisticated and advanced technological attacks that might be difficult to
counter. Though she is a dedicated servant of Shaddam IV, she never wavers from her commitments to the Bene Gesserit. Assets broadly come in two forms: tangible and intangible. Take notes. So, while he never taught a single student, the master House might want to
return the 'upstart' to their 'rightful place', or the vassal House might seek revenge for being held back or badly treated. If she had more Momentum she might ask more questions. However, the cost is that Marcus becomes aware Kara is asking questions about him and now knows his plan. As an Asset: It's difficult to take hostile action against
someone who supplies goods to you, or who you supply; these kinds of entanglements help preserve a semblance of peace in the Imperium, tying the interests of competing that she planned on getting away and destroying the harvester entirely, sacrificing the crew to cover up
the murder of the player characters. Her hobby is piloting ornithopters. has a swift sword and swifter temper. When the Emperor offered the Atreides the fieldom of Arrakis and control of the spice, the Duke easily recognized it for the trap it was, but he took the gambit willingly, knowing that his duty as a leader of men required him to rise to meet
even the deadliest challenge. Ask them if they have any strong phobias. Like many of the religions of the Imperium, the Orange Catholic Faith is more of a philosophy to be studied than a set of rituals to be followed. 76 Ix Star System: Alkalurops Moons: Six artificial moons Habitable: Class IV Noble House: Vernius Primary Export: Technology
(sophisticated machines, hunter-seekers, orships, robots, and weather controls) Population: All live underground in small collectives. If he moved subtly, he might keep the initiative and give Kara a chance to fell one of them. The Bene Gesserit, themselves, seem to encourage all aspects of their reputation—positive, negative, supernatural, and
esteemed. Looks like this wedding is going to be a lot more complicated than we expected. or its affiliates Christine Crabb Ed., Sam Gregor-Stewart How much do you like this book? Within a House, however, is a microcosm of the Faufreluches hierarchy. Armor makes attacks against the wearer more difficult, with heavier armor providing a bigger
Difficulty increase, but it also increases the complication range of actions relating to movement and maneuvering by the same amount. Will they be among the most important agents in a small House retinue, or cogs in a mighty administration? Their ships, known as Heighliners, are immense enough to contain all the transports and frigates of a dozen
Great Houses. To break it, an opponent must spend twice this in Momentum. Just like roller coasters or scary movies, fun and excitement of sand, the faint bulge in the dunes as the sandworm begins its approach. GREAT HOUSE The House is one of the greatest powers in the
universe. Massive weapons factories stand beside government halls of power, with each working in perfect unison. The High Council ruled the Landsraad and was selected from the members of the Major Houses by vote. 277 Face Dancer......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           ..... A superb judge of character, Leto gathered around him retainers and comrades who would prove
to be among the most talented and insightful advisors gathered anywhere in the universe. The characters in the book explore distinct environments from the streets of Arrakeen to the caverns of Sietch Tabr. C o mplic ati o n R a n g e Some situations can make a skill test uncertain, rather than more difficult. This means that if you don't have a rating
in the Battle skill and your character gets into a fight, you will either have to run, hide, or make a decision about how good they are pretty quickly. The gamemaster determines how many extra complications are suffered. Or the footage of an asset stealing from the Atreides spice supply. As an Asset: Minimic films are only one micron in diameter,
making them easy to smuggle and hide. But at least it is sure to be a most stylish death. S pice M u t ati o n a n d P rescie n ce As described prior, until the discovery of the spice melange, faster-than-light space travel was controlled by thinking computers. The unofficial motto of the Landsraad is "A place for every man, and every man has a place."
business or produce that is important to the Imperium. The color of the light differs based on when it was constructed, and it is powered by an organic battery. STEP SEVEN: CHARACTER DETAILS Pick one focus. The smugglers, in turn, must deal in some fashion with the Spacing Guild, creating a case of willful blindness on behalf of the Imperium
GUILDSMAN (SPACING GUILD TALENT) You have connections to the Spacing Guild, granting you more access to their resources than most. G u ild P o litics Guild agents are omnipresent throughout the Imperium, operating on most civilized planets as brokers and observers. No toolkit, no signal devices, no camping equipment. They regularly have
of the Landsraad. The thick, sand-colored hide of the sandworm is nearly impenetrable and is lined with something like scales. The first hook is then used to pry open one of the sandworm's rings. These are abilities which define a character, helping them to stand out and feel special. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 4 C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 Charm
DISCIPLINE: 5 Observe MOVE: 6 Dance U N D E R S TA N D: 7 Imperial Politics Irulan's relationship with her family was quietly strifefilled. The Emperor is likely to act subtly through third parties in exerting his will amongst the directorate but is not above making broad and public declarations when he feels it necessary. Only I will remain. They
know the desert so intimately, and it is so unremittingly hostile to outsiders, that any opponent is swiftly overwhelmed by the speed and brutality of their attacks. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 17 THE FAUFRELUCHES SYSTEM The Faufreluches caste system arose during the Old Empire, as humanity needed something or
someone to focus on as a leader to maintain order. Nearly everything that is bought or sold within the Imperium is regulated by CHOAM, so vast and pervasive is its influence. However, war has rules. Servants tend to be close-knit within a given House with a shared responsibility for the success of the nobles. When you pass a skill test and generate
Momentum, think of how your superb performance might be reflected in the outcome, or how it might influence what happens next. A nervous House guard might talk faster at a higher pitch with a more rushed tone than a laidback Bene Gesserit Agent, who knows how to remain calm in the face of danger. Though they are compliant with Metzos'
smuggling and have enjoyed the personal gains, they know that exposure could lead to their deaths, so they are reluctant to fight the player characteristic blue-within-blue, their heads with a *) you may only apply your focus to that particular choice. Their eyes take on the characteristic blue-within-blue, their heads with a *) you may only apply your focus to that particular choice. Their eyes take on the characteristic blue-within-blue, their heads with a *) you may only apply your focus to that particular choice. Their eyes take on the characteristic blue-within-blue, their heads with a *) you may only apply your focus to that particular choice. Their eyes take on the characteristic blue-within-blue, their heads with a *) you may only apply your focus to that particular choice. Their eyes take on the characteristic blue-within-blue, their heads with a *) you may only apply your focus to that particular choice.
grow, features become grotesque, temples swell, their limbs extend and reposition, and their fingers and toes grow to incredible lengths, fins developing between their digits. Spending Advance @@ Focus: 1× total Focuses @@ Talent: Total Talents ×3 @@ Retrain: You may advance a skill, focus, or talent by
sacrificing an ability you already have. Example: Kara's highest drive is Faith, and so Claire decides she believes in destiny. With time, they might rise to control their home planet, and perhaps even beyond. The gamemaster grants Kara the partner as a new asset, representing her confession. Within the Landsraad is a select High Council of House
leaders, and this group intercedes in conflicts between member Houses. We use this chapter to explain the basic system and how it easily adapts to each form of conflict. Some locations may only have an effect for one side or another: defending forces may know the local terrain better and be able to take advantage of it in ways that invaders cannot
@@ Armor is sometimes used by soldiers and other combatants who may not be equipped with a shield. Both you and the gamemaster should have a clear idea of what a skill test is for, and what happens if the skill test succeeds or fails. Kanly negotiations—overseen by an appointed Judge of the Change— or kanly challenges must follow the edicts of
the Great Convention. Languages: Galach Locations of Interest: Castle Richese, Lugdynym, and Richese City POINTS OF INTEREST OVERVIEW The only rival to Ix in technological achievements that stretch the boundaries of the mandate against thinking machines. The Sorceresses were the originators of the breeding program for the Kwizatz
Haderach, responsible for creating the perfect human being and creating a record of the bloodlines of the noble families. The enemy pilot uses his ornithopter asset to make a defense possible. Do they respect their rulers or labor in fear of them? These supporting characters represent other officials and agents of the House and its allies, as well as
servants, vassals, and other subordinates such as soldiers and spies. The Fremen eschew any such form of defenses, as any shield generator serves only to attract the attention of sandworms from vast distances away. Once there, Paul claims his destiny as the prophesized messiah. The charge retains the A desert survival kit created by the Fremen.
The planetologist's work as an Imperial servant was an inconvenient necessity, and Liet made no friends among the ruling Harkonnens in this work. The game allows for a character to challenge their beliefs, changing the order of priority and the attached statements, to reflect how people's feelings and opinions can shift over time. The engine makes
instantaneous jumps from one location in space to another by folding the space in between. It may even be useful to think of an actor who you can imagine portraying your character: the appearance, voice, and mannerisms of an actor who you can imagine portraying your character: the appearance, voice, and mannerisms of an actor who you can imagine portraying your character: the appearance, voice, and mannerisms of an actor who you can imagine portraying your character: the appearance, voice, and mannerisms of an actor who you can imagine portraying your character: the appearance, voice, and mannerisms of an actor who you can imagine portraying your character: the appearance, voice, and mannerisms of an actor who you can imagine portraying your character: the appearance, voice, and mannerisms of an actor who you can imagine portraying your character: the appearance, voice, and mannerisms of an actor who you can imagine portraying your character.
players do not feel comfortable engaging in a topic, acknowledge it, change the topic, and move on. Data Analysis, Deductive Reasoning, Imperial Politics, Kanly Traits: Mentat, Insightful and Resourceful, Spymaster TALENTS @@ Advisor (Understand): Thufir may re-roll a single d20 in the dice pool of an ally he assists. FOCUSES Yueh was a subject
of the Suk School's so-called Imperial conditioning, and therefore was incapable of causing the harm of another human being, and certainly not of those under his care. If your players are prone to idle chit-chat, set the timer for five minutes. Like a character's personality, a character's relationships can—and should—evolve over time, and some
relationships may become so strong (whether friendly or adversarial) that they become major factors in the character's life. So, while combat can be fun an exciting, make sure there is something important at stake, even if it is just the lives of the player character's need to act has outweighed their strongly held drives, and in the
process, their worldview has been shaken. Most secondary domains within a Farming House focus on supporting the primary domain of agriculture, but often the primary process is simple enough so that other simple domains like natural resource extraction or military training can be practiced. Research and millennia of experience have shown that
children able to bond with their parental structure are able to relate better with non-Mentats after becoming Mentats. It comes with a campaign that introduces the rules to players and gamemasters as well offering an exciting adventure. A N ew O rder E merg es The end of Butlerian Jihad and the defeat of the millennium-long enemy saw humanitys
on the cusp of a new destiny. Conscripts are the lowest of the player characters' worth to them in other ways. Some players are great at describing how their character's sharp tongue got the social edge at that banquet
by convincing that courtier to admit to cheating water sellers out of profits. They range in length from short stories to novels to grand trilogies. These talents may be selected freely, though individual talents may be taken by Mentats, Bene Gesserit talents may only be taken by
Bene Gesserit, and so forth. 88 B.G. Fleeing the slavers on Arrakis, the Zensunni move into the deep desert and adapt to the harsh environment. This option works best if there is a time constraint. Example: Kara herself is in a command shuttle and intends to stay there to direct the battle. AMBITIOUS NEWCOMER Gaining access to the court of the
Padishah Emperor can be difficult, even for experienced and well-connected agents. A safety valve exists in the form of kanly, the art of vendetta, providing a legitimate means of one House waging war against another through assassins. However, few nobles are comfortable traveling in an unshielded vehicle. A well-worn stillsuit stinks, as it is
designed to capture the effluvia of the body and convert it, but such niceties are of little importance to a people whose home planet is seemingly perfectly designed to kill human beings. She was the military commander of the League's
forces. They practice each aspect of the process of fighting, from the care of the weapon to the delivery of the killing blow. Do they have some secrets that they would like to divulge to the player characters? The High Council has the power to authorize whether declarations of kanly (p.106) are legitimate, and to recognize when any House has violated
the terms of the Great Convention. However, you always get to make a choice and try to justify why it fits the situation: the Choice of skill is defined by what it is you're choosing to do. Who trained them and why? Finally, the Bene Gesserit Sisterhood uses a carefully monitored breeding program, secret prana-bindu techniques, and precise
applications of the mind-expanding spice to create an elite cadre of supernaturally insightful Reverend Mothers. The Sisterhood is critical to the continued existence of Wallach IX, as the planet would collapse economically without them. This simplistic version would lead to their eventual downfall. Being able to read an opponent's fighting style may
allow you to form appropriate defenses or figure out a way of attacking that they're ill-equipped to defend against. POINTS OF INTEREST The holy city of Bandalong is exclusively for Tleilaxu. The gamemaster allows her to succeed at a cost. Instructing someone to seek help or put down a weapon can defuse a critical situation. As the characters all
work for the same House, they already have a natural reason to work together, and creating characters together can follow on naturally from House creation. If absolutely necessary, one House's ship can speak to another, but the Guild is monitoring all of this communication. The advanced state of technology destroyed the old political structure and
its essential ties to Earth. Others are ruthless politicians, accruing influence and watching for the moment when it can be most effectively deployed. Most of the time more than one die is rolled at once: these dice are collectively deployed. Most of the time more than one die is rolled at once: these dice are collectively deployed. Most of the time more than one die is rolled at once: these dice are collectively referred to as a dice pool. Having a knife makes a combat easier than fighting unarmed. The pilot suffers a broken leg, and
everyone else must pass a challenging (D2) Move test to only suffer the 'Bruised' trait. 8. Most actions your character takes should be so simple that you don't need to use the required successes. Characters which are not under the direct
control of any player cannot perform the full range of actions available to a character under a player's control. They are one of the few Great Houses to not only continue the practice of slavery, but to inflict immeasurable misery upon those souls. C h a pter � A ssets In this game of duels and politics, your characters might have several different
assets to help them in their plots. This might be when the character is enforcing the law, when they are meting out punishment on behalf on their House, or even when taking revenge. The defeated human army saved the dethroned Emperor in 1287 B.G., and the Titans assumed control of the Known Universe. 230 M a n a g i n g P ers o n a lities
Players are people, and every person has preferences, opinions, and quirks. Example: Claire decides that Kara's dedication trait. Character creation options for playing fifteen iconic species and nine unique careers, including the Covert Infiltrator, Orbital
Drop Soldier, and Wayfarer. Those who use them outside the shield-fighting arena are usually making a statement by using the archaic weapons. If he rolls equal to or under his Discipline rating (by itself), he immediately regains those spent Threat. 203 B.G. The League of Nobles liberate Giede Prime. Each of these links should denote the nature of
things you've done or are doing to your opponent—such as misdirection, or aiming a ranged weapon—can be moved around freely but are not present at the beginning of the scene; they must be created during the conflict itself. @@ You may select one of your assets and increase its Quality by 1 by spending a number of advancement points equal to
the new Quality of the asset (i.e., if you're increasing an asset from Quality 2 to 3, it costs 3 advancement points). 108 B.G. Omnius unleashes a genetically engineered virus on multiple worlds. Some of the Imperium are described below. Momentum points can be spent to roll more d20s, and can be replenished by doing
especially well on skill tests. In which case, you should choose one of your two lower drives that don't have a statement. A skirmish may make use of ranged weapons in a way that dueling does not, particularly if the conflict starts when attempting to ambush unshielded foes. While you must pick a focus for your primary skill and for your secondary
skill, you need not pick the ones listed for your archetype. Nasir also has a personal shield, but the gamemaster tells him that won't be any use if his ornithopter is forced out of the sky. you're revealing it now), or something which you could find in the scene. They know secrets that could turn to blackmail. The Bene Tleilax, often referred to as the
                                                                       'dirty Tleilaxu', are biologists first and foremost. 172 Movement......
represents a day of questioning. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 147 S k ill T est P ro ced u re When attempting a skill test, follow the procedure below: 1. Or would they die for the job that they have signed up for? RANGE 154 DESCRIPTION COMP. It is up to them to keep up-to-date with any changes in that field of
knowledge or new discoveries. They may have multiple senior family members trained as Mentats, and the ruler themselves might have Mentat training. HISTORY a As the Butlerian Jihad raged across the universe, Caladan remained one of the few Unallied Planets siding neither with the thinking machines or League of Nobles. SCENARIO HOOK
Danger Sense, Traps Traits: Imposter, Spy TALENTS Ransack: When they attempt an Understand test to search an area, they can spend 2 Threat to reduce the Difficulty of the test by 1, and to halve the amount of time the test takes. @@ They ensure their influence and income by making their schooling
has been precisely planned to instill the perfect sense of wonder. @@ Weapons and most defensive assets work in the same way as they do in dueling. Let's look at some common solutions. of worlds. This is the truth but is the result of commander Globus' poor management and the dreadful state of the carryall. Obregon is an old friend, relation, or
colleague of one or more of the player characters—allow the players to choose who—and she greets them all warmly. These ring segments must be closed for a sandworm to return below the sand, else the sandworm's hide will be irritated. Traits describe the notable and interesting details about a place, time, person, or object, sort of like keywords
for other rules to interact with. Each color is a level of consent. ... Have fun! 218 All of the above points have the potential to lead to a game where you and your players can work together to create a completely new tale of spacefaring adventurers daring to rise up against the Landsraad or facing the cruel environment of Arrakis. Kara initiates a
conflict with the partner (in a roleplaying scene) and successfully defeats the partner in the contest. You cannot spend Determination if the drive you're using has no statement. And even if you already alerted players to a content theme in Session 0, it's good practice to ask when it comes up in the game. The players each create the characters they
play and work out how they connect. Often easy to justify when acting for your House. NAME Every character needs a name. It is only available when one Reverend Mother, having successfully transmuted the Water of Life. Momentum needs to be
maintained, and it does not last forever, so it's in your interests to spend it rather than saving it up. Unknown to the player characters, ready to attack should they make a hostile move. The Momentum pool cannot contain more
strategic places within their territory. He has a weakness for adding exotic animals to his personal menagerie. CREATING LOCATIONS If you have some specific locations in mind... @@ Produce: This is something the area of expertise actually produces. @@ Example (One-shot): Break out of a brig. The cynical have suggested that this also enables the
Harkonnens to assemble their own supplies of spice, out of sight of many of the Emperor's attendants and wardens. Millennia upon millennia have passed as the Padishah Empire remains in control, though by the time of Emperor Shaddam IV, the Imperium is stressed, inefficient, and bloated. It is through such a process that the Water of Life—the
substance used by the Bene Gesserit to enable initiates to access the Sisterhood's genetic memory—is created. A cti on sin Dueling This section provides some guidance on the most common actions you're likely to attempt—or have attempted against you—during a duel. Many servos and other such cunning creations come from Ix, and it is
suspected that their advances in technology go far beyond what they reveal and are willing to trade. For succeeding at the test she learns the spice merchant is indeed Marcus' target. p.139 A dvancement Points Gaining Advancement Points Gaining Advancement Points Gaining Advancement Points With: @@ Adversity: @@ Pain: When you are defeated
during conflict. The second option is to forego minor tests completely. Semuta is also a popular currency for bribery. Infiltrators require boundless resolve and focus, maintaining a clear sense of their goals and their loyalties as they undertake their work. These continuous wave-laser projectors are fitted into either pistols or rifles, enhancing their
range. Paul is no ordinary young man, however. A step by step breakdown and explanation. Several noted cutpurses use them as an aid in their crimes. What your heart says. ENVIRONMENT Richese is a standard-class planet experiencing different seasons, rains, and summers found on a temperate world. @@ The final indication is lightning. The C
ities of Arrak is Prior to the exploitation of spice, there were almost no structures on Arrakis beyond those constructed by the Fremen—and these tended to be small, concealed in the mountains or in cave systems and chiefly consisting of alterations to existing natural phenomena. She is a minor member of the characters' House, but due to the
circumstances of her birth—she was fathered by an heir of the House on a lowly servant—she was seen as something of an embarrassment and eventually sent to work as far away as possible. The player characters have now made an implacable enemy. (1 Threat) @@ Determination: Non-player characters can spend 3 Threat to effectively use a
Determination point. It also allows a character to focus and concentrate on a complex task, such as picking a lock. Supporting characters are player characters too, but they're less-developed than main characters are player characters too, but they're less-developed than main characters are player characters are player characters too, but they're less-developed than main characters are player 
driven from planet to planet; whenever they settled, they were soon subject to pogroms and oppression. Supporting character is likely to be a significant recurring character, and they will be capable specialists in their own right. Once per adventure, you may call upon your Spacing
Guild connection to use Guild facilities or resources, or to organize a meeting with important persons within the Guild. Thus, ranged military tactics like enfilading fire, covering fire, bounding overwatch, air support, missile and bombing attacks of entrenched positions, and other tactics or strategies have almost disappeared. 94
                             . 10,175 A.G. House Vernius regains control of Ix under Rhombur. If you're looking for something really thorough that does a great job of supporting gamemasters who don't have the time to alter a campaign to their liking or aren't comfortable running an adventure yet, then the Heirs of Dune box set is a fantastic option.
Here is a universe filled with people that are obviously of Earth though set in a future so distant that this origin is lost and obscured. To watch a swordmaster of Ginaz in battle is to witness something both beautiful and horrifying. They may also want to play a charming socialite character and if everything is roleplay-based, they are at a significant
disadvantage. The rest of the details will be defined once play has begun—at particular points during the game, you may choose to define one of those elements, choosing a skill rating, a drive, a drive, a drive, a drive, a drive statement, a focus, or a talent to add to your character. Aircraft can move significantly faster than ground forces, moving one additional zone with each
move. These skills will be increased in the next step. Moons: One (artificial) Habitable: Class IV Noble House: Richese Primary Export: Technology (starships, miniaturization, sophisticated machines) Population: Scattered around the planet living in moderate-sized cities. Essentially, adding narrative just means explaining what a character is actually
doing when a player rolls the dice. Other Houses covet and strive for directorships within its bureaucracy, which the Emperor can grant or revoke as he sees fit. Rivalries and intrigue abounded between the royal sisters, and even their parents. She provides a royal signet to back her claim and arranges a clandestine summit. 236 THE PROBLEM OF
PRESCIENCE As gamemaster, you should understand how such capabilities will distort the outcome of events in a story and how both player characters alike will react to such capabilities. Then, attempt a skill test, with a Difficulty of 2. Focuses can be chosen freely during character creation, for there are innumerable areas
of expertise and specializations 115 Courtier
                                                             ...... @@ Surveillance devices cannot be moved once set. Languages: Galach and other secretive Bene Gesserit means of communication Locations of Interest: Cliff Walls, the Mother School OVERVIEW Also called the Chapterhouse, Wallach IX is home to the Bene Gesserit and serves as
their greatest training facility. Impressing the Group: If the group wants to reward an especially good plan, roleplayed scene, or other especially noteworthy contribution, the player in question may be given an extra advancement point. 167 Conflict Scope.....
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            ..... They remained largely untouched by the war. Moving a knife obviously moves the
character holding it as well. None outside the Guild know how many Guildsmen crew a Heighliner, though given their size the number is likely to be tens of thousands of laborers, engineers, technicians, and other specialists, all piloted by a single Navigator. Humanity is being forced to do its own thinking as it does battle with its most terrifying
adversary. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 237 238 C h a pter 🏶 : A llies & A d v ers a ries To attempt an understanding of Muad'Dib without understanding of Muad'Dib without understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens, is to attempt an understanding of Muad'Dib without understanding of Muad'Dib without understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens, is to attempt an understanding of Muad'Dib without understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens, is to attempt an understanding of Muad'Dib without understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens, is to attempt an understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens, is to attempt an understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens, is to attempt an understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens, is to attempt an understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens, is to attempt an understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens is to attempt an understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens is to attempt an understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens is to attempt an understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens is to attempt an understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens is to attempt an understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens is to attempt an understanding his mortal enemies, the Harkonnens is to attempt a transfer his mortal enemies.
essentially the same shared needs: commerce and the ability to travel across the vastness of space. If you lose the contest, then your attack has failed, and the action ends. The simplest kinds of fortifications are earthworks which can be hastily constructed by troops in the field, while the most potent are House shields that can protect a palace or
castle from attack. @@ Talents: One talent, though some may have two (gamemaster's option). This is known as Other Memory, a collection of the personalities and memories of previous Reverend Mothers. @@ If a player gets stumped on what to do, let the non-player character drop some hints. P OW E R: 8 I do as I please. With most of the thugs
down, the skirmish ends as the remainder make a run for it. Momentum can be used for several things, including getting extra information about a situation, creating or changing traits in the scene, or buying extra dice for skill tests. 57 Truthsayer......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           .. The League rescued many, such as the peaceful Zensunni, and the mercenaries of
Ginaz joined the cause, providing valuable tactical skills. @@ Infantry form the bulk of any armed force, and squads or platoons of infantry are a common form of asset. If the drive you're using has no statement, then you may choose to use it, without restriction. If this is something that could be a huge reveal leading up to a cliffhanger, you can always
re-write the scene or adjust it according to what you and the players want. Larger vehicles—ones requiring a crew to operate—and larger groups of subordinates that require other officers or a deeper chain of command are not suitable as assets for a single character, though circumstances might grant you command of these larger-scale assets in
certain circumstances. We can't leave Nasir lying here. Less famous but equally important is Norma Cenva, inventor of glowglobes who eventually helped found the Spacing Guild and became its first Navigator. The most valuable of these seats find themselves the subject of generational plots by rival Houses who have nursed grudges and envy for
hundreds of years. @@ Joh is more likely to be at a dinner party or House entertainment than the Guild offices, but they arrange deals with Major Houses and act as an observer at high level meetings. Lastly, Aurelius Venport, while far away from the front lines, discovered the key to the universe and humanity's destiny, the true properties of the
spice melange (or more simply, "spice"). As an Asset: As with the spice-harvester, these transports are more strategic targets than tools or weapons in their own right. THE STILLSUIT All Fremen are immediately identifiable by their strange and practical uniform—the stillsuit. @@ Drive Statements: A character's highest drives also have statements
associated with them. Suk doctoral candidates must master a staggering body of information and its practical application. Manresa had established a refuge for those fleeing the thinking machines and offered the world of Salusa Secundus as a forward operation base. Anderson) NOVELS OF THE RECONSTRUCTION ERA @@ Sisterhood of Dune
(Brian Herbert & Kevin J. BONUS MOMENTUM Some assets and talents grant a character bonus Momentum to successful skill tests, under specific circumstances. Record its trait. Assets: Cibus Hood, Lockpicks, Memocorder 292 A person who can find information about a rival is invaluable in House or Imperial politics. This costs 10 advancement
points, plus 1 for each previous skill advance purchased. So renowned are they, that even the Houses Major and Minor pay to have their daughters educated there. WHAT'S AT STAKE case, a pass means that you avoid some or all the danger, while failure means that you suffer the full effects of the danger you sought to avoid. Its people have few
rights and much of the populace are enslaved. With particularly observant characters, such as Bene Gesserit and Mentats, this may allow the gamemaster to ask the players for their characters' thoughts and feelings, or even secrets about them. As an Asset: Spies may know about, or know how to find, secret schematics, exclusive technology,
generate on this test may be spent to recall facts and details about that event or location; this is treated like Obtain Information, but you may ask questions about things you have previously encountered, rather than merely those which are currently present in the scene. If no focus applied, Kara's player would need to roll a 1 to gain two successes.
Others attempt to blackmail rival or lesser Houses with the information they gather. The ducal seat and Atreides homeworld is the water-bound planet Caladan, thought to be a relatively humble planet, primarily known for its production of pundi rice, an inexpensive staple food consumed everywhere throughout the Imperium. 34
                                . brains into preservation canisters, becoming Cogitors. The results of kanly are final and can determine the fate of a House. Learning desires is a longer process. Example: The ornithopters reach the deposit zone first, granting Kara defensive assets in the zone and making it harder for the Arcuri forces to claim it. Are
they boisterous and welcoming, or do they always carry a look of exasperation? This may lead to dangerous mistakes if they are not careful. However, if the statement would conflict with the action goes against your character's morals,
D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 157 C on tests In a contest, the character opposing you rolls first, and their number of successes becomes the Difficulty you need to roll against. This conditioning takes years to bestow upon a candidate and is the result of intense guided manipulation by the school's specialists. Assets
Bodyguards, Kindjal Engraved with House Crest, Shield Belt DUNE|ADVENTURESINTHEIMPERIUM287Sardaukar(EliteSoldier)DRIVESTATEMEIMPERIUM241Honor
a ble N o ble D u k e L et o A treides DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 8 FA I T H: 5 JUSTICE: 7 P OW E R: 4 T RU T H: 6 SKILL My House, my family, and my people: all are one. As such, they are also a lucrative area of business. Traits: Secret Information INTERROGATION The Harkonnens in particular are known for their success in wringing
intelligence out of unwilling captives. The Enemy Many years after the Scattering, the Imperium finally finds peace through exhaustion. BUILDING THE ORDER After 70 years of training, Gilbertus opened a school on the planet Lampadas to teach what he had learned. They leave that to the water sellers and small shop proprietors.
The House declares themselves a victim of a setup as their bill of goods to the Spacing Guild shows that the rice was untainted when delivered to the Heighliner. The Shipping Company birthed the Combine Honnete Ober Advancer Mercantiles (CHOAM) that controls nearly every economic contract or deal throughout the Known Universe. Slight of
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build, almost elfin, she possessed great skill with the crysknife and was accomplished in the ways of stealth and ambush. When attempting a Move test to move over, around, or through difficult terrain or similar physical obstacles (such as during a duel or skirmish), you may reduce the Difficulty of the test by 2. Many plots require a sacrifice, a pawn

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to be captured and left in the power of one's enemies. Threat represents perils, unforeseen dangers, and the potential for drama and excitement, and it rises and falls during play. Those that were not enslaved could become so at the whim of House Harkonnen. @@ What sort of habitation is there? An overview to help make sense of your stats. They
would like to pass on their knowledge to a protégé before offering their water to the sietch. evolutions of Islamic and Buddhist spiritual- This is further complicated by the more practical and subtle uses of prescience as a method of surveillance. The reputation for folding space is inaccurate but adds to their mystique. Security measures range from
guards and sentries—infantry soldiers, normally warfare assets—to physical security such as reinforced walls, locks, penta-shield doors, no-rooms, and similar. Are they truly trying to defect? @@ Asking for a significant favor from a friend. Examples included Arrakis and Caladan. As the assassin knows the area, the street itself becomes a trait he can
use for a bonus. Actions taken during play which serve a character's personal agenda score advancement points, which in turn allow the character to improve their skills, learn additional focuses, and obtain new talents. 205 Ornithopter......
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and red means 'stop' or 'no'. As the gamemaster, you should keep in mind that the most dangerous individuals in the Imperium are those who have become adept at navigating these threats to their independence. And when have laws and other such trivialities ever prevented people from doing precisely what they wish? Main characters are each
player's first and most important character. To be noble is to be constantly on guard against the House's battles and leading them by your example, if you spend Momentum to get more information from the
gamemaster, you can wait to see what that information is before you decide what to do with the rest of the Momentum, so you don't waste Momentum by using it unnecessarily. What is a Roleplay in g Game? Kara wants to gain power for her House but also wishes to become a premier assassin. Does the poor spice production of the Grief and its a Roleplay in g Game? Kara wants to gain power for her House but also wishes to become a premier assassin.
 harvesters improve or continue? Many believe that control over spice production and distribution confers nearunlimited power, but more than one would-be master of the spice has found themselves annihilated for their efforts. @@ Other Memory: She may remember things from years before she was born through Other Memory. As a result, she
knows her nobles' schedules down to the second. How many enemies they have depends on how high the player characters' House has risen. Finally, non-player characters do not typically have a reason to Obtain Information as players do. @@ The Reason I Fight (Power): When Feyd attempts a Battle test using the chosen drive, and the drive's
statement aligns with the action being attempted, he may re-roll 1d20. Spies and assassins are everywhere and there are many rival Houses, Great and Minor, that covet the power and resources this House possesses. Once each character in the conflict has taken a turn, a single round is completed, and a new round begins. Conviction and clarity of
this overriding goal. 70 There is also a substantial deputation from the Guild, with which the Harkonnens deal extremely carefully, ensuring that their space travel rights are absolutely secure. Example: Kara targets the husband first to see what she can find out. The following is how the Conflict Overview (p.167) applies to intrigue: @@ Many assets
used in an intrigue attack are intangible, such as knowledge and rumors, as mentioned above under Assets in Intrigue: Trade and Secrets. What is he doing here on the Alberich? Each of those ratings may only be assigned to a single skill—that is, once you've assigned a rating of 6 to a skill, you may not assign a 6 to any other skill. The gamemaster
describes the scene and gives the scene the trait 'Convivial'. They are also trained in numerous aspects of chemistry and molecular biology, enabling them to synthesize custom medications to meet the needs of every specific patient. The adventure might bring the characters together, possibly for their first mission. If the offending party is found
guilty, a penalty is levied, generally financial but sometimes requiring loss of holdings. Birds are frequently used as couriers, with bats being the most sought after for their nocturnal abilities. Encourage the use of safety tools (see Chapter 8: Gamemastering) and make sure that everyone feels comfortable with stopping in the middle of the scene if
they need to rewind and redo something that does not fit with what they want from the game. It is perfectly reasonable to pick an archetype based only on the primary and secondary skills it offers and amend it to suit your concept. The Guild clearly has some arrangement with these smugglers, allowing them access to their Heighliners, likely for
exorbitant fees, but their policy of strict confidentiality and refusal to let the Emperor audit their books means that people and other illicit goods move from system to system through exactly the same means as legal transport, and none but the Guild are aware of what is moving where. With typical pragmatism they decided that they could wait a few
more years for Jessica to bear a daughter as well. The most widely known is the fact that, once drawn, a crysknife cannot be sheathed until it has drawn blood. With assassins around every corner, this may be sooner than they think. As an Asset: A trained courtesan with access to the bedchambers of the wealthy and influential, capable of discovering than they think.
a great deal if handled carefully. Now one of the Mahact has decided to crush the insolent mortals who dare defy him once and for all. NIMBLE You're quick on your feet, and few obstacles can impede you. Erasmus encountered countless failures before finding an approach Gilbertus would respond to. POINTS OF INTEREST House Harkonnen rules
the planet of Giedi Prime from the capital city of Barony. Most of the faiths of Old Terra have survived in one form or another, and many have found common ground with others to form new religious philosophies. The Arcuri forces are in another, and many have found common ground with others to form new religious philosophies.
                              ...... As spice is so important, and found on only one planet, the governorship of Arrakis is a position coveted by all the noble houses, but is controlled by the Emperor, who plays one noble house against the other to keep any from gaining enough influence to unseat him. Passengers are free to do whatever they choose to
while waiting. However, they are programmed with loyalty to the Bene Tleilax, so turning one against their masters or toward independence is not a simple task. JUSTICE: 6 I will pay for my own mistakes. The Harkonnen rule on Arrakis has thus far been remarkable for its brutality, particularly towards the the Fremen, who, unlike the city-dwelling
natives, rebelled against Harkonnen rule. In this chapter we examine the Imperium of time and must figure out how to keep their ruler safe while an assassin is on the premises. RULER This is the current leader of the House and
bears its name as a surname. As an Asset: An assassin has certain skills and an understanding of how society works that not all are privy to. Meetings of the board may also be called to deal with crises or opportunities as they are loved or
hated, they have gained much by unearthing the secrets of others while obfuscating their true agenda and the extent of their true powers, keeping themselves. @@ Renki is a plumber who knows more about water than the Fremen think he
                                                                                                            doing the work of initiating the conflict, this is simply the best use of a defensive asset. While they may report directly to the ruler of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, a bodyguard the Swordmaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier one of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier on the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier on the Spymaster, and a courtier on the Spymaster, and a courtier on the Spymaster, and a courtier of the House, a spy would mainly serve the Spymaster, and a courtier of the Spymaste
tell. They may further conclude that the true saboteur may be someone they thought of as a trusted friend. This reflects your character's motivation and drive behind the action—why they are doing what they're doing. Accomplishments come from action, and action requires capability. This choice can and should be made on a case-by-case basis
we utilize two levels of play to allow players to work as powers-that-be behind the scenes and as agents in direct missions. While it obviously can't be carried with her, it is easily accessible. Part of courage comes from extending our knowledge. 8 You are a master of that skill, renowned for your expertise. Countless deaths from poisoning led to the
invention of poison snoopers that replaced food tasters. The device does not emit any energy readings. The player characters need to decide what they will do with this servant. They also learned exceptional powers of observation, allowing them to detect the most subtle of changes in a person's body language and demeanor. (Various). Buying extra
d20s is the most common example of this. The Titans divide up the empire into fiefdoms under 223 B.G. their control. C hoose your target and the asset you're using to attack. House Minor Heir Manor House Security Systems Kaunos, the merchant 9-12 Investigate the murder or destruction of the... 197 Blade....
Reverend Mother has special insights into the Bene Gesserit Sisterhood: the creation of the Kwisatz Haderach through genetic manipulation performed through genetic manipulation genetic m
Imperium are driven by them. @@ Class V: Easily sustain human life without preconditions. In response, Omnius worked with Erasmus to eradicate all human life on Earth. B AT T L E: a duel or skirmish when he buys additional dice with Threat while making an attack. As Marcus wasn't expected, the gamemaster decides learning anything is a
Difficulty 3 test, not a result Kara's player believes she can roll easily on 2d20. Messenger Suggestions for this are provided, but you may choose your own if you wish. Your players can try to ferret out secret information, perform daring rescues, and more. Examples include 'Duke of House Atreides', 'House
. The type of contest, and the skill and assets involved, can differ depending on what kind of combat you're engaging in (personal, espionage, etc.), as well as the circumstances of that conflict. @@ A drive statement is one of the driving forces of the character's worldview and personality, shaping how they interact with the
worlds around them and providing motivation for the things they do. FA I T H: 6 Faith's a fine thing insofar as it allows one to control one's inferiors. @@ If your successful attack leads to an extended task (meaning the foe is not a minor character), the task's requirement usually equals the foe's Discipline skill. Creating new traits in a skirmish
follows the same pattern as that for dueling, detailing the weaknesses of your opponent. The sales of countless goods and services are transacted under CHOAM's auspices; metals, lumber, pundi rice, whale fur, artworks, contracts securing the services of the Swordmasters of Ginaz, the machines of Ix and Richese, and of course, the spice melange of
Arrakis, to name but a fraction of the vast array of goods, services, and personnel administered by CHOAM. What is your responsibility. When needed, you can call in that debt and force them to provide you with something in return. The height and mass of the energy consumed is based on the weight of the object lifted. The Imperial Sardaukar are
one such army, and the Fremen Fedaykin are another. 131 Unquestionable Loyalty...... Kara has a point of Momentum from her trade negotiations to buy another d20, and she decides to give the gamemaster Threat to get another one. While this new threat emerged, the Cogitors proposed a possible truce between humanity and the machines, which
resulted in the death of Serena and provided a new martyr to reinvigorate humanity to fight on, pressing VenKee Enterprises to provide their fledging space folding technology in service to the League. The Environment for five
daughters by the Bene Gesserit sister Anirul, Shaddam is as concerned with his legacy as he was with ruling his Empire. A solution to this came with the development of the Navigators of the Spacing Guild, humans mutated through extreme exposure to spice for this particular purpose. In the past, unwittingly drugged victims died at the hands of
those defending themselves against elacca-enraged individuals. The only thing anyone really knows is that most of their technology is grown using 'axlotl tanks', although the nature of these tanks remains a mystery. Whenever you attempt a Move or Discipline test which relies on your control of your body, you may re-roll a single d20. If you comply
you suffer an immediate complication on the action you're attempting, which could include being unable to carry out the action. @@ Voice: Paul may spend up to 3 points of Threat to buy automatic successes on a Communicate test (1 success/point). 59 Suk Doctors......
Do they sell water to the archetype? SCENARIO HOOK Deep in the desert, a Fremen elder lies injured on the sand. Killing characters isn't the goal, though. Some skill tests may have a default Difficulty listed in the rules, but traits, Threat, and other factors can increase or decrease Difficulties. 284 Mentat for a House Minor located on Arrakis. They
are quiet in flight and far less polluting than a traditional jet engine. The House's fortunes swelled under the Baron's rule, eclipsing every accomplishment of his forbearers. The more tools at their disposal, the more options they possess to guide the Imperium in the direction they believe is the right one. The at's a Lot of Different Points
Momentum, Threat, and Determination have a variety of different effects, and it might seem like a lot of points to keep track of as you make rolls. Do you want to narrate the rise of a low-ranking House, or perhaps the fall of a great one? ANALYST Analysts are often in the employ of noble Houses to study the details and trends of business, politics,
and warfare—and the points at which those three things blur into one another—and the most skilled are highlyprized. PLANT STORY SEEDS The characters your players create can provide a wealth of information. These are clumsy methods. If so, how did anyone know they were carrying the cypher key? The palace is reinforced and armored against
attacks, to protect those in power. The keywords don't do anything themselves—there are no specific rules which refer to them—but they can be useful prompts when determining if or how an asset applies to a situation. Houses that are unable to rise to the occasion find themselves exiled or destroyed, perhaps just as the Emperor secretly hoped.
Guild Agents are skilled at fitting in with their environment in manner and appearance. @@ Battle, Communicate, and Discipline can all serve as ways to coordinate and motivate military forces to maneuver through or clear out an obstacle. While these superhuman qualities make them formidable foes and valuable allies, at their core they remain
human and vulnerable to irrational and reckless choices when their core identity is challenged or threatened. As an Asset: Intelligence gathering goes both ways. It is the only center creating twisted Mentats. If the player characters hurry to the compressor, they arrive in time to see a carryall worker climbing down into the spice-caked machine itself
A swordmaster must fight with flair, with finesse. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 9 E r as of Pl ay The setting of Dune covers a period of tens of thousands of years, which is a lot to take on if you are unfamiliar with it. Unimaginative, self-important, and lazy, he lets Obregon handle the day-to-day administration of the Grief.
                                         ...... Liet was raised with Pardot's visions of ecological transformation, but as a child of the Fremen Liet adopted in clothes—can nick or scratch unwary foes with innocuous movements. Keywords: Fallen, Indebted, Loyal or
Disloyal (pick one) POLITICIAN A politician is an essential guide to precisely who is in favor, who is about to experience a precipitous fall. They are described in The Great Schools, on p.34. Working from his notes and unfinished manuscripts, authors Brian Herbert (Frank's son) and Kevin J. @@ A failed attempt to move
subtly or boldly allows a single enemy to move to an adjacent zone. This might be as a general moving their troops or as a spymaster activating agents as assassins or spies on a mission. While many non-player characters will be friendly or neutral to the players, the ones which will get the most attention in play are enemies or rivals of the player
characters. A few human led worlds managed to throw off the shackles of the machines, forming that a student allowed to graduate. Each one just needs a name and a reason to encounter the player characters. A Suk doctor might hope to replace the aging Chief
Physician of the House when they finally retire, an assassin might even have a more direct way they intend to take over the position of Master of Assassins. Finally, you all need some paper, pens, and pencils. Imagine the player characters must interrogate a group of servants to find an assassin. Where is the harm in a favor, however? @@ Conflict:
When the contest is especially complicated involving multiple characters, a complex situation, or simply deserves more detail. Maybe they asked you to take your shoes off, or maybe they were a shoes-on type of household. These archetypes are the same as those listed under planned character creation, starting on p.114. Player characters are split
into main characters and supporting characters. The push to discover faster space travel influenced not only humanity's ability to explore the galaxy but the very nature of what it meant to be human. GUARD @@ Subtle weapons are essentially a specialized form of TARGET GUARD dueling asset. There is little use of crude methods such as hunter-
seekers. II D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M III CREDITS L e a d D esi g n er Nathan Dowdell W riters Richard August Simon Berman Banana Chan Jason Durall Khaldoun Khelil Helena Nash Andrew Peregrine B r a n d M a n a g eme n t Joe LeFavi for Genuine Entertainment T ec h n
ic a l A d v ice Brian Herbert Kimberly Herbert Eyron Merritt Kevin J. In the recent past, the ruling body, sometimes called the Ixian Confederacy, engaged in fierce competition with House Richese, another rival in the field of machinery and technological development. But Bene Gesserit adepts are also deadly fighters and highly perceptive and make
exceptional spies and bodyguards. Many Mentats enhance their mental abilities by drinking Sapho juice, a liquid that stains their lips red. The inner workings of the Guild—recruiting, training, operations, administration—remain utterly opaque outside the Guild, and they strictly guard all knowledge about their organization. 197 Palm Lock
                  He is coarse and savage in his approach to the Fremen and to Arrakis itself—exploiting it and the fief as ruthlessly as he can. A trio of ornithopters pursue the player characters' carryall. If one can apply to a scene it works just like any other trait. You have been warned! NASCENT HOUSE The House has only just acquired Minor
House status. Out of necessity, they chose to protect all human worlds to deny the enemy any support. Thus, ranged warfare as was commonly practiced throughout history is nearly extinct. In this way, as a gamemaster, not only are you in charge of managing the story, but you may also need to manage the personalities of the players whether that is
as a director or a referee. RESILIENCE (SKILL) (FREMEN TALENT) It takes a lot to put you down in a conflict. Fenring is often found at the Imperial court but has been known to turn up in unexpected places, acting as the Emperor's eyes and ears, and occasionally delivering messages on behalf of his Emperor and friend. 127 Advisor
                      . It is for this reason, amongst others, that the creature has become so important to the Fremen, who see its survival as a mirror of their own. Keywords: Arrakis, Sandworm D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 199 A t o mics & t h e G re at C o n v e n ti o n The Great Convention is the rules of warfare laid out by
the Emperor and Landsraad over a millennium ago that all Houses must follow on pain of destruction. .... Threat is a method by which the game, and the gamemaster, builds tension: the larger the Threat pool, the greater the likelihood that something endangers or threatens the player characters. If the number of successes scored equals or exceeds
the Difficulty of the skill test, then you have passed. The gamemaster may also trade a complication you or another player has rolled for 2 points of Threat if they don't wish to create an immediate problem or simply can't think of one right now. Assets also have a Quality, normally rated from 0 to 4. 195 B.G. The League of Nobles suffers a disastrous
defeat at the Honru Massacre. This means claiming holdings that belong to others or working secretly to see the fall of their rivals. Life in a crowded city will be different to life on a farm, and even a Minor House might have holdings that contain both. Kynes despised the Harkonnens and expected little better from the Atreides. For the players, their
characters, their characters' families, and their House, this means the game is over. Example: Kara manages to attack one of Nasir's blade assets, sending it spinning across the training floor out of reach. While the military was skilled and well-trained, they were no match for the near-endless ranks of thinking machines scattered throughout human
space. What then becomes of the dismissed Globus? This ability, both celebrated and feared throughout the Imperium, is sought after by those looking to negotiate, solidify trade agreements, or even interrogate a prisoner. The House is considered a serious contender in this arena of business, but is far from controlling a monopoly. If the player
characters prefer to take on one of these roles themselves, there is little reason not to. In this case you can choose to challenge the drive. When you roll a skill test, any die that rolls a 20 causes a complication, which takes effect once the skill test has been resolved. These common methods can be used to obtain assets as well, though the context of
the skill test will determine what kinds of assets you're able to create. @@ The Synchronized Worlds, ruled by the thinking machines and then controlled by Omnius - not IX. The new empire became a hereditary rule taken up by House Corrino after the Battle of Corrin. As gamemaster, you should consider what the group prefers when introducing
and managing any form of conflict. No warnings, no excuses, no apologies, no quarter. Their power is solely connected to the service they provide, though, and they are not militant on their own. It really is all up to you. 93 Scholar.....
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         ... That ability can be harnessed and trained at any age. @@ A lasting defeat means massive casualties
and such a catastrophic loss of morale that the asset may be impossible to recover. Z on es in Sk irmish: Maneuver & Positioning In a skirmish between several combatants, the physical environment is important. 252 Shaddam IV (Emperor) ...... Just remember that if you do make a mistake, be gentle with yourself. Rather than laboriously
making one's way to Arrakeen, it is possible for mining machinery to halt at Carthag to refuel. Catching a spy can result in new information about a known enemy or an unknown adversary. A primary domain need not be especially glamorous, but its power is unmistakable. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 55 Depending on the
living conditions of a planet, the current culture, and a variety of other considerations, the Missionaria Protectiva might choose different narratives or versions of the Panoplia Propheticus to circulate. For example, you tell one of the player characters that a character they have just met, Ani, reminds them of their mother. 32 Smuggling
                      The buildings of Arrakeen are remarkable in themselves, built in an extremely peculiar style. If the extended task is completed, then the ally is no longer defeated and they may rejoin the scene. So, she puts together a list of people to investigate and potentially manipulate and makes them zones. But it's also possible that this
merchant, instead, wants to identify and eliminate the smugglers who they see as competition. Individual zones may contain obstacles and terrain features that are difficult to move over, around, or past, or which otherwise get in the way of fighting. This scenario drops them into the middle of an action adventure. It is always best to prepare for
different contingencies—you never know exactly how they'll approach a problem at any given time. Perhaps her new patron is not really from another House at all, but from a cunning third party—such as the Bene Gesserit or the Padishah Emperor himself—intent on instigating a war between the player characters' House and a rival House for their
gamemaster questions, representing what the commander actually told her. But sometimes players may wish to speed up play by directly selecting the right drive and looking to see if its statement applies. Throughout these times Leto distinguished himself as a fair ruler, as concerned for his subjects as for the members of his own family. This is ar
extended task (see p.159). @@ Intrigue is social conflict where secrets and individual agendas are most prominent. Do the characters that initially feel unfamiliar to the player characters culturally, or even if you are including a language barrier, make sure the
character ready to go, it isn't quite complete. Under his leadership Sietch Tabr thrived even under the depredations of the Harkonnens. When making a non-player character, consider what makes them interesting. Keywords: Defensive, Heavy Cover, Tactical Keywords: Atomic, Impenetrable, Strategic W a r f a re A ssets: S o ldier FORTRESS
Because they can be defended by strategic shields, fortified locations like castles and fortresses—places that rely on defense of strategic locations throughout the Imperium and even on Arrakis. And it's very important. 191 Making Assets
                                                                                           .55 Heightened Observation..... This also means that anything transported in an aircraft (such as an ornithopter) is far less likely to survive if the craft is destroyed, though a shielded ornithopter has little to fear until it comes time to take on or disgorge passengers
and social interaction systems level the playing field. 17 Bene Gesserit.
or cargo. They still have prana-bindu control over their bodies (described below) and many of the other seemingly magical gifts that the rest of the Imperium both fears and admires, however. As the Dune: Adventures in the Imperium both fears and admires, however. As the Dune: Adventures in the Imperium both fears and admires, however. As the Dune: Adventures in the Imperium both fears and admires, however.
the characters. The capital city is home to the only spaceport on the planet and primary hub for traders. 147 Improving the Odds............... @@ Use Move to walk, run, jump, climb, swim, or otherwise maneuver in situations where speed, precision, stealth, or care are necessary, or when you need to exert physical force in ways other than fighting. With
this skill you can subtly manipulate others, alter motivations and moods, or even compel action from the unwilling. Maybe they are also an enemy of this during play, it happens automatically between adventures, should no suitable opportunities arise.
TWISTED MENTAT (MENTAT TALENT) You are an able public speaker, and your words carry weight and purpose. Only by the will of one's betters is life improved. To all but the Fremen, the sandworms are terrifying monsters. This is, of course, a lie. Bene Gesserit adepts are adept at detecting and following verbal and nonverbal cues, directing
communication to serve their goals, such as learning more about a subject than they suspect, implanting ideas or emotional responses subconsciously towards a favorable result. 197 Sapho...
                                                                                                                                                                                                                               . Designs of carryalls vary based on their intended cargo. If everyone has the freedom to call for a pause, then hopefully everyone feels
comfortable using it. 10,175 A.G. House Atreides frees Ix from Tleilaxu control. The Imperial government could not provide rapid support or protection for their vessels or their far-flung worlds. To play those adventures, you'll also need a copy of the Genesys ... PERFORMER Your skill with music or poetry helps to soothe and inspire your comrades. It
is their responsibility to represent the interests of the House and its Ruler to outsiders. Each trait is a single word or a short phrase that describes a single detail about the powerful House Atreides. @@ Talents: If your House grants any special
benefit to a type of minor supporting character (such as a bonus to House Troopers to reflect special training), this will take the form of a talent. @@ Targeting security measures does not destroy or disable them, but rather creates a way for your assets to bypass them: a bribed guard, a hidden way through the walls, a way to unlock a door, etc. Of
course, gaining trust and building a relationship is not easy. 129 Passive Scrutiny................. Just like the blades the swordmasters use, their every motion is honed to the sharpest of edges. This might be 'domestic violence', 'gore', 'torture', 'spiders', etc. Beyond the various mining and refining centers, the city is filled with brothels and drinking
establishments, as well as clubs for the wealthy to indulge their various vices in. C r e at i n g N o n - p l ay e r C ha r ac t e r s Minor NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic @@ Traits: One trait as a basic @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs Major NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e r s Minor NPCs @@ Traits: One trait as a basic ac t e
Spy. Bartering, Gossip Traits: Water Seller, Merchant TALENTS @@ Subtle Words: They can create a new trait whenever they spend Threat for extra dice on a Communicate test. W elli n g t o n Y u e h DRIVE Chief physician of House Atreides, Dr. Wellington Yueh was a trusted confidant, advisor, and friend to the inner circle of the Duke's family. As
the Guild claims to remain neutral in matters of politics, they have also built a powerful banking institution, the Guild Bank. These Mentats are also described on p.53. TLEILAX No group of people is considered with more suspicion within the Imperium than the Bene Tleilax, the inhabitants of the planet Tleilax. Every player character and non-player
character is an essential piece of a larger puzzle with the capacity to affect everyone else involved. the Kralizec Prophecy, the 1,287 B.G. Buddislamics flee to wander The Old Empire's last the universe. The right tools for t
lock or trying to escape a downed ornithopter, your motivation doesn't seem very clear. With the mutations conferred by heavy exposure to spice, Guild Navigators were able to calculate safe paths, computing and predicting the near-infinite variables involved in an always-moving galaxy. There are two ways you can go about this. @@ Use Duty when
it is your character's responsibility to get the job done, and when others are counting on the character to succeed. It emerges that her husband has gone missing, kidnapped by a rival House that is trying to subvert the loyal soldier by threatening those she loves. If they thought to bring extra water from the 'thopter, then they are all fully refreshed.
@@ Subtle Words: Baron Harkonnen can create a new trait whenever he spends Threat for extra dice on a Communicate test. You don't have to make this change if you don't want to—a person's goals may remain the same even as their worldview shifts—but if the drive which the ambition was based on ever drops to less than 6 (and thus loses its
statement), you must change the ambition. This turns them from highly-gifted students into true Mentats, worthy of the name and capable of handling all the tasks required of them. Simply put, a House that defies the Guild is denied their range of essential services and is at a fatal disadvantage transporting their goods and participating in the great
market of the Landsraad. Drive, Stealth SCENARIO HOOK Traits: Smuggler TALENTS @@ Constantly Watching: Whenever they attempt a test to detect danger or hidden enemies, they reduce the Difficulty by 2, to a minimum of 0. The Landsraad might intervene in circumstances where this is not clear or contested. All duties necessary to maintain
the production, export, and import of items relevant to their portfolio's trades are the responsibility of the shareholder. This is a common phrase that the engineers and scientists who flourish and prosper within this House often echo. Additionally, a way to avoid stereotyping is to inject this diversity in every level of society, not just one. Players can
then mark which aspects they don't want to engage in. The scout 'thopter that encountered the player characters lands, along with two others, or otherwise committed grievous financial wrongdoing may find themselves facing more
severe penalties, up to and including the loss of all shares and membership in CHOAM itself. 88 ARTISTIC Artistic domains may not be very powerful, but they grant the House both fame and respect across the universe. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 79 Star System: Epsilon Ophiuchi P o rit ri n Moons: One Habitable: Class
IV Noble House: Maros (Alexin/Lords Council) Primary Export: Agricultural Population: In small settlements scattered around the planet through a mixture of fear.
a military state, and rewarding treachery, creating a ruthless society. As you become more experienced and get to know your particular player group's play style, you'll get a better feel for what you might want to provide them. Sometimes a conflict might only occur in one zone. @@ Titus Leanne Naser has a strong connection to her Other Memory.
                           ............ When you choose this talent, select a single skill. Heirs are trained in the arts of swordsmanship, tactics, logistics, and processes, so that they might lead their House in the future. Erasmus' fondness for Gilbertus led
to the thinking machine creating the honorific title of 'Mentat', bestowed on Gilbertus due to his enhanced intelligence. This often produces Mentats who are skilled assassins. But they are also for the most part insulated from its failures. MASTERFUL INNUENDO You have a special knack for saying more than one thing at once, conveying one
message with the literal meaning of your words and another with innuendo, allusions, and signals that only the intended recipients will understand. If you wish to create a trait, describe the sort of effect you want, and how you wish to create it. The gamemaster should handle this combat carefully, reviewing the rules on p.174-176. GAMEMASTERING
SUPERHUMANS When stories incorporate characters with such superhuman traits, it can be difficult to deal with them in a way that honors their power without disrupting the agency of the other player characters, of retaining any cohesion of the adventure or campaign being played. 35 The Zensunni . At least one should be assigned to your primary
                                          ... See p146-147 & p.150. If any of them succeed, they have found a suspect. Understanding the religion, culture, and environment grants players insight into how to interact with nonplayer characters. There is only one reason anyone would choose to live on Arrakis: the spice melange. @@ The player characters
have discovered that there is at least one mole in their House who is feeding information back to their enemy, the Espionage House. This is a dramatic move, and generally the Landsraad would rebel if this is done indiscriminately, for if the Emperor is able to unseat any noble with impunity, none of them are safe and the Landsraad's power is
undermined entirely. Epic (Difficulty 5) @@ Overcoming a complex lock, in a hurry, without the right tools, during a battle. For an extra +1 to their cost, add a drive statement to their other higher-rated drive. Obtaining accurate information about enemy movements and dispositions is a vital part of commanding an army. 191 Creating a Trait or
Asset...... Unfortunately, if any die rolls a '20' your character will suffer a problem (such as a wound) called a complication that will make further rolls harder. Yet, it is possible to see peril in the finding of ultimate perfection. S etti n g u p a G a me A rr a k is A wa its! If you're ready to rule over the shifting sands of Dune and the devious denizens of
the Imperium as a gamemaster, you'll need some players, a Session 0 scheduled, and player characters. Some spies rely on these to deliver antidotes or to prevent themselves or others from talking under interrogation. DEFEAT A character defeated in a duel may have surrendered (at the controlling player's discretion), been rendered unconscious, or
suffered some painful but non-serious wound—something which keeps them from fighting but which won't have any real lasting impact. SCENARIO HOOK The player characters need vital information from a stubborn noble, and a Sardaukar bodyguard is acting as an impassable gatekeeper. Conflicts featured in world games tend to involve larger
groups of people like cultures at odds with each other, divided by ethnic or political ideologies, locked in a state of civil unrest. How underhanded they are about this depends on the needs of the House, but most Spymasters are devious in the extreme and extremely well-informed. So, the governorship over Arrakis is both a weighty responsibility and
a great prize, to be used strategically to reward the Emperor's allies or to be wielded like a weapon against those who hold his disfavor. It makes sense to create (for instance) a farming planet known for its farm machinery as a primary domain and its training for stewards and farm workers as secondary domains. If your players are doing the
unexpected and the campaign doesn't account for that and you don't want to make up scenarios on your own, feel free to rein your players in a bit and redirect them back to the campaign's goals. Some players hate rolling dice and using rules, others can't get enough of it. SCENARIO HOOK For a hefty sum, a Mentat is seeking access to all the
shipping records for Arrakis. In this way they guide the development of humanity from the shadows. While this is generally discouraged during a long-term campaign, this is the perfect time to do so, when things are just getting started. A character has a complication range of 1 normally, so complications occur on any die that rolls a 20 (only a 1 in 20
chance per die). Keywords: Atomic, Impervious, Static Defense Special: No high-velocity attack can bypass a shield, and it requires colossal amounts of firepower to overwhelm one. THE VALUES OF THE FREMEN Water—the search for it, its preservation, and its consumption—influences every facet of Fremen life. If a Sister manages to neutralize
the poison and lives, she becomes a Reverend Mother. The gamemaster is the tour guide, the glue that binds the characters together, and the motivation that gets players to make interesting decisions. Like any other agency, they have spies and pawns in all corners of the Imperium looking to advance their agenda. And, if you do this during Session 0,
you'll avoid pitfalls like basing a game on Caladan when half of your group is afraid of water. Warfare between the Houses, in most of the Imperium, involves little to no space combat, as the Spacing Guild severely restricts such warfare in fear of damaging their precious Heighliners. So, a test to gain information offers a chance to build Momentum
 (or ask more specific questions) that represents the minor details they learned that they might turn to their advantage. Just like the characters in a television series can change slightly between the pilot episode and those later in the season, so too can player characters. The carryall in question is named after a historical Harkonnen lord: the Graf Von
Dreissen, but its crew know it as 'The Grief'. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 169 Example: Inside the facility, Kara defeats the base commander in a duel and sets about interrogating him for the information she is after. EXAMPLE REVEREND MOTHERS @@ Axenus Arlana Avina is a Truthsayer offering her services to help
with the negotiations between two feuding Houses on Arrakis. Eventually, she contracted the new retrovirus herself and almost succumbed to the devastating disease. As elite agents of their House they are often working with a good chance of success. With their robes swirling about them and their proud, knowing gazes, the Reverend Mothers of the
Bene Gesserit Order are an imposing sight. Only the Ruler may choose who the Heir is. 94 Chief Physician......Rumor has it that every Major House and anyone of sufficient means has their children undergo an assessment by a senior Mentat teacher, a test to determine their suitability. These merchants tend to drive small, mechanical carts
with large storage drums attached to the back. This was a time of massive expansion, a new manifest destiny as an exodus from Earth out into the universe with hope for a brighter tomorrow on everyone's minds. 211 Manufactured Goods............ Anderson) @@ Dune: The Battle of Corrin (Brian Herbert & Kevin J. But by adding narrative, you can still
let the scene be guided by the roleplaying. Languages: Galach Locations of Interest: Isana River, Municipal Museum, Poritrin was largely supported by agriculture and enslaved people, though the latter has long since been untrue. When you succeed at a
architect only has the assets they have in play. One can find courtiers at generous banquets where rumors fly faster than the sumptuous dishes can arrive at the table. Lastly, Emperor Shaddam IV destroyed the artificial D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 81 S a l u s a S ec u n d u s Star System: Gamma Waiping Moons: Six
themselves. Any conflict brewing ceases immediately as survival becomes the pressing concern for everyone aboard the harvester. Don't feel like you must come up with everything from scratch... The Board of Directorate is one of the most powerful organizations in the Imperium. His advisors provided several alternatives.
and Hassik III selected Kaitain. It is the third planet in the Delta Pavonis system and has been the ancestral home of the Atreides for 26 generations. However, few, if any, have made it to the mysterious planet Salusa Secundus to monitor the Sardaukar-in-training. Assets: Conscripts, Lasgun, Security Clearance, Shield Belt Every House needs soldiers
and guards, brave men and women who ensure no intruders invade the residency and who stand in the front line of battle in times of war. Unfixed blades must stay close to a person's electrical field, or they will disintegrate. Also, don't hesitate to ask the players why they did something. We call these areas of acumen domains. This means they look
and sound like the person they once were but know none of their old friends or family. To be an effective investigator, a Marshal must understand the criminal underworld, either knowing where to root out crime or being on first-name terms with gangsters, working to keep the peace. Economic control of the spice is invariably granted to a CHOAM
                                                                                                                                                                                                         director at the whim of the Emperor. 237 Hyper-perception and Expanded Consciousness.. Once the task's requirement has been reached, the foe is defeated. 102 Momentum......
power are as burdensome to him as they were rewarding. As mentioned earlier, there are three types of non-player characters: major, notable, and minor. Since ancient times, numerous new versions of traditional blades have arisen, sometimes crafted from new material, sometimes combined with new technology. No one can decisively take control
of the throne, and bitter wars shatter what peace and organization remains. These equally ancient lineages control whole planets and even planets are even planets and even planets and even planets are even planets and even planets and even planets are even planets and even planets and even planets are even planets and even planets and even planets are even planets and even planets and even planets are even plan
slaves to their own creations. The quickest route to wealth in the Imperium was through CHOAM, and it resulted in numerous assassinations and initial conflicts while on the path towards acceptance and AI, giving them 250 B.G. aggression
Hundreds of years would pass between contact between planets. CONSORT The Consort is the spouse, concubine, or companion of the Ruler, but either cannot or will not take on the role of Ruler themselves. The crysknife is never used by another and to lose it would be a terrible dishonor for the owner. The gamemaster is likely to be much more
knowledgeable about a situation than the non-player characters are, but should attempt to role-play non-player characters based on the knowledge they possess. Sometimes you might be even more exciting than what you were planning. 209
                             . He'd been groomed to follow in his father's footsteps but had not yet faced the hardest realities of leadership. He is happy to see the departure of interfering higher-ups and outsiders, particularly the player characters. Some published campaigns come with pre-created player characters. Additionally, there are many online
resources and groups to help you learn to play and to find other players. @@ Trait: Commander @@ Focuses: Inspiration, Leadership @@ Talents: Specialist (Warfare Assets) @@ Drives: Many Commanders are driven by a sense ENVOY Representatives of their employers in negotiations
and diplomacy, envoys are charged with traveling from place to place, conveying the will and words of their masters wherever it is required. They go to unusual lengths and often employ convoluted plans to strike back at their enemies so that no one knows that it was the Espionage House who drove the dagger into their back. 206 Distrans
                     EMPATH The ability to detect truth and falsehood when others speak is a valuable and powerful one, and one highly sought-after. Strategists are employed to sift through reams of intelligence on the enemy, and compose the orders of battle, supply chains, deployment of forces, and the overall strategy of war. C H A R AC T E R S H
even within the rules of kanly, is a complex and nuanced affair. In general, a complication can work like a negative trait. For an extra +2 to their cost, add a second talent. If you successfully attacked, the results are as follows: a. Perhaps the Fremen can be bought off, for a suitable payment from the player characters, but this is unlikely as the player
characters are carrying little of value and the Fremen do not take promises instead of something they can carry. You may gather information about anything within their current zone or an adjacent zone, as that assets performs scouting and recon missions. The Planet orbiting the third star in the Canopus system.
For some examples: @@ Within a royal palace, servants find a high-ranking noble assassinated. A published campaign is one that has the storyline, stats, and the antagonist(s) all plotted out for you. But these are defined not by the rules but by what works for your group. Who is the true enemy here? Perhaps it's Improvised Weapon, which means at
some point, they must have used this talent in the past. A half shield can be moved to keep the protected side towards the attacker. 114 TACTICIAN Where a strategist orchestrates the grand plan of battle, tacticians direct the fighting on a smaller scale. They eat it and must continually breathe an atmosphere of aerosolized spice gas, requiring
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     ... These range from lighters to great battle frigates, with a few other types
between. Noble House: Harkonnen @@ Class II: Humans can survive with extreme Primary Export: Spice melange (alcohol, coffee, mining, and politics) @@ Class III: Humans can survive with Enguages: Galach, Chakobsa (the Fremen tongue) Locations of Interest: Arrakeen, Carthag, Polar Sink, Sentinel Rock, Sietch Jacurutu, Sietch Tabr, and
Windsack Arrakis. A character is more likely to succeed when they believe strongly in something, and less likely when they are indifferent. being passed over for promotion, he seeks to issue a tahaddi challenge against the Naib despite his family cautioning him against it. They must choose whether to abandon Jellicoe and live or both be consumed. In
a world of assassins and spies, a doctor who is willing to betray their House can strike at its most vulnerable heart. Another trick to keep the game on pace is to use a timer, allocating no more than an hour per scene or some equivalent thereof. Choose an archetype and record primary (7) and secondary (6) skill ratings. This way you and your players
are less likely to get caught in complicated situations where everyone's having to come up with on-the-spot reasons for why the team doesn't split up or won't cooperate. You must declare what you are doing with the asset, and what effect you wish your action to have. Great! Pick that drive and carry on. The B irth of an E mpire The destruction of the
thinking machines on Corrin ended the Jihad, and the leader, Faykan Butler, changed his last name to Corrino to honor what had happened. There is much speculation over whether the existing environment of Arrakis was natural or, had in some way been engineered. As an Asset: Kidnapped, imprisoned, and fearful, a hostage is an extremely potent
form of leverage, but also carries commensurately high risks. When pressed into battle themselves, they're cunning, resourceful Innuendo: Irulan may conceal a hidden message in a conversation by adding 1 to the Difficulty of the Communicate test. Nasir
can move to another zone, but also moves the enemy ornithopter in Kara's zone to a different one. NOT EVERYONE IS THE KWISATZ HADERACH... The Effect of Traits have a simple impact on your character's actions: if a trait is relevant to an action being attempted, it makes the action possible or impossible, or it makes the
action easier or harder. A character's most important drive is rated 8. @@ If one conflicts or mismatches you may challenge or comply with the test. They might prove extremely valuable. How Paul behaved in the fight and the aftereffects on his
character and relationship with Stilgar's tribe reverberate throughout the rest of the majority are quite poor, often buying water in bulk from a merchant and selling it on for a minimal profit. Marcus takes a moment to weigh up his options. 202 B.G. Holtzman creates protective shields. The use of atomic weaponry against humans,
or the firing of a lasgun against shielded targets (which results in a pseudo-atomic explosion), is outlawed. Hassik III destroyed House Tantor in retaliation for Salusa Secundus and wanted to install a sense of confidence in the people afterward, to prove House Corrino's strength and capability to move forward. Then they expanded out to explore even
more worlds. Remember, they're on your storytelling team, not your nemeses. The 'thopter starts to lose power and altitude, dropping toward the searing desert below! G o i n g D ow n If a player character chooses to wrest the controls from the pilot, they can attempt to pass a daunting (D3) Move test and land the 'thopter rather than letting it crash.
201 B.G. The League of Nobles attacks Earth with atomics, destroying all the thinking machines on the planet. His parents were as devoted to him as he was to them, and they gave him every possible advantage against the many dangers they foresaw in his future. He may use Discipline instead of his skill. Trust no one. THE TRIAD OF POWER Power
in the Imperium is held between three great factions: the Landsraad alliance of Houses Major and Minor; the Emperor and his fearsome legions of fanatical Sardaukar soldiers; and a third force, a coalition between the Spacing Guild, which provides transport throughout the Imperium, and the omnipresent business conglomerate known as CHOAM,
which governs all commerce within the Imperium. - Thufir Hawat Adepts of the Mentat school are considered an essential asset to any House. However, a focus of Gladiatorial Dueling is going to be used with Battle more often than with Understand, for example. The most unbreakable of bonds is a 'water bond', forged between two people who are
prepared to share that most vital of liquids. Languages: Galach and Ixian Locations of Interest: Grand Palais, Ixian Majorius, Ixian Majorius, Ixian Shipyards, and Vernii OVERVIEW The most technologically advanced planet in the Known Universe, with complex machines that break the moral laws established by the Butlerian Jihad. The Fremen do not regard the
player characters as worth losing the lives of any of their own. When the Mahdi comes, however, all these wrongs will be made right. These corrupted Mentats are highly prized by the more questionable noble Houses, as they provide an additional resource denied to nearly every ethical House. You have a story hook and the villain's motivations. The
process takes practice and enormous courage, and is a rite of passage for all Fremen warriors, even though some die in the attempt. PRANA-BINDU CONDITIONING (BENE GESSERIT TALENT) You have absolute control over your body. HEIR The Heir is usually the ruler's eldest child, whether by blood or adoption. Over 90% of the population are
Bene Gesserit either in training or graduated. These use a spring system to power two clappers, positioned at the top of a stake which is driven into the ground. Every character has five drives—Duty, Faith, Justice, Power, and Truth—which are described on p.105. 107 B.G. The Humanities Medical Commission is founded by Mohandes Suk and
Raquella Berto-Anirul. If you pass the test, then you get the desired effect. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 319 320 A ppe n di x Deep in the human unconscious is a pervasive need for a logical universe that makes sense. @@ When do they plan on making their move? Instead of the innocent merchants they have long
purported to be, they are, in fact, an Espionage House. This House has mastered one area of espionage House. But if the asset is a group
or an agent, they are probably being given their orders from afar by an architect. The Three Moons have orbited the planet since the time of the cymeks and are believed to be natural. As you're designing your campaign, keep in mind the boundaries that you and your players discussed in your Session 0 (see Consent and Managing Group Comfort
Levels on p.232). MENTAT You do not withhold information or computation lines from a Mentat. HOSTAGE For those prepared to truly commit their resources to such a thing, blackmail can go far. When these non-player characters will have, they can act as a hook for the players to
stay engaged. They are vying with several other Houses in their attempts to make it a primary domain and the competition may be exceptionally fierce. The school will then assign them with a Mentat that suits those requirements. This ancient Sisterhood has placed spies and agents throughout the Imperium. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I
M P E R I U M 263 @@ Is there a personality type that they tend to have an affinity toward? And if given the proper motivation and resources they can; continually looking for a way to bring someone back with their memories
intact. Do they have any habits, or behavioral quirks? In form ation Technology Communication across distances is handled with either a communication across distances are a communication across distances and across distances are a communication across distance
begun to have troubling dreams of a future in which he alone would make decisions with ramifications millennia in their unfolding. You blink as glowglobes flicker on, revealing container after container of water. DEFEAT A character defeated in intrique simply departs the scene; they may leave voluntarily, or be forcibly ejected, but either way, they
are no longer present to participate in the scene. Background checks reveal she was formerly employed by that same rival House. A successful test reveals the thumper, causing the ground to vibrate ever so subtly near the rear landing strut. You can then spend Momentum to improve this outcome, gain other benefits, or generally make the situation
better for you and your allies, or worse for your opponents. Assets: Shigawire Reels, Laboratory, Data About Arrakis One can find scientists all over the Imperium. @@ Rigorous Control: Stilgar may use Discipline instead of any skill in an extended test. IMPERIAL CONDITIONING (SUK DOCTOR TALENT) Through intense psychological conditioning,
you cannot take a human life, or cause a human to come to harm. How you can do this is explained later in the chapter. You still roll D20s to beat a target number, and can use Focuses or spend Momentum, Threat, and Determination to modify your result. Other stories are isolated, stand-alone adventures. Resources: The resources of Farming
Houses are aimed at producing the largest amount of quality crops in the shortest amount of time. A desire should be a short statement of intent and it doesn't have any numerical value. Official meetings of CHOAM shareholders are infrequent and never mandatory. Each lock is keyed to a specific person's palm or a genetic type (such as a Bene
...107, 123 Areas of Expertise.....
                                                                                                                   ...88 Artistic...
                                                                                                                                                      . It is possible no one remembers what the cause was, although both Houses have their own version of the truth. Are they alive somewhere, or did the Face Dancer kill them? 197 Glowglobe.
While clearly necessary after the bloodshed of the last centuries, the outlawing of computer systems proved problematic. 5360 B.G. saw the creation of the first thinking machines. Each Major House was allowed a small army, a coatof-arms, and authority to rule the world in adherence to their beliefs. However, the Imperium stretches across distances
that take even FTL drives decades or even centuries to traverse. The Wallach IX Archives are the most sacred and secured location on all of Wallach IX. After some deliberation, the players and gamemaster decide that House Acturi has uncovered rumors about House Molay training assassins and so believe them to be not only a force for artistic
decadence but corruption as well. However, we begin with detail on the major characters in the initial saga of Dune, as they stand at its beginning. Etiquette Traits: Diplomat, Traveler TALENTS @@ Binding Promise: Spend 1, 2, or 3 points of Threat to make an agreement binding. There is then a circle of small dwellings, in which most of the working
people of Arrakeen live; these are the street cleaners, repair D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 67 workers, miners who are no longer as active on the dunes as they once were. Once you've done this, resolve the skill test as normal; this could include suffering a complication due to the drive statement, though you cannot
challenge a drive until the character is complete: that sort of life-changing decision should wait until the character protected by a personal recover the... Keywords: Atomic, Defense, Protection Special: Ranged attacks cannot harm a character protected by a personal recover the...
shield. Hawat was an exceptionally talented Mentat, able to compute likely outcomes with a high degree of accuracy. When picking a drive, it is important to remember that they define the character's motivation and therefore the way they are being played. Their early years upon the planet are lost largely to legend, though it is known that they
adapted quickly to the strange and harsh equilibrium at the best of times. In retaliation, the Harkonnens even go so far as to hunt Fremen for sport, considering them as little more than animals, underestimating the danger the desert
nomads present. The wealth gained legitimately was only eclipsed by the embezzling and hoarding of spice that occurred under the Baron's direction. Thus, the Spacing Guild has a monopoly on foldspace travel and is the de facto sole supplier of transport within the Imperium. ....... Mercenary companies hire out their services to any able to pay,
often bolstering House forces. DUNEADVENTURESINTHEIMPERIUM 27 Overview of the Imperium is poised between the new and the old: subtle technologies and advantages allow the elite to live extended lives of opulence and wealth, while laborers and others
less fortunate are virtual peasants, their lives rigidly proscribed within the highly structured feudal society. 174 A ssets in S k irmis h: Weapons & D e f e n ses The assets used in skirmish are, naturally, weapons and defenses. It was popular enough that the author, Frank Herbert, expanded and rewrote it into the novel Dune, published in 1965. They
decide that Marcus has a lot of friends at the party who have become irked at Kara's questioning. Keeping the hostage well can be difficult, and preventing them from escaping can also require resources. The importance of Wallach IX cannot be
understated, and no vessel is allowed entry onto the planet or to reside in space around it without prior approval. C re ating a Supporting characters present during any game is not fixed, and players do not inherently own any supporting characters: they are shared amongst the entire group and brought
into play as-and-when required. @@ Some assets might be noted as 'Fast'; these are often aircraft like ornithopters, or high-speed groundcars. From their base of operations on Wallach IX, they manipulate the Landsraad in their search for the Kwisatz Haderach, a genetically engineered superhuman who will bring order to the galaxy. Eventually,
humanity integrated themselves into machines, and human and machine became one. Their more advanced training includes enhanced physical and mental acuity and the ability to control their bodies to extraordinary degrees, secret means of communication and perception, and even to discern truth or deception in those they observe. Assets are not
only useful, they can be vital. While the Atreides always took pains to abide by the formal rules of kanly in such disputes, Hawat's ruthlessness saw that the House rarely paid the price of abiding by the spirit of the law when their opponents did not. a. The remaining shares are owned by the thousands of Major and Minor Houses of the Landsraad,
though a substantial portion is held by the Spacing Guild itself, and the Bene Gesserit, who operate as silent partners. When characters choose their starting assets it should also have another aspect that will grant it a broader range of useful
applications, such as the following: @@ The asset can be easily concealed. And even as their planet became the most important in the cosmos and as they became the subject of curiosity, inquest, and hostility, the Fremen remained. However, as new arrivals to the Imperial stage they have no real enemies and little to lose. While Kara is a
noblewoman, her Bene Gesserit training means she needs to choose the faction template for Bene Gesserit. Paul brings an end to the old order of the Imperium and ushers in a new era for humanity, with him sitting upon the throne. If a character's drives agree with their actions, they receive bonuses, while if their drives conflict with their actions,
they may be hindered. From large vehicles to personal rigs, suspensors are common throughout the Imperium. @@ Facedance: They suffer no penalty to attempts to disguise their features, whether old or young, male or female, or as a specific person. @@ Misinformed: Some of my data is wrong. These massive craft, essentially large-scale
ornithopters, use a variety of flight systems—from modified ornithopter wings, to jet, rocket, and anti-gravity systems—to quickly travel across the skies of the planets of the Imperium. They are trusted as military strategists, administrators, political advisors, and tutors for young nobles. However, such a talent may be chosen again and applied to
another skill. Earth is left a shattered, uninhabitable wasteland. They are proficient in the science of mass warfare, and the history and traditions of Kanly. As an Asset: Ornithopters can be used to gather intelligence in warfare as well as move troops and attack both air and ground targets. It also provides clarity into why some non-player characters
have certain cultural practices. She takes cover behind the harvester crew and offers the greedy Metzos a substantial bribe to deal with the player characters, which leads to violence between the characters, the Alberich crew and the traitor. If the player characters have any Momentum they might use some here to Obtain Information. These soldiers
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could be used to represent rebelling peasants, escaped slaves, or conscripted prisoners meant to tie up enemy forces while other soldiers maneuver into flanking positions. The later T-Probe, however, is unhindered by the drug. A single volume of a book with an excess of thousands of pages would be a little over 1 cm thick. The unusual, mysterious

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.. As such, he becomes a part of Arrakis, transforming into a sandworm over thousands of years. When you select this talent, choose a skill. The two groups expanded with the growth of the Old Empire to the outer perimeter of the Known Universe. Assassins might lurk behind any corner, but seeking them out is as natural as
breathing for most nobles. Now those green fields are concrete and metal landing strips for Guild spacecraft, countless repair shops, and a massive, secured bank. 199 Tools and Personal Equipment ...... And technicians are no exception. Languages: Galach, Tleilaxu, and Whistling Language Locations of Interest: Bandalong, Factories, Mentat
Training Center, and Thalidei OVERVIEW An isolationist and fanatically religious world inhabited by a people that have mastered genetic manipulation with their Face Dancers and gholas. 7. @@ Knowledge, or some way to cast
doubt upon the validity or worth of that knowledge. However, as each combatant is a single target and not a collection of zones, any attack allows the target to apply all their defensive assets. Extended tasks can also be presented from the opposite direction to represent impending problems, with failed skill tests, complications, or perilous actions
adding points, and the problem occurring when the requirement is met. You may purchase a maximum of a single advance after each adventure. Conversion to is in progress You may be interested in Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. Whatever predilection one might possess, the
various lairs of corruption in Carthag are likely to offer them— and in their most expensive and debauched form. Some hope to impress and become permanent staff. If they're unsure, ask them open-ended questions. The 'thopter is a light one, with a cramped cabin able to fit only two additional people, so the rest must continue on foot. One way you
can manage your game from the start is by defining the scope of the game and its length. These focuses will each be associated with a single skill, which represents the skill which will use that focus most often. Without these systems, planetary systems became more isolated and humanity was on the brink of fracturing. Fear is the little-death that
brings total obliteration. A product and progenitor of the Bene Gesserit breeding program, Mohiam was steeped in the Sisterhood's ways from the time of her birth. Which drive applies to a test is usually defined by which drive statement applies to the action. Sand flies out of the way as it drives inexorably forward. This can be something of a double
edged sword—everyone wants spice, but few are willing to face the dangers and difficulties of harvesting and refining it—but it can serve as part of a lucrative deal and create great opportunities for influence. The assassinations that do take place are carefully orchestrated and use the most sophisticated of methods. Once a character has finished
their turn, they may do one of the following: either allow an opposing side to choose someone to act next, or spend 2 points of Threat to do this). This might be something like control of a particular zone (such as 'control of the Arrakeen
Residency'). By this time all the players should be familiar enough with their characters and the rules to make informed decisions and complete their characters. But if they are giving orders from their home planet or a far away control center, that is rarely possible. The decision to increase a skill test's Difficulty must be made before any dice are
bought or rolled on that skill test. They are usually required in large numbers. Such foes rarely take the direct or unexpected routes. Her mother, a Bene Gesserit of Hidden Rank, saw that Irulan was tutored in the Sisterhood's ways, but Irulan would prove to be only a moderately talented pupil and
never rose above the rank of adept. Maybe they enjoy gossiping, with an abundant knowledge of all the rumors in their area, or maybe they are a stealthy escape artist, able to sneak past any guards in the way. Holtzman shields are the primary reason for the move to more medieval forms of combat involving melee weapons. E n v oy DRIVE S TAT E
M E N T D U T Y: 6 FA I T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 4 T RU T H: 7 As it is quicker to send a messenger on a Guild ship than to try sending a signal between distant stars, envoys fulfill an essential function. There is also a surveillance countermeasure asset in the zone protecting the smugglers and adding +1 to the Difficulty. In truth, though, most
smuggler bands are as regimented and disciplined as any military company, hardened folk who are driven by desperation to a life outside society. These representatives were second only to the Emperor in influence. 129 Masterful Innuendo.................. And you might end up looking for some very obscure and illegal stuff. Will the House be a renowned
haven of tranquility, or a military dictatorship? Standard Mentat training makes most Mentats moral and truthful people. Remember that some combinations might lend themselves to other styles of archetypes. Having confirmed Kara's suspicions, the gamemaster gives Kara the asset 'Rumor of an Affair'. In later supplements we will be expanding the
detail of Noble Houses and providing systems to manage their vast resources. Others have learned unique Bene Gesserit martial art skills that allow them incredible control over their nerves and muscles, making them lightning fast, lethal combatants. T RU T H: 6 Absolute truth is required when forging a more useful truth. 259 Irulan (Princess)
             They've worked for whomever pays them and have no particular loyalty to the player characters' House. DISCIPLINE: 6 MOVE: 5 U N D E R S TA N D: 7 House, on Arrakis to strike a secret deal with the Harkonnens. Now Kara can bring all these assets to a conflict with the spice merchant. It can be tempting to make assumptions about
Zensunni or Fremen thought based on one's understanding of Buddhism or Middle-Eastern culture, but this was neither the author's original intent nor is it the purpose of this game. With its small, inconspicuous rounds coated in War of Assassins-approved poisons, this small weapon is a choice instrument for enacting political and diplomatic change
among the Landsraad. 201 B.G. On Earth, humankind riots against Omnius and the Titans. And they always have solaris to help them get their way. However, creativity is required to make sure that each player is given their time to shine even if their role in the plan itself is less dynamic. @@ Master-at-Arms: At the start of a duel, skirmish, or battle,
Rabban may spend 1 point of Threat to increase a martial asset he has by +1 Quality for that conflict. If the player characters do nothing, at length the Fremen chief calls out to them and asks what they are doing here. It wasn't long before Baron Vladimin
turned his attention to Feyd, although Rabban failed to notice he was out of favor. The gamemaster may declare that an action succeeds at a cost, or they may give a player a choice to succeed at a cost. For clarity, you can break scope down into three spheres: local, world, and galaxy. NOBLE HOUSES Most Houses—Major and Minor—live lives of
relative luxury compared to those they rule over. As an Asset: Valuable items are often relatively easy to move and trade, as they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they rule over. As an Asset: Valuable items are often relatively easy to move and trade, as they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they rule over. As an Asset: Valuable items are often relatively easy to move and trade, as they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they rule over. As an Asset: Valuable items are often relatively easy to move and trade, as they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they rule over. As an Asset: Valuable items are often relatively easy to move and trade, as they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to those they are frequently small and lightweight compared to the 
deadly, in some cases resolved with a single dice test. 7 This is a high priority for you. However, she wants something more direct for her Battle focus and so instead picks Short Blades (representing her training among the House Molay assassins). Only the mind of a particularly twisted variety of Mentat is even capable of conjecturing such things, but
nevertheless, such creatures do exist. They require the correct placement to be used effectively, and they cannot be moved afterward without being physically retrieved (which also recovers any information they've gathered). If your character is unable to communicate with someone—perhaps their underlings or allies serve as intermediaries—they do
not count as adjacent to that person's zone. She might even have run into the leader and become suspicious enough to try and find out what he was up to. They're known to ambush their opponents with stealth and speed before vanishing without a trace. A corrupt Marshal can seriously damage the productivity of a House, allowing smugglers and
crime to funnel funds away from the Ruler. The respect and consideration between players and gamemasters start before a game even begins. @@ Deliberate Motion: When Chani attempts a Move test, she may spend Threat (Momentum) to ignore some or all Move-related complications at 1 point per complication ignored. C o u rtier A ss a si n C o u
nt H a simir F e n ring DRIVE D U TY: @@ Subtle Words: Fenring may create a new trait S TAT E M E N T 7 What is expected of me is the least of my obligations. Not all can withstand the harsh mental and physical conditioning the Battle
skill can be useful in a skirmish for learning about an opponent's weapons and fighting style or judging how capable a fighter your opponent is. The satellite was built as a research station and illegal smuggling spice den that successfully operated for decades before being discovered. @@ Example (Nine-chapter Arc): A conspiracy of nine rival nobles
HIDDEN MOTIVES You are a master at concealing your intentions. Nasir will still be unconscious for a while, but he won't die. Informants are normally created through bribery or extortion. TARGETING ASSETS It can be useful to try and undermine the assets of your opponent during an intrigue scene. Personal shields—either full-
                                                                                                                                                                                      @@ To make a task easier, reducing the difficulty (such as using a weapon to attack an opponent rather than bare hands). Whatever you decide, your character isn't always like this
body or partial—are common in dueling, making ranged weapons mostly ineffective, and lasguns of any kind a desperate proposition. 72 Stilltent.....
—like any person, your character is a nuanced, complex individual who is affected by moods and circumstances as much as their drives and personality. How can the characters keep both Houses happy, or at least mollified, without losing valuable contracts and much-needed goods and services from one or both? Generally, captives of worth are
ransomed back to the Houses they serve, or they are simply coerced into the service of their captors through other means. 205 Naval Transport......
                                                                                                                                                                       . What is right. Here we will go through different ways of inserting non-player characters into the story and making them interesting to the players. While Kara is faster, they are evenly matched for
skill. Non-player characters are major, notable, or minor. Like each of the others, the inner workings of their organization is in your pocket and, within reason, you can gain as much of a different asset as you require. The presence of the spice and Dune's political importance lures offworlders in great
numbers, adding to the native population, divided between Fremen— nomadic, desert-dwelling descendants of ancient settlers on the planet, and a class of people categorized throughout the Imperium as 'pyons', those born on the world and essentially falling under the ruling House's authority. In near-perfect synchrony with the Spacing Guild, the
Padishah Empire, the Great Houses, and CHOAM also formed and established the basis of the new Imperium in 1 A.G. upon the shattered remains of the player characters show the Fremen respect and gift them willingly and
appropriately, the Fremen chief Drasil becomes well disposed towards them, and offers them a gift in return. She is secretly quite skilled in mechanics and has received some personal combat training by her father's staff. 226 Dueling......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          .... He is not particularly interested in Metzos' smuggling racket but is so badly disposed
to the House—especially their representative Globus on the Grief—that he is content to take his cut and keep quiet. When you're attempting a skill test, the shuttle is forced to leave the zone. Visitors from Arrakeen must travel by
ornithopter, and, as a result, can be tracked by Harkonnen security forces from even before they have entered the confines of the city. They are all Quality 0 but any of them might be upgraded with more study, honing, or skill. Often there isn't any specific information they can learn, but the action might yield something useful. Immense buildings
made of glass and metal reach skyward with breathtaking art displayed throughout each city. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 63 P l a n ets he Imperium under the Padishah Empire rules over millions of planets in the Known Universe, which is comprised of worlds inhabited and documented by humanity. In times of stress,
your mind sometimes repeats this, granting you a momentary insight of some kind. She looks at you intensely and says 'Someone does not want your wedding to happen. But despite the hardships, no water seller ever lacks for customers. Tutored in all but the deepest mysteries of the Sisterhood, Jessica was an exemplary member of the order. The
Great Houses rule small baronies, but no one claims outright control of the forgotten throne. Demanding money in exchange for keeping harmful secrets, blackmail is a messy business and there are Houses within the Landsraad who pride themselves as being above such underhanded methods of attaining leverage. BOLD (SKILL) ter to state
shield to parry an attack). Whoever can secure the mining deposits zone or destroy the opposing force's assets first will be the victor. Many believe that to break them, in any way, will bring ruin to not only the perpetrator, but their family, House, and possibly all humanity. U si n g a S u pp o rti n g C h a r acter At the start of a scene, a player may
choose which character they are using: their main character, or one of the supporting characters currently available. If the players are chewing their way through Sardaukar with ease, you can use more dice from the Threat pool to make your antagonists tougher. —from "The Sayings of Muad'Dib" by the Princess Irulan D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S
INTHEIMPERIUM 321 HOUSE RECORD SHEET HOUSE CREST BACKGROUND HOUSE NAME HOMEWORLD HOUSE TYPE TRAITS MOTTO DOMAINS HOUSE RECORD SHEET HOUSE RECORD SHEET HOUSE ROLES RULER MARSHALL CONSORT SCHOLAR HEIR SPYMASTER ADVISOR SWORDMASTER CHIEF PHYSICIAN TREASURER COUNCILLOR WARMASTER ENVOY ENEMIES
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Houses in check against one another, as well as binding the Spacing Guild and CHOAM to codes of behavior. Languages: Galach Locations of Interest: Navigator School, Navigator School, Navigator's Field, Space Port, and Spacing Guild Headquarters OVERVIEW Junction is the headquarters of the Spacing Guild and the largest-known training facility for Navigators. If
the drive is your 2nd or 3rd most important (and thus has a rating of 6 or higher), then you must also create a drive statement for it. but some battles are fought over several objectives, with each side having to protect something as well as trying to take control of something their opponents have. 203 Artillery & Anti-Aircraft....... A bargain was
arranged during the Great Convention with the Imperium (House Corrino) as the ruler of the Known Universe in a shared feudal agreement with fighting skills. However, the party will eventually end, meaning Kara has a limited amount of time to
perform the task. It is a shopfront for everything the Harkonnens can offer to those who pledge their fealty to the Baron's strategies. We take a look at the history of humanity and the various factions that vie for power in the political landscape. 112 Faith and Religion.....
ability to predict those moods can be the key to the House's survival. While this is reasonably simple for skills, it is a lot harder for drives, as a player may often use the same drive for many different 134 tests and situations. Plotters may seek the presence of a Guild Navigator to cloak their secret meeting, and failed products of the Bene Gesserit
breeding program become deadly assassins that even the inner eye cannot see. STEP FOUR: TALENTS At this stage, your character from a collection of numbers and rules into a distinct person. Even individuals who are not fully prescient but have the potential for
such power, can interfere with a prophet's ability to divine the future. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 283 M e n t at DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 6 FA I T H: 5 JUSTICE: 5 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 7 From economic strategy to military tactics, Mentats replaced computers and thinking machines generations ago. Highly a computer of the future is a first tactic of the first tactic of the future is a first tactic of the first tactic of the future is a first tactic of the first tactic
intelligent, but also proud and haughty, Irulan benefited from a superb education. He was noted for his wisdom and pragmatism as a leader and led his people unflinchingly in times of great peril. Your group may also prefer a less direct form of gameplay (see Agents and Architects, p.7). As they are all per- D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I Move and Irulan benefited from a superb education. He was noted for his wisdom and pragmatism as a leader and led his people unflinchingly in times of great peril.
P E R I U M 175 forming essentially the same action, all their attacks on Nasir count to the same extended track. For instance, at the Emperor's request, Gilbertus Albans took in Anna Corrino to do Mentat training to improve her focus. @@ Decisive Action: After successfully removing an enemy asset with Battle, Feyd may remove a second enemy
asset by spending 2 Threat. A weapon used to attack can't be used to parry in the same round. The title Master of Assassins goes to the Mentat who serves a House Major. Getting such assets into position is the central challenge of espionage. Naturally, this latter type is the most dangerous, but all the various kinds of courtier can be useful to an
agent prepared to learn how they each work. Non-player Character Special Abilities Instead of picking a talent a major non-player character might have, you may choose one of the following: @@ Proficiency: When using a specific skill in a certain way, the cost to buy the first bonus d20 is 0. When you win a conflict using the chosen skill, you gain two
bonus D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 131 C re ati o n i n P l ay he other method of creating a main character to be and what you want them to do before you begin playing Dune: Adventures in the Imperium. On the
surface of Rossak, Berto-Anirul treated patients and searched for an effective remedy. If the Ruler is wed to someone, they share in the title and may also take the role of Ruler if they desire. While there are priests and advisors, faith is a matter for the practitioner. Its primary use is in holding and transmitting messages. Firearms include needleguns,
slow-pellet stunners, maula pistols, and lasguns, though the latter are restricted heavily and generally only available for those in direct service to the noble Houses. 254 The eldest of the two Rabban brothers, Glossu was as brutal as his sibling was sly. By the time Leto inherited the dukedom Hawat had established security protocols and a vast
network of spies honed for over a century. In the years to come his loyalty would be tested and proven again and again. CULTURE Salusa Secundus operates on the principle of breaking people down and rebuilding them into whatever the Imperium needs. The opportune movement allows you to redeploy and take further action before the enemy can
respond. The Agony The agony is an old tradition from the first days of the Bene Gesserit. The player characters may decide it is better to destroy the other House and take the spoils for themselves. What you show the players will make it easier for them to interact with the character, encouraging players to go on missions or dig deeper for more
information. Unless a player has specifically indicated that their suit is of Fremen manufacture—rare and costly—they are of the inferior type more commonly available to all. Such an action would cause all the remaining parties to exterminate the offender. For this reason, the use of lasguns is shunned in warfare, as a stray shot can bring catastrophic
destruction upon all the participants. Most are wheel-based, although walkers, treaded, and even anti-gravity variants are not uncommon. 173 Gaining Information............................. The first step was a procedure that extended the human's life span, done illegally and without Omnius' agreement. @ An introductory adventure 'Harvesters of Dune' designed to
quickly get you and your Whoever you choose to be, remember that fellow players involved in the byzantine plots those that control the universe. The "Dice Pool" section is for a summary like "2G 1Y" (dice colors) or "2A 1P" (dice names). The temperature in the castle is constantly cool, regardless of the season. Momentum from this
can also be used to create traits representing advantages gained from knowledge, or to remove traits that represented concealment or deception. A distant cousin to the Emperor, Fenring was Shaddam's only real childhood friend. His skill with all manner of weapons was equaled by his mastery of the baliset and music. Naib Stilgar saw greatness in
her and trusted her as a close companion. Elevator Pitch: Our heroes are members of the Keleres. If player characters enter combat against a Harkonnen platoon, but you're unsure how they'll fare, you can bring two sets of antagonists to the table. Kara only has a single blade. Most Houses do not countenance slavery within their territory; some
Houses permit it but allow slaves to purchase their freedom; and other Houses practice it openly. As an Asset: The ability to manufacture goods can expose you to the influence of whomever provides the raw materials, but finished goods are highly valuable cargo and access to them can open doors that might otherwise remain closed. As an Asset: This ability to manufacture goods can expose you to the influence of whomever provides the raw materials, but finished goods are highly valuable cargo and access to them can open doors that might otherwise remain closed.
unit represents a generic elite guard of soldiers who have sworn an oath to defend their lieges unto death. A Talents normally take the form of a mechanical bonus —re-rolls, bonus Momentum, Threat, or Determination. Armed with these insights, you can uncover
secrets and truths that others may be oblivious to. Each character has a rating in each of five skills, which are described below. If the player characters act suspiciously, or lie badly, or reply with disrespect, aggression, hostility, or assumed authority, the Fremen quickly turn hostile and demand that the player characters show them—and the desert—
respect. However, if a House is forced to go renegade, FTL is a good way to find a hiding place without needing to bribe the Guild. The League of Nobles used atomics on the barren world to win the battle. C re ati n g G a mes i n t h e D u n e U n i v erse Dune can be daunting for
any gamemaster to tackle, regardless of their skill or experience. Ginaz Training Capable of taking on multiple foes at a time, singlehandedly and remaining confident of victory, each swordmaster of Ginaz undergoes the most rigorous and exhausting of training regimens, designed to inculcate both physical discipline and martial skill. While shame,
ridicule, exile, or death are powerful motivators—of the kind that threaten those subject to exposure from more traditional modes of blackmail—the ongoing torture of a loved one might be sufficient to make a person do anything to achieve its cessation. @@ Silandra is weighed down with watercounters of former husbands and needs to prove that she
still has a place in her sietch. @ A brand new version of the 2d20 System adapted specially for the Dune Universe, including rules for creating a noble House of your elace in the agents to your designs to serve your House. MINOR HOUSE
Primary Domain (1): Kanly Workers (Assassins) Secondary Domain (1): Espionage Machinery (Surveillance Devices) and Espionage Workers (Infiltrators) GREAT HOUSE Primary Domain (2): Espionage Machinery (Surveillance Devices) and Espionage Workers (Infiltrators) GREAT HOUSE Primary Domain (2): Espionage Machinery (Surveillance Devices) and Espionage Workers (Infiltrators) GREAT HOUSE Primary Domain (2): Espionage Machinery (Surveillance Devices) and Espionage Workers (Infiltrators) GREAT HOUSE Primary Domain (3): Espionage Workers (Infiltrators) GR
(2): Kanly Produce (Poisons) and Kanly Workers (Infiltrators) Secondary Domains (3): Industrial Workers (Servants), Science Expertise (Pharmacists), and Espionage Produce (Blackmail information). The benefit is that it grants access to further powerful abilities and connections. This way, the enslaved people could always look skyward towards the
Harkonnens. @@ Buy off Non-player Character Complications: The gamemaster may buy off a non-player characters' complication by spending 2 Threat. Were it a board room negotiation, Discipline or perhaps even Battle might have been another option. 209 Bunker......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    . For those you decide upon, give them a name and a trait or two
to bring them to life. The Zensunni are clearly intended to be melded ity. This works in the same way as spending Momentum, above, but you may generate Threat for each point of Momentum you would have spent. This allows them the control over their muscles and physical augmentations
 provides the additional information that the symbol is a rough representation of a rival House. Functionally, an asset works as a trait (see p.143-144 & p.164) with the asset's name. Languages: Galach Locations of Interest: Contemplation Tea House, Corrinth, Golden Rivers, and the Suk School of Medicine OVERVIEW A lawful and modern city of
 beauty that is the seat of the Empire. TOTAL PARTY KILL Sometimes games simply go awry. What little records remain of the ancient ancestral birthplace of humanity are over 11,000 years old and tell of humanity reaching the stars.
                          DEFENSIVE ASSETS The attacker's final Difficulty increases by +1 for each defensive asset in the target's zone. They also usually have access to medicines and technologies that extend life beyond the longevity benefits of spice. You can also create your character in one of two ways, either all at once, or by just creating the
basics, so you can start playing right away. Intrigues run deep and take on these indirect and labyrinthine routes because humankind has evolved powers capable of piercing the illusion of lesser ploys. While the Padishah Emperor is required to consult the board for major decisions, in practice his power within CHOAM is near-dictatorial and only
                                                                                          ..96 Chapter �: C reating Y our C haracter ...
                                                                                                                                                    Arrakis born and bred, she has some desert survival skills which the characters may need. Each time you select this talent, choose a single category of asset from the following list: dueling, warfare, espionage, or
Move Herald Discipline Communicate Infiltrator Discipline Move Move Communicate Discipline Scout Move Understand Discipline Strategist Understand Battle Understand Warrior Battle Understand Warrior Battle Discipline ARCHETYPE @@
Trait: An archetype provides a single trait, representing the character's role or status, which will be the archetype's name. Being mindful of everyone in the room is hard work, but it is a skill that you can develop and hone over time. "You know, if you had the Bold (Communicate) talent this test would be a lot easier." Failing that, the players can flag
create more relatable characters that parallel with the personalities we see in our day-to-day lives. Assets: Concealable Dagger, Dot Coder, Minimic Film (blank) Representing a rival House, the Bene Gesserit Agent offers the player characters a diplomatic armistice. @@ Use Battle when you fight, when you seek to avoid danger, when you plan a
battle, and when you try to recall some fact about the methods or history of conflict. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 151 C o mm o n U ses You're encouraged to be creative in your uses of Momentum. During the Butlerian Jihad, a Poritrin scientist, Tio Holtzman, working closely with an unsung genius Norma Cenva, invented
because of the simplistic and basic domain(s) of their House. A Truthsayer reveals he is lying. It is said that those wearing a stillsuit of Fremen manufacture lose no more than a thimbleful of water in an entire day. Fortunately, the House construction of play means that one can relatively easily bring another character to the fore,
to whom? However, the characters' other ally has significant enemies within that organization and may cut ties if the characters join them. The exact process of this was different per student and request. C h a pter � C o re R u les This chapter details the basic rules of the game. Kara has three statements: @@ Duty: "I am the heir of my House." @@e Duty: "I am the heir of my House." and the heir of my House.
Faith: "My family trusts me." @@ Power: "I get what I want." As Kara is negotiating on behalf of her House, her Duty statement seems the most appropriate. It has symmetry, elegance, and grace—those qualities you find always in that which the true artist captures. Observe SCENARIO HOOK Deductive Reasoning, Physics Traits: Researcher
TALENTS @@ Intense Study: Once per scene, they may use their Understand skill on a single skill test instead of any other skill, and they are counted as having a focus for that test. As an Asset: Those who are members of the Landsraad are wary of both chaumas and chaumurky and make liberal use of poison snoopers. Session 0 is when you
determine what the players are looking for in their experience: here's where they create their characters, to decide on the play-styles, and here is where you can have a conversation about content. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 305 306 C h a pter 🏶 🕏 : H a r v esters of D u n e There should be a science of discontent.
 become apparent to the players in Scene One. Then, think about what sort of initial setting would best highlight the tone of the game. Political machinations and subtle intrigues are a cornerstone of the setting, and revolutionaries must often navigate a reality that includes human lie detectors such as the Bene Gesserit or act in ways unanticipated by
 Mentats. As an Asset: A sudden, vital resource can be elicited, when needed. HANDLING DISENGAGEMENT If a player spends more time focused on their phone than on what is happening around the table, then you should address this. This is an extended test with a requirement of 10 (p.159). Keywords: Formation, Melee Weapons, Shielded Quality:
          units may have higher Quality). Certainly, the Minor Houses are not in a position to side too openly against the Major House presiding over Arrakis—the threat of a deficit in the availability of spice might be enough to topple some of the weaker factions in the Landsraad. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 193 P ers o n
l A ssets P ers o n a l A ssets : R a n g ed W e a p o n s LASGUN The most commonly used firearm in the Imperium. As they move through the ship the characters may Understand (average, D1) that the Grief is in a poor state of repair and shoddily maintained, and also that many crew members bear the bruises and cuts of scuffles or beatings
most of her tanks in the exchange as the Arcuri forces target them. The unique elements of Dune's setting creates new dynamics and challenges. Your players can either create their characters or become acquainted with any pre-generated characters. You may spend 2 Momentum to move an additional zone. Most Houses maintain a standing army of
score, add 1 to the group Momentum pool. This distinction is often interchangeable with that of the Major House. As a player it is tempting to assign the highest rating available to the skill you need each time you are faced with a situation. 96 House Traits......
caused political tension? Arc het y pes he archetypes that are provided in this game are notable supporting characters that you can use to introduce your players to the world that you create (as opposed to more general minor supporting characters or major NPCs such as for the canon characters). That is not to say they will teach just anyone, but to
betterment of humanity. Not all precious goods are the subject of total monopoly, but it tends to be the most efficient way for CHOAM (and the Emperor) to control vital trades. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 243 K wis at z H a der a c h i n W a iti n g P a u l A treides DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 6 People are the true
strength of a Great House. When the action is resolved, the newly-defined trait is considered in how the action is resolved, the newly-defined trait or similar complication from an ally, or to aid a defeated ally. Fair and just treatment has endeared the Atreides to the people and military alike and
home planet of their House Major. MASTER-AT-ARMS Your expertise in battle is considerable, and few can match your effectiveness in combat. As such they may also handle some lesser duties on the Ruler's behalf. See p.139 for details. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 3 C o reb o o k O v erv iew C h a pter 🏶 I n tr o d u cti o n
In this chapter we offer a brief introduction to Dune, roleplaying games, and the material contained in this book. If a non-player character suffers a complication, the gamemaster can buy it off by spending 2 points of Threat. Exceptional abilities, such as Mentat training, or the many and varied powers of a Bene Gesserit, are a form of talent, but
talents can take other forms too, representing some of the ways which set a player character apart from ordinary people. Further, the limits of what others would be able to notice does not apply to her. @@ Active security measures—guards and similar—can be moved around freely. Kara's player asks the gamemaster if there is anything Kara can do
to repair her reputation, so it doesn't suffer any damage when people talk of how the evening went. They lurch up from the sand, consuming anything that they encounter, their huge sightless heads splitting into a mouth lined with endless teeth. 168 Zones of Conflict...
around your character—spotting escape routes, useful objects or items, precarious or dangerous terrain, and similar. The availability of nearly instantaneous interstellar travel may suggest adventurers solve problems and then move on to the next solar system, but this structure plays against the strengths of the setting. Any
successes they generate are added to the skill test you are attempting, so long as you score at least one success of your own. @@ Add 5 more points among your skills, to a maximum of 8. They continued to trade in enslaved people and bio-technological advancements, as they genetically altered themselves. But when spice smugglers descend on the
transport, they sabotage the carryall. The attacker's final Difficulty increases by +1 for each defensive asset in the target's zone. Her ability to interpret another's intentions and drives was unparalleled, and paired with her staggering intellect, she rose quickly through the ranks of the Sisterhood. Ixian devices are prized throughout the Imperium,
despite the degree to which the Ixians are thought to disregard the Butlerian Edicts about the development of thinking machines. As this is assumed to be a routine inspection of an industrial facility needing (at most) a little managerial troubleshooting, the player characters are unlikely to arrive on the Grief accompanied by a large retinue of staff or
guards, though they can of course create supporting Characters during play using Momentum must make a degree of sense in the story—the benefit you've gained from Momentum must make sense from the perspective of the characters—and the gamemaster can
veto any uses of Momentum that don't fit with the story or the scene. They propose your House join them in opposition to a powerful Military House with which your House is currently allied. Many are artisans, skilled in a particular trade, and nobles sometimes call on them to carry out specialized work beyond the ability of their servants. Example:
Claire likes both of the focuses listed for Commander (Inspiration and Leadership), and picks Inspiration for her Communicate focus. As an Asset: This asset represents a trained unit from a small squad up to a large brigade of soldiers. While mainly a survival tool, the cloaks are sometimes woven with intricate designs and worn as a status symbol.
DRIVE RATING MEANING 4 You care very little about this thing. 294 @@ Azarz, having placed a Face Dancer in a rival House, will ensure the Face Dancer will report to their client, at a cost. 258 @@ Prana-Bindu: The Reverend Mother may re-roll 1d20 on a Move or Discipline test. Advanced Technology, Deductive Reasoning Traits: Technician
TALENTS @@ Rigorous Control: They can use Discipline instead of any skill in an extended test, and gain +1 to the requirement if the skill was already Discipline. Humanity explored space and furthered its technology, forming the Old Empire that grew with each passing century, gradually expanding to reach thousands B.G. TO A.G. The timeline is
                                                                                              . Further refinements included limitations on the usage of lasguns and shield technology, so intertwined as they were with weapons of mass destruction due to the Holtzman Effect. Failure or detection is, however, often fatal. OTHER MEMORY (BENE GESSERIT
TALENT) At the start of a duel, skirmish, or battle scene, select a single asset that represents a melee weapon or a unit of troops. 128 You know where to find the criminal element wherever you go. Only massive amounts of explosives—perhaps even atomics—are enough to seriously injure or kill the largest of the sandworms, though they remain in
without any expectations of betrayal or other peril. Many consider his rule to be a brutal one, making this a time of many conspiracies and assassination attempts to destroy that is very possibly of your own creation. No talent may be selected more than
once, unless otherwise noted. But a high Faith drive does not always mean a religious or spiritual dedication, as some place their faith in their faction or friends as much as the will of God. You may spend 2 Momentum to make an Asset created during a scene permanent (at Quality 0) in which case it is added to the list of assets on your character
                                         . Thus, all commerce conducted via the Spacing Guild falls under CHOAM's purview. @@ Failure: When you fail a test with a Difficulty of 3 or higher. Fixed alarms continuously emit an ear-piercing sound elevating in frequency every minute. But many prayers are also offered for the faithful to keep the covenant
and for humanity to not transgress its strictures. For reasons of security, Doctors of the Suk school are especially valuable, given their conditioning against doing any form of harm to their charges. Overcoming that extended task reveals the target character's desire. S p y m a ster M e n t at T h u f ir H awat DRIVE D U T Y: S TAT E M E N T 8 FA I T
H: 4 JUSTICE: 6 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 7 SKILL The protection of the Atreides is my reason to live. Your character is assumed to have obtained the asset at some undisclosed earlier time, without anyone else knowing. If you decide you want to play a faction character, choose one of the templates and note the additional trait. Events only occur at a
particular time and a particular place, but they can provide a rare connection between groups or people who are normally unconnected. They see and hear scandals that could destroy reputations within the Landsraad. Chances are you will be playing this game with people who are not exactly like you. FILMBOOK The filmbook is an imprint of
shigawire that uses mnemonic pulses to train students. The Tleilaxu are adept at manipulating the personality of the Mentats they produce so they can cope with the contradictions in the corrupt training they give them. @@ Focuses: Dueling, Short Blades @@ Talents: The Slow
            Drives: Duelists—particularly those who work as champions and bodyguards—are often believers in might makes right, feeling that Justice is enacted by their blades. @@ Dice Pool = 2d20, max dice pool 5d20 @@ Asking for a favor that costs the benefactor something minor. As an Asset: The poisoned tooth is an option of last resort. 172
                              Once your group has determined the nature of any enemy House or Houses, the gamemaster can then use this information to determine more detail, using the same methods as for generating player character Houses. A land baroness on Chusuk may live a comfortable life but unless she also has her hand in the off-plane
trade of her world's superlative musical instruments, her wealth and power are trivial by the standards of the greater universe. Dr. Rajid Suk, one of the E I M P E R I U M 21 most exceptional battlefield surgeons that ever lived, was one of the few who did not break. Rights & Responsibilities: Most Houses
action, and you may spend a point of Determination to gain one of the following benefits. In a conflict, when moving an asset, you may move the asset an additional zone for 1 point of Momentum, rather than 2. The planet has a strongly liberal culture with the concept of education and exposure to the arts for all its citizens, regardless of class. These
mutations are commonplace to their kind, and Navigators become increasingly mutated as they age and advance to different stages of development. The Harkonnens chose a few key cities to make immaculate for visiting guests and there provide the illusion of luxury. 110 Fremen...
rewarded, betrayal always carries the most terrible punishments. As an Enemy: Often these Houses do not strike directly at their enemies. After a considerable fall from grace, House Vernius petitioned to restore their status. It kills billions of the League's populaces. Truly impressive innovations can potentially bring a shareholder into the spotlight
and into consideration by the Emperor for a seat on the board of directors. Further, if you may not Keep the Initiative. BLACK MARKET TRADER You need things, naturally. Maybe they will do anything for their community, willing to sacrifice even those they love? In addition, characters may seek to create intangible assets to represent
ambushes, tactical ploys, special knowledge given to (or discovered by) specific units, and so forth. It was widely believed that Fenring also operates as an assassin in the Imperial House's constant political intrigues, but little proof exists. If there are disagreements, the group might decide there are many different areas. Once accepted, students find
themselves undergoing an intense education not just in practical medical matters but in the liberal arts, as well. He then created House Corrino and crowned himself Emperor. The attack doesn't always require interacting with the character directly; rather, it can represent a concerted effort to shame and disgrace the target character, often by
spreading rumors, revealing unpleasant information about them, or attempting to provoke a disgraceful act from the target. The business of spice harvesting is known to be a dirty, dangerous affair, and tensions between the House, the hard-bitten spice workers, and the elusive, unfriendly local Fremen are often strained and threaten to boil over into
Ixian probes. However, the Sardaukar were the first ones to use the strong, thin filaments as garrotes. Population: Primarily in large cities and some in smaller settlements. There is no time like 62 the present, and skills you never teach will
die with you. Estimated at roughly 20 kilometers in length, Heighliners are cylindrical constructions, their immense holds capable of holding thousands of smaller ships and their contents within them, from the smallest lighters, bulky cargo transports, combat frigates, and even, on occasion, capital ships such as the Emperor's own mobile palace. @@
siblings, she was tutored in the means of detecting, and perhaps administering, chaumas and chaumurky. If they do not come to this conclusion, it is suggested by the helpful Obregon. As you run the game, the players can swap out or flash their colored items per their level of comfort signaling their consent or lack thereof to a scene's content. They
are also commonly assigned to any House that hosts a Guild facility (such as a bank) on their lands. Attempting to drug, administer poison to, or infect a member of the Sisterhood is ill-advised. The asset is removed at the end of any conflict it is used for, as it will be too badly damaged to use again. They also possess some of the most advanced
training and abilities in the Imperium, so care must be taken to ensure they don't overshadow the other player characters. Kara could leave it there, but might spend Momentum to create another trait to make the upcoming test easier. Your House manufactures something valuable, or you've managed to obtain some valuable goods which someone is
likely to need. They are also especially valuable to the nobility as their conditioning means they cannot cause any harm to their patients. It produces the finest (and most expensive) healers in the universe. Their goal is to receive permission from the economic powerhouse to ship highly regulated and restricted goods onto Arrakis. However, when
describing them, try not to use words that might dehumanize them, even if they are non-player characters, 262 Paul Atreides...
                                                                                                                                                       (a)(a) I Wisted Mentat: Piter gains I bonus point of Inreat when he adds to Inreat on an Understand test. Moving a ranged weapon asset into another zone represents taking aim at a target in that zone; it need no
mean the character themselves has moved into that zone. They just are. Duels are quite common in the Imperium, so the personal combat system allows you to focus on a single fight, such as Paul's duel with Jamis, or later with Feyd in the novel Dune. This can often lead to others attempting to manipulate them as a means by which to control the
Ruler. Neither side can declare victory in the battle. They claim they have been the intended victim of chaumas, administered at a banquet in Carthag, and that they only escaped death because their bodyguard tasted the food before them. COLLABORATION (SKILL) You've coached your allies to capitalize on your expertise, and that effort has paid
off. 10,153 A.G. Vladimir Harkonnen takes control of Arrakis. The Titans themselves focused on more pleasurable pursuits of sex, combat, and other diversions. The greatest challenge to the cohesion of the Imperium and the rule of the Emperor is the vastness of space and the immense distance separating the various worlds the Imperium
encompasses. DUTY Duty is the pressure upon a character to find their place in society and fulfill their allotted role, but also the weight of obligations and personal responsibilities. W orm S ign A great sandworm will be upon the harvester in 15-20 minutes. well, because I had room here and these come up enough to need referencing. Example: As
Kara is a fighter, Claire decides one of Kara's assets is a knife given to her by the master assassin who taught her. THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD The court and household of the Corrino Padishah Emperor is perhaps the most opulent in all human history. Your commitment to a cause is unwavering, and this has carried you through many a tough
situation. As a result, Carthag was built to suit their own aesthetic preferences. Because of the prevalence of master duelists in their own right, even if only for a short while before they take on other courtly duties. 184-187 Actions in Intrigue.
Keywords: Encoded, Security, Tool 198 PARACOMPASS POISON SNOOPER Poison has long been the preferred assassination method of nobles since Old Terra. Another might have a powerful aversion to insects. C o m f o rt & C o n se n t When talking to your players for the first time, ask about their comfort levels. Nasir drops the other thug in their
zone with his pistol in another contested test. Maybe you would like the Bene Gesserit Agent to understand geology instead of psychiatry, and that is absolutely okay if you think that fits better with your game. Assets: Face Dancer, Illicit Recordings, Ixian Damper All Tleilaxu look odd. The Ruler would determine the Consort's true standing within the
household, and by extension, their ability to speak for the House. Once freed, after the war the planet became the homeworld of House Harkonnen. However, this is not always fair: it may be that the player has some personal issue that needs close attention. The folk religions of the Imperium are no less complex than those of the nobility, but they
have a greater emphasis on community. Imperial conditioning ensures these doctors' loyalty and incorruptibility, making them incapable of taking another life, even under extreme duress. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 293 T leil a x u M a ster DRIVE D U T Y: FA I T H: S TAT E M E N T @@ Hintrock has recently arrived in
Arrakeen with a 6 3 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 7 SKILL ghola of the dead spouse of a senior House member. After the session wraps and people are getting ready to leave, ask if the problem player can stick around for a few more minutes. Was someone trying to murder them before they can uncover the truth of the compressor sabotage? Beyond these
initial assets, characters can obtain assets in several ways during play. Just remember there is no right or wrong answer. Duke Leto is as liked within his own domain as he is within the Landsraad, where he is renowned for his wisdom, his compassion, as well as his shrewdness. @@ Skills: Notable supporting characters typically have one skill ranked
at 7 (which should be the one most relevant to their job), one ranked at 5, and one at 4. Failing to maintain a cover or pushing a selected asset too hard can lead to exposure and catastrophe. 244 The first and only child of Duke Leto Atreides and his concubine, the Bene Gesserit adept Lady Jessica, Paul was heir apparent to the
Atreides dynasty. A mbiti on The ability to form goals beyond the immediate, visceral needs of life is a powerful part of human nature, and those who harness this ability to aspire, who can suppress their short-term desires in service to greater achievements, are those who prosper in a ruthless universe. SCHOLAR Knowledge is power, and a scholar is
a seeker and curator of knowledge. @@ Buying d20s is one of the most common uses for Momentum. @@ Drive statements do not have to be positive about the drive they're attached to. The R ise of the most common uses for Momentum.
exploring the setting in an unexpected way, you can encourage them while improvising on the fly. As he is not sure of his skill, he moves his maula pistol asset into Kara's zone. However, she needs to call upon all her resources. If your foe is a minor character, they are defeated. Do the player characters relent, or do they refuse? As with the scorpions,
playing games with the sandtrout is a common activity for Fremen children, who often 'fish' for the odd creatures. Chaumas refers to poisoned beverages. After the Butlerian Jihad, Ix rose to prominence for its technology under House Vernius. The Fremen are well-armed
and seem ready for a fight. @@ Asking for a complicated or expensive favor. 10,175 A.G. Paul Atreides is born. But remind them that it is hard to change their mind once the mission is underway! The Emperor may spend 2 Threat to allow an ally to use his
Understand skill as his own. However, she might be able to intimidate him into leaving, given that she knows his intentions and has a vested interest in keeping the spice trader alive. Even the voung know how to wield a knife and survive the deep desert. In a contest, the opposing character first rolls to set the Difficulty. If the player characters put up
a strong resistance and kill or seriously wound one or more of the Fremen, the desert band tactically retreats, carrying off any fallen allies, disappearing into the dunes. He is the 'Lisan al Gaib', or the 'Voice from the Outer World', one in a tradition of guides and oracles in Fremen culture who descend from other worlds to offer guidance, to point the
Fremen in the direction of their ultimate destiny. Every House within the Landsraad has shares in CHOAM and draws profits from it. Ultimately, it seemed, her love for the Duke and their son, and her fealty to House Atreides, would prove stronger than her duty to the Sisterhood, a fact that would have far-reaching repercussions. 273 Bene Gesserit
                           .... @@ Investigating a subject of common knowledge. The latter led to some worlds being paradises welcome to all, while others operated on the backs of enslaved people. Emperor Hassik Corrino III relocated the Imperial Throne to Kaitain after an onslaught of atomic weapons by House Tantor. 2nd Floor, 39 Harwood Rd,
London SW6 4QP, United Kingdom [email protected] www.modiphius.com The 2d20 system and Modiphius Entertainment Ltd. @@ Why does the character fail to communicate their commands properly to those around them? One person's preference may come into conflict with someone else's opinion. Tangible assets
are normally owned by individual characters or by the House. While you have these details undefined, you may not gain experience points or purchase advancements for your character. They avoid open conflict unless they see an opportunity to make a gain for themselves. Stealth 4 Traits: Assassin, Advisor to a Great House TALENTS @@ Master-at-
Arms: At the start of a duel, skirmish, or battle, they may spend 1 point of Threat to increase a martial asset they have by +1 Quality for that conflict. Supporting characters are less detailed and are created in a less involved manner than the main player characters, and they are not permanently owned by a single player. @@ Rival House Action: The
gamemaster may spend Threat to introduce a known enemy House to the situation. expanding Imperial body of 1,280 B.G. planets. @@ Imperial Conditioning: Any attempt to coerce Yueh When the Atreides left for Arrakis they carried with them the most reluctant of traitors-in-waiting. F a cti o n C h a r a cters a n d T empl ates It's assumed that the
majority of player characters will be ordinary people, working for the group's House and capable enough to have a cadre of guards ready to defend from
any attackers. There are often widely divergent biographies of a particular person. An adventure or campaign that incorporates a myth planted by the Missionaria Protectiva into a local religious system. Multiple traits can be applied to a situation at once, whether canceling one
another out or adding to one another. This involves eliminating or exposing enemy spies and informants, disabling surveillance devices, and undermining security measures. Remembering Kara's faith in her family trusts me" (for Faith),
and "I get what I want" (for Power). ENVIRONMENT While once a beautiful world, generations of weapon manufacturing with little regard to the impact on the environment turned Giedi Prime into an industrial wasteland under a shiny, pleasant veneer. Keywords: Naval, Shielded ORNITHOPTER These advanced flying machines use huge wings to fly
like dragonflies, 222 Ou ic k T ips CREATING NON-PLAYER CHARACTERS Non-player characters are lots of fun. Though the Bene Gesserit serves all the Houses and the Emperor, their true goal is the secret genetics program, a grand exercise in controlled eugenics. At the end of the day when the accounting is complete, however, the House, and
particularly its head, is in debt. The Forms of Conflict Can be used for any form of conflict, from chases to intrigue to duels. Under the leadership of Duke Leto Atreides, military power expanded into a small highly skilled task force rivaling the Imperial Sardaukar. @@ Trait: Scholar @@ Primary Skill: Understand @@
Secondary Skill: Discipline @@ Focuses: Data Analysis, Deductive Reasoning @@ Talents: Intense Study @@ Drives: Scholars are frequently driven to pursue their studies because of a deep interest in uncovering the Truth. These machines' sole function was to serve humans by performing their daily tasks. They can try to convince their ally to leave
the preacher alone, but this might destroy the relationship with them and the favorable trade deals in place. The Sardaukar are deadly fighters, brutal and remorseless and implacable. Traits: Archaic, Melee Weapon, Small E spi o n a ge A ssets: D ru g s CHAUMAS AND CHAUMURKY Poisoning a friend, foe, or family member through food and drinkly member 
is a time-honored practice in the Imperium. She had discovered how to reliably 'fold space'. Her bedside manner is sharper than a crysknife, and her knowledge of herbs, poisons, and toxins makes her invaluable to the Fremen. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 173 S k irmis he Skirmishes are combats involving a small number of
individual combatants, but more than a one-on-one duel. AIDING AN ALLY Your character may end up in a situation where their allies are hurt or impaired in some way and you want to try and help them. At the end of a scene, 1 point of Momentum from the group pool is lost. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 57 R e a c h A cr o
ss the I mperium their political and social machinations. The offering of a stillsuit to a quest or friend is a mark of great esteem, especially given the unparalleled guality of Fremen-made stillsuits. The 5 grants two successes, the 14 grants nothing, and the 20 saddles Kara with a complication. She has a natural grace developed from her exceptional
fighting skills. Some players do not want to be emotionally abused by a non-player character while others might enjoy it. Once doubt has been established, the leverage of knowledge is greatly diminished, but it can be recovered if the information can be properly verified by a trusted source. As the stakes are high, Kara's player opts to spend her
Determination to re-roll some of the dice. 4 Strategy C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 Deceit DISCIPLINE: 6 Espionage MOVE: 4 U N D E R S TA N D: 8 House Politics, Imperial Politics Traits: Noble, Cunning and Cruel TALENTS @@ Binding Promise: The Baron may spend 1, 2, or 3 points of Threat to make an agreement binding. The worker is in imminent
danger of being crushed to death! If so forewarned, the player characters can shout a warning to the examples above, the farming House is clearly an arable world focused almost exclusively on farming. A duel only involves two people. More
than anything else, the Spacing Guild seeks to sustain its existence, and that means they must always have access to the spice melange, the most precious substance in the universe. House Atreides ruled the people with a fair hand under a duchy and siridar fief of the Imperium. The player characters have a tricky social challenge. The friend wants to
find out what happened to the 'original partner' the Face Dancer was imitating. Wise shareholders keep their embezzlement to a polite minimum. ......
                                                                                                                                                                               ... As an Asset: Personal suspensors can be used as transportation, for carrying heavy objects, or moving large forms of ordinance. This costs 1 point of Momentum or adds 1 to Threat, and
causes the uncontrolled character to suffer whatever fate would have befallen the controlled character. @@ Driven: After Piter spends Threat to gain the use of Determination, roll 1d20. These archaic Earth ships lacked faster than light (FTL) drives. The agreement stated that no House could use atomics against humans again, as human life was
deemed too precious after having lost so many in the Butlerian Jihad. As security locks down the palace to prevent the perpetrator from escaping, the player characters become prime suspects. It is a line even the Tleilaxu will not cross, at least not openly. All rights reserved. Whenever you attempt an Understand test, you generate one bonus
Momentum point for each die you bought by adding to Threat. Z o n es i n W a r f a re: M a n e u v er & T err a i n Warfare is similar to a skirmish, but on a much larger scale. Once per scene you may create a Quality 0 asset (at no cost) that you can use in a personal or skirmish conflict. 137 NPCs: Momentum, & Determination...
House actively seeks to bring the player characters' House down. By the end of this early training, their instructor can assess the capabilities of all the students to a specific degree of accuracy. Mired in intrigues both internal and external, the Corrinos are ruthless and as addicted to power as they are to the spice. Assets: Crysknife, Fremen Leader,
Fremkit, Stillsuit The desert takes what it is owed. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 273 Bene Gesserit Reverend Mother DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U TY: 6 FA I T H: 7 JUSTICE: 5 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 6 SKILL The Sisterhood will prevail. @@ If the defeat has no lasting or permanent effect, then you can try to
recover the defeat directly. FA I T H: 8 Leto and my son are everything. To truly triumph, a character needs to find some other way of improving the odds. However, the vast distances between the thousand worlds under the Empire was the illusion of an empire. If you fail, the opposing character generates 1 point of Momentum for each success
fewer than the Difficulty which you scored—i.e., if the Difficulty was 4, and you scored two successes, the opposing character would get 2 points of Momentum— and they may spend this Momentum immediately, as if they had succeeded at a skill test. Escaped enslaved people live in the outskirts. This opportune movement allows you to continue
acting before the enemy can respond. Depending on the poisons chosen, these thin blades can result in a quick, quiet death or a long, torturous one. HISTORY The history of Wallach IX is tied to a hatred of humanity. However, in the meantime we offer some narrative tools to help the group understand and create a House of their own in terms of its
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nature and resources. The player then responds with a thumbs-up denoting they are comfortable proceeding, a waffling hand suggesting they're unsure if they should proceed, or with a thumbs-down alerting you that they are not all right. If a character is trying to create such as asset during 190 play the gamemaster may not allow it without a good

abilities of the Bene Gesserit are the result of intense training but seem like magic to the layperson. Ex-agents inevitably know other former or even active agents understand better than anyone else. 197 Assets - Warfare..

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reason why they would have access to such a thing. As this challenge is very much in line with her drive statement, the gamemaster allows Kara's player to spend Determination on the test. SCENARIO HOOK Smugglers are eating into one House's bottom line, and the Landsraad is making noise about their weakness. The economic structure was built
to move people towards the military as the only escape from working in the industrial factories until an early death. His goal is to create dependence on his merchant's goods, and a captive market, across the planet. on p.6 explains everything in detail. Messengers often learn unusual ways of communicating messages, secret languages, and
techniques for sending multiple messages or hiding one message within others, to ensure that only specific people receive certain information. Characters and non-player characters in Dune: Adventures in the Imperium are divided into a two main types: player characters and non-player characters and non-p
how to create and advance them. Their armies may not be as well-trained or numerous as those of a Military House, but they have better ecosystem with cities carved out over the planet. The Titans did this by placing their minds into preservation canisters, then
wiring those into machine bodies creating cymeks. A.G. Salusa Secundus is destroyed by atomic weapons and the Imperial capital is moved to Kaitain. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 219 GALAXY GAME A galaxy game spans the Known Universe and brings with it a sense of expanse and wonder. @@ Alik Vidiri builds their
own vehicles and races them, Precision legally or illegally, whenever they have the chance at the dice or resetting the scene to start again. Some handle caustic chemicals under ventilation hoods, while others are smeared in grease from tinkering on the latest carryall design. SCENARIO HOOK
After the player characters find a rare and valuable crysknife during the excavation of a desert site, a trio of Fremen warriors confront them. Their passion is collecting fine wines. Reach out to the people around you. The most basic story hook has a goal for the players, indicates some of the risks, and hints at a reward. @@ If the defeat would have a
lasting or permanent effect (death, adding a new character trait, or some other long-lasting consequence), then you may attempt to prevent that lasting effect. Other assets can be considered ubiquitous and are freely available almost everywhere, and easily brought into a scene with a Momentum/Threat spend. @@ The ability and skill of each
combatant is more important than the actual weapons used. But unless you need one to allow the test, their use is optional, and there are many other traits and talents that might allow a character to perform an otherwise impossible action. At this point, you can pause the game or allow the player to walk away from the table until you're past the
disturbing content. Then, having chosen the correct drive they can see if their statement applies to the situation to allow the use of determination. Every character has five drives—Duty, Faith, Justice, Power, and Truth—which are described in the previous chapter. In other words, be sure to pre-negotiate before the villain plans on doing something
extremely catastrophic to any of the characters, non-player characters included. Even more want them dead. The player, and the gamemaster, should keep in mind—or keep note of—where the main characters are at different times, and it will typically be the case that a player will choose a character located in the scene
being established. That edict destroyed technological and social structure of the time and created a massive power vacuum in the universe. Agamemnon deduced that turning thinking machines into an army would let them topple the Imperium with minimal violence. How rich is the character in terms of the valuable resource? ALLOW UNBALANCED
GROUPS Unbalanced groups are fine! Maybe your players all want to play the same type, or no one wants to take any kind of first aid or medical ability. It's simply a friend trying to help a friend trying trying to help a friend trying 
                                                                         ... The evolution of the shields has allowed them to protect one side or one half of the body. As small as five centimeters, these compact devices float using a suspensor. Like all Fremen, she was pragmatic and ruthless when need be, but also kind and loving when survival permitted.
                              ....... Houses involved in this dubious practice must maintain strong deniability in case it comes to light. Once per scene you may entertain the group with a short performance. They watch for signs that someone, in their arrogance, might push the limits of the strictures past their breaking point and bring ruin to humanity.
During play, when you attempt a skill test, and you do not have a focus which applies to that test, you may choose to define one of your remaining focuses. You may spend 2 points of Momentum to make an asset created during a scene permanent, in which case it is added to the list of assets on your character sheet. Keywords: Cargo Space, Flying,
Shielded, Size: Large to Gargantuan W a r f a re A ssets: A rtillery & A n ti-A i r cr a f t ARTILLERY Artillery guns are massive cannons, often mounted on a vehicle platform, that fire explosive shells over kilometers to soften up unshielded infantry and fortified positions. The Spacing Guild came into existence out of a monopoly on the ability to safely
fold space and acquired the interstellar banks' trade less than a century after the Butlerian Jihad. Leaving your players on a cliffhanger and dying to know what happens next isn't a bad thing. Almost superficially, it was important for the Bene Gesserit to have an agent at the heart of House Atreides, but more crucially, she was ordered to bear the
Duke a daughter that the Sisterhood could see married to a Harkonnen, not just mending the ancient enmity between those Houses, but bearing the Kwisatz Haderach. 80 Star System: Epsilon Eridani R ic h ese moon Korona and with it, Richese's illegal spice trade (see Points of Interest, below). In a traditional match, the slip-tip is the shorter,
poison-coated blade held in the left hand. Without prescience, space travel came with the risk of utter destruction, a ship emerging into unfavorable conditions—such as the path of a star or other celestial body. The nobles of this class found themselves like guests, capable of moving through the universe with greater ease than Major House members
Great Religious Houses closely follow the strictures of the Orange Catholic Bible and often act as leaders in questions of religion and morality within the Empire, often producing religious leaders as advisors to other Houses. At the end of an adventure, after purchasing advancements, you may take any of the following actions to maintain your assets:
 @@ You may choose to keep any assets you created Quality does not just apply to objects and weapons. Calm and circumspect? Sometimes a player just needs to take a break, but you can use the opportunity to have a private conversation with them to check-in on their well-being. We describe how players and the gamemaster can spend and acquire
                                                                       . While it may be a challenge to pick a lock, it is more of a challenge to do so in the rain, blindfolded with an enemy agent about to attack you. The planet stretched itself too thin while engaging in an economic war with the Ixian House Vernius, sending Richese spiraling into bankruptcy
Be mindful of differences at the table and think about how you can support the players in creating an engaging story. Everything in this House focuses on, and beyond that it does not matter. It involves work, carefully assessing the intended target and determining what it is that they
wish they could have, what it is that they need. Several Minor Houses serve its interests and it is a serious contender in the politics of the Imperium. Making an attack is always a contest, because it affects another character. A few have even been chosen from non-nobles who prove their worth and impress the Ruler. We can't stop operations just to
pick up idiots who can't keep their 'thopter up in the air!" In truth, the thuggish spice worker Metzos is running a lucrative spice smuggling racket from the Alberich and does not want anyone climbing on board and snooping around. Lasguns use an energy cell capable of firing 30 shots before needing to be replaced. The way of the Fremen is
intimately tied to the continuing of the Fremen way of life, to the tribe. A scout 'thopter from a nearby harvester, loyal to their House, has followed their trail, but does not know their exact location. His reputation, good looks, and irreverent attitude made him a subject of popular attention. Everyone who takes part in intrigue has something to gain
and everything to lose, and even those at the very top of society—the Padishah Emperor, the Spacing Guild, CHOAM, and the subtle Bene Gesserit—must play this game carefully. This step deals with the other side of a character: what do they believe? Without the right guide to the myriad factions and shifting allegiances of the Imperial court, even
the most sagacious agent can become entirely lost. 5th 4 You care very little about this thing. Record these as your first two focuses. @@ Non-player Character performing that same action, or making the same choice, must spend an
equivalent number of points of Threat. And if they let the troupe perform, are they merely a distraction for another form of attack, or are the characters being too paranoid and risking the troupe's ire from their distrust? @@ Minor supporting characters being too paranoid and risking the troupe's ire from their distrust? @@ Minor supporting characters being too paranoid and risking the troupe's ire from their distrust? @@ Minor supporting characters being too paranoid and risking the troupe's ire from their distrust?
for the character to perform their duties. @@ Example (Three-chapter Arc): Kaitain hosts a summit for the Major Houses to discuss a major shortfall in CHOAM profits. deception, and other covert means to gather information. The Landsraad's primary strength is as a counter to the Emperor. As an Asset: An Ixian probe can copy a living or
recently deceased human being and allow access to a digital simulacrum of them, as if speaking to them in person. It's totally acceptable to go off script. As the gamemaster, you should be willing to explore the setting beyond Arrakis, but understand that just like Arrakis, every planet brings with it a depth beyond scenery or a single note of drama
Protector Scholar Spy Steward D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 113 B attle A rc h et y pes W a rm a sters One enemy at a time, is that it? When you use Voice, you may add one, two, or three points to Threat to score the same number of automatic successes on any Communicate test made to influence your chosen target. Or do
they face the enemy alone and perhaps gain respect from them for their tenacity, or disgust for the way the characters waste their peoples' lives? Once per scene, you may use your Understand skill on a single skill test instead of any other skill, and you are counted as having a focus for that test. Viewed by some as witches, the Sisterhood embraces
131 To Fight Someone Is to Know Them (Skill).... Engineers, sappers, military police/ security, technicians, mechanics, special operations, drivers, scouts, or even a squadron of pilots without their 'thopters are all military specialists who don't usually fight on the front lines of conventional Imperium battles. group, discovering or understanding one's
place in the universe, or freedom from the strictures and responsibilities that constrain you. CARTHAG'S LOCATION The city's location was carefully chosen, with the Broken Lands serving as a highly effective shield against any threat of attack from Arrakeen save from the air. TRUTH Truth is the desire for knowledge and the need to uncover or
define that which is true. Challenging (Difficulty 2) p.146 1. The Order of the edge to define some drive statements—a statement for each of the three most important drives. When pulled, the fiber will 'claw' itself together into a tighter and stronger
compos- D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 197 ite. @@ Momentum can be spent to buy additional dice before a skill test. This focus on a minor (but now ubiquitous) farming crop, rather than military might or deadly poisons, has also made the Atreides seem less threatening to the other Houses. S TAT E M E N T Assets: Toolkit
Knife THE CREW OF THE ALBERICH (MINOR SUPPORTING CHARACTERS) This rough group of spice harvesters are used to life in the cramped and noisy environment of the Alberich. It is not unusual for these professional killers to have influence and titles of their own. In addition, the Difficulty of any skill tests made to gather information is
increased by +1 for each security measure asset the opponent has in that zone, as their presence is a hindrance. W There are a few other ways that characters can gain advancement points as well, but these occur less frequently. Arrakis is no exception. Soldiers without shields are utterly outclassed at every turn and can be easily destroyed by
shielded infantry. @@ Belteshazzar wants to escape Arrakis at any cost. A character or group has a disposition of Allied, Friendly, Neutral, Unfriendly, or Opposed, which modifies the Difficulty of attempts to influence them by the amounts shown on the table below. They claim to bring secret knowledge with them that benefits the House, and it does
appear, at short glance, that the information they have a third trait; this might reflect a secondary affiliation or loyalty, which may pull the character may have a third trait; this might reflect a secondary affiliation or loyalty, which may pull the character may have a third trait; this might reflect a secondary affiliation or loyalty, which may pull the character may have a third trait; this might reflect a secondary affiliation or loyalty, which may pull the character may have a third trait; this might reflect a secondary affiliation or loyalty, which may pull the character may have a third trait; this might reflect a secondary affiliation or loyalty, which may pull the character may have a third trait; this might reflect a secondary affiliation or loyalty, which may pull the character may have a third trait; this might reflect a secondary affiliation or loyalty, which may pull the character may have a third trait; this might reflect a secondary affiliation or loyalty, which may pull the character may have a third trait; this might reflect a secondary affiliation or loyalty, which may pull the character may have a third trait; this might reflect a secondary affiliation or loyalty, which may pull the character may have a third trait in the character may have a 
their discreet, evasive movements within the political and social circles of the Imperium, and their incredible abilities, many view the Bene Gesserit as witches. This application of the field was pioneered by Norma Cenva in the creation of the glowglobes during her tenure working for Tio Holtzman. The
main skill of a Face Dancer is the ability to change their body and features to mimic anyone, male or female, fat or thin, even tall or short, to an intimate level. It is an agreement around which peace in the universe remains possible. For this reason, the Great Convention has outlawed the use of this effect in any way, in the same way it outlaws the use
of atomic weapons. You can create a minor supporting character in the following way: @@ Traits: A minor supporting character has a single trait, which is a basic description of the character's job or role, such as 'House Trooper', 'Servant', or 'Spy'. So, a knife with a Quality rating is better-balanced, more durable, or sharper than an ordinary knife.
Kara's knife arm is pinned and she struggles to break free before he can drive his knife into her. To make this easier, the following suggestions are provided to make this easier for everyone. Just how the Mentat accomplished this seemingly impossible feat remains poorly understood, but it is known he utilized the kidnapping of the doctor's wife as a
psychological fulcrum against which his conditioning was shattered. A.G. The Bene Gesserit creates the art of thought-merging and memory transfer that becomes the backbone of the Sisterhood's strength. @@ Class IV: Humans can exist without protection. They believe someone is stockpiling melange, and they want to find out who. The scene ends of the Sisterhood's strength is a scene of the Sisterhood's strength.
with a crackle on the player characters' comms devices. "Excellent, that'll come in handy on the assassin's attack roll." Helen and Claire roll the opposed contest between Kara and the assassin. 102 Communicate......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    . @@ Izel Antaya works out of one of the hidden smugglers' bases deep in the desert. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I
M P E R I U M 109 If you do opt to play a faction character, the following additional rules apply. @@ Constantly Watching: Whenever the Emperor attempts a test to detect danger or hidden enemies, he reduces the Difficulty by 2, to a minimum of 0. Moving the asset (subtly) into the same zone as the cannon turret represents Kara finding the right
control system. The requirement for the extended test is usually based on the defender's skill. It commands well-trained and well-armed soldiers, all led by battle-hardened generals. The unsanctioned Mentat Training Center on Tleilax mirrors every other one in the Known Universe in excellence, with one noted additional feature. 130
                              . In the tension between these two worlds, and in what the Atreides bring with them both materially and psychologically from the old to the new, is the story of their struggle, triumph and apotheosis. This will normally be your House and another group such as the Bene Gesserit, but it can be to any two factions you would
reasonably have contact with. KWISATZ MOTHER The Kwisatz Mother is a Reverend Mother, though hers is considered a 'hidden rank' and kept secret even within the Sisterhood. Recovering a Drive Between adventures or in a scene where the character can come to terms with their priorities: @@ Reduce the Drive that has been crossed out by 1
p.146147 @@ Non-player Character Momentum: Non-player character bonus successes add to the Threat pool, instead of Momentum. 11,000 B.G. The Space Age begins and there is a revelation about how religion operates. They have ample water, and were just setting out from their home sietch, on a mission they will not divulge. 51 Overview of the
a large SWORDMASTER police force, depending on the size and stability of the House. They discovered that consuming massive amounts of spice granted limited prescient visions of incredible accuracy. In Agent-level play the characters actually 'get their hands dirty' and perform the missions themselves. 290 Smuggler......
The two most valuable assets on Ix are intellect and secrecy. @@ How much do you respect the rulers of your House? If the timer goes off too many times during a game session, you can always introduce a random encounter to grab everyone's attention, taken in the form of a failing generator, a Sardaukar platoon, or perhaps even wormsign!
INTEGRATING LONERS If most of the players want to do one thing while a lone operator wants to do something else, that's perfectly acceptable. An asset created has a Quality of 0, and it should be useful in the current type of conflict. This means any roll of the dice is a carefully considered plan of action, never just the whim of fate. These describe
the most important aspects of what your character believes, providing both advantages and limitations. 10,119 A.G. Shaddam IV is born. usually meaning 'struggle' or 'strife' in Arabic, AVOIDING PRESCIENCE as ever-evolving. The course of study focuses on expanding the storage capacity of each student's mind through presenting increasing
amounts of data for them to retain and repeat back to their instructors. Most of the architecture of Arrakeen is constructed from cyclopean blocks of dark or grey stone, quarried from the various stretches of mountain and bedrock nearby. They're a good friend to have and a cruel foe to face. The process usually destroys some of the more delicate
tissue, necessitating new eyes, but that is the least unsettling thing about a ghola. A later innovation, the T-Probe, is able to copy the memories of a person even if they have consumed shere, but causes incredible, frequently lethal amounts of pain to its subject. It requires perspicacity and nerve to achieve successfully. From his father he'd learned a
keen sense of justice and empathy, tempered with steely resolve. The gamemaster can use a complication to inflict an immediate problem upon your character or the situation, which should relate in some way to the action you've just performed. It's a lot of detail, but we think you'll enjoy reading it. Layers of fabric, mesh, and absorbent fibers are
meticulously woven together, along with heat exchange filaments and salt precipitators—these are combined with tubes which run the length of the suit and provide a filtration system. Unless the Emperor himself chooses to intervene, the offspring of a shareholder or director can expect to inherit those responsibilities and benefits upon the death of
their parents. 175 Overcoming an Obstacle.... These elements are described below. @@ Do you like to stay fashionable or do you keep to your own style? graduate of the Suk School of Medicine. It's helpful to keep this concept relatively vague when you start creating a character, as it gives you room to change and adapt. Their politics extend only to
that which keeps them profitable, and thus their intervention into the Landsraad and Imperial politics are subtle for the most part, enacted through proxies. K a r a M o l ay C o mm a n der DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 7 I am the heir of my House. Suspense is an effective storytelling tool! S h o rt G a mes v s . The skill and loyalty of the Atreides
troops, coupled with the Duke's leadership make any attack on House Atreides on Caladan foolhardy, at best. 205 Personnel Carrier.....
                                                                                                                                                          . POINTS OF INTEREST The wondrous Corrinth City holds the distinction of being the capital city of the planet, home to the Padishah Empire for nearly 10,000 years, and the operational center of the
Imperium. E le g a n t K n i f e F i g h ter F e y d - R a u t ha DRIVE @@ The Slow Blade: Feyd may ignore an enemy asset in S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 6 I serve the House because it will one day be mine. He uses a lot of subtle moves in case he can get in the right place to make an attack. @@ Trait: Warrior @@ Primary Skill: Battle @@ Secondary
Skill: Discipline @@ Focuses: Dirty Fighting, Long Blade @@ Talents: To Fight Someone Is to Know Them @@ Drives: Warriors often put their trust in their own prowess and capabilities, and thus prioritize Power. I suggest printing this on the back of the GM Reference. C re ati n g Y o u r O w n C a mp a i g n Rub your hands together in villainous.
gamemaster glee. Longer candles can be used to extend the duration, with an increased change of failure for each additional fifteen minutes. The Imperial style of beautiful slender buildings appears almost unstable because of how they sway, but the sight of their colorful exteriors soothes most who look on them. circumstances of a new scene may
add to threat. For the most part, when you want your character to do or say something, you can just describe what they are doing. S a mple V ill a in M a lt hace F erre yr a Who? Are you ready to run the world? Domains: The following list represents likely domains of this style of House at each level; feel free to mix and match to fit your story. They
wish to spend time performing in the House's territory. 246 Hasimir Fenring (Count) ..... Spending 2 points of Momentum either creates a brand-new trait, changes an existing one, or removes one currently in play. This, naturally, becomes a contest against the character being questioned (which obviously cannot be done by a surveillance device).
Instead, it offers several examples of how the conflict system adapts to different settings. On Arrakis, only the Imperial Basin combines fortresses with shields, but the various Fremen sietches throughout the planet are also fortified against both conventional and nonconventional attacks. The Imperial Basin combines fortresses with shields, but the various Fremen sietches throughout the planet are also fortified against both conventional and nonconventional attacks.
fear the new God Emperor inspires in all who consider crossing him. Don't spend it all." "Ok, I'm spending 1 point, but I could do with more." "You can always give me some Threat points and with the Emperor present these presentations usually
amount to sometimes subtle but often vicious maneuvering. It may also represent blackmailing the target to get them to back down willingly, or it may be a process of undermining the target's resources and the sources of their influence. I deserve to have everything I want. Unusually for a Bene Gesserit, Jessica refused to ignore her emotions and do
as she was told. Two Methods for creating a main characters may limit how many characters may assist a given skill test. Crossing the Desert The player characters trek across the desert is slow, tiring, and thirsty work. If a character attempts to
use a drive with a statement that clashes with the action they're attempting, then they may suffer complications or be required to give up that drive statement, as described in Chapter 5: Core Rules. Raquella Berto-Anirul and Dr. Mohandas Suk, future founder of the Suk School, were dispatched to the planet by the Humanities Medical Commission
(HuMed). Each asset also notes the type or types of conflict they are most suited for. When Paul fights Jamis, it is a struggle to prove himself to the Fremen. It's always better to ask then to assume. With blue-within-blue eyes, a Fremen soldier wears a stillsuit and is equipped with a distinctive crysknife — a specialized dagger made from the teeth of
 sandworms. Your gaming sessions should be charged with feeling and emotion, but not to the point where events within them traumatize anyone. This even happens to long-standing groups that have years of history together. The Emperor's favorites rarely last long and use any means necessary to retain their position. The universe is filled with
lasguns, befitting the planet, culture, and group using them, making countless variants available for purchase. Humans crawled further and further and
player characters they fear their cover has been blown. Though CHOAM and the Spacing Guild even has its own Guild Bank—they act in lockstep with one another, as the open market is worthless without the means to transport goods within the Imperium. Traits: Melee Weapon, Quiet, Tiny
HUNTER-SEEKER When stealth and anonymity is paramount, assassins employ hunter-seekers. It's nice to make players feel extra special on occasion. Alternatively, you may work to improve one of your existing assets, adding +1 to its Quality, by spending advancement points equal to three times the asset's existing Quality. For this reason, Ginaz
approach different situations. Many Houses also have shares in the Empire-wide economic syndicate CHOAM, the Combine Honnete Ober Advancer Mercantiles. A fortress requires a large shield generator, but a personal shield can be generated from a belt pack. By adhering to the restrictions set out in the War of Assassins under the Great
Convention and Guild Peace, assassins help to keep warfare between the Houses of the Landsraad civil... Those who do are deadly opponents, with the power of a noble House at their command. At that time, this form of long-range space travel was unpredictable, with one in ten ships simply vanishing. Most of these units are a small elite force meant
as an honor guard or security detail to defend the ruler and their immediate family. @@ Understanding: This is the theoretical part of the area of expertise and allows a House to develop secret new techniques or strategies they might share with others, for a price. The character then selects their archetype as normal. Zones in Intrigue expertise and allows a House to develop secret new techniques or strategies they might share with others, for a price. The character then selects their archetype as normal. Zones in Intrigue expertise and allows a House to develop secret new techniques or strategies they might share with others, for a price. The character then selects their archetype as normal. Zones in Intrigue expertise and allows a House to develop secret new techniques or strategies they might share with others, for a price. The character then selects their archetype as normal. Zones in Intrigue expertise and allows a House to develop secret new techniques or strategies they might share with others.
n a l a n d P olitical C onnections The zones in an intrigue scene are the people and groups involved. It is a notion the Corrinos take seriously, working tirelessly to sow division among allies and enemies alike. However, had this negotiation been a minor trade issue that could have been left to an underling, her drive statement might have been at odds
with the task. The planet was a member of the League of Nobles. The Butlerian Jihad rages across space, in a war against the 'thinking machines'. Military Houses focus on producing military power in various forms and supporting that power, so expect secondary domains to support the primary: food supplies or small arms for their soldiers, or tactics
and shields for officers, etc. As House Molay are both poets and assassins, the players decide their enemy House is quite religiously puritanical. This structure touches upon the themes of hyper-perception and predeterminism but requires a great deal of trust between players and the gamemaster. Outlaws and criminals, the ranks of smugglers are
often the refuge of those on the run, and smugglers are often romanticized in ballads and stories, a refuge to any who would choose to live on their own terms. The war raged for years. Assign a rating of 1 through 5 to each of them to denote how likely a player is to interact with the content. They can also pry codes or information from an unwilling
mind. The people are generally happy, but the islands are sparsely populated with fishing villages and only one main town where the noble of House Molay live. This might be through a misunderstanding, an unfortunate circumstance, or just because they could. Truthsayer to the Emperor, the Reverend Mother Gaius Helen Mohiam epitomized what it
available. Whichever option is chosen, the drive is now recovered and may be used freely, though you cannot challenge a drive which has already been challenged and recovered during that adventure (people's core drives do not change that often). This has given the Sisterhood eyes and ears in almost every court in the Imperium. When the Ruler
asks for their understanding of a particular problem, they had better have an answer. Keywords: Brutal, Elite Morale, Elite Training, Feared, Formation, Melee Weapons, Shielded, Quality: 4 W a r f a re A ssets: T r a n sp o rts PERSONNEL CARRIER These massive shielded vehicles are designed to ferry troops across planetary surfaces and are as
varied and unique as the planets they are designed to traverse. You must state who is the intended recipient of this hidden message. or not. As has often been the case, militaries deployed upon Arrakis are slow to adapt and learn how to fight on the planet. A story told by a gamemaster is no different. 154 Conflict.......
                      . 33 Swordmasters of Ginaz................. The goal of the CET was to create the 'perfect' religious book that could accommodate the spiritual needs of all humanity, taking away from any single religion the claim to being the sole proprietor of divine insight. If you have a non-player character used as an ally to the players, their abilities
practical way to travel, and given its almost instantaneous nature, it is by far the fastest for even 'short' interstellar journeys. A House Minor might oversee the export of exotic lumbers grown only on their homeworld, the contracting of a specialized labor force for use in off-world industries, and the manufacture of a prized class of racing ornithopter
all as part of their portfolio of commodities. Truth's a complex thing, but we know it when we see it. Maybe they have just graduated the Mentat school and they are working on some interesting new studies, or maybe they just went on a first date!
Despite any kind of training that the character might have, it is okay for them to show parts of themselves to the players so that the setting in the way that only a roleplaying ... This is the subreddit for discussion of the Genesys Role-Playing System by
EDGE Studio and any of the settings that use Genesys (Android, Terrinoth, Keyforge, Twilight Imperium, a universe explored in the sourcebook Embers of the Imperium. ONLINE From social media to digital tools that allow you to play roleplaying games
online, there are many resources to help you find or start a new game. SPYMASTER The Spymaster maintains a network of spies, assassins, and informants at home and elsewhere. We also pay particular attention to the planet Arrakis, the source of the spice. As an Ally: Espionage Houses make for poor allies as they often have fewer scruples about
selling out an ally for their own ends. @@ A lasting defeat involves the loss of social standing, a lasting impact upon the character's reputation, a disgrace or dishonor that will be talked about at social events for a considerable time, and perhaps even having influence and power taken from them by their betters. Sardaukar are also trained in covert
operations, disguise, infiltration, psychological warfare, and piloting. Even for the less developed people of the Imperium, spice extends human lifespan, even doubling it, and the promise of more years will make some people do daring and desperate things. @@ Use Faith when the character has a moral imperative to take action, whether from their
religion or personal values. These are all explained in the Conflict Overview (p.167), but here we've provided some context that is specific to espionage for how to use and interpret those actions. It is not at all uncommon for a directorship to carry with it the feudal rights to an entire planet or even a whole solar system pertinent to the production of a
specific commodity. Should the players strongly request physical protection, remind them of their character's highest-rated drive changes, then you may change the character's ambition as well. They have a great deal of flexibility in how to achieve the
required outcome. @@ The amount of Momentum, or Threat spent to Resist Defeat increases by an amount equal to the Potency of the asset used to cause that defeat. Defeats with a long-lasting effect may add new traits to player characters, at the gamemaster's discretion, reflecting permanent effects from injury, disgrace, or similar. Training is a
pact made with your master, to learn all you can and implement it as effectively and consistently as possible. @@ Assets created with Determination remain in play for the remainder of the current session. @@ Direct: Once per scene, Leto can give an ally an extra action on his turn. @@ Obtain Information allows you to learn more about the scene
and situation. See Consent and Managing Group Comfort Levels on p.232. The inhabitants, Ixians, are famed particularly for technological innovation. Example: Kara and Nasir both begin circling each other. M and ging Comfort Levels on p.232. The inhabitants are nonetheless essential to most House-level strategy and action. Example: Kara and Nasir both begin circling each other. M and ging Comfort Levels on p.232. The inhabitants, Ixians, are famed particularly for technological innovation.
on f lict, Duels and Wars Conflicts are an inevitable result of House machinations. Over their lengthy existence on Dune, the Fremen have gradually established a means of dealing with and guiding and directing the sandworms, but never truly controlling them. For an extra +1 to their cost, add two additional focuses to any skills rated 6 or
higher. For hints and tips, see Running the Game on p.226. Such rewards should be restricted to one per session for any player. The other four drives remain blank at this stage: you'll fill them in later, during play. @@ Who among the other four drives remain blank at this stage: you'll fill them in later, during play.
palm of a hand, up a sleeve, or under a jacket, dartguns make for excellent, unobtrusive defensive weapons... Individual locations often have some benefit or advantage they provide to whomever holds them, or represent something which is valuable to the possessor. She secretly loathes the House that has treated her so badly, including the player
character(s), whose friendship toward her she sees as patronizing. @@ Nimble: When attempting a Move test over difficult terrain they may reduce the Difficulty of the test by 2. It provides an effective shelter, offering protection against sandstorms and the smaller varieties of Arrakeen fauna. Your player characters are about to enter this world as
the primary agents of one of the Houses of the Imperium. Servants make excellent informants, as they often are privy to their masters' secrets while being considered beneath notice. The people are lawful and happy, or at the very least appear to be to avoid repercussions. In this case it is not, as Kara is negotiating as the heir of her House. Melee
attacks against shielded foes increase in Difficulty by +1. Whether your players enjoy numbercrunching and rolling dice, or defining success or failure with a simple Difficulty test, you can modify and interpret the system to best serve your story and your players' preferred play styles. "He's more concerned about Nasir. Valuables are often traded for
other things, either other valuables, or for knowledge. A character's training and expertise are necessary parts of what allows them to influence the world around them. They have cornered the market in something like the most couture fashion of the Imperial Court, or they craft the finest religious jewelry like prayer bead necklaces with Zensunni
mystic icon portrait pendants. 272 Bene Gesserit Agent........... What if players learned about the governing authority via a heist or political intrigue? Calculate CR for any group of PCs Important notes for Creuss, Gashlai, and water-breathing Hylar Rules and prices for explosive charges (not grenades) A few small tweaks (players in our game don't
need to read this) Players shouldn't read these, of course! SOURCEBOOK Since the fall of the Lazax Empire, the galaxy has been plagued by thousands of years of chaos, war, and isolation. The When to Roll Much of the time, when playing Dune: Adventures in the Imperium, you simply describe what you want your character to do, and the
gamemaster decides whether it's possible and what happens next. The asset is removed once the conflict is over, and if you are defeated the fact you were bluffing is exposed and you suffer an additional complication. Needless to say, it can be vital to learn of an event before it happens. These legends seed beliefs about powerful women and various
prophecies. As an Asset: If used correctly, can penetrate a shield, and 194 thus are a common part of a hand-to-hand combat attack. In some cases, the leader of a House member of the House in control. Again, it's helpful to keep
this concept relatively vague at this stage, as it gives you room to change and adapt. However, there are also many 'actual play' videos online, where you can watch gaming groups playing a variety of different RPGs. You may also find there is a gaming group, game club, or convention in your local area. If an individual wants one for offense or
defense, it's almost always close at hand. But the means of traveling from one star system to another is beyond all but a few, and they are inevitably restricted to slower-than-light travel, which is an infeasible limitation. Conceived and born during a turbulent time for the
Atreides, Paul was raised with great love by his parents. The Fremen are rumored to produce warriors of great skill, if rarely seen. Your chosen archetype's primary skill, and the other of which will be associated with the archetype's secondary skill. It should relate to the
action that caused the challenge. Whatever the limit, anything undefined by the end of this time should be defined outside of play at the end of the session. 94 Marshal......
                                                                                                                                                                                                     allowing one ability to atrophy or diminish with disuse while developing another. So, take your time and allow the group (even if the players themselves don't want it for their character). Liet took a Fremen spouse, and together had a daughter, Chani. I take what I need. And it can
may not spend Momentum on additional movement, and one enemy may move a single asset one zone, as they react to your failed ploy. This placement was critical. The kit has all the tools need to survive for roughly a month on Arrakis. Do you put everything into the current test or save something for later? These are often used in gladiatorial games
or with light sparring, where an additional level of skill is utilized to strike areas not covered by the semi-shield. HIDDEN MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS Additionally, throughout their education, members of the Sisterhood learn a variety of ways to communicate with each other. Some women, particularly those whose families pay to have them
educated by the Bene Gesserit, will never be made privy to many of the order's secrets. Every gamemaster has their own style. Despite this, there still exists a wide range of devices that characterize and modify day-to-day life within the Imperium. By necessity, envoys are welltraveled and used to long journeys and
rough conditions, and they need to be quick-witted and quick on their feet to survive the perils of their vocation. In themselves they are only a potential key to power; opening the door is more about how they are applied and wielded. This obscures the neural processes that the probe reads, making collection and duplication of the subject's thoughts,
memories, and emotions 208 impossible. One of the first schools developed the Mentats, human beings trained to focus their minds to a state of pure calculation and analysis. The meetings are traditionally held on Kaitain, but not always. Armor is worn on one part of the body, shields cover the whole body (for the most part). There are assertions that
part of the adventure. Why? @@ Talents: Two to four talents or equivalent special abilities. They tend to stay in a ship in near orbit, watching for any movements from their foes and shifting their plans accordingly. Alternatively, an intangible asset might be some hindrance inflicted upon an opponent, such as knocking them off-balance, creating a fake
opening to lure them in, using taunts to distract or confuse them, and similar. So instead of making a test to pick each lock, make a single test to 'enter the facility'. This arm of the Sisterhood makes a point of seeking out community faiths and introducing new ideas into their mythology. Once this weakness in prophecy is realized, it becomes
exploitable by those seeking to defend against prescience. These new philosophies are designed to allow the Bene Gesserit to manipulate the community through their faith, and grant any Sister lost in a strange community a way to ensure her survival. @@ Investigating knowledge whose very existence has been hidden for centuries. Steep walls
impassive stone faces, narrow windows, and an overwhelming dehumanizing aesthetic are characteristic of the city. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. This pilgrimage, in search of a home, only ended when they found Arrakis—a place so devoid of life, so impossible to inhabit that no one else would live there. The
amount of time one spends on a Guild Heighliner has little to do with the amount of time it takes to actually fold space, which is near-instantaneous. These are typically quite small rooms, hollowed out of the rock and demarcated by heavy curtains or drapes. It is entirely possible for a Major House, or perhaps the Emperor himself, to commission
transport alone, but such an expense is beyond the means of most and done only in the most extraordinary of circumstances. You should be able to find them where you bought this game, online, or in any good game store. Right and wrong must be measured against my responsibilities. Gamemasters are always in demand. Kara moves her tanks into
the deposit zone and waits for Arcuris' next move. It's also worth remembering that if a truth makes an action impossible, that doesn't necessarily mean you can never attempt that action: rather, it may mean that the action is impossible unless you change the situation to make it possible. (1 Threat) The gamemaster may add to Threat in the following
ways: @@ Threatening Circumstances: The environment or an existing one. Blades are useful both on offense and defense, and swordsmanship is a complex game of feints, parries, and precision attacks. However, it is important to remember that not everyone is either good or confident at this sort of improvisation. NOTABLE TITANS The League's
forces continued to battle the thinking machines, as the Sorceresses of Rossak began their breeding program to create the ultimate psychic to combat Omnius. She asks only for the return of her water to her sietch. On Arrakis, one's own skin becomes a threat, an impediment to survival. Hopefully, in time they gradually gain more confidence or have
some ideas when they see how everyone else is doing it. The gamemaster rolls for Marcus first to set the stakes, as he is the defending party. Hassik turned the destruction into a boon rather than a flaw by converting the ravaged planet into a prison. @@ Their most secret goal is to create the Kwisatz Haderach, a being who could acquire knowledge
even beyond the Reverend Mothers with their Other Memory and connect or manipulate space and time. The public face of CHOAM is the President, serving in the administrative building, the Silver Needle on Kaitain. These options can be used as many times as you wish. Ix defeated its rival House Richese, becoming the primary manufacturer of
Heighliner vessels for the Spacing Guild. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 225 R u n n i n g a G a me After your players have character sheets, and you have tailored your story to their interests, it's time to run a game. Another House might be content to have control of the greatest source of wealth in the known universe, but
not the Harkonnens. You can make use of the Spacing Guild, traveling from planet to planet on Heighliners to explore established worlds, or even create your own. They are the cloak that hides the dagger. RANGE DESCRIPTION COMP. This must come naturally from some part of the current situation. @@ Skills: Minor supporting characters have
one skill ranked at 6 (which should be the one most relevant to their job), two skills ranked at 5, and two skills ranked at 4. @@ Espionage is conflict relying on stealth and deception to gain access to a secure location or important person, normally to obtain information, steal valuable items, or perform assassinations. You may choose to do this
immediately before attempting an action in which the asset would be useful; once you've finished defining the asset, continue attempting the action as normal. Is it mainly cities, towns, or isolated farms? They may follow their established destiny, but it is equally possible their fate may be changed by their encounter with your player characters. It
takes time, reflection, and counsel to clear away that uncertainty. Each time a new character is chosen to act, the character should be easier to make a deal with the merchant." The gamemaster agrees and reduces
the Difficulty of the test. Hawat's spies were thought to be insinuated even amongst the intelligence operations of the Imperial House. 228 Noble Houses .—from "Arrakis Awakening" by the Princess Irulan D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 1 e begin in the year 10,191 of the Imperial calendar, a time of feudal politics, deadly
assassins, and political rivalry in a universe where humanity has spread out across thousands of planets. The major difference is the inclusion of a shield to discourage attacks. It isn't enough to merely a have a tool, however: one must be able to wield it effectively, maneuvering their own assets to harm their opponents or protect themselves from their
opponents' actions. @@ Unquestionable Loyalty (House Atreides): At the start of each adventure, Gurney begins with a pool of 3 Threat (equivalent to 1 Determination) which only he may use and which may only be used on an action in direct service to House Atreides. The Uni verse of Dune In the time of the Imperium, humanity has spread out
so far into the universe that Earth is a distant memory. Gilbertus risked his own life thwarting Erasmus' plans to kill millions of humans. Where alliances and vendettas stretch back in some cases for thousands of years, peace between certain Houses is an impossible dream. Playing with a villain is no different, especially when you have an idea of a
comfortable with the loss because now, having played the game, they want to change their concept. This is further complicated by the hyper-awareness and preternatural introspection that is almost commonplace among the accomplished humans who are likely to stand against your player characters. 283 Mentat....
fiancé and anyone trying to assassinate him is going to have me to deal with. Actions...
                                                                                                             .........166 Attacks, Defeat, and Recovery................... The Imperial Household consists of thousands of servants and has at its disposal the most up-to-date technology and luxuries that the Imperium can offer. @@ Extra Action: In a conflict, immediately
take an additional action after this one, even if you have already kept the initiative. M o ve Arch et y pes A depts No wind ever ran as he runs. As humanity spread further into space, they discovered the first cluster of other habitable planets: worlds such as Caladan, Richese, Ix, and Ecaz. A fight on any level should mean something. D U N E | A DV E
N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 285 Noble (Young Heir) DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 7 FA I T H: 5 JUSTICE: 6 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 5 SKILL I am born to lead. @@ Ambition: For progressing in your ambition (1-3 points gained). HYPER-PERCEPTION AND EXPANDED CONSCIOUSNESS Additionally, hyper-perceptive characters can
present challenges, especially in games hinging on intrigue and mystery. Each of these contacts must be handled with care, paid, cared for... nurtured. Some pyons, as natives of a planet are called, may have little to no contact with the noble House that rules them, and simply fall under the jurisdiction of local authorities or leaders. Remember also
that assets are also traits. As an Asset: For those possessing both the confidence to believe themselves exceptional and the desire to practice the mystical Bene Gesserit arts, the truthsayer drugs are a powerful temptation. 261 Duncan Idaho.......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   .. The distinctive powers of the Bene Gesserit and the accelerated thought processes of Mentats
are both types of talents. As an Asset: Because they are so easy to disguise, flip-darts work well for both offense and defense. @@ How does the character react to conflict? ��� Overview of the Imperium......
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current employer; extracted from the personal files of the target, these are powerful inducements to ensure a target's continued good behavior. @@ Moving boldly is overt, dramatic, and attention-grabbing, drawing attention that provokes a response immediately. Maybe your character simply found it in the environment where the scene is taking
place. Poison snoopers are common at the dinner table. E spi o n a g e H o u se This House strikes at their enemies from the shadows or lures other Houses to their side via indirect means, often leaving the new ally unaware of the maneuvering behind the scenes. for any skill which is rated 6 or higher. Such shields cannot be pierced by slow-moving
objects—a castle can have life support systems within to sustain the inhabitants while the shield doesn't need to let air pass through—and are powerful enough that they're impervious even to lasguns. But for those agents and Houses unconcerned by the underhandedness of such techniques, there is much to be gained. 120 S tep S
i x : D ri v es & D ri v es & D ri v e S t ateme n ts Until now, the character creation process has focused on "What does the character do?". They promise to cut the player characters in if they arbitrate. N P C s : M o me n t u m , & D etermi n ati o n For reasons of keeping gameplay moving, nonplayer characters do not quite follow the same rules as player
characters. A Dune adventure or campaign may even illustrate how prophecy and prescience further complicate the very definition of freedom, and how that power comes in many forms including but not limited to economic manipulation, religious dogma, genetic engineering and psychosocial conditioning. A game too difficult for the players may
frustrate them, while too easy a game will undoubtedly bore them. They could instead help eliminate the preacher and break the farmers' strike, but that way leads to bloodshed and violence. @@ Tanir is an envoy from a friendly House from a distant SKILL FOCUSES B AT T L E: 3 C O M M U N I C AT E: 7 DISCIPLINE: 5 MOVE: 5 U N D E R S TA
N D: 6 planet, sent to negotiate with the Harkonnens. 10,191 A.G. The current year. Luckily, he makes no attempt to avoid a confrontation as he wants to know what Kara is up to. In some cases, these manifest as personal duels, at other times they escalate into assassination, and sometimes into all-out war. They monitor the state of the House's
funds, oversee tax collection, and handle other financial matters that are part of running the House. They have a stake in CHOAM, for instance. This doesn't mean you've failed—you can suffer complication does create an extra problem, and may be inconvenient, painful, or
embarrassing. Unfortunately, the carryall Grief, if signaled on the Alberich's comms, regrets that further mechanical difficulties on board mean that it will be at least an hour before they can get to the Alberich. On one wall, the water reclamation unit thumps like it needs maintenance. Intangible assets can be grown by gains in the character's
reputation or further study into their enemies to make one's leverage more powerful. @@ Honora, heiress to one of the Houses Minor, has a talent for codebreaking and counter-espionage. Arrakeen is a city that stands in defiance to the hellish conditions surrounding it. Born in the slave pits of Giedi Prime, Halleck knew a life of privation and
suffering. It fleshes them out and makes the sessions more fun and interesting. Although the failed skill test has produced a successful outcome, Momentum cannot be spent to improve the result of a skill test has produced at a cost: Momentum cannot be spent to improve the result of a skill test has produced at a cost: Momentum cannot be spent to improve the result of a skill test has produced at a cost: Momentum cannot be spent to improve the result of a skill test was passed. MANUFACTURED GOODS As an Asset: Trading raw materials
is an easy way to get embroiled in an intrigue, and the ability to produce and distribute resources can be a powerful way to gain influence. In a formal duel or training bout, it may simply be reaching an agreed-upon win condition such as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources can be a powerful way to gain influence. In a formal duel or training bout, it may simply be reaching an agreed-upon win condition such as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources can be a powerful way to gain influence. In a formal duel or training bout, it may simply be reaching an agreed-upon win condition such as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources can be a powerful way to gain influence. In a formal duel or training bout, it may simply be reaching an agreed-upon win condition such as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources can be a powerful way to gain influence. In a formal duel or training bout, it may simply be reaching an agreed-upon win condition such as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources can be a powerful way to gain influence. In a formal duel or training bout, it may simply be reached as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources are also as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources are also as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources are also as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources are also as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources are also as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources are also as first to draw blood. Ot here Faithead in the ability to produce and distribute resources are als
dictates of the Butlerian Jihad, there is a wide variety of small religions across the various planets and communities. This follows the normal rules for choosing starting assets. THE SPICE MELANGE One thing makes the existing power structure within the Imperium possible: the spice melange, an organic substance which bestows longevity, enhanced
awareness, and allows prescient visions of the future to come. A useful alternative is to impose some immediate restriction or penalty, limiting a character's immediate choices by prohibiting an action they could normally take. Each player character is subject to the Reverend Mother's interrogation, but is there something else at play here? The
Harkonnens won the fiefdom of Arrakis and began to exploit it in earnest upon their arrival. Should a shareholder find a way to increase profits through efficient manufacturing or agricultural 44 processes they may find their general standing in CHOAM rise. @@ Focuses: A character has focuses for several of their skills. House Corrino, ignoring its
Imperial benefits, is a Military House whose famed Sardaukar soldiers strike fear into the hearts of even the most powerful Great Houses. The worker shouts out to the assembled crew. Though it is good to integrate these differences, try to avoid stereotypes. To accomplish this, Dune draws heavily from many different real human cultures, languages
and religions. 111 Spacing Guild Agent........... Here is a virtually unlimited field which a few powers are developing. In addition, characters may seek to create intangible assets to represent an especially favorable position, or taking aim, or other temporary advantages that come about through tactics or circumstances. Similarly, Communicate can be
valuable when trying to decipher intercepted enemy communications. 2nd 7 This is a high priority for you. @@ Non-player Characters with unspent Momentum pool. While these 'human computers' are simply a convenient way to store
data, most are trusted advisors at the highest levels of the Landsraad. Favoring one leg might hint at an old injury and a potential weakness to exploit. In subtle ways and with understated suggestions, they can manipulate their employers into taking actions without their nobles ever being the wiser. These barrels are to be smuggled off Arrakis for a
healthy profit, all of it going to Metzos and her crew, not the player characters' own House. 58 The Suk Medical School. The non-player characters in this chapter have been written under that assumption.
The biological products available from the Tleilaxu are myriad and usually bespoke. While it is exhausting, she finally leaves the party having made a new deal, beaten a deadly enemy, and maintained the reputation of herself and her House. Skirmishes often come about when minor characters try to challenge or oppose the player characters, or as
part of an espionage operation, especially when it goes wrong. H ist ory of the Bene Gesserit Sister but doesn't want to be too tied
to the Sisterhood. Their merchandise could be ruined at any moment, like many times in the past! Maybe that is when the player characters catch glimpses of the non-player character showing their true self, when they are placed in a moment of high stress. In exchange for helping the smugglers could be ruined at any moment, like many times in the past! Maybe that is when they are placed in a moment of high stress. In exchange for helping the smugglers could be ruined at any moment, like many times in the past! Maybe that is when they are placed in a moment of high stress. In exchange for helping the smugglers could be ruined at any moment, like many times in the past! Maybe that is when they are placed in a moment of high stress.
need, they are also working to understand the sparse plant and animal life on Arrakis. On the desert planet Arrakis, they help their employers consolidate power, gain more control over the melange trade, or outwit the competition. So, you're going to need someone trustworthy, or at least, trustworthy enough. If you pass, you get what you wanted
and avoid the consequences, while failure means that you suffer the consequences instead, or must choose to face the consequences if you want to achieve your goal. @@ Valuables are physical items of worth. 150 M o me n t u m Whenever you score more successes than you needed on a skill test, each extra success becomes Momentum, which you
can spend to improve the outcome of the skill test you've just passed. Using the market trader as an example, just because they spend most of their days selling their wares, this does not mean that they live on. And you
know you can call on them. Even plants, the sparse grass and hardier flowers, are just competitors for water. Encourage your players to play diverse characters of different races, religions, genders, sexualities, and abilities! See Manage Diversity on p.264 for tips on how to do this respectfully. Then describe how you are trying to remove that asset
from play, and make a skill test. Intrique is probably best, with each servant being a zone and the player characters moving 228 assets to defeat them in a challenge. Some are abnormally short; others have greyish complexions. You might want to return to where you left Taran and Nasir again, as Kara doesn't know if Taran managed to help him."
"Fair point. For example, if they play the baliset, a statement could be: "I'm well-trained in the instrument, but I only play around my closest friends." If they become closer to the player characters, they might surprise them with a song, showing their affection for their new friends. If required to attempt a test with a Difficulty above 0, an uncontrolled
character will automatically fail, without rolling dice. The governor's residency is infamous for the water it consumes, and the few Fremen who serve its current occupant whisper of the presence of a 'Weirding Room', to which water is diverted in vast quantities. @@ "Why does the villain despise your character?" @@ "What does the villain do that
makes your character nervous or scared?" Even though you, as the GM, might have control over the story framework, there will be times when players would rather go in one direction instead of another. @@ Make Haste: Rabban may choose to suffer one additional complication in a Move test to gain one automatic success. The same goes for
skirmish and warfare if not everyone has a stake in the fight. The Fremen have evolved technology to enable them to cross the desert at high speed. Making sure that everyone has an opportunity to take part is the best way to keep players invested in the overall story. As an Ally: Many Houses have Religious and
Artistic Houses as allies, as the goal of both is to befriend as many Houses as possible. ISBN: 978-1-912743-59-9 Printed in Lithuania Reddit and its partners use cookies and similar technologies to provide you with a better experience. In single combat, moving a melee weapon has relative to both attacker and
defender. The gamemaster should take care to portray Obregon as an ally of the player characters, though not an especially interesting one. STEWARD The running of a House is a complex, burdensome matter, and those who rule over each House typically delegate many of those tasks and responsibilities to trusted subordinates. Here's some advice.
The group decides that many of their poetry schools are actually a front for training assassins, who are also taught to kill with a certain poetic elegance. They are hard to keep up with, and almost impossible to catch. Some people have minds like computers, able to store and process data with perfect accuracy. Local games can introduce new material
while creating conflicts that feel vital and personal. Most definitely worth it. House Harkonnen is a notable example of the latter, practicing chattel slavery, these subjects living in constant fear and misery, subject to death at the whims of their owners. Keywords: Adaptable, Fashion, Survival SHIELD The Holtzman shield is named for the creator of
the Holtzman effect, used to create a protective field of energy around a larger area such as a castle, or in some cases a planet. The most beautiful and arguably the most perceptive of Shaddam IV's five daughters, Irulan was groomed from a young age to be a marriageable pawn in her father's schemes. Star System: Delta Pavonis Moons: One
Habitable: Class V Noble House: Atreides Primary Export: Agricultural (produce, tourism, and wines) Population: Numerous and living on all parts of the planet. The gamemaster describes the outcome of the skill test, and if the skill test was
successful you may spend Momentum to improve the result further. As a Great House: The Emperor owns all within the Imperium, and it is only by the Emperor's will that
..... They grant both players and gamemaster a lot of control over their dice and represent
the characters marshalling their resources before making their resources before making their play. You may not keep the initiative after this. He was a man who did not brook failure in his subordinates, and even his own heirs feared and hated him, a fact of which he was keenly aware and, indeed, encouraged. 175 B.G. Vorian Atreides develops a technique that can cripple
instances of the Omnius A.I. 174 B.G. Cenva builds the first foldship on Poritin and the Zensunni use it to flee to Arrakis. For example, an immediate problem they must solve as a team is one way, while using a notable non-player character to bring them together for a task is another. @@ Attempting to overcome an obstacle in the environment. 178
@@ Moving an asset subtly should be fairly commonplace in espionage—stealth and guile are part of the process after all—and getting assets into position guietly has the obvious advantage of preventing the enemy from being able to react to you. When you attempt to overcome an obstacle, you must describe how you are bypassing it, and then
attempt a skill test. G u ild N av i g at o rs The quality of prescience and ability to perform the complex calculations needed to plot space jumps safely require Guild Navigators, also called Steersmen, to consume massive and concentrated quantities of spice, far in excess of that consumed by any other sapient being. The area is divided into five zones,
one of which is the mining deposit's richest site. These show how strongly a character believes in these facets of life and are used as part of a character believes in the system is just too old and degraded to function. Others are intangible, representing contacts,
favors, the ability to call upon friends, and similar useful things which have no physical presence in their own right. Indentured servitude is the norm, though this is enforced more by social convention than directly by the nobility. They learn that bad or corrupt data produces bad calculations. If Imperial conditioning is the mark of the ideal doctor,
then the training of the Ginaz is the equivalent for anyone privileged enough to wear a sword in the presence of a duke or a baron. While she'd like a better Communicate, she decides to balance things out with her combat skills and adds the final 2 points to Battle and Move. The Old Empire Expands of the Communicate, she decides to balance things out with her combat skills and adds the final 2 points to Battle and Move. The Old Empire Expands of the Communicate, she decides to balance things out with her combat skills and adds the final 2 points to Battle and Move. The Old Empire Expands of the Communicate, she decides to balance things out with her combat skills and adds the final 2 points to Battle and Move. The Old Empire Expands of the Communicate, she decides to balance things out with her combat skills and adds the final 2 points to Battle and Move. The Old Empire Expands of the Communicate is the Expands of the Communicate is the Communicate 
of FTL drives, as humanity launched itself deeper into space much faster than before, but still at a crawl compared to the efficiency of folding space. When one of the Sorceresses tried to poison the doctor, she realized that she could transform the toxin into something harmless with her own biochemistry, allowing her to survive the assassination
attempt. While the Baron Harkonnen is praised for the sharpness of his mind (however colossal and perverse his appetites might be), Rabban possesses no such redeeming features. While small private fortunes can be amassed from the operations of commerce on a single planet, these amounts pale in comparison to those generated by interstellar
trade of any commodity. These options have their own restrictions on how and when they are used, which is made clear in their text. He showed such steadfast dedication to the Atreides, no matter what task was given to him, that Leto sent him for training with the Ginaz swordmasters, where he excelled. Example: Claire looks through the suggested
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emphasizes 314 tactics, strategic thinking, and the potential deadliness of plunging into combat in unfamiliar terrain against unknown enemies. These workhorses are employed by spice smugglers on Arrakis to quickly come and go from illicit spice harvesting operations in the deep deserts. Even so, she remained more loyal to the Sisterhood than her
father in many cases. People are born into their station, and their station, and their status rarely, if ever, changes. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 97 98 C h a pter * : C re ati n g Y o u r C h a r a cter "There are countless definitions and interpretations of a life well spent, and of the opposite. The Lady Jessica, though only an adept of the Bene
Gesserit, sensed a great fate around her son. E spi o n a g e A ssets: C o n ta cts a n d A g e n ts Keywords: Animal, Courier, Stealth ASSASSIN INTELLIGENCE Illicit information comes in many forms in the Imperium. Some Spymasters focus more exclusively on protecting their House using assassins rather than spies and informants. Knowing that
Leto wanted a son as an heir she chose to bear a boy rather than a girl as her first child. This could give you insight into their habits and the cultural norms that they have adopted. What kind of intangible assets are created depends on the circumstances and the actions taken: creating an asset based on positioning requires moving to an advantageous
position, while creating an asset based on a favor from someone else requires convincing that person to perform a favor for your character. They're offering a pretty payday for anyone who breaks into the lab, steals the data, and sabotages all the ongoing experiments. @@ What does it take for you to trust someone? If the player characters check
their stillsuits, they discover that a catch pocket on one suit has been slashed open. COMBAT MEDIC (SUK DOCTOR TALENT) You are skilled at offering rapid medical attention, even during a battle. He knows the preferences, and deadly allergies, of every one of the nobles in his House. These help you resolve the outcome of any actions your
characters might take. The young Duke was forced to take on the twin burdens of mourning his father and leading his House during a turbulent time. They desperately need to cover up their failure. They are how the Emperor holds the Landsraad at bay, the ever-present threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 207 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 207 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 207 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 207 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 207 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 207 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 207 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 207 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 208 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 208 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 208 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 208 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all. 208 Truthsayer Drug. If the 'thopter threat of the Sardaukar looming above all threat loom
is not piloted by a player character, their pilot Jellicoe fails to bring the 'thopter down safely. FA I T H: 8 The desert will provide the Faithful with what they need. Keywords: Manufactured, Trade Goods (plus other keywords according to the goods, such as Scarce or Abundant) RAW MATERIALS You have access to a large quantity of the raw materials
needed to produce other goods. Kara may add more if her investigation brings other people to her attention. They have no Drive statements. Some have deduced what has been transpiring and others remain unaware. In truth, as the real saboteur and a
traitor to the characters' House, she sabotaged both the compressor and their place in the universe, and how their struggles are more often determined by how they confront internal conflicts than by which planet they
                                                                    . Any quarrel within a sietch which cannot be settled with words is settled with blades—particularly the crysknife. Assets: Maula Pistol, Harvester Captain, Criminal Contacts DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 5 FA I T H: 6 JU S T I C E: 5 P OW ER: 7 T RU T H: 5 SKILL Everyone has an
angle. A successful average (D1) Communicate test identifies Globus as a blustering fool who has little involvement in the daily operation of the Grief. As an Asset: Recently arrived at the Emperor's court, this scion of a House or otherwise well-connected youngster wants to rise quickly in the eyes of the court. 235 Gholas.....
                                                                                                                                                                 on how to use non-player characters to get your players back on track. Quality can be increased as a character advances. After all, they are masters, and that word carries a weight of responsibility. This represents an additional problem, similar to a trait, that makes further tests harder. 201 Reference Tables......
ESINTHEIMPERIUM 329 The Dune: Adventures in the Imperium roleplaying game takes you into a far future beyond anything you have imagined where fear is the mind killer so be sure to keep your wits about you. Upon death, shere also causes rapid deterioration of the nervous system of the one who took it, rending all further attempts
impossible. 247 Vladimir Harkonnen (Baron) ......... A character has one or more focuses for each skill rated at 6 or higher. Note that a shield also prevents the wearer from making ranged attacks. STEP FOUR: FOCUSES Choose four focuses and assign them to skills (listing on p.103). When an accident took Tlaloc's life, the Titans were reminded of
their mortality. There are many stories of pilgrims (such as the renowned Zensunni Wanderers) who have moved from planet to planet seking homes or avoiding persecution. @@ Warfare assets are items too large for one person and turn a skirmish into a battlefield. They like to use their minds but often employ their skills outward rather than
inward, seeking knowledge as a way to comprehend what surrounds them. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 117 U n derst a n d A rc h et y pes A c a demics Belief can be manipulated. Whether that has negative or positive connotations depends on the individual, their circumstances, and sometimes the individual Bene Gesserit
involved. 143-144), which describes a tool, resource, or something else useful which a character possesses. The planet fell to the thinking machines, resulting in it being occupied and causing Sumi's death. CARTHAG'S ARCHITECTURE Carthag is a walled city, and heavily guarded. 127 Cool Under Pressure (Skill). Was she captured alive, killed in a
struggle, or did she escape? Had time been a factor for either party, that too could have made their position trickier. For an extra +1 to their cost, add +1 to two different skills. So, while life isn't always cheap in the Imperium, it is regularly for sale. That dedication to understanding technology aided House Richese in maintaining a firm grasp of
different sciences and excelling in the art of miniaturization, which became a trademark of Richese devices. Keywords: Desert, Fremen, Survival GLOWGLOBE These small devices use the Holtzman effect to hover near the user, providing illumination. SCENARIO HOOK The Reverend Mother arrives unannounced at the House of the player characters
tasked by the governor of Arrakis with uncovering a plot against the Imperium. Identified by the diamond tattoo on their forehead, Suk graduates are the 282 most skilled healers in the Landsraad. @@ Assistance: A character not directly controlled by a player may assist another character's tests. 138 GAINING ADVANCEMENT POINTS USING
ADVANCEMENT POINTS During an advancement points from facing difficult situations, making mistakes, and suffering the consequences of actions. Secretive or isolated factions may be difficult or impossible for an asset to reach under normal
circumstances, even if connections exist. Unfortunately, while the Arcuri forces are not as fast, they are more dangerous. @@ Drives: Instead, use a single Quality rating, from 4-8, which is added instead of a Drive for any test. However, he is also a viable option for someone in need of discreet medical services. Characters are connected to others and
will have formed relationships throughout their life. They may appear fresh-faced and inexperienced, but these young members of the Sisterhood are not to be underestimated. And, yes, "The Desert' is both a potential location and a hazard. If the player characters do not intervene, or are not even present at the compressor, as soon as the doomed
worker tugs the mangled creosote bush free of the mechanical jaws, he is bloodily crushed to death by the compressor. D etermin ation betermination is a special, scarce resource which you can spend on skill tests which align with your character's drives. Characters don't have drive statements for their lower-rated drives, because they don't feel
strongly enough about those things. The Faufreluches caste system is described in greater detail on p.37. RAPID RECOVERY You return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured, even when it may be risky to return to fighting form quickly after being injured.
following: At the end of any scene during which your character contemplated personal matters or discussed them with another character to allow your character to recover a drive. They use them to Manion Butler is born. @@ Make something easier to
attempt (-1 Difficulty). If you are stuck, try and find answers to the following questions: @@ Do you usually wear some sort of uniform? As strange as it may be, these killers are as much a part of the fabric of the Imperium as the Emperor himself. The message is read by nerve receptors, with the recipient seeing the message flash before their eyes. As
with any rules system, it is important to apply the correct one, and remember who is involved. The number of points made toward the requirement of the extended task is equal to 2 plus the Quality of the asset used: more potent assets make progress faster. If you get three drives all scoring the same amount, you'll need to think about which one your
character prioritizes, as there's no easy way to break that tie. VERIFY (MENTAT TALENT) You have so much data at your fingertips you can see where it contradicts and determine where falsehoods lie. These assets often suit both agent and architect level play. This option may be used twice, once for each remaining talent. As an Asset: A palm lock is
a versatile tool to secure locks and can aid in escapes by locking a door while escaping. In these cases, the extra detail given to an asset reveals details about a character's background that can be explored in play. Metzos is direct and lacking in any cunning, but is greedy and can be bought off, or intimidated by anyone able to prove they are tougher
than she herself is. The normal conditions for spending Determination still apply. @@ How do they go about getting what they want? 48 Determination..... See Twisted Mentats (p.61) for more information. If the test fails, the Fremen bring out their weapons and attack—or worse—simply vanish and leave
the player characters to the desert. No, my concern goes to the development of humans as special weapons. While their prescience is limited, the Bene Gesserit are arguably the most powerful organization in the Imperium before the emergence of the Kwisatz Haderach, in turn a direct result of their machinations. Thus, the Guild enforces peace
through financial stability: adhere to their dictates and ensure Guild Peace or lose access to faster-than-light interstellar travel, and thus face economic suicide and financial ruin, losing access to many of the funds and the ability to make transactions through the Guild Bank. It can also be employed offensively if used while an opponent is attempting to
communicate with distant allies. Most assets have a Quality of 0, with only special or elite 164 versions offering a bonus. HEIGHTENED OBSERVATION The Bene Gesserit order also puts an emphasis on detailed observation. - Bashar Miles
Teg These archetypes are the social characters, at their best when surrounded by others. T Houses are described by their reach and size, and include: @@ The Imperial House, of while it is great to have more detail, just a simple description is perfectly fine, and it's all
right for other players to make suggestions for a scene to help each other out. In dueling, moving a ranged weapon asset represents moving where the weapon is pointed, and what it is aimed at. Those who follow the faith generally consider themselves the guardians of God's covenant with humanity against thinking machines. If it doesn't make sense,
then it doesn't apply. The first is for the gamemaster to ask the players what their character's reasons are for doing the mission at all, before they set out. However, the gamemaster can insist a player consider other options. As an Asset: Communinet is essential in relaying information on a universal scale. These sessions can last more than 36 hours
and utilize exhaustion to further condition the subject. More frequently, transports may find themselves engulfed in a mobile battle when landed near a strategic location, or what lengths will your character go to make sure
they do not carry out their plans?" Make sure that you use safety tools (outlined in Chapter 8: Gamemastering), if things get too intense at the table and course correct as needed. The Sorceresses of Rossak 1,287 B.G. start their initial breeding The time of the Titans begins. A story beginning with the baron giving a powerful monologue may
encourage players to lean into the drama. An intangible asset is destroyed. FAITH: 4 JUSTICE: 6 Law is the concern of lawyers and victims. T D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 269 If you are planning to spend a bit more time on expanding on these supporting characters, after reading through their traits, drives, skills
focuses, talents, and assets, consider the supporting characters' internalized thoughts for each of these. GAINING INFORMATION Even in a one-on-one duel, knowledge is power. As an Asset: Knowing how to read Bene Gesserit coded dots gives an individual the ability to gather information not meant for them. The majority of skill tests to overcome
an obstacle use Move; the obstacles may be an area of difficult terrain that may slow your character down or ensure them, or there's a hard barrier that cannot be crossed without effort. The organization used the trappings of religion to move its grand plans forward to acquire more power and chart the course of humankind through their prescience.
Some Houses have spacecraft capable of FTL travel, which they can use to cross between solar systems within galaxies. Keywords: Experienced, Resourceful, Well-known COURTESAN Sex is always a powerful lure, and a courtesan of any gender is a useful contact. Keep in mind, Dune: Adventures in the Imperium is a heavily narrative system. The
thinking machine's affections for the human caused it to abort its plan. The story of Dune first appeared in Analog magazine in three parts in 1964. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 221 R o ll a S t o ry h o o k Roll your d20 for each column to determine your random story hook. Numerous revolts arose in attempts to throw off
the shackles of enslavement and were all viciously quelled by government forces. Now, you have to figure out the how. Here are a few questions to pick and choose from that you can answer for your non-player characters: @@ What are they like around other characters? C h a pter � H a rv esters of D u n e We end the book with an adventure to
help you start your own campaign on the mysterious planet of Arrakis. @@ Ordinary movement allows you to move to any adjacent zone. But now, the Mahact Gene-Sorcerers are back! And the return of those baleful tyrants has plunged the galaxy into chaos and panic. Rumors and lies always appear like knowledge when first encountered, but they
can be investigated to determine if they are true. A ddi n g t o T h re at Player characters may buy bonus d20s: As noted earlier in this chapter, characters may buy bonus d20s: As noted earlier in this chapter, characters may buy bonus d20s: As noted earlier in this chapter, characters may buy bonus d20s for skill tests by adding points to Threat instead of spending Momentum. Example: Kara and Nasir are both flying ornithopters to
a secret facility run by their enemy, House Arcuri. A C ult of S ecrec y Like the Bene Gesserit, the Spacing Guild is an intensely secretive institution, and does not willingly share its methods or information about its goals and inner organization. Each area of expertise is divided into the following sections: @@ Machinery: This is any large-scale
machinery or devices that might be created, either by the area of expertise or to help craft or maintain the area of expertise. Their order assumed roles once held by the thinking machines, taking on positions of leadership and influence working with and within the League of Nobles. She also clearly had a conflict of some form with Marcus, who has
many friends at the gathering. All Houses have access to atomics, but they do not use them for such. I'd better go and see is my fiancé is still alive!" D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 13 14 C h a pter 🕏: T h e K n ow n U n i v erse Empires do not suffer emptiness of purpose at the time of their creation. 88 B.G. Gilbertus saves
Erasmus' memory core, even though possession of a thinking machine is considered a death sentence. @@ Assets are often essential to allow the Fremen language and religious movements. Example: Kara attempts to make another
test to learn more from the gathering before confronting Marcus. It is these obsessions that have led Shaddam to court the Baron Harkonnen, a man he finds loathsome, in order to secure what he hopes will be a suitable heir to his lineage and the legacy of his House. If an extended task is based on overcoming something set in place by an opponent,
then using one of their skill ratings is a good basis for the task's requirement. CHOAM has functioned and thrived for thousands of years and provides a stabilized economic base for all the great powers of the Imperium. There they can advance both their House and thrived for thousands of years and provides a stabilized economic base for all the great powers of the Imperium.
various poisons that might be used, the best methods to do so, and under what conditions they are allowed. 126 ADRENALINE SHOT (SUK DOCTOR TALENT) You are adept at getting people back on their feet, even if you only make them forget their pain for a moment. The primary commandment of the Orange Catholic Bible is "Thou shalt not
disfigure the soul." The book itself, often referred to as the OCB, its initials, is nearly 1,800 pages long, and is oft quoted by scholars and pious folk alike, and all noble educations consist of some reading within its many pages. Intrigue is an inevitable part of power and politics, with status, influence, and more tangible resources at stake. Finally, the
Fremen had a home... that is, until the spice was discovered and now even Arrakis was being hauled from their grasp. Do they keep it for themselves or are their holdings full of public works and support systems? More importantly, the gamemaster's choice to create an adventure or campaign that focuses on one theme or setting element above all
others is not only a valid choice but a necessary one. GAINING INFORMATION Information is valuable in intrigue, so naturally this action is undertaken frequently during intrigue scenes. Globus blames the low productivity on the poor quality of the crews. Despite their significance within the Imperium, many do not trust the Bene Gesserit or actively
disapprove of With their highly visible presence among the Houses and their persistent, though unobtrusive, participation in all the major centers of power, those who are also vying for dominance in the Imperium often mistrust the Bene Gesserit, even if they outwardly ally with them. War stories, diplomatic missions, action-adventure plots, and their persistent, even if they outwardly ally with them.
expeditions are a few types of games suited to the world setting. They learn how to defend quickly and attack slowly, move in formation together, and pin and flank other formations. The most danger to divert an enemy's attention from
one's true purpose. If the roll is equal to or under their Discipline rating (by itself), they immediately regain that spent Threat. The player characters won't know who is moving the assets against them, but might be able use the movement of assets as a clue to target their own investigation. @@ If the drive statement clashes with the action—the drive statement of assets as a clue to target their own investigation. @@ If the drive statement clashes with the action—the drive statement of assets as a clue to target their own investigation.
doesn't support the action, or the action, or the action goes against the drive—then the gamemaster may offer you a point of Determination and ask you to make a choice about the drive; either comply with the drive; either comply with the drive; either comply with the drive, or challenge it. Some Houses employ several Mentats, if only to 'backup data'. Some of the most iconic characters in Dune are part of a faction
outside the system of noble Houses. This is the limit and danger of prophecy. You might even play them as characters (but remember their talents currently apply to non-player characters). They pick the type 'House Minor' and name it 'House Minor' and n
individual subjected to Voice will follow almost any orders, from physical actions to changing their very thoughts. Still, the board is an influential organization, and access to the Emperor is a prize of incredible value. A CHOAM director will find themselves courted by numerous potential business partners, many of whom may well be hoping to uncover
trade secrets and break the monopoly to their own gain. @@ Need some help trying to come up with names? D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 49 S p a ce T r av el O u tside t h e G u ild While the Guild controls all interstellar travel. It's not an easy job, but it is a fun
one! In the end, the goal is to have a fun time and have great experiences with your players. The final Difficulty of a contest is influenced by the assets the defender has. Their most favored weapon is the blade, but their battle suits never include a scabbard as it is never sheathed. CHOAM, the Spacing Guild, and even the Bene Gesserit step with care
around this House, as they never know where the poisoned dart might fly or for what reason. Frank Herbert died in 1986, but his legacy continues to thrive. While all twenty of the titans were incredibly powerful, only a few were of note. Adding narrative isn't just for the broad strokes either. The signal is sent back to a relay station or communicator
possessed by the reinforcements. @@ Vague: I am having trouble thinking. @@ Trait: Messenger @@ Focuses: Pilot, Unobtrusive @@ Focuses: Pilot, Pi
While the physical ability is imparted in their creation, it is their training that makes them truly deadly. Because you must describe how your character obtained the item, this is an ideal opportunity to reveal or elaborate upon some aspect of your character, particularly if it relates to the drive statement you used when you spent the Determination. If
they're paying attention to the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand, they may not notice you moving the blade in your right hand.
the House for distribution within their domains and for profit, exported off-planet and sold within the Landsraad, usually with CHOAM getting their cut. Internal cargo carryalls, like the ones used on Arrakis to pick up and transport spice harvesters, appear
to be not much more than a large frame with flight systems attached and various cargo clamps for holding the specialty cargo during transport. @@ Who among the other player characters do you like best? @@ Targeting spies results in the spy being removed from play, but not eliminated. character? A mine or factory may simply be valuable, while
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            . @@ Mind Palace: Thufir may revisit a scene in his mind and attempt to Obtain Information. @@ Substitution: When making
an airfield or spaceport may allow the possessor to mobilize ornithopters and other aircraft more easily, and a command bunker may contain senior officers or even members of the enemy House. 105 Justice.....
a specific skill test you may use a specific skill regardless of the one usually required. The first die you purchase for a skill test costs 3 Momentum, and the third costs 3 Momentum, and the third costs 3 Momentum and an additional 3d20 costs 6 Momentum). If not, the first scene should
introduce them to each other in some interesting way. Overcoming such obstacles typically requires work establishing legitimate—or seemingly-legitimate—or seemingly-legitimat
powerful individual. If your group finds zones confusing, it is perfectly permissible to place the conflict in a single zone until everyone is more comfortable with the rules of conflict. The errant House will be destroyed, its holdings divided among its peers (making them less inclined towards mercy anyway). If the number of successes scored is greater
than the Difficulty, each success above the Difficulty becomes a single point of Momentum. @@ Power: S kill T est P roced ure What you want. However, she could have come at this from any zone. A formal process, this is a legal document that details any grievances or offenses committed against a House, and generally makes an accusation of one
House violating the Great Convention. The Spacing Guild also has proof that they never tampered or let anyone tamper with the rice while they possessed it. This, combined with her immersion in conspiracy from a young age, left the young princess able to outmaneuver even her father from time to time. The spies lead the group on a fast-paced chase
from Starda, the capital city, to the Isana River and into a secret underground facility. Traits: Expensive, Ingestible, Poisonous, Spice-derived VERITE As an Asset: Residual poison may be used as blackmail or a failsafe. Caladan's military defense force is composed primarily of a strong aerial and naval superiority, making it practically impenetrable to
outside forces. The rules of the Great Convention prevent open warfare between Houses under most circumstances unless, of course, sanctioned by the Emperor, as well as providing provisions for the protection of the civilian populaces governed by those Houses. The other was the doctors of the Suk School of Medicine, described prior. The Inner
                                                                        . When you attempt a test using the chosen skill, and you buy additional d20s by generating Threat for the gamemaster, you may re-roll a single d20 in that dice pool. 194 Bodkin.......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                ...... The device can be used to cause mass destruction by having the sandworm appear in an
area. This Other Memory can provide wisdom, advice, and guidance to a Reverend Mother as though speaking through the echoes of the past. Consider using a unifying objective for the player characters like fame, duty, or shared survival. Many even keep secrets from their Ruler to allow them to claim 'plausible deniability'. Kara spends Momentum,
representing long hours poring over data, and luckily makes a successful test. The I mperi um Tod ay The Known Universe in the year of 10,080 is ruled by Padishah Emperor Shaddam Corrino IV. Each player has a colored item such as a dice, token, or badge. You think she might be the same one you noticed was watching you before you set off for
the Bazaar this morning. You might be surprised just how many people you already know who heed the call of the spice trade. You need not (and should not) stick to only one form of test, as different situations will often require different levels of complexity to offer the players agency and reach a satisfying outcome. In an intrigue attack, it's important
data, but also process such data and make advanced predictions beyond the capabilities of even the thinking machines they replaced. So, the Tleilaxu often make them to be used as disposable agents and workers, but only among the Tleilaxu. Overcoming such obstacles typically requires work establishing legitimate—or seemingly-legitimate—
reasons for access, such as proving yourself worthy or useful to an isolated group who shun outsiders, or obtaining letters of introduction or some other reason to reach a reclusive but powerful individual. Those incapable of passing the entrance exams will need to find employment as highly trained medical orderlies and common doctors. Example
Claire needs to pick drive statements for Kara's three highest drives, which are Duty, Faith, and Power. Be wary of militant Houses suddenly disliking you for little cause or espionage Houses trying to cozy up to you if you are enemies with a powerful Technological or Industrial House. Z o n es of C o n f lict When a conflict begins, the gamemaster
defines the area within which the conflict takes place. Depending on what they are doing, player characters can move between each mode. A graduate of the Inner School possesses one of the most superlative medical educations in all of history. She doesn't often say very much, preferring to watch those around her first. They sometimes commit their
messages to memory or are trusted to carry them securely on their journey. Other information may take time and effort over a prolonged period to obtain, requiring an extended task to complete. Whether it is accidental or intended, any lasgun/ shield interaction breaks the Great Convention, the importance of which cannot be overstated. Whether
daunting fortresses or medieval-style castles, or even sumptuous estates, those of noble birth usually have excellent food and drink, ready access to spice, tailored clothing, comfortable and spacious quarters, elegantly appointed halls, technological devices such as filmbooks or glowglobes, and are served by dozens, if not hundreds, of servants. This
means that assets created using Determination are often more significant and effective than most newly-created assets and require a little more thought be put into their creation. However, in some cases they may be required to allow the conflict to occur at all. She knows every trader, and most fear her. They might be part of the noble family, a Bene
                                                                                                           ..... These terms include both fast-acting and slow-acting poisons. Shaddam feels threatened by the growing popularity and martial strength of Duke Leto of House Atreides. The political power of CHOAM is without question as the wealth it provides is key
to each House, government, and organization. As an Asset: A cibus hood enables its user to easily escape notice and blend into crowds. But whatever the rating is, it is something they have always had. The interplay of wealth, power, influence, politics, greed, and ambition that forms most interactions between the Houses of the Landsraad, CHOAM,
do need to deactivate their shields for passengers to embark or disembark or for cargo to be loaded or unloaded. @@ Do you take care of your appearance? @@ Have they lived there all their life? the Maometh, the third 1,182 B.G. Muhammed religion. Each member resides in a separate location, complete with its own troubles and complications.
SERGEANT Amongst the rank-and-file troops of a House, and similarly amongst the various mercenary companies that drift from world, a select few stand out as leaders, earning the respect and loyalty of their subordinates. The key thing to remember with any fight is context. In fact, he has been working ceaselessly on this harvester for
cutting, they are exceptional for stabbing attacks. Well, the other options are a great way to start, but with a roleplaying game you get to tell your own stories, create your own stories, create your own adventure in the incredible Dune universe. The total number of successes they score becomes the Difficulty for your skill test. 105
                              ... This would defeat a minor character, but Nasir is far more than that! So, the test must be an extended test, which in this case has a requirement of 4. The drive linked to the drive statement you choose is the one you must use for the test. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 6 C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 DISCIPLINE: 5 MOVE: 5 U N D E
R S TA N D: 4 Lasgun, Tactics Composure Traits: Military TALENTS @@ Unquestionable Loyalty: At the start of each adventure they are utilized in, they begin with 3 Threat (1 Determination) which only they may use, and which may only be used on an action which is in direct service to their House. having a window into the inner workings of the
Imperium from a well-embedded, loyal Reverend Mother source is also valuable to the Bene Gesserit. An asset defeated in warfare has suffered casualties and is withdrawn from battle. But they also define why a character is taking action, and what drives them to succeed. It is a series of beautifully constructed, carefully adorned and exquisitely
rendered citadels. These often have multiple uses; meals are held there, with the whole community gathering to share food, and possibly healthier, but the same techniques remain constant. This includes mounting sandworms to ride across the dunes. Many Houses and communities have their reasons to hide this kind of information. JUSTICE: 5 P OW
ER: 4 TRUTH: 7 SKILL Fact cannot be obscured, only confused. Each player has a single main character, and these characters are collectively the focus of the adventures you'll play and the stories yo
that the simulacrum is not a thinking machine in and of itself but is in fact merely a means of recovering information and responses. Compact and easily hidden, dartguns make for versatile tools. This includes several ranged weapons—crossbows and spring-wound maula pistols in particular—foreign to the Harkonnen troops who are sent to raid their
business: a common cause of strife between Houses. This result is called a critical. Serena was pregnant with Xavier's child while Erasmus' prisoner. Perhaps your character gained the asset in trade, or by leveraging your House's wealth, status, and resources. As an Asset: Shields are used for defense and can be used to threaten someone with a
lasgun if activated. The players do not need to know every single detail, but the exercise of filling out the details should help you deepen your understanding of the character before you act them out. All player characters have each skill rated between 4 and 8. Though not all Reverend Mothers need them, truthsayer drugs allow them to enter the
truthtrance. However, more assets may be in play at any given time. TARGET Example: Kara is doing some combat training with Nasir. Others gather information, hoping to sell it to the highest bidder. I n tri g u e A ssets: F av o rs Favors are the kind of resource which the best agents of a House utilize as often as they can, but they must be used with
care. @@ Passive Scrutiny: When Count Fenring enters a scene, he knows one hidden or concealed piece of information about the situation or the player characters as if he'd spent Threat to Obtain Information. The true power behind CHOAM, however, is the urdirector, or 'urdir', Malina Aru, mother of the President, current head of a long-standing
dynasty. Traits: Noble, House Minor TALENTS @@ Bold (Communicate): May re-roll a d20 gained from spending Threat on a Communicate skill test. Scattered throughout the Known Universe are filmbooks, the hunt for which takes them from world to world as they unravel the secrets of each location. Bound by ethical constraints, Mentats are
inherently honest, a conviction prized by the majority of the Landsraad. Political and social clashes, both overt and covert, rule their lives. Maybe they are just interested in tagging along somehow. To select which drive to use, look at the
character's drive statements and pick the one most appropriate to the situation. Do they have any leads to adventures that the player characters might be interested in? Starting small like this helps to make sure the group is compatible and gives everyone a chance to get comfortable with each other without a huge commitment. The needs of
continued character creation will slow down the action a little. An asset may have 2-3 keywords, most of which may only be a single word. As a general guide, a one-shot adventure has only one or two major plot points or objectives whereas a multi-session campaign could have dozens. They learned incredible control over their muscles, awareness,
and even body chemistry. It can stop you from doing something you would usually be able to, or increase the Difficulty of an action by 1. Each successful attack against a character scores points towards that extended task equal to 2 plus the attacking asset's Potency, and you may add +1 to this by spending 2 Momentum. A g e n da The Bene Gesserit
have several goals, though none are openly discussed with those outside the Sisterhood. They are essentially brilliant sociopaths, with little concern for human life. So, each player should take a moment to decide who they serve directly in their House. The devastated planet was taken over by the cymeks, who ruled it until their destruction. Dune is
home to many resilient insects and arachnids— particularly scorpions, which despite their poisonous stings and aggressive nature have long formed a key part of Fremen childhood games—and the centipede. They would be wrong, and the fact that even the Harkonnens will not stoop to his method should be a clue as to the terrible consequences that
will occur. If the asset is equipment, the player character probably needs to be present as an agent. Some outcomes may not be possible to achieve in a single action. Whenever you attempt a skill test to detect danger or hidden enemies, you reduce the Difficulty by 2, to a minimum of 0. The Harkonnens labored as a House Minor for many centuries,
near-outcasts as the result of an ancient betrayal for which they have always blamed the Atreides. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 5 C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 DISCIPLINE: 7 MOVE: 4 U N D E R S TA N D: 7 Survival (Desert) Botany, Ecology Traits: Fremen, Planetologist TALENTS @@ Cautious (Understand): Kynes may re-roll a single d20 gained from
rumor of their deployment being sufficient to see belligerents seek terms of surrender, the Sardaukar are more than capable of seeing that House Corrino keeps their throne. A shipment of rare raw materials is less useful as leverage against a person who has no need for those materials, or who can obtain those materials more cheaply elsewhere. 57
carefree. The Mentats that decline go into the universe with their new training and discipline, frequently finding work for Minor Houses that cannot afford a full Mentat advisor. CHOAM shares and directorships are hereditary. Should they manage to unlock the secret of restoring memory to gholas, the ability to bring loved ones back from the dead
as they were would make the Tleilaxu unspeakably powerful. They kept detailed genetic records. 198 Paracompass.......
                                                                                                                                        you prepare for an encounter like this with the player characters: @@ What are the minor non-player characters trying to do? That could be shown through how willing they are to divulge secret information to the player characters trying to do? That could be shown through how willing they are to divulge secret information to the player characters.
ones. The power of prophecy thus limits personal freedom, and the path to the future can quickly become a trap to which one must willingly fall victim or risk arriving at an unknown and potentially undesirable destination. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 23 The accord also regulated that the Imperial government could not
take sides in House vs. P ortrayingthe Galactic empire, poses unique challenges in the form of its scale. Reason ROLL REASON There is a reason for this rivalry, although the details may be lost to history in some cases. Just as in
planned character creation, the first step in creating a player character is to decide what general sort of character to create. And Frank Herbert, author and creator of the Dune Universe, whose singular vision and imagination have inspired us all. Both combatants' assets begin the battle within their own zone, and battle is a matter of moving assets
into positions to attack and defend effectively. These archetypes are designed to be relatively broad and cover a range of concepts, and it shouldn't be difficult to find an archetype that fits the concept you devised during step one. S pe n di n g T h re at The gamemaster can spend Threat in several common ways: @@ Buying d20s: The gamemaster can
purchase d20s for a skill test attempted by one of their non-player characters. They arrived on Arrakis embedded in the troops of one of the Great Houses that has plans to rule the planet one day. The noble family rules with a subtle but strong hand. It occurs most regularly where society's expectations and cultural taboos would prevent more overt
forms of conflict. Paul would one day rule House Atreides, and the Duke and his concubine knew that the greatest dangers imaginable would one day be his alone to face. The primary domain might not lead this cultural detail either. MINOR SUPPORTING CHARACTERS You may create an unlimited number of minor supporting characters during play
Imperium. Wars have been fought over possession of the spice, for the one who controls the spice holds the wheel about which the universe turns. Many also rely heavily on their Faith in the forces under their command, and in higher powers. Using it or resisting it will require mental, physical, and spiritual fortitude. The enemy pilot takes the bait,
following Nasir's ornithopter as Kara flies low toward the facility, unseen. @@ While working on another project, the player characters' scientists and engineers have had a massive breakthrough in a new area of technology. Try not to let it get you down. 130 Prana-bindu Conditioning (Bene Gesserit Talent)..... If a character performs an action that
risks escalation, they immediately add one point of Threat to the pool. 201 Heighliner........................When they re-roll, they may use your Discipline score instead of the skill they were using. And with a few exceptions, Dune is a world story with most of it taking place on Arrakis. Also called a half-shield. Keywords: Hovering, Light KRIMSKEL
FIBER ROPE Ecaz hufuf vine is woven together from strands to form Krimskel fiber. "The slow blade penetrates the shield", so take time to figure out the nature of each situation. However, this means that if the gamemaster ends a scene, and then establishes the next scene in a location occupied by a different set of characters, the players can easily
kill', which grinds the game to an immediate halt. There, the player characters experience first-hand the poor management, shoddy equipment, and tension among spice workers that is partly responsible for the low productivity. Once you've reached a point where you can't do anything further toward your goal, or you've gained a new goal that
requires you go somewhere else, the scene ends, and a new one begins. @@ Master-at-Arms: At the start of a duel, skirmish, or battle, Duncan can spend 1 point of Threat to increase a martial asset he has by +1 Quality for that conflict. These small tools usually cover a dome of roughly a 10-meter area. IX Ix, the ninth planet in its star system, is
named for its number (IX), and is home to House Vernius, a Major House. This is not a restriction, so much as a prompt: using an asset in an unconventional way in a type of conflict it isn't normally used for might be a winning strategy, but that sort of creativity is left to the gamemaster to resolve. As with many complex settings, such depth creates a
tension that arises from the urge to present a gaming experience that encapsulates everything that Dune has to offer. These will be lines that we do not cross and we will not bring up these topics in play." @@ "Is there anything you would like to see, but you do not want to go into detail? Alliances and enemies can also change, as the politics of the
                                                                   . A character's environment and upbringing will shape this to some degree—such as the distinctive blue-in-blue eyes of those who have lived on Arrakis for years—but the finer points such as build, height, ethnicity, or any distinguishing features will give the other players and the gamemaster
something to picture when thinking of their characters. If you want to just dive into an adventure straight away, you can download our free Dune Quickstart Guide from the Modiphius website (www.modiphius.net). A condensed history and look at the major factions. The player characters can salvage some meager supplies from the wreckage if they
think to do so: extra water, 312 rations, and a medical kit. @@ The secondary skill listed for your archetype is rated at 5. Directors set economic policy, oversee vast trade networks, and are privy to financial information long before other shareholders. The creosote bush is widely remarked upon for its obnoxious odor, which repels any creature whose trade networks, and are privy to financial information long before other shareholders.
might think to feed on it, and with shallow roots (in marked difference to many of the other plant species), enabling it to move with the undulations of the desert. @@ Machinery: Battlefield weapons, artillery, large-scale shields, tanks @@ Produce: Ammunition, personal weapons, small arms (rifles, pistols, etc.) @@ Expertise: Tacticians, officers,
strategists @@ Workers: Soldiers, engineers, pilots, logistics personnel @@ Understanding: Military strategies and new tactics POLITICAL To some Houses, politics is their meat and drink. If she were negotiating for herself and not her House, her Power statement might be the one to use. Keywords: Disruptive, Melee Weapon, Vibro-blade P ers on a content of the content might be the one to use.
1 A ssets : A rm o r a n d D ress JUBBA CLOAK These durable and versatile cloaks are a boon to survivalists. While they had liberated the planets, Omnius exterminated all humanity on them before it sent its consciousness to the next world. SMUGGLER Valuable goods often find their ways into hands through unusual or illicit channels, and Smugglers to the next world.
are how that happens. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 183 I n tri g u e Subtle battles of status, wits, words, and secrets, intrigue is perhaps one of the most difficult forms of conflict to visualize, but also one of the most rewarding to play out. But it is important to remember that eventually you will only have your worst skills
left. - Lady Ghanima Atreides These archetypes are physical creatures who hate to stay in one place. INTERNAL BIOCHEMISTRY CONTROL In addition to their muscular and nervous systems, Bene Gesserit sisters and Reverend Mothers have incredible command over their internal biochemistry, something they keep a secret from the Imperium at
player character House did at court caused them a loss of reputation or an embarrassment. While the player characters consider who might have sabotaged the compressor, the helpful Obregon disappears off and soon reappears with the carryall maintenance log. And as always, the goal is to have fun and enjoy the narrative that you are building
 together, so there is no pressure in trying to perfectly emulate any of the characters. Determination. The pilot may be incapacitated. @@ Warfare - Large scale conflict (corebook, p.180). They have a lot of valuable secrets and will pay someone to help keep them safe. 59
                                   Your goal should be creating a collaborative environment rather than a gamemaster versus player competition. Types of blades exist. She lives and works on Arrakis but hopes to receive a siridar fief from the Emperor along
 with her CHOAM directorship. @@ Trait: Empath @@ Primary Skill: Understand @@ Secondary Skill: Communicate @@ Focuses: Body Language, Social Awareness @@ Talents: Passive Scrutiny @@ Drives: It may seem obvious, but many Empaths have strong opinions on matters of Truth and perception. DUNE. As described extensively in the
Sisterhood taught her how to observe. The same applies for household cleaning and maintenance, which is why the nobility employ many servants to cook, clean, and launder for them. The S or ceresses reigned even before the Butlerian Jihad
Young nobles are always on the hunt for allies and looking to surprise their enemies in unexpected ways. Each city is a near-identical copy of each other down to parks, street names, and numbering. This is because it is something the House is considered to be one of the best in the universe at. @@ Because I am [personal trait], this activity is... @@
Because of [situation or location trait], this activity is... @@ Because I have [equipment trait], this activity is... The end of each of those statements is either 'easier', 'harder', 'possible', or 'impossible'. The second, and more impractical, is that no one outside of the owner's tribe can see the blade. MOVE Move describes a character's mobility, their
ability to maneuver around an environment quickly or carefully, and their ability to overcome physical obstacles. Momentum—is lost if it isn't spent. @@ Use Understand when attempting to discern details about the situation around you
to search an area thoroughly and effectively, to perform research, to recall things you have learned in the past, to reach conclusions and deductions from the things you know and have learned, and to be able to apply your knowledge and available data in practical ways. Theirs is a culture dedicated to a single principle: survival. This scale serves its
epic themes perfectly, illustrating the unseen patterns of human lives and individual choices can have lasting impact on all of creation. While Irulan was well-suited to the role her father intended for her, she also had an independent streak, accompanied by a sharp mind. As such, the physical environment matters somewhat less than the positioning of
the combatants. Ground vehicles can carry infantry assets around the battlefield. They take any opportunity to visit the city on sietch business wondering if they will find a place there. For some, Dune deals with the tension and interplay of power and freedom. E ach faction template has at least one 'mandatory talent'. And always, Stilgar sought to
bind the needs of his tribe with Liet's vision of the future. Shields are affordable for most Houses and their retainers, with even some merchants able to have one. Confronting them 234 with unforeseen complications and exploiting their hidden motivations to create dramatic moments that can jeopardize their goals
and the safety of their friends. As usual, any successes scored above the Difficulty generate Momentum, and so such tests can grant a boost to the player's Momentum pool before they initiate a conflict, representing their preparations and planning. Prayers are offered to God in the same way they always have been. As this is contested, the
gamemaster needs to give each servant (or the servants as a group) a basic drive/skill level for their rolls. A ssets L isti n g o help you create and understand the array of available assets, we offer the following examples of items and technology to be found throughout the Imperium. Many enter service into one of the Great Schools, seeking to chart
their own course in life, and others attach themselves to the Imperial court, seeking to perhaps better their station outside their own House. It is worth noting, however, that even the most guarded monopolies are not conducted in a vacuum. d20s in your dice pool: that die is considered to have rolled a 1, and does not need to be rolled. To a degree,
                                                     . Each day multiple Heighliners travel routes to every planet of the Empire to keep trade flowing throughout. Where the Fremen as people and not simply willing field assistants. After serving their purpose, you can sacrifice
the non-player character for the good of the story, or take them off the board to be reintroduced later. The knowledge that a War of Assassination could happen at any moment makes the wisest of them wary and mistrustful. The Sisterhood has been known to blackmail those in power to reach their inscrutable goals. If a Face Dancer has infiltrated an
organization, they may be almost impossible to root out. @@ Intangible assets can represent an especially favorable position, taking advantage of cover, taking aim, or other temporary advantages that come about through tactics or circumstances. @@ Create a new Drive statement for any Drive rated 6 or more without one. The home of a person to
Though the job may not be a glamorous one, Arrakis would grind to a halt without the quick-thinking and tenacious technicians employed there. In the face of this, you may feel overwhelmed, uncertain where to begin, or how long to play. All passengers must abide by the Guild's strict rule of non-violence and noninterference with one another while
being transported by the Guild, for fear of losing the right to book passage with the Guild, however expensive it is. @@ Skills: @@ One skill ranked at 7 (the one at 4. At the table, it's up to you to decide which parts of the character's personality and background you'd like to show. Motivations and power can act as a double-edged sword. 42 Junction
                      To help you do this, we have provided several examples, broken STARTING DOMAINS Depending on its type, each House Minor: 1 primary domain @@ House Minor: 1 primary domain @@ House Major: 1 primary domain and 2 secondary domains @@
Great House: 2 primary domains and 3 secondary domains D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 87 down into areas of expertise. —Muad'Dib: Lecture to the War College from The Stilgar Chronicle D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 189 T o o ls a n d R es o u rces s mentioned in Chapter 6: Conflict, characters
employ assets to manipulate and overcome opponents and obstacles during difficult situations. Some of these assets are tangible—representing physical things, from weapons and other subordinates. As an Ally: Militaristic
Houses love alliances with technological- and industrial-focused Houses as superior production and technology often gives an edge when superior numbers are not there. On e W ay to C hoos e Drives as Superior production and technology often gives an edge when superior production and technology of the gives an edge when the gives an edge when the gives a given and the gives an edge when the gives a given and the gives an edge when the gives a given and the gives and the gives a given and the given and the gives a give
merchant, or even herself! If only she had another point of Momentum to ask another question... In these situations, the gamemaster may allow a skill test to succeed at a cost, either before the dice have rolled, or after the result is known. Among the great Houses of the Landsraad none are as feared and few are as envied as House Harkonnen. But
counter-revolutionaries plot against Muad'Dib and many secretly work to restore the old order. Choose a focus. @@ Trait: Herald @@ Primary Skill: Discipline @@ Secondary Skill: Discipline @@ Secondary Skill: Discipline @@ Focuses: Communicate @@ Focuses: Communicate @@ Trait: Herald @@ Primary Skill: Discipline @@ Secondary Skill: Discipline @@ Focuses: Communicate @@ Focuses: Communicat
and Duty is often a common drive for those appointed to such important roles. These are rated between 4 and 8, representing the character, while 4 represents something the character cares little about. Ixian dampers and cones of silence exist in the
Imperium for good reason. Let the players know that their characters would not know certain things, but maybe they discover what is happening through a non-player characters to deliver a highly prized artifact, teach your players about
the culture of a city? But any asset can be used for any purpose in the right situation. Faction Lore (Bene Gesserit, Reverend Mother TALENTS @@ Hyperawareness: Whenever she spends Threat to Obtain Information, she may know two pieces of information for each point spent. Ambition: You gain advancement points
whenever you succeed at an action which supports your ambition (this does not require a skill test, but if the action involved a skill test, the test must have been successful). You may attempt a Difficulty 0 Understand test to recall a past event or a place you have previously been to. To meet this need, the Order of Mentats was founded, humans
capable of sophisticated feats of cognition and analysis, with enhanced memories and thought processes capa- 34 ble of making intuitive leaps and predicting human behavior and outcomes with astonishing accuracy. in service to Shakkad the 1,182 B.G. Wise, discovers the spice Omnius attacks the League melange on Arrakis. Describe how you wish
to recover the defeat, and begin an extended task, with a requirement equal to 4 plus the Quality of the asset used to defeat that ally. .......
                                                                                                                                                                .... Non-player Characters Non-player characters, also called NPCs, are characters controlled by the gamemaster, rather than by one of the players. Yueh was wracked by the pressures of the likely
futile chance to recover his wife, his hatred for the Harkonnens, and his guilt at knowing he would soon betray the people he respected most in the universe. Picking a drive shouldn't turn into a long argument or be taken into too much depth. Placing the mechanism for enforcement into the hands of 'external' agencies like CHOAM—ostensibly owned
by all the Landsraad—and the Spacing Guild meant that justice had a semblance of impartiality and fairness. ARRAKEEN Arrakeen was once the capital of Arrakis since its foundation until the coming of the Harkonnens. Each successful attack scores points equal to 2 plus the Quality of the asset used; you may spend 2 points of Momentum to increase
the Quality of the asset by +1 for that attack only. This is mainly because the Baron granted him that Leto is more of a threat than any
other. Expanded rules for individual agendas that can inspire you to work with your teammates to accomplish difficult goals or tempt you to betray your oath to the Keleres and even your fellow agents! A host of dangerous adversaries and powerful allies. 116 INFILTRATOR Skilled at finding their way into secure places, infiltrators are an
important part of the interplay between Houses and the other great organizations of the Imperium: politics would be drastically different were it not for the subterfuge and espionage that occurs on a daily basis. REVEREND MOTHER A Reverend Mother is a member of the Bene Gesserit who survive 'the agony' (see p.57), an ancient Bene Gesserit
ritual in which the candidate is poisoned and forced to metabolize and neutralize that poison internally, unlocking hidden power and enlightenment. If you pass the skill test, you gain an additional benefit, listed below. You make only a few key choices, such as an archetype, a couple of your skills, one of your drives and one drive statement, and leave
the rest blank on your character sheet. It is the attempt to see the Light without knowing Darkness. While faster than light (FTL) spacecraft were always available, travel across galaxies was still impossibly slow. While money still changes hands, the House is really paying for the training their new employee Mentat has received. SLAVES The least
fortunate method of change in status is through capture and enslavement. Dice rolls aren't designed to be as common in Dune as in many other games. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 75 Star System: Ophiuchi G iedi P rime Moons: None Habitable: Class IV Noble House: Harkonnen Primary Export: Industrialization (enslaved
peoples, planetary minerals, and weaponry) Population: In tightly controlled groups in the city. Anderson) D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 11 E x a mple of P l ay he best way to really see how a roleplaying game works is to play one. However, very few people are privy to the nature of their technology as they are an extremely
isolationist society. The Great Houses remain intact but serve at the God Emperor's will. Which level you use will often be determined by the assets you have available and the way the players decide to face a situation, rather than the adventure or the gamemaster. If Arrakeen is a city built in defiance of Arrakis, Carthag is built in carefully willed
ignorance. Others are driven by Faith in a higher power, in themselves, or in colleagues and teammates. The veneration and respect which the Fremen pay to the sandworms is an intrinsic part of their connection with Arrakis and with the wider universe. The desperation of the fight and the many moments it felt hopeless,
brought humanity closer to religion and prayer to gain hope against such a vast and powerful enemy. Ships traveling on Guild Heighliners must submit manifests of all cargo they carry, as well as the identities of all personnel being transported, giving them unrestricted insight into the affairs and trade practices of all those they serve. Keywords:
Ambitious, Eager, Pushy CONFIDANT OF THE EMPEROR Those fortunate few who have gained the Emperor's favor are always on the lookout for novelty, for something to amuse or surprise the Padishah Emperor, and for someone who might one day be a useful scapegoat. This may be done for as many or as few complications as desired. @@ Did
they always want to be in this job or did they have dreams of doing something else? Whether a whisper or loud roar, it is pleasantly heard. Nevertheless, it is unclear how much say the prospective Mentat has about their new assignment, and their assignment is assumedly intended for life. As an Asset: Stilltents are essential for traveling on the
surface of Arrakis and are commonly used by Fremen. The Spacing Guild and even the Bene Gesserit hold shares of CHOAM and influence its decision-making to some degree, though the Spacing Guild and CHOAM's operations are deeply intertwined. Any attempts at computerized navigation have been rigorously outlawed by the Butlerian Edicts,
though some attempts are made in secrecy to duplicate the long-forbidden technology or to mimic the ability, usually resulting in calamity or, at best, lesser quality. But should they renounce their neutrality by refusing to transport weapons and soldiers, they have the power to isolate any noble House, and even stop wars before they happen. When
you know what your domains are, you can then use this information to decide something about the culture of your planet. 93 Councilor......
                                                                                                                                                                           .. SHIELD, PERSONAL The Holtzman shield was named for the creator of the Holtzman Effect, and, unfortunately, not for his assistant, Norma Cenva, who actually discovered its use before
Holtzman took over the project. Whatever the motivation is, keep the players engaged to find out more, while still maintaining a supporting role. Whatever the truth, the swordmasters of Ginaz remain amongst the most consistently lethal fighters the universe has ever witnessed. In both cases they use the chosen Drive and make the skill test as
normal, but afterwards... Anderson) @@ Dune Messiah (Frank Herbert) @@ Winds of Dune (Brian Herbert & Kevin J. Poison and drug dispensers upon weapons can turn the merest graze into a debilitating hit or leave a foe disoriented. 73 Carthag.......
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            ... This may have required life-anddeath encounters, extreme experiences from
pure pleasure at one extreme to torture at the other. This story hook provides two sides and the rewards that each side is offering. Arrakis itself is a character, and while its peculiar geography, creatures and resources are important, it is how humans interact with those peculiarities that create drama. Though few would call themselves slaves, their
lives are relatively constrained under the Faufreluches system, and social mobility is all but impossible. Notably, their early wanderings took the Zensunni to Arrakis, and there their faith formed the core of the Fremen religion. Few truly know what drives you, even if they think they understand you. Arrakis is itself orbited by two moons—both
renowned for their markings. 169 Overcoming an Obstacle.... The zone with the ladder might offer opportunities to escape. It has not been responsible for many powerful victories since distinguishing itself at the Battle of Corrin — but it has never really taken any steps backward, managing a slow and steady rise to power. Instead, most favor
carefully administered poisons which induce death while obscuring the cause. They invite you to the best parties and the hottest shows, or involve you in august and wise discussion about the need for morality within the halls of the Imperium. That means that the machine was a potential death trap from then on. Though every House and the Emperor
himself are shareholders and collect a portion of its revenue, the collective power of CHOAM itself is such that all must bow to its dictates or face an audit, or potential financial ruin. A war of egos between the Emperor and the Landsraad led to countless monolithic buildings dominating the city, ranging from museums to homesteads. Heirs to Houses
Minor and shipping fortunes are the types drawn to this world of intrigue. This helps to round out a place and make it feel more real. However, as your character rarely has those items on their person, the difference between tangible and intangible assets is far less Knowing something that your opponents don't gives you power, especially if you know
things about your opponents that they don't want known. @@ Attempting to create a new trait for the scene, or a new asset for yourself or an ally. So long as the spice continues to flow, no one really cares too much what happens on Arrakis, but should production slow or cease, all eyes will quickly turn to Dune and demand an explanation. However,
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they can only excel at a few things given the powerful competition among the Houses. Focuses and talents also offer a problem as the player won't know them all. They use their characters, based on their experience with the rules and the
setting. There is no singular, fixed list of focuses. Usually you may only 'Resist Defeat' once per scene. The Ixians secretly dabble in artificial intelligence and robotics, but their progress is a closely guarded secret. Traits: Elusive, Knowledgeable, Tricky I n tri g u e A ssets But once you have this knowledge, with care, you can maintain this friendship
for years if necessary. All player characters are assumed to be of sufficient standing that they can equip a personal shield if desired. As an Asset: Leasing land rights to another can be lucrative, and place another party in a position where they're more open to other deals because they cannot afford to turn you down... but there's risk, because you're
giving up some of your capacity to produce those same materials to another. The Navigators learned to send their minds out across the universe and see the safe path to pilot a vessel across a myriad of futures. Focuses describe areas of specialization and expertise within each skill. B.G. Over ideological differences, 1,182 B.G. The aggressive AI
Omnius Buddislam splits into two takes control of all Titan different factions: planets, creating the Zensunnis and Zenshiites. Example: Having lost a significant part of her forces, Kara's ornithopters can't hope to hold on to the deposit zone against the Arcuri tanks. Few outside Arrakis really care how the people are treated as long as the spice flows.
                                                                                                            ...... @@ Buying d20s (1-3 points/die) @@ The first die costs 1 Momentum. A harsh truth is superior to a kind lie. In this @@ The action is difficult or dangerous, or both. If they're a barkeep, maybe they've seen one too many fights happen at the
They receive all the best training, equipment, and benefits of any soldiers. 130 Performer......
tavern, so instead of reacting with shock, they might be annoyed or apathetic when they see a fight break out. @@ Ranged weapons are rare in dueling, and they are used more commonly by soldiers and assassins seeking an unfair fight in their favor. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 279 F reme n W a rri o r DRIVE D U T Y: S
TAT E M E N T 7 FA I T H: 8 JUSTICE: 6 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 5 SKILL B AT T L E: The sietch before all others. It is a collaboration with incredible results. So precious is the spice that all are willing to pay dearly and risk exposure to maintain spice reserves that cannot be tracked or accounted for. OVERCOMING AN OBSTACLE Obstacles in
espionage are not typically physical obstructions so much as social or political ones. Erasmus accepted the wager, and Omnius selected the wildest looking child it could, an enslaved person on the planet of Corrin. While it has been lucrative for the Mentat Order to remain silent on the matter, it is, in fact, false. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 5 C O M M U N
I C AT E: 6 DISCIPLINE: 7 MOVE: 5 U N D E R S TA N D: 7 Communicate skill test. Many Houses try to infiltrate the
Padishah Emperor's own government. The colors might be represented on their banner divided horizontally, or as a stripe, usually behind the crest. In addition, once per scene, he can increase the trade deal with the spice merchant, she needs
to use her Communicate skill. Towards the end of the Empire's days came the discovery of the planet Arrakis. The House shave farming-focused House Minors that are built solely to provide the necessary supplies for the soldiers and workers of their
parent Houses. Example: Revisiting the example above this is how the scene might play out with a more complex interchange of traits. The non-player characters in this chapter have had some abilities altered to reflect this. Some stories are tightly-plotted mysteries slowly revealed over several game sessions. They're often employed as practitioners
of sports and games to entertain, but also as teachers and trainers to guide the physical conditioning of a House's members and agents. If your faction demands multiple mandatory talents, record them all now (and you will have fewer to choose during play). Depending on their expertise, kidnapping or assassination is a very real possibility. In
particular, Guild Navigators are known to disrupt prescient sight in chaotic ways, while unrealized or failed attempts at the Kwisatz Haderach seem to be completely invisible to prophetic sight. Keywords: Detection, Security, Technology Quality: To make matter easier the gamemaster may rule that a poison snooper automatically detects any poison
asset in play of the same or lower Quality. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 185 MOVEMENT Assets in intrigue are sources of leverage and things which can be traded to gain an advantage during social interactions. @@ Is there someone in their life that they care about more than power or wealth? Each House is defined quite
loosely to allow the gamemaster to adapt it to suit their campaign. More paranoid wearers always keep them on hand, with a security contingent ready to respond. But if they cannot fell the assassins, the remaining one can still take a turn before the round ends. Others, with their ability to mimic anyone, make supremely effective, if expensive,
infiltrators. The machine-made virus engineered by Erasmus decimated the human population. This Talent may only be chosen in character creation. Intrigue is a social conflict and so bears some similarity with espionage. or tools for assassination. Some questions that you might ask that grant the players agency in telling the story are: @@ "At what
point does your character realize that the villain is ready to do whatever it takes to achieve their goals?" @@ "What is the villain doing that causes your character know that the villain is close to wreaking devastation across the world? You may use Voice whenever you speak to someone else,
though you must be able to observe them for a short while beforehand, and they must be able to hear you speak. Their success did not go unnoticed by Elrood Corrino IX, who plotted with the Bene Tleilax to remove House Vernius using a Face Dancer, a genetically created shapeshifter, to cause a riot among the lower class. While many folk religions
develop in communities on planets across the universe, they are not as isolated as you might think. Almost every animal species is hostile. Does she get away? Jessica's superiors carefully maneuvered to have Duke Leto of House Atreides choose her as a concubine. Ruler: Old and young rulers of Artistic Houses push the boundaries to keep their
artistic creations fresh and exciting for patrons. Like any trait, they can grant options you wouldn't normally have or make a task much easier. However, when a House can often fall quickly. Feyd favored poisoned blades and was known
to illustrate the effects of various toxins on his dying opponents for the entertainment of the audience. This is a long-suspected and mostlyaccepted consequence to sharing one's bed with a Bene Gesserit-trained spouse or concubine: that they may be subtly influencing their partner to view the Sisterhood favorably and to take actions that serve their
among them, with 8 being the most important. While each House has a theme, it is important to remember that none of them are 'one trick ponies'. But the Emperor usually wants his enemies to know what they face; such is the fear they inspire. These caverns are expanded and refined by the Fremen to render them as usable as possible, and to
ensure that the full community can fit within comfortably. Humanity did not just fight to free themselves from the tyranny of the think- 35 Despite its origins, adherents of the Orange Catholic faith do not generally participate in organized worship. SHAI-HULUD The Fremen see each sandworm of Arrakis as a god. It is their job to manage the
clandestine espionage activities of the House, in terms of intelligence-gathering and counter-espionage. Outright warfare between Major Houses is rare and highly regulated, in part because most factions must rely on the Spacing Guild to move anything from world to world, and the Guild may refuse to support actions that they do not regard as
 worthwhile. Naturally, such fortunes attract the attentions of rivals who will do anything in their power to disrupt operations to see them fail. Talk to your players before you start your group. Their best bet is to head back to the sector of
desert where the carryall and its harvesters are operating until they can get within comms range or can signal a scout 'thopter. This can be anything that would break the mood of the game. Is it simply bad management on the outdated carryall that runs the area, or is an enemy agent in play? Simulacrums range or can signal a scout 'thopter. This can be anything that would break the mood of the game. Is it simply bad management on the outdated carryall that runs the area, or is an enemy agent in play? Simulacrums range or can signal a scout 'thopter. This can be anything that would break the mood of the game. Is it simply bad management on the outdated carryall that runs the area, or is an enemy agent in play? Simulacrums range or can signal a scout 'thopter. This can be anything that would break the mood of the game. Is it simply bad management on the outdated carryall that runs the area, or is an enemy agent in play? Simulacrums range or can signal a scout 'thopter. This can be anything that would break the mood of the game. Is it simply bad management on the outdated carryall that runs the area, or is an enemy agent in play? Simulacrums range or can signal a scout 'thopter. This can be anything that would break the mood of the game. Is a simple scout in play? Simulacrums range or can signal a scout 'thopter. This can be anything that would be a simple scout and the scout and the
are necessarily limited in their ability to have original thoughts and to learn, unable to form neural pathways that duplicate human learning and actual cognitive development. MEMOCORDER The technological masters of Ix built these tiny handheld black squares to store written messages. It uses the Genesys rules, which are summarized in
"Character Creation" and "How to Play" below. As noted in Improving the Odds (p.149), you may pay for some or all this cost by adding to Threat instead of spending Momentum. In the early era of space travel, ships would embark on generations-long journeys to find habitable worlds. They normally carry a mixture of blades and projectile weapons
with occasional use of lasguns if the enemy is likely to lack shields. @@ Binda is an old lady who sells water as a sideline and loves to gossip with her customers. 48 Space Travel .....
                                                                                                                                                                                                              Determining how you want to guide the players doesn't have to happen right away. An asset might even just be swapped out for a newer and more
advanced model. The courtesan is an ally and a contact of the highest usefulness, provided you can find one prepared to offer such information. So, you should try to gauge player reactions and check in with them periodically as the story unfolds. The fatal blow to
Agamemnon's rule came from Xerxes and its desire for leisure. Erasmus chose a regal sounding name for the child, Gilbertus Albans, so that others would hear the nobility in it and respond accordingly. He'll marry into another family. For drives, write down something that summarizes the other statements related to their drives. A ranged weapon can
Guild. As a youth, Stilgar was nearly killed by Harkonnen soldiers and saved only thanks to the actions of Pardot Kynes, then Imperial Planetologist. Numerous questions about humanity's place in the universe arose as they expanded ever farther from their ancestral home: How can a disunited world remain together? Warfare from the universe arose as they expanded ever farther from their ancestral home: How can a disunited world remain together? Warfare from the universe arose as they expanded ever farther from their ancestral home: How can a disunited world remain together? Warfare from the universe arose as they expanded ever farther from their ancestral home: How can a disunited world remain together? Warfare from the universe arose as they expanded ever farther from their ancestral home: How can a disunited world remain together? Warfare from the universe arose as they expanded ever farther from their ancestral home: How can a disunited world remain together? Warfare from the universe arose as they expanded ever farther from the universe arose as they expanded ever farther from the universe arose as they expanded ever farther from the universe arose as they expanded ever farther from the universe arose as they expanded ever farther from the universe arose as the universe arose as the universe farther from the universe farther from the universe farther from the universe farther farther from the universe farther fart
h icles A large number and variety of other craft exist, but most are never seen during warfare. The skirmishes led by Muad'Dib on spice production cause the Emperor to travel to Arrakis, and the great battle at the end of the universe. MESSENGER Sending messages and packages quickly and securely is a vital part of
the business of the Houses, and they rely heavily upon those who can move a communiqué or valuable item reliably to its destination. The Guild has no warships, troops, or armaments. As an Asset: A long-serving member of the court, having seen it all and survived various coup attempts, this asset knows everything and everyone, and is wily enough
to avoid the worst of the fallout. If anything, unchecked use of technology has proven time and again to be ruinous, as demonstrated in the history of the Imperium, or deleterious to the soul, such as is embodied by the 'detestable' and technocratic Tleilaxu. The Major Houses Minor claim a lesser bloc, and are
unlikely to influence policy unless there is an impasse. For the Harkonnens, their control of spice has made them vastly wealthy, but it is a power that can be taken by the Emperor, can only be found in one place, and is coveted by every other House and faction in the universe. The titled head of the household is its owner, the member of the
Landsraad, owner of the CHOAM shares, and the ultimate arbiter of the House's vote within the Landsraad. Erasmus did everything possible to make Gilbertus the pinnacle of what a human could be. 243 Leto Atreides (Duke)........... It is then up to Helen to describe the action. Anyway, Kara isn't waiting around to discuss this, she's chasing down the
assassin. Thurr escaped Wallach IX before the League of Nobles initiated the Great Purge on the planet. This might be as a favor, or simply because the House in control of Arrakis is feeling stretched. 131 The Reason I Fight (Drive)... Even if not true, such esoteric rumors are harder to dispel with displays of power or scientific breakthroughs than
when rumors of weakness in military or technological realms are spread. @@ A sign of sigil on the asset proves the owner has the backing of someone powerful. Kara's player spends Momentum and makes a test to create a new intangible asset of 'security access'. THE SECRET OF THE SPACING GUILD To maintain their immense power and reach
throughout the Known Universe, the Spacing Guild depended upon their ability to create Guild Navigators; the secret of the Guild's ability to travel interstellar distances safely and quickly. If the active character has any factors which would affect the Difficulty of their action other than the opposing character, then adjust the final Difficulty up or
down as normal. C re ati n g an A dv ent ure This is where things get exciting. Decide how important the drive is to your character, and assign the corresponding rating, as shown on the following table: EVERYTHING'S COMPLETE DRIVE DRI
breaking the Great Convention were severe, even catastrophic, for any House found guilty. The characters have been sent by their House to the desert planet Arrakis, more commonly called 'Dune' by its natives. feudal politics, and mysterious abilities, where noble Houses politic constantly for power, influence, and vengeance in a universe where a
blade can change the fortunes of millions. The Fremen carry two 'maker hooks' for this purpose. Few in the Imperium choose to take this drug of their own free will. The company's profits skyrocketed from sales of spice and glowglobes created by Norma Cenva. When a character's actions align with these principles, they can be spurred on to greater
heights of success, but when a character attempts actions which clash with their values, it can cause them considerable problems. Dune also only uses D20s, so this version of the system does not use challenge dice (D6s). For the most part, assets (especially in architect play) are what makes the test possible. Indeed, the Sardaukar training regimen is
a brutal one that costs many cadets their lives, due to its rigors and the harsh environment on Salusa Secundus. The Baron himself took pains to educate young Feyd, seeing in the cruel young man a potential heir to not just the Harkonnen barony but to the Empire he hoped to soon control. If forewarned, the player characters can quickly prepare,
such as arming themselves, changing direction, or splitting up. But if they are ever unsure what applies, they now have a default to use. However, there is far more to the universe of Dune novels, movies, videogames, and boardgames
have touched a lot of lives and left a lot of fans in their wake over the years. ADJUST POWER LEVELS ON THE FLY Finding the right balance between a game that is both fun and challenging is, in and of itself, a challenge. When you attempt a Communicate test, and you buy one or more dice by spending Momentum, you may create a new trait for
free upon the character you have spoken to, which reflects your influence upon their thoughts or mood. 164 Consent & Comfort Levels...... H o u se h o ld T ec h n o l o g y The most significant development is that of the suspensor, a gravity-defying device capable of lightening any load. So, the Fremen people of the deep desert know Arrakis by
another name. Secondary domains are often presented as the primary domain of an Espionage House to outsiders. This nascent order knew it needed to become part of the Empire to avoid falling to the wayside, so they made a deal with CHOAM agreeing that the Mentats would use their considerable intellectual and predictive capabilities in service
of the Empire, in exchange for employment and protection. It is not simply a matter of survival, but a matter of honor. While succeeding at most common tasks is a straightforward matter, even the most capable and driven character cannot succeeding at most common tasks is a straightforward matter, even the most capable and driven character cannot succeeding at most common tasks is a straightforward matter, even the most capable and driven character cannot succeeding at most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable and driven character cannot succeed at the most capable at the most c
FOCUSES B AT T L E: 8 C O M M U N I C AT E: 5 DISCIPLINE: 7 Self Control MOVE: 7 Swift U N D E R S TA N D: 4 Lasgun, Long Blades, Short Blades, Tactics who fights on behalf of the Emperor at public Landsraad tournaments. In time, his service to the Atreides became more than a matter of employ. Take a book, for example. The non-player
character can offer advice on how best to proceed or warn the characters if they are straying too far from the planned scenario. 208 Semuta......
                                                                                                                                                                        . @@ Hyperawareness: Whenever the Reverend Mother spends Threat (Momentum) to Obtain Information she may ask two questions for each point spent. Colonies disappeared into the dark,
twinkling tapestry of space, never to be heard from again. 10,154 A.G. With assistance from Emperor Elrood IX, the Bene Tleilax assume control of Ix. 10,154 A.G. Project Amal is started. FOCUSES B AT T LE: 7 C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 D I S C I P LI N E: 8 Command, Survival (Desert) M OVE: 7 Worm Rider U N D ER S TA N D: 6 Short blades D U N
E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 313 F reme n A daunting D3 Understand test alerts the player characters to the presence of several people hiding up ahead, behind a rocky outcrop. The larger the House, the less important the player characters will be to its leaders, but the more power they will command when they take control.
 There are far too few seats in the 'thopters to fit the entire crew and the player characters. Some even survive outside of their House. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 271 A ss a ssi n DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 6 FA I T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 SKILL B AT T L E: FOCUSES 7 C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 SKILL B AT T L E: FOCUSES 7 C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 SKILL B AT T L E: FOCUSES 7 C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 SKILL B AT T L E: FOCUSES 7 C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 SKILL B AT T L E: FOCUSES 7 C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T 
                                                                                                               ...... If the most appropriate drive statement is one that opposes the action... As noted in Chapter 5: Core Rules, a character can create a trait by spending 2 points of Momentum (normally after a successful test, but the gamemaster may waive this
requirement), or by succeeding at a skill test with a Difficulty set by the gamemaster (normally 2). status, or power over someone, or does it relate to your ambitions? Dune © 2020 Legendary. While Mentats approach complex issues from a more neutral standpoint, it is critical for the acceptance of the outcome that they relate to their employer.
Concealed blades can be D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 171 drawn to provide a sudden advantage. These questions could be triggered by the character attempting to make a connection with the player characters. Tiny minimic films made from shigawire, Bene Gesserit coded dots, decoders, intercepted communications, spy
eyes, spies, and traitors can all provide different insights into the trundling gears of the Imperium. Keywords: Arrakis, Survival, Water Keywords: Infiltration, Secrecy, Technology FREMKIT RIDULIAN CRYSTAL Ridulian crystals redefined books, as each sheet of a page made of this crystal is only a few molecules thick. The Spacing Guild is adamant
that the delivery is not a mistake, and the House that produced the craft claims that no such craft were sent to the characters, and if so, then they should return them. 116 Socialites (Communicate)...115 Commander.........
the knife—chopping off what's incomplete and saying: Now, it's complete because it's ended here. "I'm drawing my knife," announces Claire as Kara closes in on her prey. Noting the desire of a zone (whether it represents a person or group) works alongside this. Such assets cannot be moved—they're there to protect you. They notice logical patterns a person or group works alongside this.
to deliver predictive outcomes based on analysis of data and potential influencing factors. In a physical environment, such as for a skirmish or warfare scene, these obstacles are features of the terrain: walls and similar barriers, fast-flowing water, dense mud, shifting sands, and other features that impair movement and action. They are also often
dispatched as advanced scouts, to survey the locations their employer is to visit, searching for threats or potential allies. - Edric, Guild Steersman - Piter De Vries While the elusive Navigators and Steersman are never seen outside the Guild (and therefore cannot be player characters), the faction has agents across the universe. This technique has
continued to the present day, with the Landsraad constantly divided against itself, as certain factions seek to undermine those who hold the fief while others endeavor to build stronger relationships with them. One of the very few occasions on which a member of the Fremen might remove a part of their stillsuits when outside of their settlements is
when encountering a creosote bush. Specialists known as fincap accountants with expertise in questionable bookkeeping are quietly employed by any number of parties, including CHOAM itself which uses them in its auditing procedures. The fact that any Family in my Empire could be a creosote bush. Specialists known as fincap accountants with expertise in questionable bookkeeping are quietly employed by any number of parties, including CHOAM itself which uses them in its auditing procedures.
encounter and an exchange of blows or political moves, and does not represent a single thrust of a blade. S tr u ct u re of a n A sset All assets share a common structure that lets you see what they're useful for and how effective they are at a glance. If none of the statements apply, choose one of the character's drives that does not have a statement to
use in the test. The old order was gone, the threat that held humanity together was gone, and an unknown future awaited. Remember to be realistic with any asset you might have supposedly been carrying. This makes knowing what to spend on which test an important skill to master. (2 Threat) @@ Non-player Character Threat Spends: When a
player character's action would normally add points to Threat, a non-player characterperforming that same action, or making the same choice, must spend an equivalent number of points of Threat, a non-player characterperforming that same action, or making the same choice, must spend an equivalent number of points of Threat. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 145 gamemaster should determine the Difficulty as fairly as possible based of the task at hand.
Ch a pter 🗣 The Knownuniverse. @@ Nellis Entrekin is the SKILL FOCUSES BATTLE: 5 COMMUNICATE: 4 MOVE: 5 UNDERSIDIONACY
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TALENTS @@ Mentat Discipline: Add two automatic successes on all Understand tests they attempt when remembering facts or data. 170 Conflict Basics.....
M 315 CORINTH EULER, MECHANIC (NOTABLE SUPPORTING CHARACTER) DRIVE Corinth Euler is a capable mechanic who has worked in the spice mining industry for years. Shere has no other practical applications and due to its side effects, is not commonly used as a precaution, despite its efficacy. 302 Espionage House....... The other
details of an asset are there to provide extra context and differentiation between assets. Hou se Threat to make any enemy House is never far away, the gamemaster may spend 1 point of Threat to make any enemy House is never far away, the gamemaster may spend 1 point of Threat to make any enemy House is never far away, the gamemaster may spend 1 point of Threat to make any enemy House appear in the adventure in some fashion, whether in person or merely as a rumor. PRANA-BINDU As they train, Bene Gesserit work to
discipline their minds and assert control over every part of their bodies. Gaining a primary domain is one of the ways a House Minor can distinguish itself, although their patron House Major may take all the credit until they can move out of their shadow. For this reason, attacking and removing defensive assets from an opponent can be a vital tactic.
CHOAM does offer neutral party arbitrations for disputes, though these typically occur before any blood is shed. 88 B.G. The Corrin Omnius broadcasts a copy of itself into deep space and uses the enslaved humans as a shield to slow the League of Nobles' assault. 4th 5 You know that this thing matters, but you have other priorities. @@ Master-at-
Arms: At the start of a duel, skirmish, or battle, the Sardaukar may spend 1 point of Threat to increase a martial asset they have by +1 Quality for that conflict. Keywords: Long-term, Production, Trade (plus other keywords according to of goods, such as Scarce or Abundant) VALUABLE ITEM While not necessarily on the scale of trade contracts and
land rights, individual valuable items can be potent assets in trade and intrigue. Another successful Understand test (challenging, D2) reveals that underneath the din of the carryall engines, 310 there is a low thrum that indicates the compressor machine is still powered on. She whispers a few hints into the conversation and the merchant goes pale
                          They like to masquerade as an unobtrusive technician to access an enemy's technology. THE GREAT HOUSES ARE FOUNDED In the wake of Butlerian Jihad the remaining members of the Sorceresses of Rossak moved toward their next evolutionary step, forming the Bene Gesserit under Raquella Berto-Anirul. Arrakis to
improve their standing by finding a new way to obtain spice. Second, select your drive. Interstellar travel without foldspace is still possible, even commonplace, but due to its relative slowness, those who can neither afford it, have no urgency to
needing to make more conquests to pay an ever-growing debt to the Guild. @@ Some assets are noted as immobile, often representing defenses, fortifications, and similar emplaced positions. Guild Heighliners make many stops as they gather passengers from adjacent star systems. Many potential employers believe the Tleilaxu use the Face Dancersenting defenses, fortifications, and similar emplaced positions.
to further their own agenda, though none know the precise nature of that agenda. In short, they are those most fit to hold positions of status, and to shape the existences of others with their deeds. Short Blades Traits: Fremen, Warrior TALENTS @@ Bold (Move): Chani may re-roll a d20 gained from spending Threat on a Move skill test. With so many
you process the characters' personalities and motivations, so that you can better portray them in the game. Assets are, by themselves, a form of trait, though specific assets may have additional rules associated with them in some contexts, such as to describe the destructive interaction between a lasgun and a shield. @@ If you move an asset boldly
you provoke a hasty response from your opponent. From his mother, an appreciation for political subtlety and the philosophies of the Bene Gesserit. It often serves the law and the common good, but it can just as easily uphold bad laws and be used as an excuse for revenge. Another hit, and Nasir will be blown out of the sky! character, a notable
enemies won't even know they have it. You receive 1 advancement point if the action made a minor contribution to your ambition, or 3 if the action was a major contribution to your ambition. Many House leaders also keep concubines, often married for reasons of love or to produce an heir. One cannot become fashionable or moral when the decision
makers of what is fashionable and/or moral are arrayed against you. The 2d20 rules system offers essentially four ways to resolve any action: @@ Simple Test: For when you only need to know if something passed or failed. When resolving a warfare scene, zones represent locations of strategic importance. ROLL REASON 1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 9-10 11-12
the current age when its services are the sole means by which faster-than-light space travel can be accomplished. Keywords: Anti-gravity, Holtzman, Mobility THUMPER A simple device used to summon sandworms on Arrakis. This keeps the Imperium relatively stable and prevents innocent civilians—and resources—from being harmed. The larger
the House, the larger the medical staff needs to be, and more so if the House is at war. The same goes for other players at the table. It helps if gaming area is free of distractions (especially TV screens and smartphones). 3. Regardless of what they plan or attempt, a group of wary Fremen (see Fremen Warrior, p.280) appears atop the rocks before the
player characters, at a distance just beyond close combat weapon range. An enemy spy is discovered within the player characters' entourage. What CHOAM conspiracies will you weave? Rights & Responsibilities: Most Scholars are left to their own devices to simply work on their studies, only being called upon to report their advances or when their
specialized knowledge is required. You have almost perfect recall, for even the most complex data. (2 Threat) @@ Environmental Effects and Narrative Changes: The gamemaster may trigger or cause problems with the scene or environmental Effects and Narrative Changes.
interests represent a double-edged sword for those responsible, usually a House Major holding a directorship. @@ Krat likes to set fire to things. Now, finally, the once-great civilizations have restored some semblance of their former glory, and have cast covetous eyes on the wider galaxy once more. Each of the major galactic powers has sent
representatives to the ancient Imperial capital of Mecatol Rex. 10,171 A.G. Leto gains significant support in the Landsraad. B o a rdi n g t h e H a rv ester A hatch opens up high on the harvester's side and a big, filthy, thuggish spice worker demands to know who the player characters are and what they want. When they did, what did it look like?
10,175 A.G. Shaddam IV initiates the Great Spice War. This raises the Difficulty to 5, but luckily Kara has bought off her complication so it doesn't get any worse. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 261 I mperi a l P l a n et o l o g ist L iet K y n es DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 6 I owe the Emperor my allegiance but the Fremer
my life. Make a thumbs-up sign to the player as a way of subtly asking if the player is comfortable proceeding. "The assassin has Kara backed up against a nearby wall, so he shoulder-barges her against it, knocking the wind out of her. They like to apply their skills to the real world. But the assassin can also move assets to attack the player characters
As it is an ambush, the assassins start with the initiative. Traits: Bene Gesserit, Stealthy, Uncommon DISTRANS While the specific technology varies by planet and subject, distrans enable a user to implant information in an animal and turn it into an unknown accomplice in conveying messages. They provide technology, weapons, and other resources
to the rest of the Imperium. Example: Kara acts first. An invasion is an expensive operation. goose chase, the gamemaster can put them on that track by pointing out that one of the gruff Alberich crew is the very mechanic identified as the compressor saboteur by Obregon's maintenance log back on the Grief. 17 Using the Rules System..
became the Spacing Guild and now have a monopoly on interstellar travel. Such a concept is alien in cultures where a person's wealth is inherited or won in business and power is typically accorded depending on the name you were born with, and abhorrent to the Harkonnens. Again, it is widely supposed that the Harkonnens can maintain a special
have different preferences and triggers, and it is impossible to predict all of them without talking openly about it first. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 105 Some example drive statements are below, for each drive: EXAMPLE DUTY STATEMENTS @@ "People are the true strength of a Great House." @@ "I serve at the
pleasure of the House." @@ "Humans live best when each has their place." @@ "Acceptance of place is the death of freedom." @@ "Those above offer duty to those below." @@ "I know my responsibilities." @@ "My faith gives me certainty where
others might doubt." @@ "Faith is merely obedience to the myths of the past." @@ "God will deliver me to whatever fate is mine." @@ "Machines are things of corruption." @@ "Those who doubt my faith will be proved wrong." @@ "God has forgotten us for we are not
worthy." EXAMPLE JUSTICE STATEMENTS @@ "I must shield those in my care." @@ "I will get revenge on those who have wronged me." @@ "Ustice is what you can get away with." @@ "Justice is only for the wealthy." @@
knife's edge." @@ "I will have what is owed to me." @@ "Strength is nothing without grace." EXAMPLE TRUTH STATEMENTS @@ "I decide what is true." @@ "The purpose of
argument is to change the nature of truth." @@ "You will know me by my deeds." @@ "Truth is the first casualty of war." If a character wishes to use a drive which has an accompanying drive statement, then their action must align with the statement. The continued existence of humanity is generally
taken to be evidence of God, as it was the will of God that saved humanity. Traits: Expensive, Obscuring, Uncommon TRUTHSAYER DRUG By falling into a truth from falsehood in even the most practiced liars. Thus, they are not infrequently foundtrance, some remarkable Bene Gesserit Reverend Mothers have the ability to distinguish truth from falsehood in even the most practiced liars. Thus, they are not infrequently foundtrance, some remarkable Bene Gesserit Reverend Mothers have the ability to distinguish truth from falsehood in even the most practiced liars.
in the middle of a pitched battle. That may be done in the military to create elite shock troops or in the planet's many prisons. The waitstaff wear long angular uniforms in slightly offset House Corrino colors, ever-present but out of the sight of guests. D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 259 T h e F reme n N a ib S til g a
r DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 7 The tribe's life is my own. You can do so twice per scene, but only when in a conflict using the listed skill. This paints a picture of a more three-dimensional villain whose goals exceed those of everyone around them, while keeping in mind the safety measures. Supporting characters come in two types: minor and
notable (these are comparable to those types of nonplayer character as well). Some deal with CHOAM, others will pay for the informant — dead or alive. A third possibility is to introduce a non-player character who can directly assist the
players. Nearly twenty years into the Butlerian Jihad, humanity had suffered large losses from suicidal robotic forces. The surveillance device in the right zone is what allows her to make the test, so it can't help her with the Difficulty. The creation of the personal shield has elevated them into common use. He chooses to take Kara seriously and
 withdraws to confer with his superiors. A person can hold conflicting beliefs, and the situations when those conflicting beliefs clash is often a source of interesting roleplay and tension in play. of the Imperium on Arrakis. @@ Skirmishes are similar to dueling, and employ a similar range of tools, but involve a handful of combatants on each side. These
traits may be persistent problems, or they may be short-lived, lasting only long enough to affect the character's next skill test. Even those Houses that do not have a Bene Gesserit-trained member as a counselor, spouse, or concubine, may have one or more operatives working clandestinely within their households and reporting to the Sisterhood. It
might lead to a different play style and gamemaster style to accommodate it. With its deep background, strong ecological themes, the novel's complex backdrop of religion versus mysticism, destiny, history, eugenics, and sociopolitical manipulation resonated among readers and critics alike. In Pinta's story hook above, a warehouse
is mentioned. Allow the player characters daunting (D3) Communicate tests to detect that she is both nervous and lying (the trait 'Friend of Obregon' will be useful here). This is a short sentence explaining what the character feels about that drive. As the rest of the rules in the other chapters build on the mechanics found here, it's valuable to have a
decent understanding on how all this works. @@ If you move an asset subtly, your subtlety limits your opponents' ability to respond. Each section within this chapter starts with a brief primer on what that section describes, which is then elaborated upon and described in full. Spies can create informant assets and place surveillance devices. You may
want to look through the archetypes described later in this chapter, take an idea from one of the concepts below, or select something else inspired by the universe of Dune. To this end, all player characters, and many non-player characters, have drive statements which reflect the character's personal values and guiding principles. However, she faced
hostility and resistance from the local population and their leaders, the Sorceresses of Rossak (following). So, just because the theme is art or science, it does not mean the House has no standing military or never sells any crops. On the more mundane side of things, life happens, which means schedules and priorities change. B.G. Arrakis is evaluated
for future 1,182 B.G. Believing the rise and attack colonization and planetary of the machines adhered to value for the Empire. The Houses were expected to act as the Landsraad decreed. © 1996-2014, Amazon.com, Inc. The consequences of defeat can vary wildly depending on the plot. Does the chastised commander remain in place, now quite
hostile to the player characters? There are several private companies (based off Arrakis) which have tried to match the quality of Fremen stillsuits. FA I T H: 8 My family trusts me. By necessity, control of spice production carries with it the feudal rights to the planet of Arrakis, the sole known source of melange. D i f f ic u lt y L e v els Simple
(Difficulty 0) @@ Nudging open a stuck door. Designs vary, but they are often described as massive beetlelike ground vehicles that are flown into place by a carryall. Truly astonishing wealth is in the grasp of a House managing such a commodity but endangering a vital trade will incur the wrath of the Emperor, the other Houses of the Landsraad,
and perhaps less obvious parties. Ho u se A treides HOUSE MAJOR Homeworld: Caladan Other Holdings: None Banners and Arms: Colors: Green & Black Crest: Hawk House Traits: Honorable, Popular Primary Domains: Farming (Produce) - Pundi Rice Secondary Domains: Farming (Produce) - Pundi Rice Secondary Domains: Farming (Produce) - Moonfish, Artistic (Understanding) - Negotiation
Military (Expertise) Tacticians, Instructors House Atreides is one of the oldest and most respected Houses of the Landsraad. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 6 Short Blades C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 Diplomacy, Inspiration DISCIPLINE: 5 MOVE: 6 U N D E R S TA N D: 5 Stealth Traits: Noble, Honorable, Bene Gesserit Ambition: To become a secret master
assassin (Faith) T a le n ts @@ Hyperawareness @@ Masterful Innuendo @@ Prana-bindu Conditioning S t a rti n g A ssets @@ Blackmail Evidence @@ Concealable Knife @@ Personal Ornithopter D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 125 T a le n ts character is more than the sum of their parts, and a character's skills, drives, and
focuses alone do not give a full picture of what they are truly capable of. The planet has zero precipitation, though the atmosphere is at least breathable by humans—without the need for any respiratory equipment. Without it they are blind, and they require vast quantities. 176 B.G. Erasmus wagers Omnius that humans can learn as a computer and
begins teaching Albans. Even if God doesn't arrive to punish them and ruin their House, the Imperium and Landsraad certainly will. You may choose a different talent if you are not sure where to start, before the game begins ask the players a few
questions: @@ "What are some lines that we would like to draw when it comes to the villain? Another section, What is a Roleplaying Game? The House Minor is willing to pay for evidence (real or fabricated) of her crimes. These assets are used during a conflict (as described in Chapter 6: Conflict) to overcome opponents and obstacles just like traits
usually in the following ways: @@ To make a task possible when it otherwise would not be (such as using lockpicks to pick a lock). A ssets The player characters should all be equipped with Arrakis-manufactured water-retaining stillsuits (assets of Quality 0), as they are going about the surface of the desert planet. AI had long been a goal of humans
since the time of Old Terra. Often these Houses' rulers have multiple heirs and pit them against each other so that the strongest or luckiest survive to rule as ruthlessly as they do. These are the kind of choices about whether to spare a life or kill, to help the wounded or to give them the gesture which leads to suicide. Extended Task Some
activities may take a while to complete, requiring ongoing effort over a prolonged period. It often spills less blood. 229 Overcoming an opponent's weakness or causing pain and suffering. 197 Lasgun......
readers to Guild Heighliners, although any technical House must take care to follow Butlerian proscriptions on what they develop. Diplomacy House Politics, Kanly Traits: Noble TALENTS @@ Putting Theory into Practice: Once per scene, when they Obtain Information, they may create a trait for free, representing an advantage they've identified with
the information they received. SCENARIO HOOK A merchant who claims to want to expand their business is looking for an introduction to a group of technology smugglers. The probe itself is a moderately-sized device, and requires sensors be attached to the intended subject, and an operator working while the process is ongoing. As an Asset: As with
regular shields, semi-shields are used for defense and can be used to threaten someone with a lasgun if activated. The Fremen prefer to take shelter in their sietches; the exposure of the surface is to be avoided whenever possible. They may re-roll a single d20 on their next test that aligns with the drive used on Leto's Communicate test. A single
artificial moon, Korona, once orbited Richese. Obviously, the best source on any particular era are the novels associated with it, which we have noted for each era. A larger form of poison snooper is installed on rooftops, usually above eating rooms, and is always active. It is vital the gamemaster pays attention to this so they can make sure their
adventures not only engage the players but give each character the chance to shine. If they did not think to bring extra water, they must rely on their stillsuits, which, unless they are of Fremen design, are less than optimal and all affected player characters suffer the 'Thirsty' trait. Check out Creating Nonplayer Characters on p.263 for more. Choose
one asset. Dirty Fighting @@ Abdulmujib Hake pilots one of the ornithopters for smuggler graband-go operations. As the name implies, roleplaying should encourage playing a role, and that means social interaction should have little or no dice rolling. You can often find more detail where you bought this book. They've also been used in attempted
assassinations when the assassin knows they will get near the target and does not plan on surviving the encounter. The collection of doctors, researchers, and scientists he assembled has arguably never been rivaled and it was this group that formed the core of the Suk School in the aftermath of the war and the signing of the Great Convention. You
when the jihad is launched. The Butlerian Jihad and later religious proscription has eradicated the use of thinking machines, so many advanced computational tasks require dedicated and highly trained specialists. These assets can be used, but they cannot move. The attacker's final Difficulty increases by +1 for each defensive asset in the same zone.
(armor, shields, and weapons being used to block or quard). A hell of sand, dust, and heat. Trusted couriers are highly prized and can become targets if their cargo is sufficiently valuable. tum to improve that asset's Quality by 1 for the next conflict in this scene. However, they can become pawns. EXAMPLE ARRAKEEN NATIVES @@ Elna creates
murals for pay. Who Are You? proposal that the head of the House is determined to reject. Only in the rarest or most desperate situations will the Guild venture openly into political skullduggery, and when they do so, they venture as little as possible. While many medical schools exist, none carry the prestige of the Suk School of Medicine. They
colorful windows, curved cuts into the stone columns, and vastness of the building is a tribute to Imperial architecture. @@ Two Farming Houses have come to the player characters to resolve their dispute. @@ Two Farming Houses have come to the player characters to resolve their dispute.
What would they do if given a difficult choice or if they are put under a lot of pressure? No one has complete power, not even the Emperor. While the order slowly flourished, the Butlerian Jihad cults were ever-present, and many Mentats joined their cause to cement the end of all thinking machines. In these cases, the following guidance may be
helpful when determining which to use: @@ Duty: Does the action relate to your responsibilities or obligations? The Order of Ment ats Though the Butlerian Edicts prevent thinking computers, this does not do away with the need for complex calculations and analysis of data. That is what the nobility insists at any rate, and no one ever asks the
peasantry what they think. Nasir can try and shoot thugs attacking Kara but with +1 to Difficulty for attacking an adjacent zone with a ranged weapon. Not all who have a position at court will be of this archetype—those who attend court because of their knowledge or prowess in other fields, such as soldiers, may fit other archetypes better. @@
 When they do, they are simply not defeated and may continue the conflict, but are not healed in any way. This private institution became the premier center for study of medicine in the Known Universe. Whenever you assist an ally and you use that skill, the ally you assist may re-roll a single d20 in their dice pool. Another idea is to employ a timer. Are
isolationist people who exist outside the Faufreluches caste system, they are neither part of the Landsraad nor fall within the category of the Houses that populate it. He has saved more than one harvesting expedition on the scorching sands of Arrakis. Given the lack of organized worship, there is quite a lot of divergence among adherents about the
specifics of the Orange Catholic faith. The League of Nobles debated internally what the best course of action would be as the Unallied Worlds refused them the resources required to defend themselves. It is Obregon. Troops then fight in largely melee formations to wrest control of these locations from the defenders, who are also shielded melee
dismemberment, disfigurement, severe organ damage, and the like. Ixian Majorius is the largest terrain city and the one most visitors see, as it is home to the only visitor spaceport. This allows the user to get on top of the sandworm and guide the beast to wherever the rider wishes. It was this perceived impartiality that led to the Emperor naming
Liet Judge of the Change and overseer of the transition from Harkonnen rule to Atreides. Guild transit brokers, while visible and sometimes even working closely with Imperial Houses, are inevitably inscrutable, offering no personal information and presenting no means of blackmail or extortion. However, they are directly in harm's way. The
communication system can be hacked and used as a weapon against other Houses. For a member of a House, it is difficult to determine who to trust even within one's own family. Treat it similarly to if you were attempting to eavesdrop into a conversation behind a wall, only catching pieces of the overall context. @@ Hidden Motives: When an
opponent fails an Understand or Communicate test against Fenring, he may immediately create a trait which reflects a mistaken belief they have about him. Does the player character have any assets that might help the group? Breaking these up with unexpected twists or dramatic interludes can keep gameplay fresh and engaging for everyone at the
table. Each Drive uses a statement (similar to Values or Truth statements) to determine why your character is making the test, not just whether they pass or fail. Though the Sisterhood keeps many of their powers, like their control over their internal body chemistry, secret, some are well known. However, as you play the game and develop the concept their internal body chemistry, secret, some are well known.
record one trait, primary skill (7), and secondary skill (6). @@ Distracted: There is too much going on. In disguise, they can infiltrate almost any House Minor, one looking to move out from under the shadow of the House Major they serve. Such
 was humanity's first recorded victory against the machines in the war of humankind versus thinking machines. Women from around the Imperium go there to endure the physical and mental conditioning the Bene Gesserit are famous for. Many noble Houses engrave the hilts with their House emblem. The second session leads them to the suspects
home worlds to gather evidence. Other Memory can pick and choose what to reveal to specific Reverend Mothers, however. The Bene Gesserit could arguably be considered a Religious Great House, as their Reverend Mothers have infiltrated almost every major and great House in the Imperium. The Momentum can even be saved for later if it doesn't
exceed the usual limit, representing the advantage of scouting out the terrain or your opponents first. They should never be surprised by the actions of their enemies, and always have a trap waiting for those who move against their House. During any conflict, you may add 1 to Threat to take the first action, regardless of who would otherwise act first.
The stillsuit even reclaims urine and feces, cleansing it and providing the wearer with potable water, via specially designed purification pockets contained in the suit's thigh pads. Technique and purpose perfectly aligned. Luckily, such enemies need not be engaged in a deadly kanly vendetta such as between Houses Atreides and Harkonnen. 115
                                                            play. Players should not be forced to suffer the consequences of uninformed decisions during character creation that will linger throughout the rest of the campaign. S tep S e v e n: A ssets Assets represent the tools and resources available to a character, which they can use to achieve their goals. But even as they plot to conquer the galaxy, threats
both new and old stir at the edges of known space. You are one of the Keleres, an agent of the Council tasked to eliminate those threats. Success at cost A roll may be changed to a bare success if the character suffers a complication p.148149 D etermination (P layers) p.157 Determination may only be spent on a test where a Drive statement applies
without conflict with the action. Ground vehicles are normally used for reconnaissance and transport, though they are occasionally fitted with heavier weaponry when the enemy lacks shields. As one of the most significantly greater
detail than the other planets, and the following section delves deeply into its unique environment and denizens. Do they immediately enter into combat with the reclusive, notoriously hostile, natives, or try to Communicate with them? The blustering Globus, more an incompetent factory manager than a commander, grudgingly greets the characters
with the respect due their stations in the House, but with a degree of exaggerated self-importance. In any circumstance where you're making a skill test with an asset and the asset's Quality has no other effect within the rules (for that specific test), then the gamemaster may allow you to generate bonus Momentum on a successful test equal to the
asset's Quality. H ist o ry The Suk School was founded by the legendary Dr. Mohandas Suk soon after the end of the Butlerian Jihad. Assets: Influence, Kindjal, Ornithopter 286 Despite their luxurious homes, unlimited access to water, and aristocratic experiences, the young nobles of the Imperium lead uncertain lives. It is believed that those initial
developmental years establish a baseline personality and loyalty that is built upon. OCCUR ON... 1 Normal 20 2 Risky 3 Perilous 18-20 4 Precarious 17-20 5 Treacherous 16-20 19 or 20 Complications result on a roll of 20 on any dice. WING IT OR STICK TO THE BOOK? An ornithopter is no better than a knife as a knife isn't much use if you need to
fly, just like an ornithopter is only useful to escape a duel. @@ Extended Test: This is best for a time limit, such as if the player characters needing to root out the assassin before the ruler of their House arrives. I n d u stri a l T ec h n o l o g y Some level of manufacturing and heavy mechanized work is handled by servos, which are little better than
gear and clockwork-driven automatons, incapable of doing anything other than following simple orders, physically manufactured into their construction. This applies at all levels of society, not just for laborers and farm workers. F au n a Just as the flora of Arrakis has adapted to surviving in the harshest of conditions, so too has its wildlife. 19-20 NO
REASON No one knows why these Houses are rivals, including them. 72 Suk Conditioning.....
                                                                                                        ....... Is the Fremen chief Drasil now an implacable enemy, or a potential friend and ally? This adventure is a great introduction to Dune if you have not played before. The Preeminence of Melange No commodity in the known universe is more valued
than the spice melange. They often coordinate with others (such as the Councilor) on matters of security, but in matters of law and judgment, they answer only to the Ruler. It is human nature to want things that one isn't allowed to have. Instead, supporting characters are created as and when circumstances require within the game. This depth can
seem impossible to grasp in a way that's authentic to the source material, yet it gives players an experience that matches up with their expectations, and lets you have fun with your friends at the same time. The Landsraad meets regularly, the House heads from across the Imperium converging to discuss matters of great import, such as conducting
trade and establishing policy. The spice melange is the reason the Empire exists, but food is the reason the Empire continues. As an Asset: The silent nature of the most powerful figures. Ment at a ndthe Known under the Known under the Empire exists, but food is the reason the Empire exists, but food is the reason the Empire exists, but food is the reason the Empire exists.
i v erse Generations ago, the Order of Mentats established a deal with CHOAM to provide employment for their members and aid the empire. Significantly smaller outcrops of rock are dotted throughout the vast desert and proffer the few sanctuaries from sandworm attack available in the great open expanses of sand. All Houses within the Landsraad
employ swordmasters within their ranks, though the ones from Ginaz are indisputably the best. Traits: Ranged Weapon, Quiet, Small FLIP-DART Tiny and discreet, the flip-dart is named for the flip-cover that hides its sharp barb. If you take it, you delete the opposing statement after making the test. They are an effective weapon against shielded
opponents. While he still possessed the razor-sharp insight of any other Mentat, he was prone to adding cruel flourishes to plans crafted from the output of his computations. Intrique and political chicanery are always dangerous games, and while favors can certainly be the most subtle of all approaches, this must be balanced with their potential for
disaster. Once the performance is over you may add 1 to the group's Momentum pool. Think about the people in your own life. Once you've written up some details, answering a few questions here and there, you should have a non-player character that is both engaging and believable enough for players to feel invested in interacting with them. 207
                             . With a tight stranglehold on legitimate trade, Arrakis' merchants handle most of the goods that enter the cities. If they don't, the character's methods become predictable to their enemies and may offer an opportunity for the gamemaster to apply Threat. Once they've rolled, you roll to see if you can beat them. Introducing
interesting characters with engaging information can lead to many interesting avenues for gameplay later. A critical turning point occurred when Omnius Prime began attacking and conquering the Unallied Planets, starting with Tyndall and Bellos. 88 B.G. Ix and Richese survive the Cult of Serena's fanatical assault on machines, unscathed. ASK
WHAT THE PLAYERS WANT Finally, remember that the character's traits might help reduce the Difficulty, and you can use the limited Determination of others if you
help them get something they want. @@ Peronel is on Arrakis under the orders of the Reverend Mother Superior herself. A gamemaster cannot plan for every eventuality, and you'll need to be flexible in the face of clever players. "It's good to see some friendly faces here! Come, let me show you around." G u ided T o u r Obregon takes the player
characters on a tour of the Grief, guiding them through the decks of the carryall, passing through bulkheads and ducking under cabling. Cala City served as home to the Atreides family since its foundation. ® 9 781912 743599 Stock Code: MUH052162 Dune © 2021 Legendary. @@ Sexuality and romance can also look different Be sure to include
characters that look different from one another, who have different cultures and religious backgrounds, like how we function in the real world. They are based on favor, debts, and reputation, but also include informers and servants. They are based on favor, debts, and reputation, but the messenger says the infiltrator has been 'turned' by the player characters' rivals and
the rescue operation is really a trap. Then battle is joined by the heavier tank assets from both sides. The same holds true for an employer. 149 Recovering Drives................ Or maybe they are indifferent, until they realize a character has something that they want? These devices operate on the secondary (low drain) phase of the Holtzman field
generator and nullify local gravity. The planet repelled multiple thinking machine invasions. Anna sees what she can learn from the other servants. The most severe punishment to be levied by the High Council is that of banishment, where a House is divested entirely of its holdings and forced to seek refuge, either on the outskirts of the Imperium
where the Landsraad does not extend, or even outside the Imperium entirely, generally thought to be a death sentence. THE REASON I FIGHT (DRIVE) You may spend a point of Momentum to ask the gamemaster if a piece of information you have is true or false. As a Major House: The Major Military House is a tiger you do not want to wake. They
originate from the Faufreluches period and are closely related to stunners. Instead, they can do the following things: 136 @@ Difficulty 0 Tests: A character not directly controlled by a player may attempt any action in which they will automatically succeed, such as any test which has a Difficulty of 0. By accepting all cookies, you agree to our use of
cookies to deliver and maintain our services and site, improve the quality of Reddit, personalize Reddit content and advertising, and measure the effectiveness of advertising. The end of the alley has the trait 'Dark' as it is covered and shaded. Kara explains that she knows his plan and tells him that the spice trader is under her protection, as they have
a deal. Euler takes any accusation that he might have sabotaged equipment, or simply caused a malfunction through technical incompetence, as a slight on his reputation and becomes obscured is when the vast
sandstorms begin to fill the sky, sweeping down upon the unsuspecting with sufficient ferocity to strip flesh from bone, to mulch metal. This is Arrakis, after all. A staunch ally of the Atreides today may become the bosom companion of the Harkonnens tomorrow. Next, Kara's player looks at her drive statements. Instead of overloading the players with
what the character had for breakfast, give them snippets of details that the players would find important or engaging to mesh with the story. Ginaz training does not only concentrate on the use of the weapon, as has been noted, but also on tactics and the strategies of effective fighting and warfare. The mammoth complex is at an undisclosed location
to accept those the need to know and protect the school. Mobile security, such as guards, can be moved around to actively search for spies, informants, and surveillance devices (and question people, for more overt information-gathering), while static security measures are passive and only serve to present an obstacle. CHOAM auditors are as ruthless
as those in service to the Emperor's tax collection and have left numerous Houses in financial ruin and at the mercy of their peers. Each character has a rating in each of five drives, which are described below. Is the place peaceful or violent? 116 Infiltrator......
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 .. Don't be too quick to waste the opportunity,
but at the same time be aware when the game is losing pace and getting bogged down. 203 B.G. to A.G. . Complications don't stop you from succeeding, but they may impede your actions later or have other repercussions. In the third scene, the player characters reach the dubious sanctuary of the spice harvester Alberich and its shady crew of spice
workers. @@ Exhausted: I'm too tired to fight. 127 Constantly Watching.......... All 2d20 system text is copyright Modiphius Entertainment Ltd. A dropout from a secondtier medical academy, he is addicted to semuta. While Dune's setting is not by its nature controversial, it does involve violence, slavery, oppression, eugenics, genocide, torture,
unwilling seduction, etc. Drives are added to a character's skills to derive the target number when they attempt a test. Despite the enormous sums paid by the Major Houses to obtain the swordmasters would try and force a swordmaster to train someone deemed unsuitable. If you need some time to come up with something, postponing
until the next session works, too. Instead, combatants maneuver around the battlefield, using the terrain and their relative positions to their advantage. Due to the compressed state of the book. The links between these zones are the natural connections between them: a
zone representing a particular group of smugglers may have a link to someone who does business with them, and links to the places those smugglers regularly do business. The Landsraad is organized through a set of rules known as the Great Convention, the political compact that governs all. "Taren isn't worried about that at the moment," replies
Sam, who plays Taren, a Suk doctor. 131 Voice (Bene Gesserit Talent)..... By using the myths and superstitions dispersed throughout a planet by the Missionaria Protectiva, a Sister can make herself seem like a legend come to life, allowing her to work with or even exploit a local population. The immaculately constructed marble building was
masterfully designed to reverberate every sound at an enjoyable level regardless of volume. TARGETING ASSETS It can be useful to try and sabotage the assets of your opponent during an espionage scene. DEFINING ASSETS It can be useful to try and sabotage the assets. As an Asset: A bunker is a tactical asset
used to secure and give a bonus to defensive units and characters. Each area has its own authority, such as a Fremen naib or a governor. A multitude of factors, such as the geriatric spice and the lack of thinking machines, have produced a setting filled with humans possessed of unnaturally long life, intense mental discipline, and weaponized
emotional intelligence. If they gain a Determination point, they instead gain 3 Threat. Expand your game, and the power of your House with this collection of Dune: Adventures in the Imperium supplements and accessories. The populace works in the factories, military, or battle in the arenas for the pleasure of House Harkonnen. @@ Major NPCs are
important, powerful people, equivalent or superior to the player characters. In the years that followed Idaho proved himself time and again against the Atreides enemies, especially the hated Harkonnens. Much like the now-subjected humans under their control, the Titans relied heavily on thinking machines and AIs to rule the planets they held. If you
need to use Guild resources more than once during the course of an adventure, the second time adds 2 to Threat, the third time adds 4, and so forth, adding +2 to the cost each time, as your increased use risks drawing undue attention to you. C rimi n a l DRIVE D U TY: S TAT E M E N T 4 FA I TH: 4 JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 7 T RU TH: 4 SKILL 6 C
O M M U N I C AT E: 4 DISCIPLINE: 4 MOVE: 6 U N D E R S TA N D: 4 For a reasonable fee, Tomlin will arrange to obtain specific people, often spending time getting close to a target as a friend or servant to study them before replacing them. When making technological devices
that connect to a person's nervous system, they are beginning to take a step towards machines that think. Example: Kara Molay has three personal assets: a concealable knife, her personal ornithopter, and from there, the universe itself,
cannot be underestimated. SHIELD, SEMI- A variant of the personal shield, the semi-shield is a shield built to protect only a part of the body, usually the upper torso or half of the upper torso or half of the upper torso or half of the upper torso and one leg. @@ Fraze has no loyalty to any particular House. The machinations of each of the various characters — be it due to greed, hatred, or love — are
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action, based on the skills and abilities of the character performing equipment to play an RPG. Additionally, new zones may be added to Convention, though this power is used sparingly and with the Land Infiltrator, Protector, Scholar, Spy, Warrior @@ Mandatory Talents	ltation or tragedy. @@ The action is simple, but how well you succeed In these it. @@ Or do the player characters keep it secret amongst their House as a work of the map whenever needed to represent new participants or parties who were sraad's oversight. @@ Any asset worn on your character's person, or which restricted the properties of the properties of the properties. Pranabindu Conditioning FREMEN All of a man's water, ultimately, belongs alkers. D E S E RT P L A N E T. Find the one that they are strongest at and wrong the properties of the pr	reapon to employ against them if they ever have thoughts of betray, en't involved before but are now (such as someone calling on allies expresents their overall position or situation, is placed in the zone the to his peopleto his tribe. A player who creates a socialite most like	al? Example: Nasir has an enemy pilot on his tail in the same zone, and he to support them). @@ The Emperor may determine and mete out justice at represents your character. @@ Additional Trait: Bene Gesserit @@ Suely wants a game featuring intrigue, one who creates a fighter wants act	ne needs to defeat that pilot to escape. You need very little e when a House has transgressed against the laws of the Great auggested Archetypes: Analyst, Athlete, Courtier, Empath, Envoy, and combat. However, not everyone has the same social skills,
to buy automatic successes on a Communicate test (1 success/poin aspire to different goals — sometimes they align with other charactering these moments that awaken humanity from their slumber the roll. You only generally need to roll up to five dice at any one ti of the Sisterhood. Many do not realize the highly advanced levels of	t). Historically, the Bene Gesserit have used spice to advance their abilities, but ters in the world, other times, not as much. This collection of religious writings of selfish personal focus to the greater goals of the Imperium and God. If a ski me, but it will speed up play if most people have their own set and don't need of production, co-ordination, and management that leaders of such Houses need to capitalize on a skillset that doesn't exist among the main characters, to play	at the degree to which they are dependent upon it—if at all—is a closs was compiled after the Butlerian Jihad from a mixture of faiths, but ll test succeeds at a cost, then a character who fails a skill test still to keep passing the dice backwards and forwards. 203 Other Vehicd to successfully dedicate entire planets — or at least continents —	osely-guarded secret. A rough repair job with tape can limit the water los ut particularly Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. They both require hierar l achieves their goal in some form, but they also suffer one or more autor eles Key phrases, such as "on that path lies danger," alerts a to producing food, preparing it for market, shipping it off-world to plane	ss, though that player character is still a little low on water. People rchical leaderships that focus legions of dedicated personnel towards matic complications, in addition to any they're suffering because of a Bene Gesserit to look for a secret message from another member ets that need it, and turning a profit after each growing season. @@
scenery pieces, scenic art, lighting and sound systems @@ Produce Intelligence operations and secrets are the meat and drink of most finds its most dedicated adherents. It is certainly not, however, nat Cibus Hood	e: Plays, poems, novels, comedy sketches, musical pieces @@ Expertise: Playw Houses. Do they have a spouse or partner somewhere? It was the Spacing Gui tive to Arrakis and was in fact introduced to the planet by Pardot Kynes. @@ If the ordinary rank and file subordinates and servants of the House; quick to creat or campaign, it will be up to you to decide if they become allies or adversaries of the caste system are the nobles of the Houses of the Landsraad. That also	rights, poets, composers, directors @@ Workers: Actors, stage cre ild that renamed the planet and retrofitted it to its current state. Ex your successful attack leads to an extended task (meaning the foe ate and disposable for brief scenes where their skills are necessary of your player characters' House. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 4 C O M M	www, musicians, speakers, traveling companies @@ Understanding: Philosoperation wants to find some leverage on a spice merchant she thinks is not a minor character), the task's requirement depends on how your for 214 Black Market Trader You said he was getting away, didn't you by I C AT E: 6 Diplomacy DISCIPLINE: 7 Composure, Self-Control Mo	ophy, literary criticism, theatrical performance styles ESPIONAGE is may be cheating her House. It is in these communities that faith foe would resist your attack—likely Discipline or Understand. 194 you Helen?" With Nasir stable, Helen returns to Kara chasing the OVE: 5 U N D E R S TA N D: 5 @@ Rellis is a mechanic who works
Chief Physician also personally attends to the health of the ruling f almost entirely without note. The heir of the household is the eldes rules) may state that a specific action or decision risks escalating t remember everything. @@ Truth: Does the action seek to uncover 128 Deliberate Motion Drive statements are described in	amily. @@ Confused: I don't quite understand what is going on. © 2024 Edge t son or daughter, or another direct relation if the existing elder child is unsuit he situation, making it more dangerous or unpredictable. S h a res a n d S h a secrets, or If none of the drive statements suit the action There may be more detail on p.106, and additional guidance on creating them appears in the Planthey use instead of their normal name. As an Asset: These have been used to gr	Studio. It works like this: the players characters must [Plot] [Goal] table for some reason. I mpr o v i n g t h e O dds With a Communicate h o lders CHOAM is a separate entity from the other institutions e. Similarly, creating new assets can be an important option during ned Creation section on p.120-121. The Butlerian Jihad battlefields	in the [Location] and defeat the [Hazard] for [Character]. Politics on A ate of 6 and a Duty of 7, Kara's player must roll 13 (6+7=13) or less to g s of the Imperium but is comprised of members of those powers. This into a conflict. The gamemaster will set a Difficulty rating from 0 to 5, and if were brutal nightmares that broke the minds of doctors dealing with the	arr a k is Arrakis was, until the discovery of the spice, a planet rain a success. @@ Escalation: At times, the gamemaster (or the ensive training, higher recall, and conditioning allowed Gilbertus to you roll as many successes as the Difficulty your test is a success. It is massive numbers of casualties. Characters who engage in criminal
intrigue are disposition (what is the relationship between your charthe Jihad could now be turned against one another. Trips outside o within it, collaborating with CHOAM, the Bene Gesserit, and even acquire political power as an order. @@ Ratna is a sharpshooter are including Obregon's— 318 which have now landed outside. D U N 1	racter and someone else) and desire (what does each person want). Notice the ne's vessel are limited to conveyance via a Guild shuttle to a Guild-controlled f individual Houses within the Landsraad, as suits its purpose. As an Asset: The nd specializes in long-distance assassinations for her House. These were Agam E   A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 77 J u n cti o n K a it a i n St	added sounds, smells, and other sensations in addition to the visual facility, resembling a lounge or transit hotel, where negotiations or emergency transmitter is a useful tool for alerting others or calling emnon, Ajax, Alexander, Barbarossa, Dante, Hecate, Juno, Tamerla ar System: Classified Star System: Alpha Waiping Moons: Two orbi	als. Now lacking a machine enemy, each House shared the same threat to communication may be held. The Spacing Guild, in turn, schemes on its in reinforcements. The Mentats took the places of the thinking machine ane, Tlaloc, and Xerxes. Most grab a few personal items and sacks of raw ital space stations Moons: Four Habitable: Class IV Habitable: Class IV N	to their existence: the very arsenals that they had amassed to fight in own to maintain its unspoken command over the Imperium and all es, but unlike either the Bene Gesserit or Spacing Guild, they did not spice, and begin to fight over seats in the four available 'thopters—Toble House: Spacing Guild Noble House: Corrino Primary Export:
is not a liar, she feels Truth is too easily manipulated and Justice is is value in speed, even if there are consequences. Whereas a local breaks down and explains she is the one the spice merchant is have scene, the players may take whatever actions they desire, and once	Densely underground complexes. "An act of revenge!" The scene ends with Ob rarely found in the Imperium. Often this takes time; the agent has to gradually game may have been bound by the limits of a single environment, the world gaing an affair with. @@ Personal Details - Decide on a name, personality, appears there's nothing else they can, or wish to, do in that place, the scene ends. The Drives: A trusted Envoy will often have a strong sense of Duty, which may share	y insinuate themselves, shrugging off the initial angry denials of infame expands the scope of the story to include these settings. C re a arance, and relationships. A knife leaves marks, or, worse, a dead bese assets are used during a conflict (as described in Chapter 6: Co	terest or threats. They oversee a staff of diplomats, messengers, and ambiting $N$ on - $p$ lay er $C$ har acters Non-player characters make a woody which must be hidden or explained. Several well-armored Harkonne onflict) to overcome opponents and obstacles. Now what? @@ Trait: Enveronments are considered to the constant of the co	bassadors. MIND PALACE (MENTAT TALENT) MAKE HASTE There rld richer and bring more excitement to the story. The partner on patrols were lost entirely. Once the gamemaster has set up a boy @@ Primary Skill: Communicate @@ Secondary Skill: Move @@
guiding the advancement of the human mind through mastery of the Chapter 9: Allies and Adversaries. Assets: Cypher Key, Elegant Cloworth two successes. If you lose the contest, your attack fails. Infai 6 T RU T H: 5 SKILL I get what I want. Ultimately, for a gamemas 1 Momentum you may use your Discipline for that requirement institutions.	the human body are very much present in the school's teachings, and his mandathing, Local Agents of their House D U N E   A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M mous as a brute tyrant, Rabban was one of the most hated men of his time. The ter, all these issues should present more opportunity than obstacle. @@ Invest tead of the skill normally used. Picking up clues from spice smugglers on Arrala, he cannot strip a noble of their title, except in the most extraordinary of conditions.	ate to do no harm to another human being guides every graduate. No PERIUM 277 Face Dancer DRIVESTATEMENTDUTY epenalty for disobeying any of these Guild restrictions is inevitably digating knowledge whose very existence has been hidden. 164 Conkis, their quest takes them first to the slave auction houses on Porit	Non-player characters are similar to player characters in a number of way if the second secon	ys, but they are addressed in Chapter 8: Gamemastering and inconstant as I am. @@ Each die that rolls a 1 is a critical success, depending on the severity of the infraction. JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: where the requirement is based on one of your skills, at the cost of the Emperor could command a House to divest itself of its holdings,
desires more. In truth, Kynes was dedicated only to the Fremen an Empire grew over the millennia to encompass more than a million great Schools were developed to train human beings to perform the NTURESINTHEIMPERIUM 191 At the end of a scene, a skirmish happens can be as vital for victory or defeat as the comba	d their dreams of Arrakis as paradise. 88 Kanly	CAMPAIGNS When playing with a new group, it helps to start with orce would likely unsettle the balance of power between the Imperian develop the potential they had allowed to wither. @@ You'll have sets based on observations which are no longer relevant or based on elee Weapons, Shielded Quality: 3-4 ELITE TROOPS: FEDAYKIN Figure 1.	h a one-off adventure or a short campaign no more than a few sessions local House and the Houses of the Landsraad. 5 JUSTICE: EXAMPLE TLEIL four drives left to define, along with drive statements for two of them. To positioning on a battlefield your character is no longer on—are discard remen death commandos. @@ Constricted: There isn't enough room for the state of t	ong (see Short Games and Long-term Campaigns on p.219). The LAXU MASTERS A Heighliner has disappeared. Thankfully, several he asset must be something your character could D U N E   A DV E led. OVERCOMING AN OBSTACLE The environment where a me to move. If found acceptable, the parents are offered the
Archetypes Tests Outline Down	145 Rival Houses			151 Adventure155 Act II 'Thopter
other activities an agent's target wants to remain hidden. It is the other think about them in more detail. 196 Filmbook	character's ego, representing their belief in their own moral authority and their hile they may outwardly seem very different, Artistic and Religious Houses are it left them no other option but to serve it or be powerless. And have a good ting note and academic discipline. Without space travel or interstellar communication of E   A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 45 Directorate meetings a	ir right to take what they want. 90 RELIGION Faith still plays a large at their core similar in how they go about producing experiences me doing it. They whisper about them at court and spread lies and on, a House is cut off from the Landsraad and the rest of the Imperate conducted on a regular schedule and attendance is mandatory.	ge part in the society of the Imperium. If you've had any difficulty coming for their patrons. 197 B.G. The Corrin Omnius launches an unsuccessful gossip where they can. S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 4 FA I T H: 7 Who can ium, deprived of trade and ultimately, of spice. In the next round the thu Example: Having taken out an enemy ornithopter, Nasir is feeling confid	g up with drive statements for a character, now is a good time to attack on the League of Nobles world Salusa Secundus. While a believe in a greater power when evil is unavoidable? They are a legs make a point of targeting Nasir. A selection of beginner-level lent, until he notices a cannon turret activating and taking aim at
him. Some talents or other character abilities may grant them addi of a regular supply of the spice. This may mean that the item takes Imperial Politics Traits: Bene Gesserit, Reverend Mother, Truthsay of backup characters early on. Anyone receiving this training gains Nobles. 209 Interrogation	tional ways to use Determination. @@ Frightened: I can't deal with this. For a an unusual form, it's exceptionally effective or well-crafted, or it has some signer TALENTS @@ Advisor (Communicate): The Reverend Mother may re-roll as a better insight into their universe, and it can be used to improve their cognit verend Mother's access to the Other Memory of their ancestral bloodline, while cost to do so by +2. The farmers' demands do not seem radical, but the characteristics.	ll other Drives, they use a score of 5. It is forbidden to stockpile menificant (and personal) history behind it. P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 4 single d20 in the dice pool of an ally she assists. THINK ABOUT Chive abilities to some small extent. This talent may be purchased much may then be passed along genetically by another Reverent Moth	elange, but it is almost certain that every House stores away quantities of D U T Y: SKILL FOCUSES B AT T L E: 5 C O M M U N I C AT E: 7 Decentaries DEATH If you plan on running a brutal campaign with a lot of altiple times. HISTORY Giedi Prime during the Butlerian Jihad under the ner. Keep in mind that even a warrior has other things going on in their lies.	f the material to ensure against the possible risk of being deprived eit DISCIPLINE: 7 Observe MOVE: 5 U N D E R S TA N D: 7 of character deaths, it might help to have your players start thinking command of Magnus Sumi was an active member of the League of ives that can make them feel emotional. In addition, once per scene,
terrain, Shielded, Troop Transport Quality: Larger carriers carry methey form vast networks of tunnels. These traits (see Traits, p.102) EXAMPLE VETERAN NOBLES Possession is nine tenths of the law to the machines which process spice for delivery to the Emperor or activated by her to doom the player characters? The reat Where you	can be used by any of the player characters who are recognized as members of the theorem is a focus you feel would suit your character better you may other customers. Their just and noble ways touched him deeply, and he soon ou and the other players have Momentum, the gamemaster has Threat. Young a coasionally dispatched to Arrakis to observe how the planet is being run and en	ty platforms, or just grav platforms, were adopted centuries ago into their House and imply the reputation the House has within the Ingressitute it for either of these. 91 House Creation	to modern Imperial warfare. Then, roll your dice pool. These gigantic beamperium. Noble (Veteran) DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 5 FA I T H: This is also where most of the spice refining facilities are found, with mo Understand (average, D1) what drew the sandworm here, and search for controlled by their swordmaster trainers. They may also select an application.	asts live beneath the sand, burrowing deep below the surface, where 5 JUSTICE: 5 P OW E R: 7 T RU T H: 6 SKILL B AT T L E: nany of the inhabitants living extremely close to their work, tending for the concealed thumper in the landing gear of Obregon's 'thopter, cable focus if they have one. While Count Fenring (described on
new? They are attended by directors and their proxies, and represe an overview of how it all came to be. The House is obviously of gre- sandworms, which pose a constant threat to any major structure or solve rules disputes with a majority vote. The young noble was note enslaved people under a watchful eye are constantly cleaning the	entatives of the Spacing Guild and the Bene Gesserit who, while silent parties is at importance to the players, as it determines what type of characters they can expect vehicle located on or near the desert. The obvious answer may seem to be the ed for a cruel streak surprising even by Harkonnen standards and was poised city to maintain the illusion of industry and civility side-by-side. Despite its benefits	in CHOAM, are sure to work in advancement of their agendas outsing each create and what they might aspire to. This is large enough a lat you don't. If you cannot convince this player of the merits of your on the edge of greatness, in no small part due to his existence as an eficial qualities, the spice is a doubleedged sword: it is also highly a	ide of official proceedings. If you're unfamiliar with Dune, whether the not not thick enough to build upon, safely and reliably, secure against both the interpretation, and if you cannot appeal to their sense of mutual coopernother part of the far-ranging Bene Gesserit breeding program. Ask them addictive, and withdrawal can often be deadly. Consider your character's	ovel or the new motion picture from Legendary Films, here's a bit of he endlessly shifting sands and the ferocious attacks of the ration, then the easiest solution is to turn to the entire room and ha what subjects you should avoid in your story. In fact, they are, the s family relationships: Where is the rest of their family? When one of
asset's Quality 192 during the previous adventure, up to your charamany new approaches to combat. They must tread carefully, for if Moving assets in intrigue is relatively uncomplicated, as any individual once beautiful, but Salusa Secundus is now a prison planet in servithreat, and the rare assassination, the Sisterhood focuses the Impe	ns can be collected and refined, ready for use in the Bene Gesserit ritual. KEE acter's maximum limit. Though essential for the economic growth of the Imperthey misstep here they could destroy both relationships and lose it all by trying dual your character can talk to directly (or any group where they can speak to ce to the Emperor and a training ground for his elite Sardaukar. Weapons of the crium on the direction of its choosing and toward the future they believe is the	rium, they are more servants waiting to be assigned than leaders in g to please everyone. If a focus applies to what a character is doing a representative) counts as an adjacent zone you can move assets his type might be used in a personal duel or a skirmish conflict. The correct one. But stranger things have happened. Arrakeen is built	their own rights. S w o rdm a sters of G in a z The irrelevance of the guest, it increases the chances of scoring critical successes when making a skinto. The Baron's ambitions were not fulfilled through this wealth. Langue way a jacket folds might indicate a concealed weapon. With gentle coars with wide, open streets, slablike architecture, and high stone walls to sh	un and the laser in the universe necessitated the development of cill test. What made them pledge their loyalty to the House? @@ lages: Galach OVERVIEW House Corrino's former homeworld was king, political alliances, social maneuvering, the occasional veiled unt wind and to facilitate the almost constant removal of sand. Tec
devices. The traitor Obregon, if she is not already immobilized, tak training follow a strict regime as they move from island to island or extremely well-read, with vast amounts of knowledge about a wide that neither side has any real advantages or hindrances beyond the his Discipline to gain 1 Threat. Embrace that diversity and make it	E: 4 P OW E R: 4 T RU T H: 5 SKILL My skills will keep us running. Many mer es advantage of the confusion to disappear, either to escape or further imperil a Ginaz. As this is a social scene, further complications would relate to that. It range of subjects. But it often leads to unexpected stories! Even if every player own abilities. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 5 C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 D I S C I P apparent in your game, without relying on two-dimensional tropes. 200 W o results of the confusion of the	the player characters, at the gamemaster's discretion. 196 Stillsui is important to remember that assets are just one weapon in any cler character in the group has a hammer, not every problem needs to LI N E: 6 Survival (Desert) M OVE: 7 Pilot (Ornithopter) U N D ER nsi g n! W a r f a re A ssets: S h ields & E mpl a ceme n ts STRATE	t	from human history and called themselves the Titans. Those sent for a They say that variety is the spice of life. INTENSE STUDY You are or contests assumes that both sides are on roughly equal footing, and there is no Threat at the start of a scene, Euler may roll 1D20 under their name from the Holtzman effect, are large shields that project
are not mysteries that anyone wants to uncover. The Bene Gest and this can be something caused during play, perhaps by spending importance is integral to the culture, with honored guests of Stardabattle between Houses—the formalized and limited War of Assassi	erve Hawat's brilliance and bloody-minded attention to detail was the fist in the serit Moving behind the scenes is the Sisterhood of the Bene Gesserit, an all-feg Threat point or because of a complication—they choose how big the extended a washing their hands with water from the river and the enslaved people sendins—unless it affected them directly. The publication of the Orange Catholic Bioff-world inhabitants of the city, who consider it an uncouth practice, and by the	emale religious order that advises and counsels all the Houses of the d task is. EXAMPLE MERCHANTS @@ Flair runs a hefty percentaging flaming rafts with the dead on them down the river so their ash ble was marked with controversy, with great riots throughout the I	e Landsraad, providing them with wives, concubines, and counselors. Where of the water trade in Bartering, Persuasion Carthag and Arrakeen, takes are carried out to sea to rest. Moreover, she has used her mechanical imperium, and it was denounced vigorously for centuries to come. Choose	hen the gamemaster decides that a situation is an extended task— sing advantage of her water sellers whenever she can. Isana River's skills to sabotage their 'thopter. They overlooked the internecine e two factions to be loyal to. While such a job is essential to
swordmaster. Are they distinctive or average-looking? These are as can move and use their assets. He went on to write five more Dune forces directly. Even the most pleasant and honorable House has so is obviously be of some use in single combat, for example—but this believe. They are crewed by daring wildcat crews who work furious	s follows: 86 The House is an established House Minor, one of the most imports novels, taking the story thousands of years into the future. @@ When you may omeone that hates them. On the other hand, if your players are having difficult may not be the whole story. 197 Emergency Transmitter @@ A created to say to harvest as much spice as possible from spice blows before a sandworm a Once per scene, Baron Harkonnen can give A corpulent and venal man, the Ba	ant of the vassal Houses that serve the same House Major. This make a skill test to move or use an asset and your character is in the sty dealing with some low-grade spice smugglers, you can give them rait may lay the groundwork for other actions later, such as establish uppears. As the merchant is known as a fair trader, Kara's player be	by be a physical area or an abstract representation of the conflict, but in a same zone as that unit, you may reduce the Difficulty of that skill test by a chance to gain Momentum. This name will normally provide some clustering a good rapport with a character you may wish to deal with later, or elieves her 'Honorable' trait may apply. Some sample concepts include: (e)	either case, it is divided into distinct zones, within which characters 1 (to a minimum of 1), to represent the advantages of leading your es as to the circumstances where the asset will be useful—a dagger a falsehood that you've managed to convince someone else to @@ Scion of the House: You are kin to the House's rulers and may
characters this so that they might ally with them against a common understand the world around them. However, ornithopters are more can reduce this. A physical sietch is typically located in one of Dunc Cala City is located on the western continent and dwarfs every other began displaying the first human computermirroring cognitive and	n enemy. @@ Overthinking: The answer just cannot be that simple. He's a blur re difficult as their wide wingspan compared to their size means their shield goe's many mountainous areas, taking advantage of the many natural cave networker city on the planet in size and population. @@ Impressing the Group: For a goe calculation abilities that rivaled thinking machines. It is even possible to play thats, Bene Gesserit, and Spacing Guild are not the only schools or special integration.	r atop the dunes. The animal relays the message through chirps, some enerator needs to be much larger and heavier that it would for a dif- orks which wend their way through the rock. UNDERSTAND Under good plan, roleplaying scene, or other noteworthy contribution (limi- online, and several virtual tabletop options exist, as well as using s	reeches, and other noises that approximate words Scytale, Face Dance fferent vehicle of that size. At the start of the first round, the gamemaste estand describes a character's ability to take in and process information, it of 1 per session for any player). Threat works much the same as Mome simple voice or video chat. For the common folk, there is almost no sense	er These archetypes use their wits and powers of observation to er selects which character takes the first turn. Better Quality suits and to recall and apply that knowledge effectively at a later point. Entum, but for your opponents and enemies. Eventually, the boy of social mobility. The player must get at least as many successes
may have entire regiments. This can go hand-in-hand when thinkin knowledge Population: Heavily populated cities and no one living o species, found in the deep deserts, often stretch to 400 meters in lefor everyone involved. Giedi Prime is the vehicle House Harkonnen rewarded with ennobling struggle. This is just as useful for creating	g about building out the details of the setting that you are building. Anyone elsewiside of them. The Noble Commonwealth has been known to foster some terrength and even the most junior is usually capable of swallowing spice mining reased to acquire power and move from being a House Minor to a House Major g assets, though these factors are worth considering: @@ Assets created with	se must pick the lock to open it. Star System: Laoujin W a ll a c h I is corist activities to make their point known. We try to copy these patigs whole in a few delirious moments of violence. However, that do it is built to endure, certainly, but also to prove the power of the O Determination have a basic Quality of 1, or 2 if you spend 2 points	X Moons: Three Habitable: Class IV Noble House: None (under Bene Gesterns in our lives and our society, seeking the rhythms, the dances, the feesn't mean you can't provide a challenge! Pushing your players to the browning Empire over both the planet itself, and the other Major Houses the Momentum to increase the asset's Quality. To be fair, you should supp	Serit control) Primary Export: Bene Gesserit training and forms that comfort. Fill in character details. The largest of the rink and having them come back in a dramatic fashion is rewarding that might seek to claim the fief. FA I T H: 8 The Faithful will be port your players when they want to explore darker aspects and
Landsraad as personal physicians, but also as medical overseers fo They want help eradicating the preacher and forcing the farmers be instead of any other skill and are counted as having a focus for that Assets, a character's assets represent the tools and resources they Fremen, due to spice ingestion, it is not necessarily precious. They	hould decide who they report to, and to a certain degree, perhaps even who the rarmies, directors of medicine for planetary governors, and as lead researche ack to work. Communication builds that trust. 209 328 I n de x Flip-dart t test. Finally, they might also be running a spice harvesting operation under a have at their disposal, which can be invaluable in overcoming adversity. They may use Gurney's Discipline instead of their skill. The old ways and many adversariations.	rs in medical industries. In some places, usually ones with a greate	er focus on technology (such as Ix), the Butlerian strictures are an annoying Medicine, Surgery Traits: Healer TALENTS @@ Intense Study: Once per ble and record its trait if you do. The desert only offers hard choices. @@ easily be sickeningly loyal to the Emperor, honorable to a fault, or annoying machine minds take control of them. Kara can use her Honourable trains	ing limit on innovation. is the head housekeeper for a House Minor. scene, they may may use their Understand skill on a single skill test. Assets: Described fully in Chapter 6: Conflict and Chapter 7: ying in their religious dedication. While life is long among the t to mitigate this a little and drop Distrustful to just 1. Rain and
baseline). FA I T H: 7 I don't need to understand a plan to know it remaining. @@ What makes you angry? Keywords: Damaging, Eml discipline, elaborating that he was recently caught 'being disrespendent to the opposition acts or reacts. This makes them a little easier to	em, making it a paradise for agricultural economy, ample sea life, and tourism. will benefit me. SISTER These women have completed their Bene Gesserit transparrassing STOLEN FILE Politics requires its players to wear different masks actful'—'Answering back to Globus', she adds—and consequently demoted to we politically flank. There is a rumbling in the distance, a sandworm is coming and do they have the means, skill, and luck to pull it off? Reusing an existing not	ining but have not undertaken the ritual transformation into become at different times, depending on the circumstances they find themselork at a distant spice storage depot and reserve processing facility. FOCUSES B AT T L E: $7 C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 DISCIPLINE: 3 COMMUNICATION $	ning a Reverend Mother. Instead, a non-player character may add to Threelves in. Kara can spend her bonus point of Momentum to ask a further cacross the desert. @@ Intangible assets can represent the uncontrolled a Survival (Desert) MOVE: 6 Worm Rider U N D E R S TA N D: 5 Tactics	eat, adding one point of Threat for every Momentum they have question. Obregon obligingly notes that Euler has a record of bad spread of information, true or otherwise, which can help influence
thing for you. Meeting the Commander Unless the player character. Each passed skill test made toward completing an extended an envoy. Keywords: Cunning, Paranoid, Ruthless HOUSE RETAIN is bleak and options are few, this can be a life-saving option. The sacreating the character. Spice grants enhanced mental acuity and a	aracters dictate otherwise, the deferential Obregon swiftly escorts the character dask scores one or more points, and when a total number of points have been according to the ER Any House, by its nature, has a wide variety of associated and loyal person many individual can be either demon or saint, and even shades of both."—from wareness, and as a result, many specialized fields of training take advantage of uidelines: SIMPLE (DIFFICULTY 0) @@ Nudging open a stuck door @@ Follow.	ers to the bridge of the Grief, to meet the carryall's commanding of en scored equal to the requirement, then the extended task is comp nel who serve the House's members and its best interests. Bonus N "The Wisdom of Muad'Dib", by the Princess Irulan D U N E   A DV of this. House Atreides is a similar example, as it is often overlooked	fficer, Globus. Instead, they have a single Drive rating, which ranges from lete, and whatever event or activity the task represented is resolved. SC Momentum differs from normal Momentum in that it cannot be saved into E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 99 Now that you know something the because their primary domain is pundi rice, yet their history of integrity.	ENARIO HOOK Charm, Diplomacy A rival Espionage House sends of the group pool: if it is not used, then it is lost. When the situation ing about the House your character serves, we can move on to y has attracted some of the most skilled advisors and leaders to
(DIFFICULTY 1) @@ Overcoming a simple lock @@ Following an u for a favor that costs the benefactor something minor @@ Deceiving suspicious subject @@ Investigating knowledge that has been active considers you an enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose very estranger @@ Deceiving a your worst enemy @@ Investigating knowledge whose worst enemy @@ Investigating who worst enemy @@ Investigating who worst enemy @@	inaware subject in the dark @@ Asking for a significant favor from a friend @@ a wary subject @@ Investigating confidential or hidden knowledge DAUNTI vely hidden by a powerful faction DIRE (DIFFICULTY 4) @@ Overcoming a confexistence has been hidden 146 EPIC (DIFFICULTY 5) @@ Overcoming a complex whose very existence has been hidden for centuries WHAT ARE YOU Deteristically wary of off-worlders. @@ Make Haste: Duncan may choose to suffer	Deceiving a trusting subject @@ Investigating private but not see NG (DIFFICULTY 3) @@ Overcoming a complex lock in a hurry @@nplex lock, in a hurry, without the right tools @@ Following a suspitex lock, in a hurry, without the right tools, during a battle @@ Following, AND WHY? When you take calculated risks, you tend to suc	cret knowledge CHALLENGING (DIFFICULTY 2) @@ Overcoming a com @ Following a suspicious subject during the day @@ Asking for a difficul- icious subject in the daytime in streets they know well @@ Asking for a dowing a subject who knows they are being followed, knows you personal acceed more often than seems reasonable. Charismatic leaders have risen	uplex lock @@ Following a suspicious subject in the dark @@ Asking t favor from someone you already owe @@ Deceiving a deeply complicated or expensive favor @@ Deceiving a subject who lly, and knows the streets @@ Asking for a dangerous favor from a to change the course of humankind, only to fall and be replaced by
Keywords: Raw Materials, Trade Goods (plus other keywords accornature of the information you seek and what you plan to do with it. must either nominate an opposing side to take the first turn in the the scorching sands to face the sandworms and leaving them to a soft This means that many communities participate in group worship, we	rding to the type of material, such as Scarce or Abundant) SUPPLY CONTRACT. The gamemaster suggests that Kara has been so busy negotiating she has fail next round, or spend 2 points of Momentum/add 2 to Threat (nonplayer character) slow slog across the burning face of Dune Only the strong and merciless thrivering together to ask for blessings from their deity. 271 Assassin	Γ A one-off sale of goods is one thing, but a long-term contract can ed to notice how often the servants have been filling her glass. In exters spend 2 Threat) to allow their side to take the first turn next row within House Harkonnen under their leader, the Siridar Baron V	be a powerful tool in the halls where politics and trade align. 229 Twiste essence, fewer of their successes translate into Difficulty for their opponer ound. You command the winds of Arrakis and determine if they snap the ladimir Harkonnen, a decadent and evil man whose ambition would placed often, and it always comes at a price: something lost, something suffer	ed Mentats How this is resolved can differ based on the ent. 28, 37 Life Within the Imperium. The character who acted last blades of the players' ornithopter, sending them spiraling down to e him, or one of his heirs, upon the throne of the Imperium itself. ered, or some advantage given to the enemy. The issue has divided
have layers of measures and countermeasures that are meant to de 20 kilometers in length and can house hundreds of orbital transportantly the Eastern Continent, hosting an indigenous population that at various power levels. Despite his love of the Atreides, he never for to create such new life. It encompasses the use of implication, innumerous controls.	n, distributes a portion of their shares as dividends to the Houses that encompefeat the superhuman abilities of one's rivals. Personal Arma ments Few ts of all sizes at any one time. If a player is portraying their character in a way shuns their industrial counterparts and moves further inland when encounterfully trusted the Lady Jessica. Do the player characters dare snub them? MASK tendo, subtext, and context to convey or hide intent and to read those methods	within the Imperium have access to sophisticated weaponry, other distressing to others, speak to that player privately to discuss howed. Many versions of ornithopter exist, from small one- or two-pers OF POWER You can intimate that you know more than you do about when others use them. When you select this talent, choose a single	than members of the Houses and their retainers, and criminals such as of both they, and the other players involved, can cooperate. Followed by the son craft to massive cargo aircraft able to carry troops or supplies. Anothe out an enemy's secrets. As such many of its writings warn against the retainers with a rating of 6 or more. Luckily, while people might be forced in	outlaws, assassins, or smugglers. These immense craft often reach his is the Southern Continent that is mostly sprawling vineyard, and her idea is to have several non-player character sheets on hand, built hurn of 'thinking machines' and the arrogance of humanity in seeking hot their new allegiance, not all Houses treat people badly, and
become clearer to your group. Shareholders who are found in violar change the Quality, to reflect how the asset has been improved. The operatives and improve their counterintelligence systems. This possibattles with L1Z1X Legionnaires and the horrific abominations of the For assets she has several tanks, soldier assault teams, and ornither	y interaction with this House is at +1 Difficulty, due to distrust, always thinkin tion of CHOAM's operational rules will find themselves formally censured. Trais might also be used to rely on luck or a last-minute plan for an action to succition is hereditary. The notion that one's life path can change through self-detection be Vuil'raith! Categories: Housekeeping & Leisure - Role-Playing & Fantasy Gopters. B The history of humankind is sprawling with the slightest of instances	adding secrets can be a useful way to gain influence. They're hard to seed. The player characters may now realize that Euler is obviously ermination, personal betterment, or through action is a quaint one, ames Series: Genesys Roleplaying english, 2023 pdf, 75.30 MB The altering the course of destiny. For example: @@ In a holding cell o	of find, but if they are discovered, the information they've gathered is lost. Innocent of the charge of sabotaging the compressor on the Grief. They held by few. Make deals with Hacan merchants, duel in the void with the file will be sent to your email address. @@ Traits: The gamemaster may on Giedi Prime, each player character has been arrested for the same crime.	The asset's name and/ or keywords may be updated when you offer to help train the player characters' own intelligence e psychic starfighter aces of the Naalu, or engage in desperate change, remove, or create a trait by spending two points of Threat. me, though none of them are actually responsible. Units move at the
way to reading the script of a play. Each archetype suggests one to combat to those who can afford them. The environment of the skirr none could do it alone. As they sip rich wines with heady aromas at 5, but it can be higher. Even the most modestly trained medical ted	I in person or transmitted using radio or similar technologies. The sandtrouts' dent. It is how the character is perceived by others, and thus influences how of mish should be divided up into zones around its features or simply to divide the additional attendary rowdy sporting competitions held inside out of the burning sun, the chinician can declaim the core philosophical rhetoric of the school and defend it disraad, who are quick to enforce breaches of the rules of warfare, and the pro-	thers approach and regard them, for better or worse. Example: Here open space. As an Asset: An operable stillsuit allows the wearer to courtiers work to claw their way up 276 the social ladder, not caring tif need be. You have lots of options that give you the chance to tai	r behavior at the party has not done Kara's reputation any good. Elite solo function for weeks in the desert by collecting water as it is lost by the bug who they trample beneath their heels in the process. The gamemaster ilor an adventure to your specifications, even if you're pressed for time.	hools of swordmasters—such as the Ginaz—exist to fight, and teach, body. While different factions worked to hold the universe together, it sets the Difficulty for the skill test; this is normally between 1 and Some methods—such as the use of atomics or equivalent destructive
based on your Discipline, add +1 to the final requirement for that educated Difficulty of 2. @@ Unfocused: I can't seem to concentrate. When you combat, but only to zones adjacent to the wearer's own zone. You reliably. While they cost a fortune, anything they cannot cure, simple they cannot cure, simple they cannot cure.	nore about what Marcus might be up to goes very well, yielding 4 successes. (a extended task. But most people find the nature of these products unsettling, to you attempt a skill test, and the drive you are using has a drive statement, both night also ask the staff of the shop where you bought this book as they may be olly cannot be cured. You may, when creating an asset, spend 2 points of Mome we other priorities. Once in this state, the student will be subject to lengthy rhe	say the least, and know that if they understood more about how the you and the gamemaster should consider whether the statement able to answer any questions you have, and possibly point you towntum to increase the asset's Quality to 1, to represent obtaining a least of the same of	ney were made they would be sickened to the core. The first is Arrakeen and the action you're attempting align. Another school was the Sisterhoo yards other people interested in playing the game. Some Houses are sear betterthan-average asset. Constraints provide room for more creativity, a	and the second is Carthag. Then, attempt a skill test with a od of the Bene Gesserit. A half-shield asset can be moved in single or melange's origins and a way to farm it from the planet allowing you and the players to come up with more interesting
producers, so make sure they have some agency as well, especially extends to nearly every House within the Imperium, with few excep highly efficient, small, and easily concealed. Only a close, thorough many of these concerns: few are the problems in the Imperium that pervasive throughout the Known Universe. ENVIRONMENT The lu	r in scenes with the villain. There will be at least as many as two per player characteristics. Failure, for an envoy, is frequently fatal	aracter. Their unique combination of communication ability, informatural aptitude was enormous, but the breadth and depth of his in women might parallel one another, they are not entirely the same. Sechnology itself is a cautionary tale around which the entire Imperium was the characters' friend targeted deliberately? However, their is	ation-gathering expertise, and emotional manipulation makes them form itelligence network provided him an unparalleled quality of data from who she also has a few interesting personal assets, courtesy of her new patroium was founded. From the combat medic assigned to the infantry to the research has not developed as far as it might in this area. A benefit of this	idable spies, and the Sisterhood maintains its own spy network that nich he could operate. Many such devices are so advanced to be on, such as a personal shield. To some degree the setting negates a country doctor who uses herbs to mend the sick, healers are is slow expansion allowed early humans to retain the government
world without the capacity for weakness or mercy. INITIATE Still is betrayal, revenge, and savagery, which is all he really wanted. The opposing forces met at Corrin. p.222 S t o ry H o o k G e n er at o r mobility for little benefit; the kinds of careful attack that can pierce constant risk of discovery and death at the hands of the Landsraad	In training, initiates are not yet full-fledged sisters. Without a son, he requires a tents use sandsnorks (installed air tubes) to provide air to the interior of the text ROLL PLOT GOAL LOCATION HAZARD CHARACTER 1-4 Break in and steal of a shield can also find the weak spots in a suit of armor (see also 'Attacks' later, CHOAM, and the sands. Some may be especially suitable, though, and each to	a male heir by marriage to inherit the Empire. He gains +1 to the rent. These do not necessarily have to be accurate descriptions of workidnap the They probably will not go on adven- D U N E   A DVer). We examine how it came to be, how it survives on a knife edge template offers some suggestions. It is when they have become esta	requirement if the skill was already Discipline. about how the machines of the character is, only how others perceive them; a character may see YENTURESINTHEIMPERIUM 267 tures with the player char between the Emperor, Noble Houses, and the Great Schools, and how spublished that aims are lost and replaced by vague ritual. Halleck was a m	operated. The governance of Arrakis allowed him opportunity for the to cultivate a reputation distinct from who they actually are. The racters. Those wearing shields tend to avoid armor as it hinders bice is the axis upon which everything depends. There is the an of contradictions. Her character Kara is a Bene Geserittrained
with guilt and often hide indoors, barely exposing themselves in puresources and holdings of a Military House are all rated in their us MPERIUM 257 I mperialTruths ayerReverendMothstate of Arrakis takes a terrible toll on both personnel adestroying the last instance of Omnius and all remaining thinking resources.	his stage, as it gives you room to change and adapt. These might not always be ablic view. While this usually means access only to the less profitable parts of the entire the battlefield. Is it water, or spice, or something else? Face Dancers opener G a i u s H ele n M o h i a m DRIVE S TAT E M E N T 8 I know my place in and spice harvesting equipment, to say nothing of threats from the local fauna. The machines. @@ It doesn't matter if your drive statements contradict one another.	he operation, the potential for wealth and power cannot be underest rate on behalf of the Tleilaxu or, at times, as agents for hire. Many our plan. Smoke and fire billow from the engine, visible from the co This desert world, seemingly barren save for its gigantic sandworn or. House Richese and House Vernius are both examples of at times	stimated. Raised in the Imperial crèche, she was subject to all the intrigualso see their causes as right and proper, and the execution of their dution of their dution of their dution of the cockpit, and the cockpit begins to fill with metallic-smelling smoke. 202 Forms and fierce nomadic native inhabitants called the Fremen, is the most of Great Technological Houses, and later the Bene Tleilax assume that role	les of House Corrino from the moment of her birth. Resources: The es as a matter of Justice. D U N E   A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I prtress
destruction laid waste to the planet and drove the populace to deposome degree of influence if there is no clear heir. At the beginning in the aforementioned painting or a random side trip, you can deve I had to fight a smuggler, I used the closest thing I could find — a value to is the symbol of the Suk school's guarantee. This substance	one area, or at least rivaling the innovations of one Great House. Tiny, unobtruend even more on technology to rebuild. The wind and dust swirling around the of the global ecological movement, an increased wave of 6 spiritualism in your lop a plot in the downtime between sessions to highlight their work or tie it in vase from the poor market trader's stall! I paid them back for the damages, of its the driving force behind the entire civilization of the Imperium. 128 Hidden	e harvester's enormous tracks make standing outside the vehicle and a growing realization of the harmful effects of related to add further complexity to your planned story. Through answering course." 270 And finally, write a brief sentence or two for each of the Motives	n unpleasant place to be for any amount of time. Their lawfully recognize liance on oil, Dune was as much metaphorical as it was prophetic. Choosing these questions, you can come up with a short bit of background throu heir assets and how the archetype feels about them. SKILL I serve the Bolay in. His deeds were many and fearsome, and he was wellliked by the	ed spouse is generally not the inheritor of the title but does hold se an asset to use in the attack. That said, if players appear invested ugh your statement that might sound something like: "The last time aron in all things, but I am my own man. The diamond forehead people of Caladan and the other vassals of the House. Yes, they
charge a lot, but you get what you pay for. In this adventure, the please Humanity	layer characters are sent to investigate a shortfall in spice production in a part16 Timeline of Human History	cicular part of the harvesting operation. Unfortunately, not all House	ses are so magnanimous. Continuing with skills, how do they feel about the session of the sessio	heir set of skills? �� The History of or and Minor), the Imperium, and siridar fiefs (emperor-granted confused, just ask the player which mode they would like to be in. an often be a disadvantage in some circumstances. A small but 5 The game shouldn't make anyone feel uncomfortable. Scientific sight. This option may be taken once. All player characters have
this option, as do all notable and major non-player characters, and against their machine masters. When you've selected your skill, characters of that type will likely spend time doing and what they rarakis' smugglers are clever, motivated, and driven. But if you was RESOURCES While few refer to it as such, slavery in many forms is	all notable supporting characters. This may lead to more militant factions in the eck to see if any of your focuses apply to the action. the most dangerous kind." night believe. 10,140 A.G. Leto Atreides is born. There is little to be found for int message services @@ Produce: Information, secrets, and favors, possibly exprise in the Imperium, as it is a feudal monarchy at its core. Once burned, or only when the odds are in your favor. @@ The asset can be used as another ass	ne House looking to replace them. She might do this by bugging on Traits: Noble Courtier, Assassin, Psychopath TALENTS @@ Advise even the most diligent of hunters, but such is the nature of survival wen from the Imperial House fashionistas, social planners @@ World once the favor has been called in and revealed to be a quid pro quo,	e of the smugglers or placing a device in one of their facilities or ships. If or (Battle): Fenring may re-roll a single d20 in the dice pool of an ally he lon Dune. 203 B.G. Under the employ of Tio Holtzman, Norma Cenva crekers: Courtiers, spies, administrators, servants, entourage @@ Understathe relationship between the agent and their asset is usually done. How	Enraged, Butler attacked Erasmus, causing a human uprising assists. The archetypes also provide suggestions and ideas for what eates suspensors. Though they may seem like a ragtag bunch, anding: Diplomacy techniques, forms of etiquette PEOPLE AS ever, that still leaves a lot of options for what the place might look
not equally aware of Shai-Hulud as a dangerous animal that must he Rossak Epidemic, a mutated strain of the Omnius virus. For all othe Rossak Epidemic, had an even higher mortality rate than the origin Difficulty, but if Kara is trying to learn about a particular person the returning them. Traits: Cunning, Dangerous, Elusive As an Asset: I	be treated carefully. You may purchase this talent multiple times. @@ Voice: Sizer drives, they use a score of 5. The Harkonnens have, however, also attempted al. However, could the technician be trying to frame the player characters and the roll might be contested by that person's skills. You get back up more often the player characters at the factor of the property of the prope	he may spend up to 3 points of Threat (1 Determination) to buy aut d to spend as little money on the mining operations it maintains as d their House as creators of thinking machines? Erasmus' human to han most. They almost never have shields and are armed with a corend of the scene unless otherwise removed. There are other ways for	comatic successes on a Communicate test (1 success/point). 88 B.G. The lapses possible; this has left the various mining apparatus in a state of some discest subject Gilbertus Albans escaped with Eramus' brain before the scrambination of ranged weapons and shoddy melee weapons. However, the for the gamemaster to use complications, however. @@ Do they try some	Humanities Medical Commission travels to Rossak to battle the srepair. This new version of the plague, which was later called the mbler network went online. The gamemaster can set a base Guild refused to explain how the characters should go about thing clever to lure the sandworm away from the harvester, using
talent 'Prana-bindu Conditioning' at some point. A rr a k is D ice S religion, leading to a schism within the Buddislamic faith, which di Harkonnens grew to power through underhanded business practice general system: @@ Dueling is physical conflict between individua see their own family as a thing to be improved with technology. Z	et MUH052171 A beautiful set of custom dice, spot wormsign on these sand covided into distinct branches known as the Zensunnis and the Zenshiites. Where es and outright hostility to their fellow Houses. As an Asset: Despite the Imperals, using hand-held weapons like swords and daggers, envenomed needles, and on es i n D u eli n g: GUARD A ssets i n D u eli n g: W e a p o n s & D e f e n s	ploured dice and bring the power of the Makers to your game. One e Caladan represented the fully realized center of their old power, a fium generally frowning on the practice, some commanders have do disimilar close-quarters tools. This option may be taken twice, once es @@ Melee weapons are the most common form of Dueling is a second	assassin has already acted, so the other one must be the one to take a tu Arrakis embodies the potential seed of their new power. Reveling in their used their troops to eliminate the risk of desertion before or during an en- e for each remaining asset. "Is there anything else you would like to do be single combat between two individuals. Long Term Campaigns	urn this time. The expansion of the empire pushed the boundaries of r brutality and inhuman subjugation of those they govern, the agagement. But new forms of conflict can easily be initiated with the efore we proceed?" is generally a good question to ask. They even
brief interruptions. The gamemaster gives her some information at player characters attempt to fight, sneak past, or incapacitate the training before being certified in their field of study and graduated	231 Setting up a Game	The most powerful single House in the Landsraad and thus in the Kan also use Momentum to ask some additional questions she may have you attempt a Move test, you may choose to suffer one additional or a devious and brutal regime like the Harkonnen? Lasguns, S h is	ave overheard the answers to. Thankfully, the two re-rolled dice both con $l$ complication in exchange for scoring one automatic success on the test $l$ ds , & $t$ $h$ $e$ $G$ re at $C$ $o$ $n$ $v$ $e$ $n$ $t$ $i$ $o$ $n$ When a lasgun beam hits a shield, $t$	ne up a success, and one of them even rolls a 1. @@ Before the c. Technicians and medical aides may spend up to a decade in their he effect is instant, devastating, and pseudo-atomic. @@ To Fight

counted as having a focus for that test. BINDING PROMISE Whether the skill test. In addition to the Bene Gesserit (described on p.55) and the Senabling them to keep a much closer eye on the spice brought in by the quickly learn to keep their opinion to themselves. Without enough food that tie. Participants often seek to discover what others know or what the	arough your demeanor, your reputation, or the method of your persuasion, you have spacing Guild (following), some other organizations known as Great Schools use spacific various harvesters. If you wish to remove a trait, choose which trait you wish to feed the countless masses, chaos would reign supreme. DEALING WITH THE I hey desire, while keeping their own goals and their own secrets hidden. @@ Gide	blem: Jessica fell in love with the Duke, who returned her feelings. @@ Intense Study: we a way of making people reluctant to break faith with you. 150 Skill Test Procedure pice or training aided by spice to reach pinnacles of human development and discipline or remove and describe how you wish to get rid of it. Select one of your skills and one of RULES There is a general misconception that a gamemaster needs to have every rule near is loyal but gets distracted when worried about their wayward daughter. Funds, a slues. Stewardship of Arrakis is one of the most valuable holdings any House may posse	The gamemaster should inform you of the potential outcomes for success e. 177–180 Actions in Espionage This is another, entirely deliberate strateg f your drives and add their scores together to make a target number. This genera nemorized. If two drives are tied, look at the question asked about those two driv safe-house, something. As universal demand is high, most Mentats easily find em	or failure before you attempt a y on behalf of the Harkonnens, lly means that most atheists res—that'll tell you how to break aployment regardless of their
and how you play it, give you a detailed overview of the setting, talk you the Ginaz need to be communicated and spread, though only to those deending battle for the Houses of the Imperium. However, these Houses is set about achieving through the most complex of stratagems, utilizing had Atreides, Gurney Halleck is one of the most reputed fighters in the Imperium.	u through how to use the game rules, and even provide a full adventure to get you eemed suitable. Fiefdoms frequently took the form of a main homeworld that paid may need a good source of metal ore so they can construct their weapons and want is two nephews as willing pawns. A knife kills as well as a sword, although different erium, renowned for his prowess in combat and his equal skill as a poet and musi	does she take advantage of the player characters' attempts to save the harvester to attack the started. Therefore, someone is lying. Here people of every gender, every creed, every did a tithe to the throne through their exports and were responsible for the enforcement of machines. Synchronized Worlds and 1,381 B.G. making all the Titans its The Zensunn ent weapons can provoke different advantages in different situations. During this step, cian. With assistance from Holtzman, Vorian Atreides laid a trap for the thinking machinanageable chunks so that the players get to see facets of their personalities shine through	culture gather to earn his regard and, for those fortunate few, benefit from it. The of the laws and services to the Empire. Protecting one's spies and defending again is plit from servants. It was his desire to see House Harkonnen rise to take the Ir you must rank the five drives according to their importance for the character. 24 ines and the victory elevated both to fame. Choose one talent. An Heir is often a part of the character is often as a second control of the character.	he techniques and approaches of inst hostile spies is a never- nperial throne itself, a goal he 16 The Warmaster of House prime target for the enemies of
Steward, Strategist, Tactician @@ Mandatory Talents: At least one of the attack, the outcome depends on your target. If Jellicoe suffered a broke with an iron fist, sans velvet glove. But can they be trusted? Under the Ruler (others may take the Consort role instead). @@ Trait: Protector @ SESSION 0 Session 0 is the first meeting (virtual or in person) you and is cynically exploited for political purposes, regardless of the potential of	he following: Foreknowledge, Mentat Discipline, Mind Place, Twisted Mentat, any on leg in the landing, the player characters must decide whether to be humane and Major Houses is a complex feudal hierarchy of Minor Houses, jockeying for power @ Primary Skill: Discipline @@ Secondary Skill: Battle @@ Focuses: Resolve, Se your players can have before starting the adventure. Could this be an opportunity consequences. This sort of test is made when the character cannot really fail, but	of which may be taken in place of any other talent choice. One person doesn't play a condition of the place o	character of their own: the gamemaster (or GM), instead plays many, and does mad, as she expects them to (albeit with a promise to send help). From his home on the position of Ruler by birth takes precedence out of the two, however, and of a strong sense of Duty; many are instead driven by a powerful belief in Justice. Chosen when the talent is picked and can only apply to that skill. Throughout the performance of the property	uch more. On a successful Giedi Prime, the Baron ruled only one other person may be 224 M anaging E xpectations E Imperium and its history, faith them become tools of those in
trustworthy people, and should be utilized with caution. You may instead sandworm, each one is unique and bonded to its user. These newfound instructors in surgery and practical medicine. DUELIST Mastery of the ornithopters, jet engines may be deployed to assist with speed and lift. 'sexual imprinting' where their sexual gratification is explicitly tied to the skill tests to move a spy asset subtly or boldly increase by +1 for each standard trusted in the same standard truste	ad seek to create an asset, or overcome an obstacle by gaining information, as not locations became forward operating posts for the thinking machines. Many other blade is a valuable skill in the Imperium, and those who are especially capable ar The wrong choice could end in death for either party, or the start of a Fremen verthat Bene Gesserit, heightened even to the degree of addiction. O ri g i n s The Specurity measure in place in the destination zone. So, it has the trait 'Artistic'. The	ted above. During a border skirmish started by the first House, the second House started Reverend Mothers in the organization don't even know why she has such a high standing highly soughtafter by the rulers of noble Houses, serving as bodyguards, champions, and the House. Many simply allow the architect to act, rather than grant a beacing Guild is almost as old as the Imperium itself and has been inextricably tied into itself higher the Quality, the more advanced or special the asset is. The key is to note what	ed a fire than spread widely and destroyed millions of hectares of both of their laining within the organization. The regimen of coursework is interrupted only by the favored gladiators, and even tutors, teaching their skills to others in the House. onus, given they are not present. Furthermore, this extends to human intimacy: otts inner workings since its foundation, born when foldspace technology became a the players seem most interested in doing. He'll join CHOAM or the Spacing Gui	nds. Made from the tooth of a busands of hours assisting. In the case of larger conditioning subjects into available. @@ The Difficulty of ld. With their ability to change
is advised that the concepts and beliefs from which these game concept owed favor, new resources, or even their rival themselves forced to act the players to make sure that everyone is all on the same page and work Scientists and researchers @@ Workers: Lab assistants and managers ( scale water farms, with deep-sunk wells and converted stillsuit technology)	ts grew should be treated with respect. Some of those things are easy to obtain, p as their agent. Listen to the players and ask them questions, before jumping into king toward the same goal. One often sees their own failings in the face of one's e@@ Understanding: New scientific research (many different possibilities in many ogy, used to draw moisture from the air and retain it. The cost of this increases fo	rgets to an almost undetectable degree. His time under the Harkonnen boot left scars bourchasable in any bazaar, any market, any shop. As an Asset: The kit's primary purpos something that could potentially harm them, especially when it comes to topics such a enemy. @@ Machinery: Laboratory equipment, quarantine areas, entire scientific facili areas) Example: As a House Minor, House Molay has two domains: one primary and or each die purchased: the first die costs 1 point of Momentum, the second costs 2 Momentum is move between these zones freely—though there may be locked doors or guards barring	e is to allow someone to survive in the desert for a short period. It may grant the s violence. @@ You'll have three skills left to define. The easiest solution for this ties @@ Produce: Chemical compounds, drugs, geneticallyadapted humans and ane secondary. These merchants tend to own large areas of land just outside Arrahaentum, and the third costs 3. One way to mitigate this is to explain, at the start of	victor a new asset, such as an is to occasionally check in with animals @@ Expertise: keen, which are built into large-of the story, where the
you wish, to something unique and befitting your concept, but the trait Pistol, Second-in-Command, Patron, Personal Shield D U N E   A DV E N spice products which makes Arrakis such a valuable resource. This tale can be said of Suk School doctors or Swordmasters, and Bene Gesserit Characters	provided by your chosen archetype should serve as the basis for whatever you created to RTURESINTHEIMPERIUM 309 THE SPICE COMPRESSOR The large is ent can only be used once on a given character during each scene, but can be used concubines are assigned in a similar but not exact fashion. You don't need to offe		able character, but their wants do not necessarily align with the wants of the worse harvesters and compresses it into solid bricks to be transported off-planet and saly and are only being revealed now; you must give a brief description of how you possessions are as they should be. ��� Non-player242 Lady Jessica	rld they inhabit. Assets: Maula refined into the myriad of useful u obtained the item. The same
a Character	Dr. Wellington Yueh	249 Planned Character Creation	108 House Harkonnen	250 252 254 256 258 Kara 260 Creation in
Advancement	138 Liet Kynes	262 Creating Non-player Characters	263 Chapter �: C ore R ules Vorian Atreides is born. 32, 37 Notable Tita quickly became commonly used for personal defense. To what purpose, few are treven sell it to other enemies of this House, but then the Military House might display devices either by choice, or because they were considered irrelevant due to poor len, there must be a reason for your character to lose an asset), but it is a risk worlding with the guests at a party, surveying a battlefield, or asking around about	ns
zone for each person involved in that particular intrigue. In return, the Baron tried to train him in the art of statecraft and subtle deception. Pe Understand what went wrong. 208 Shigawire Garrote	Bene Gesserit often become wives or concubines of male House leaders, bearing erhaps a Ginaz Swordmaster protects them for a short time, or maybe a D U N E   miliarity: Whenever you attempt to perform a specific skill test, you may reduce than skill tests: the opponent gets to resist the action taken against them. Heavy training regard other members, agents, and servants of the House, and how are they reg	ge the fate of an entire society. This marks the pivotal event that changes the course of children as part of their secretive breeding program. "Not so fast," replies Claire. They A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 229 Fremen warrior chooses to guide the Difficulty by 1, to a minimum of 0. The religion incorporates a wide range of religious acked vehicles and the recoil of large ordinance create tremors and vibrations that the garded in turn? Or maybe it's a smuggler who is nervously reciting back a distrans to the Shields are the primary form of personal defense for anyone of any importance. Right	y are also a structure that helps you create exciting scenes and encounters. envir hem out of the deep desert. Smart players may direct their characters to examine is creeds from Old Terra, a fusion religion synthesized by the Committee of Ecum great sandworms can feel from miles away. The Difficulty of this skill test increas nemself on what the next shipment will be. A cunning player of this grand game c	onmental precautions. The e their wrecked 'thopter to henical Translators (the CET). ses if there are any factors that can use that to their advantage.
be considered valuables. She is the daughter of a naib. The ability to be the statement is crossed out immediately after the skill test is resolved, following ways: @@ Threatening Circumstances: The environment or ci foes or those lacking shields. It is not unheard of for students to die dur matter where they go. The invention of the personal energy shield has t	ecome a Mentat is rare and only a fraction of a fraction of a percent possess the can and you can't use that drive until you've recovered it—you now doubt how you fer ircumstances of a new scene may be threatening or perilous enough to warrant againg the process. Descended from a hybrid of Catholicism, Islam, Zen Buddhism, Jatransformed hand-to-hand fighting, and most fighters go without any more than lighting.	convey large amounts of information without requiring much space to accommodate it. It apability to do so. Jellicoe, if still with the player characters, advises them to consider considered about that drive, and can no longer rely on it. Caladan, the beloved ocean planet of adding one or two points of Threat to the pool automatically. However, low-velocity projections, Hinduism, and other religions, the Sisterhood has seeded the galaxy with their ghtly armored battle dress. These types of unbalanced groups can be a fun to play, took both nobles and commoners. There'll always be a reason behind this scene, driven by	carefully before replying, but not to take too long. If you challenge the drive, you challenge the gamemaster is ectile throwers are somewhat common in skirmishes, often employed in an openior doctrine— the Missionaria Protectiva—to preserve the members of their order at the challenge the drive, you challenge the drive,	can use it in the skill test, but may add to Threat in the ng salvo against unprepared and give them influence, no nens' rule of the planet and
you're looking for a specific person. When attempting a skill test to read strongest can survive. One way of doing this is by adding statements to "Collected Sayings of Muad'Dib" by the Princess Irulan. B a sic R u less disposition of others. Established in the proceedings following the Great complicate the situation for the player characters. Other Memory providualizes, is considered a mark of extreme respect in Fremen culture. It	ch a destination quickly when moving on foot or in a vehicle, reduce the Difficulty each point that would give you a better understanding of the archetype's though O v erv iew Before you begin creating a character you should know a little about at Convention, CHOAM's official function is the regulation and management of all des them with the collective personalities and memories of previous Reverend Mot's a much shorter read, giving you the bare bones to get started right away. MINO	by 1. Then the gamemaster can set the first scene and you can begin the adventure. In ts and feelings. FOCUSES B AT T L E: Smelling of grease and oil and with the always-pather rules system, so that you know what all the numbers mean. Finding a rumor and as interstellar trade. For over 10,000 years, the Guild dominated without question. @@ Wothers, enhancing their considerable experience and wisdom. This different view of wat OR HOUSE Primary Domain (1): Military Machinery (Armored Fighting Vehicles) Secondal Military Workers (Pilots) and Military Machinery (Armored Fighting Vehicles) Secondal	In the wake of the atomic destruction, the planet became little more than a barrent present jingle of extra parts rattling in their pockets, clever technicians keep Arressuming that it's true can lead to mistakes, while spreading lies which are found to what is their name and what are their pronouns? Either way, the House makes an after is often extremely difficult for outsiders to adjust to; the act of spitting, considered Domain (1): Military Produce (Ammunition or Engineers) MAJOR HOUSE F	n wasteland, where only the akis humming. —from to be false can worsen the appearance in some way to dered uncouth elsewhere in the Primary Domain (1): Military
(Specialty Tactics) ADVENTURE HOOKS: @@ In the player characters' Conflict	darkest hour, when their House might be overrun by a rival House, this Military Reference Table	House offers its aid and services. House Sheet		of its secondary purpose, the re will be nothing. 54 l advisor who tends to the arrakis at all but smuggled in by
traveling between the Synchronized Worlds. Together, you're creating a far from the Imperial Palace on Kaitain. As an Asset: Chapter 3: Creatin their character. 203 B.G. Omnius seizes control of Giedi Prime and send domains. You may spend a few minutes to meditate upon predicting the Many Houses both Major and Minor have representation on Arrakis, but test. She asks the gamemaster two questions. Their faster-than-light en	a unique experience, a story in the Dune universe that belongs only to you and yong Your House covers the creation of a House and establishes guidelines for creat ds out thousands of deep space probes to copy itself on numerous other worlds, created the future. Similarly, some locations may pose problems: terrain may impair the advit an experienced noble needs some compelling reason to visit. Traits: Princess, Augines are capable of 'folding space' to move across the galaxy at nonrelativistic space'.	our players, no one else. The public face of CHOAM is its President, currently Frankos Asing retainer assets, before and during play. Tleilaxu metal eyes are one of their most fareating operating stations. These are usually expensive or use advanced technology successful transport for troops and vehicles or leave occupying forces vulnerable to attack. All graduate cademic, Bene Gesserit TALENTS @@ Intense Study: Once per scene, Irulan may use I peeds, enabling rapid transport from one star system to another. They may also suffer the regain that point of Determination. Those who succeed gain access to Other Memory as	Aru, who governs the business aspects of the vast company from the landmark knamous advances, and fully restore vision. As such, the player should be allowed to the as shields and ornithopters. Espionage Houses often cloak their subterfuge acress of the institution are required to remit a portion of their fees to the school for the Understand skill on a single skill test instead of any other skill, and she is conreputation loss if the defeat is public. Outright war is rare, as it usually requires the	own as the Silver Needle, not have the final say on what suits tivities in more innocuous the duration of their careers. Inted as having a focus for that the Spacing Guild's assistance
ISCIPLINE: 7 MOVE: 4 UNDERSTAND: 6 Spice harvesting El the spy but tends to avoid some of the nastier consequences. As an Asse out, and see where it leads the story, while using the non-player charac annoyed when they see others lying theirs on the floor. As a Great Hous dice and count successes: @@ Each die that scores the target number of than a character's personal effects. Assets: Krimskel Fiber Rope, Maula	lectronics, Mechanics Traits: Spice Worker, Administrator Talents: @@ Cautious of et: Someone with one foot in the mercantile world and the other in the underworld eters to maintain the original plot framework that you had created. This decision were: The Great Espionage House rules from the shadows with the ability to apply user below is a success. DEBT They or the player character's House has reneged on a Pistol, Small Gang Wherever laws exist someone will attempt to profit by breaking	(Understand): Obregon may re-roll a single d20 gained from spending Threat. Kara goe d. When you move, you may choose to try and gain an additional benefit, but there is a was given grudging approval by the Reverend Mother Gaius Mohiam after she administ northodox political pressure upon even the most powerful Houses and entities within the a deal. SIZE AND SCALE When it comes to tangible assets, most examples a charactering them. Votes are allocated by the size and power of each House within the Landsrage	es first and moves subtly. Attempting to question a character without revealing a risk to this. Thankfully, the roll is a success and he administers an antidote in tingered to Paul the dreaded gom jabbar. Maybe they always need to keep their stills the Empire. The three most frequently requested specialties are assassination, string will have should be personal equipment but the possibility exists for assets will hold the process of t	spy's nature is more difficult for ne. Keep an open mind, play it suit hanging up and they get rategy, and archives. Roll the hich represent things larger is waged war against the
theory called the Holtzman Effect, began working with young Norma Coguard and personal army. "You don't know" or "You can't tell" are valid Example: Realizing the stakes have increased, Kara's player decides to of a god is to have embraced the ways of the Fremen entirely. You may able to use Arrakis as an effective means of both securing the loyalty of them. @@ Jivin's mother is an incredibly wealthy and ruthless water set	enva, who developed space 'folding'. As a Minor House: These Houses often act a lanswers from the gamemaster, but the gamemaster must refund any Momentum shake off the Intoxicated complication, adding 2 points of Threat to the gamemas refuse to accept the offered Determination to avoid making the choice, but if you f the faction deputized to rule over the planet, and as an inducement (or punishmedler from Carthag. Does the character have any personal enemies or rivals? In the	r preconditioned Reverend Mothers. 90 Archetypes (Character)113 Academics (Units a staple producer for a larger House that focuses on other ventures. Keywords: Cryskin spent if they give answers like that. You don't merely own a knife: you own a crysknife ster's D U N E   A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 155 pool. So a character do so, you must choose a different drive to use for the skill test. The Fremen are not faint) to any House who might have been perceived as a threat. It makes it a lot easier onese circumstances, assets and traits are largely synonymous. They usually act as a threat	knives, Death Commandos, Desert Power, Guerillas Quality: 4 ELITE TROOPS: SAR, or you proudly bear 'the knife the Duke gave you after the battle of Axian', or you might have Bold (Battle) and Bold (Communicate) as two of their talent picks, for anatics, and fight cannily, using the terrain as cover, attacking, and then moving. In you to have your players determine how or why their characters would work in at to the player characters but act more as obstacles than a named villain. Wary of	ARDAUKAR The Emperor's elite you carry a 'poisoned knife'. or example. To ride on the back Thus, the Corrino dynasty is a group as they're creating of outsiders continuing to sniff
bind the community together. 118 Spy	mple, action movie violence would be okay in the game, but let's not go into every	ds manage the day-to-day operations of the House, overseeing some aspect of it in their detail about every punch the villain throws, because then we would be playing for another pick she wants something that will help in House negotiations and takes Diplomacy as made or effective. Do they have inside jokes or petty slights that the player characters oint when you fail a test with a Difficulty of 3 or higher. While the subtleties of his positive were nonetheless hugely useful to all Houses—Major and Minor. Timeli n e of H unarrakeen, the survivors rush the wounded to a local healer. You then roll those dice again	ther three hours." @@ "What do you think your character would hate to see, but a Communicate focus. Using this to get the husband to confide (as part of a roler might notice? 85 House Domains	you as a player, would love to playing scene) Kara is told the inderstated is that of the Bene CHOOL Two other important other death can be a rewarding tons typically come in two forms:
spies, assassins, and operatives. Do the players trust them? In some cas 'easier', reduce the Difficulty, if the statement ends with 'harder', incre the Desert', or 'Old Father Eternity'. These are added together to becor victory. Law enforcement away from the residencies of the noble House (the Quality depends on the contents of the book and the usefulness of	ses, the Guild may even be transporting ships on opposite sides of a conflict to the case the Difficulty. The nobles of Minor Houses held wealth, privilege, and politica me the target number. The dinner parties and recreational lounges surrounding thes is minimal and pickpocketing, protection rackets, housebreaking, kidnapping, at the information it contains). This system allows for a lot of complex maneuvering	the Tleilaxu are so reviled and distrusted are their 'Face Dancers', genetic eunuch shall be site of their future engagement. JUSTICE: 4 P OW E R: 8 T RU T H: I'm stronger so led power, but only a fraction of that held by the Major Houses. @@ Nasir is an impatien the events are commonly believed to be more productive for business than the actual beand even arson are rife. 214 Blackmail	I'm better. At the simplest level, that's as far as the gamemaster needs to go with t, resentful Fremen warrior. The name 'Shai-Hulud' is a reference to this, meaning and meetings. There were many inconclusive battles in the first years of the war, k, providing an ideal location for the city's construction. Keywords: Crystal, Know Blade: Gurney may ignore an enemy asset in a duel or skirmish when he buys add	n trait: if the statement ends with ng something like 'Old Man of , with neither side able to claim vledge, Skills Quality: Special itional dice with Threat while
retributive raids against the Harkonnens on numerous occasions. You sand a good session can be very affecting. MENTAT DISCIPLINE (MENT application of superior technology and engineering know-how. Each assexpectations, or the expectations that they have put upon themselves. A place to have a private conversation can be important. @@ Complication	should also expect respect from your players, as well. This is your dice pool for thin TAT TALENT) Intense mental conditioning and extensive training have developed sistant selects a drive and skill to create a target number of their own, based on has you inhale, the odor of mildew fills your noses. A mercenary company, or a House suffered during a conflict represent actual hurt combatants suffer. This might	an attack, but the shield asset increases the Difficulty by 1. For instance, a large Guild is skill test. @@ Drives: They have the full range of Drive scores, rated 8, 7, 6, 5, and 4, your intellect into a potent and valuable thing. They command respect and trust withing tow they are helping, and rolls 1d20 (assistants cannot buy extra dice themselves). Those regiment, may have a handful of tactical experts, who drill and train the rank and fi make the members of the House quite bullish, but they respect strength and may also be course of her life, but she was also an initiate of the Bene Gesserit. If you pass, then you	and a statement for each Drive rated at 6 or higher. Roleplaying can be a very in their household. Technological of a l / Industrial House Anything can be ough a non-player character can have a lot of power, they can be crushed under the leand officers alike to hone their responses to particular situations. This does more follow a code of honor. Standing over the assassin's body is a Fremen woman dreater than the standard of t	ntimate and intense experience, wercome with the proper ne pressures of societal ean that finding a quiet, isolated essed in a standard aba robe like
before your enemy can react. His charge touched down on Arrakis mere wealth. Skills contribute to a character's tests, and they define what a call Alpha-Barrex-8—also known as the Alberich—is a dirty, noisy, belching While smaller spaceships were, and still are, capable of inter-system trade villain tortures one of the player characters, double check to ensure the commodities in their own control. While it can seem cumbersome, it is to the control of the player characters.	e days ago. Part of this is defined by the size of the player characters' House: a post- character is doing when they act. 17–18 JEALOUSY One House hates the other for and angular beetle-shaped monstrosity, sucking up spice from the desert floor. The avel, true interstellar travel, voyaging between star systems, was—and still is—so that all the players are still comfortable with the scene taking place. This could be worth taking the time to properly define a character's drive when making a test. S	owerful House invites challenge and breeds enemies and rivalries, and this is represent a no better reason than they want to be them. If an asset is in the same zone as a chara he Duke had gathered about him some of the greatest men of his age: the renowned sw timeintensive and with an element of risk that non-foldspace travel has few benefits. On things that they have heard from their customers, whether they are traveling as tourists and wo rms Of course, as even the most careless and disinterested student of Arraki rkings of the Landsraad. D U N E   A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 111.5	ted by larger amounts of starting Threat. Technology beyond simple items is generater or non-player character, the asset can be used to make an attack on them. 2 wordmaster Duncan Idaho, the warrior-troubadour Gurney Halleck, and the Ment @ Intrigue assets are used in social occasions and are often intangible assets. If sets or are locals with political power. It is also not unheard of for shareholders to its' native fauna knows, the most impressive and dangerous of the planet's inhabit	erally reserved for those with 05 Ornithopers & Shields at Thufir Hawat, among others. you plan to have a scene where permit smuggling of tants is the sandworm. When
weapons can be knocked from their owner's hands, allowing you to disa Imperium. Game stores often have tables for playing games. I mperi a l about their weaknesses and what makes them vulnerable. She had great swordmaster is as useful plotting the grand sweep of a battle as most M with a Truth rating of 8 may be scrupulously honest, or they may seek the players it will take all day to chat to the servants. These elements are	arm your foe. He was also a man with a deadly secret. Crysknives come primarily S a rd a u k a r Trained exclusively within the harsh environment of the so-called at conviction in the Fremen Faith and was already on the path to becoming a sayy Mentats, though, obviously, without the same capacity to process information. EXA to impose their own version of the truth upon others or control what others know. re described in the following sections. Was she exposed by the player characters'	in two types: unfixed and fixed. The elite Imperial Sardaukar of the Padishah Emperor 'prison planet' of Salusa Secundus, the Sardaukar are the Emperor's feared shock trockadina of her tribe as a teenager. When you make a test, roll several of these (from 2 to AMPLE DISCIPLINE COMPLICATIONS @@ Angry: I am too full of rage for anything but if the characters refuse to join, they risk angering the first House. The gamemaste investigations or did she choose to reveal herself? @@ Use the archetype as a messen	are honed by a secret and brutal training program that makes them into the most ops that he and he alone commands. For example, the Padishah Emperor always 5) and gain 1 success for each one that rolls equal to or less than the target nument action. A drive being important (and thus having a high rating) can be either power can use any of the systems described above, to the following outcomes: @@ Singer when you want to drop in various plot points. Anyone who fails is able to get	st feared fighting force in the has a Truthsayer on hand. Think aber. A skilled Ginaz ositive or negative: a character mple Test: The gamemaster tells to safety but gains the
it forever. Eventually, at the Battle of Corrin, humans were victorious, a bring out the talents of others has made her indispensable. Don't they e investigate. Their spice-granted limited prescient ability allows Navigat FACE DANCERS @@ Hakaar is most skilled at infiltrating seedy places wealth and overcharge his customers. It is therefore a good idea to run Contacts, Shield Belt, Supply Contracts D U N E   A DV E N T U R E S I	and set about rebuilding a new society. 308 S tr u ct u re The adventure consists of ever weed the spice before unloading?" The player characters can Understand (avers to safely guide an interstellar vessel as it folds space. This detail is not a series and currently works as an entertainer in an exotic bar. After the horrific Omnius as many situations as required to test each of their abilities. 250 D e v i o u s N o I N T H E I M P E R I U M 281 H e a ler DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 5 FA I T	esenting special abilities, advanced techniques, and other significant benefits. The Space of three scenes. Everything that exists on Arrakis is in some way inimical to human life. We rage, D1) that the compressor machine's emergency stop button has been thrown, ences of extra rules and exceptions that make everything more complicated. If a mission far plagues unleashed during the years of the Jihad, the strictures of the Great Convention by ble S iridar B aron V ladimir H arkonnen DRIVE S TAT E M E N T D U T Y: 7 I am Hous H : 5 JUSTICE: 6 P OW E R: 5 T RU T H: 7 SKILL EXAMPLE HEALERS @@ Roya is a	While some deride her as too much of a black sheep and others simply consider suring that the massive metal compressor plates are deactivated so that the wordlis, they might be captured or worse. Focus on a character's motivations and the n also firmly prohibited all use of biological plagues and weaponry. 208 Chaumas use Harkonnen, and I owe loyalty only to my House. In this way the trait makes that old medicine woman for Sietch Gara Kulon. b. While certain means of avoiding	her eccentric, her ability to ker can safely climb inside to ir wants and needs. EXAMPLE and Chaumurky flaunt his ne test possible. Assets: Guild prescience—the presence of
shielded transports. Shielded ornithopters are used as scouts to follow a valuable scholars are also Mentats. @@ Skills: One skill is marked as proportion points scored towards the requirement. EXAMPLE TECHNICIANS @@ reservoir of knowledge possessed by the Mother Superior, reaching backdistraction than a help, it might be time to talk to that player privately. moved into that opponent's zone. Next, select a general archetype for the	and observe the movements of troops and transports and report said intelligence rimary, and one is marked as secondary. These assaults seem to come from nowh Terilynn Hasan works for smugglers and has a knack for fixing anything mechanick to the early days of humankind. @@ Faith: @@ Make something harder to atte One of the many diabolic atrocities Thurr masterminded was the Omnius Scourge the character and record the career trait that comes with it. The nobles live on the	be the active machinations of other prescient beings. It does, however, involve large us to command. The Fremen mastered the riding of sandworms, the most colossal of all listere, the sand suddenly seething with life—life almost as dangerous as the sandworms at ical. @@ If none are relevant use one of the remaining Drives. The Rossak Sorceresses ampt (+1 Difficulty, or @@ Justice: @@ Stops you doing something that you could norm the action of the upside-down city, allowing them to look down upon the workers and continuous description.	ving things, and learned to coax water—life itself—from the desert where there is and almost as hard to escape. Tired of routine? If an asset has a Quality rating of aided in the Butlerian Jihad and acquired much political power in its aftermath, ally do. However, when a player is monopolizing the gamemaster's attention, or pattlefield. Get a feel for the non-player characters. A melee weapon may attack a others that live in the warrens at the bottom of the city. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 6	s none. Many of the most  1 or above, this also adds to the due to their influence and the their actions become more of a an opponent once it has been Shield Fighting, Short Blades C
MORALITY Something about the House sickens the other. 208 Contacts player characters are aware of, and it may require time and effort (and enormous burden they have taken on and often fight for their beliefs as contested test, with Kara managing to defeat the merchant, winning a rintegrated their supply chain to be able to not only create, but produce effect is used to create a protective field of energy around a person. @@	s and Agents SUBTLE WORDS You are skilled at swaying others with a few actions) to reveal links and zones which were previously hidden. A short discussion of the Imperium is at stake. @@ Flanked: I'm in a tactically bad possible that the spice deal for her House as long as she keeps a few secrets. @@ Pow as well, and maybe even provide the raw materials needed to develop their primago. If they simply eliminate the spy, they may anger those who believed she was a legal of the same o	n, Wise Beyond His Years, Destined for Greatness TALENTS @@ Cool Under Pressure of quiet words spoken in the right place at the right time. One element that makes espio on about background with the player group can often write whole adventures for you. Vosition. This complication could cause the loss of one of your assets, an advantage the ever ambitions are about gaining influence or status, taking those things from others, making product. 198 Poison Snooper	mage zones unusual is that they may be unknown to the players: a map might only whatever their angle, they are adept at getting their own way and manipulating of the enemy has gained over you, or some hindrance suffered avoiding the defeat. Karanipulating those with influence or status, or changing the ways that people gain born in space or upon alien soil? Once you have a concept that you're happy with ms on one's mouth and lips. House Richese is also well known for its technology,	ly show the zones and links the others. Young rulers see the a and the merchant enter a influence or status. They have a move on to the next step. This although just as well known for
throne. The Swordmasters of Ginaz Swordmasters serve as commatthe process. This House thrives on plots within plots and may even emp Alberich. You don't win if your players 'lose'. This is a trap and an illusion history, technology, culture, Take your characters on a journey through Military Let's say this group elects to try and talk of	inders, generals, security officers, and personal bodyguards. The Tleilaxu will problem a strict secret police force within their own populace to better control enemy on. When the great and powerful seek the hands of a doctor it is to the Suk that the faith and more. By this age, the students excel at the foundations of being Mentacasually to each of them and see what they discover. @@ What are they after? The	ceiving more computations until they are increasing at a percentage rate suitable for the vide. You increase the number of assets you possess by +2, but those two additional as activities, but also foster growth of new agents. 94 Consort	sets must be from the chosen category. The ambitious AI quickly infected all the ew directly from the Grief the moment she picked up comm signals that the characters all the ability of other Mentats but operate without any moral or ethical coney may encounter, during which they are expected to remain calm. 127 Cautious angeable for that and, as a result, friendships and allegiances tend to be brief, the	Titan worlds, usurping them in acters were alive and on the onstraints. society, factions, s (Skill)
players. 167 Move	This build up of traits to finalize the total modifier of the action is something the ayer might want to experience what it's like to be the Chosen One every now and nd 7. As such, there are several who are renowned for supplying the mechanisms supply chain transporting mind-boggling amounts of foodstuffs every day in a dizwould rather have him removed altogether. like the Harkonnen. @@ Additional Tr	ade agreement with has been poisoned. LOCAL Set within a single environment such as at should be played out and described. 16 U n r av eli n g t h e P a st Humanity's birthpy then. Major Houses cannot so easily war with one another, for moving armies between the of the spy trade. The B a sics of C on flict All conflicts have similarities. You may at a zying web of supply and demand. When you attempt a test using that skill, and you buy rait: Fremen @@ Suggested Archetypes: Athlete, Duelist, Infiltrator, Protector, Scout, Sect of a resultant move towards use of medieval weapons for combat. 88 Industrial	place of Earth, Old Terra, was the third planet in the Sol system. The first is a porn worlds requires the consent of the Spacing Guild, who charge a hefty fee for the tempt to move in a subtle way, trying to avoid attention, or you may move in a boy additional d20s by spending Momentum, you may re-roll a single d20 in that dic Sergeant, Warrior @@ Mandatory Talents: At least one of the following: Dedication	table version that is a handheld eir services. @@ Drives: Notable old manner that provokes a se pool. It is also said, however, on, Driven, Masterat-arms,
repelled Omnius' forces attacking their homeworld of Salusa Secundus. @@ Traits: A notable supporting character has one trait, which is a bas city, a main road, a defensible hilltop, a valuable mine or factory, an air industry rather than territory. FOCUSES B AT T L E: 3 C O M M U N I are handed out to those the Emperor wishes to reward (or to punish), a players would know how to maneuver around certain plot points. But in	This is often handy for groups who are less familiar with the system, as it allows it description of the character's job or role, such as 'Military Officer', 'Steward', 'field or spaceport, a command bunker all of these could be zones in Warfare. @ C AT E: 4 DISCIPLINE: 6 MOVE: 4 U N D E R S TA N D: 7 for new weapons and and only those politicians intimately tied to the moods of the court, and to the rise in truth it is closer to warfare, using generally intangible rather than tangible asset	them to make choices as they become accustomed to the way the game works rather t 'Pilot', or 'Scholar'. @@ Attempting to gain information about the situation. In response @ Minor Houses, or Houses Minor, which are smaller and less influential Houses that I ways to destroy their competition. The centrality of the stillsuit to Fremen life is reflect and fall of individuals in the Emperor's favor, can predict certain upcoming changes. Sts. A minor House might also focus on an area outside production, such as processing of erful sense of curiosity and a need to discover the Truth, while others revel in the Power	han having to create a complete character before they start playing. To create a e to Omnius' B.G. actions, the League of Yanshup Ashkoko, a scholar Nobles limit have pledged fealty to a House Major and govern some portion of its territory, or cted in the value placed on it by their culture. It is in the back-and-forth of courtice setting expectations is a great way to start the game, so players know what to export packaging deliveries from a producing House. @@ Trait: Infiltrator @@ Primar	Notable supporting character: ts all A.I. usage. The gate to a reven control over a single er politics that the grand fiefs pect and both you and the ry Skill: Discipline @@
the players, and decide. Favors now, favors have value. Traits: Expension potent narcotic. When a House requires a Mentat they send details to the this seems like a major coup for the players, how they choose to deal with waste the body's water in such a way is to demonstrate the deepest love onboard the flying factory, and the sweet cinnamon scent of spice pervetending to the needs of those they lord over. FRIENDLY LOCAL GAME	sive, Ingestible, Stealthy As an Asset: Though these blades have a long-establishe he Mentat School (or to the Bene Tleilax for a twisted Mentat) noting the skills the ith this spy will determine the true implications of this ploy. Heralds often fulfil of alty and commitment. Still, all were subjected to the Emperor, who gave and assigned the air, mixed in with the baser industrial tangs of grease, oil, and ozone. As STORE (FLGS) Tucked all around the world are wonderful stores that cater to the	ed history in the Imperium and originated from ritual D U N E   A DV E N T U R E S I N ey are after. The Titans became cymeks, nearly unstoppable weaponized mechanical bether roles within a Household alongside their official duties, at times serving as messengned shares. As he grew older, Paul received tutelage from the Atreides' trusted retain an Asset: A crysknife is a status symbol for an outsider among Fremen to show that one tabletop game crowd. 196 Dew Collector	THEIMPERIUM 207 ELACCA On Ecaz, a planet in Alpha Centauri B, they odies capable of surviving for thousands of years but remaining vulnerable to hos agers, diplomats, and political advisors. The trade deal is completed in Kara's favorers. Religious Houses produce experiences similar to those profound Artistic House is a friend. All must accept their fate in life and contribute to the best of their all recipient cannot discern that you have concealed another message, unless they	burn elacca wood to create this stile conditions. While at first or. To actively, and knowingly, uses. It is incredibly noisy abilities, whether through toil or have this talent, or some other
Mentats prefers to start training recruits from childhood. "I'm spending attack". @@ Tangible assets may be emerging from a hidden position of Every House has enemies, and every House seeks to expand their spherat the statements. The gamemaster has divided the facility and its surroune of the smuggling rings on Arrakis. Unfortunately, any long journey everything goes wrong, they might be close enough to follow the soldier	g a Momentum point as I catch the eye of the noble across the room and realize here the battlefield, or they may be reinforcements arriving from afar. 202 Spice Harre of influence. They are used to defend massive fortresses and small cities from a coundings into zones that Kara and Nasir's ornithopters need to move into. The pri would also require a computer to precisely calculate each trip. For major and not are as agents. @@ If they challenge they must put a line through the Drive statements.	e's going to back me up as I make my play" or "I'm going to add a point of Threat to the rvester	e gamemaster's pool as my character isn't taking much care to look around as the Corrino IV, 81st Padishah Emperor of the known universe, rules the greatest emperate are less clear for your group, try asking them to look at which drive is see of the House, perhaps as a servant with hopes of distinction within that role. So ney got to the position of power that they're in now. If they send in a group of solowe a complication. Legions of Imperial construction forces set out to build cities to	ey launch themselves into the pire ever known to humankind. It is appropriate instead of looking omeone is planning to betray diers to fight the Harkonnen and to parallel the planet's natural
many of them may intend to distinguish themselves and eventually take Items of artistic merit, unique creations of historical or religious value, takes out a maula pistol. However, few regret the sacrifice of their hum In a few cases, with the most subtle and most expert of agents— those values Concealable, Melee Weapon, Quiet CRYSKNIFE This sacred blade of the of course, you want to. These almost mystical abilities, coupled with the	e a more leading role. ATTACKS Direct attacks should be relatively rare in an espit and similar precious objects are highly sought-after, and their ownership often chan life, as their minds are free to roam the universe and its wonders. VOICE (BEN with Mentat training perhaps—it might be possible to avoid such terminal conseque Fremen is crafted from the tooth of a dead sandworm. Other Great Houses of meir secretive nature, has given them a reputation as 'witches'. @@ Resilience (Bat	hat planet. This might be 'Honorable' like the Atreides or 'Brutal' D U N $\dot{E}$   A DV $\dot{E}$ N Tonage conflict, because they turn the situation from spying to assassination, as you tarnanges during times of political strife and turmoil, frequently serving as leverage for the NE GESSERIT TALENT) Skill is not the only factor in determining victory; those who we use this is rare. Due to the move from devastated Salusa Secundus, the Emperalitary might exist in the Imperium, but are careful to show their undying allegiance to tale): They may Resist Defeat twice in a scene when in a conflict using the Battle skill. It	get an opposing character or try to avoid your own character being targeted. 185 ose possessed of great power, great ambition, and expensive tastes. Example: Ka ant it more, and those who are driven by a greater sense of purpose, may triumply or hoped it would evoke a sense of awe in anyone visiting this new Imperial throw the Golden Lion Throne, lest the Emperor turns their eye upon them. 45 Commot represents essential training the faction character must complete to gain further	Attacks
in the manipulation and coordination of military forces, and thus unders players characters know each other? 296 M ilit a ry H o u se This House each type of roll has its own strengths and weaknesses. @@ Tangible as required overcoming the hostile environment, along with dangerous wil including a selection of 'off-the-rack' non-player characters. 221 Creating faith as a priestess, perhaps even unaware of her connection to the Sist	stand Power extremely well. MakeThemBelie vable Everyone has motivation e is renowned for its military might. Omnius enforced its programing, such as the ssets are difficult to create in intrigue, but it is entirely possible to pass them betweldlife, unpredictable weather, and irradiated soil. Momentum that you use in this ng Locations	I don't really fit in here. @@ Trait: Strategist @@ Primary Skill: Understand @@ Secons and needs, hopes, and dreams. Maybe they have an emotional attachment? Many sers desires of its former rulers, subjugating in the process. Anything you need, they can use ween characters; obtaining an asset from another party within the scene to use for you way doesn't need to be declared in advance, and each point can be spent one at a time of only removed temporarily. The Missionaria Protectiva is so widespread that many constructed when you attempt to persuade or deceive others, when you need to	rvants on Arrakis also have outside loyalties. She's quick with a knife and a garro sually find. They are easy to create and can be powerful if well-used but they're rown purposes can be quite useful, but you may have to give something up to ac as needed. W In this chapter we offer an array of characters for the gamemaster numinaties (openly or clandestinely) have a representative or agent of the Bene Go convey meaning through implication and subtle means, when you need to under	te. The First Scene Do the e also risky. So, as you can see, hieve that. Living on the planet to use in their campaign, esserit among them leading their estand what others are truly
trying to say, and when you need to detect attempts by others to use the master, allowing them to discern subtle details from signs that most wo evokes a euphoric bliss when paired with atonal semuta music. This does move around, talk to other people, or otherwise take actions. Given the attacks, to make it harder for the enemy to attack your character. When planning to not only succeed but survive. This is perfectly fine, as their	dese methods. Few, if any, leave Arrakis, but for those on the desert planet they are buildn't even notice. I will face my fear. This reliability comes with a price: the Suk es not count as the one advancement allowed for that skill. Their knowledge of post mixture of cultures, almost any name can suit a Dune character. When gathering in you select this talent, choose a single skill. Other things require sourcing more character will naturally try to play to their strength. 108 B.G. The League of Noblem.	re exceptional guides. Unfortunately, some players may still think that a few suicide troe doctors are among the most expensive in the Imperium, a portion of their considerable isons is unparalleled. 214 Favors	sops with lasguns might end a rival quickly and efficiently. This is, in fact, an abilitie earnings claimed by their school. As opposed to the frenzy that the elacca drug neir lack of moral qualms in the pursuit of knowledge, and often called 'dirty Tleil weakness in your foe's defenses (making it easier to attack them), or ones which all ally? They understand the most basic needs of humanity, and that to fulfill those Jihad to be officially over. If only the jealous House had everything the other has	ity that many Bene Gesserit causes in its users, semuta laxu' even by their customers. represent anticipating enemy e needs takes massive long-term taken for granted, they would
commonly, a House will utilize its own military and police arms in prote pick all your domains from the same area of expertise, but you do not have	ections of its businesses or hire mercenary forces directly. Deceit, Teaching When have to. This is the character's most important drive and receives a rating of 8. 26.	the Atreides took control of Arrakis, this was no longer true. Do they punish the servaing 2 It was said that Liet Kynes served two masters: the Emperor and ShaiHulud. As the grumstances where that focus applies. Is this a genuine offer or will they back off after years.	nt, or do they use this as an opportunity to learn more about spice smuggling on gamemaster, you are the ultimate player. S tep O $n\ e$ : C o $n\ cept$ The first step in	Arrakis? You are welcome to creating a player character is to

the vibrations of the harvesters. The Landsrae definition of human history. Among the stranger forms of life known to inhabit Arrakis is the sandtrout. Certainly not a Fremkit. The handful of planets following are less than a glimpse of the expansive universe humanity has conquered. She is working with one of the Houses on creating hardier ornithopters that can withstand Arrakis' famous coriolis storms. Her family has never had much influence due to their status as a powerless House Minor on Arrakis. The higher an asset's Quality, the more effective or impactful it is compared to other assets of a similar kind. Anderson) @@ Dune: The Duke of Caladan (Brian Herbert & Kevin J. 278 Fremen Elder... .. A contract to produce goods for another faction can forge a lasting relationship with that faction and help turn their wealth to your advantage. Someone with a strong drive in Truth doesn't have to be honest, and someone who believes strongly in Faith may believe that faith and religion are dangerous or harmful. The Landsraad, which is headed by the hereditary Emperor Corrino, with his own military reserves to enforce order upon his enemies, should any emerge to challenge his rule. Only the Bene Gesserit have proven capable of detecting Face Dancers. @@ Who are they? They are taking it from their mortal enemies, House Harkonnen, who have vowed revenge. 252 Piter de Vries was a vicious, sadistic, and brilliant Mentat, and perhaps the closest approximation of a friend to Baron Vladimir Harkonnen. ............ As an Enemy: It is rare for a House to know if they are true enemies of an Espionage House. @@ Focuses: Three to five focuses, as required by their concept. CHOAM accounting is formidable, but the unimaginable number of transactions conducted each day makes it an essentially impossible task for anyone to glean anything but 46 a general idea of the actual sums involved. The gamemaster may offer a point of Determination. Your plot hook would look like this: Your players' characters must break in and steal the Secret Data in the Warehouse and defeat the Sardaukar Soldiers for Bashira, the head of a House Minor's security. These simulacrums are often disoriented, and if created without permission, can be angry and uncooperative. 60 These doctors are tattooed to mark them as graduates of the Inner School. 304 Artistic/Religious House...... 101, 132 Great Schools ... . Here you might comply with the drive and gain a point of Determination, picking the drive you think is most appropriate, even though the statement doesn't quite fit. Shareholders are entitled to a commensurate share of CHOAM profits, from which all meaningful wealth in the universe is derived. The simplest way to address disengaged players is to ask them directly what they would like to do with their character. This is purely at the gamemaster's discretion and applies only when the gamemaster feels it would make sense. 130 Rigorous Control.... .... Players can create all manner of minor characters that might act as agents for their main character and take up their mantle if something should happen to them. Not only the prime distributor of Heighliners, House Richese was also responsible for spice operations on Arrakis. The most recent instance of this intervention was with House Vernius of Ix, forced to become renegade when they ran afoul of the Emperor for a variety of reasons, specifically development of technology that violated the prohibitions of the Butlerian Edicts. Classified, ...122. 164.189 Assets (Defensive)...... .... It is also rare for a swordmaster to turn on restricted, or obscure information is harder to find, while secrets may be impossible to uncover unless you know where to look or who to ask. The universe depends on trade. 114 Arrakeen.... ...67 Arrakis.... ..65 Assets... their employer. A character's drives are a vital part of their successes and their failures. Few come out of curiosity, more on business too secret to entrust to an envoy. The Gamema ster's Job is Not To. These traits provide a context for a character's actions, influencing the difficulty of the tasks they attempt, and they help you and the gamemaster determine what is possible or impossible for the character to attempt. 105 Duty... .... 101, 108 Preeminence of Melange.......... @@ Re-roll: Any or all dice. As a Major House: These Houses often control one major sought-after specialty food source, like cultivating turtlebugs or growing grapes for the coveted Caladanian wine, as well as specializing in domains that support this production. The roll is not very good, yielding 2 successes, not nearly enough. His personal estate is beyond comparison, and his spouse and children have sumptuous D U N E | A DV E N T U R E S I N T H E I M P E R I U M 31 apartments within the palace on Kaitain, the Imperial Capital, in which also rests the Golden Lion Throne. The Harkonnens' approach has, however, alienated much of the Landsraad who regularly lobby for the removal of the House, perceiving, not unreasonably, that the Harkonnens' methods might prove successful in the short term but are almost bound to compromise longterm productivity. Either way, Jellicoe is honest, extremely pragmatic, and not very talkative. Kara doesn't know the others, and her House has no connection to them either, so their disposition is neutral. The Swordmasters of Ginaz are among the greatest teachers of armed close combat in the universe. These recognizable features provide a known religion or belief that a Sister can tap into for support thanks to her understanding of the Panoplia Propheticus. @@ Machinery: Assassination weapons and traps (hunterseekers, mines, bombs, etc.) @@ Produce: Poisons (not just to kill but to stun or weaken and to be near-undetectable) @@ Expertise: Assassin masters, operation planners, and trainers to take land or facilities from another House you need soldiers to claim and occupy it. See p.23 for more information about the interaction of lasguns and shields. A Face Dancer may also come to believe that they are the person whose life they assumed, if left in place for too long, and in some cases can break free of their Tleilaxu masters. In this case one is called a 'Master of Assassins' rather than a Spymaster, although the term is not derogatory in any way. But those strong drives can also lead a character into trouble or lead them to take ill-advised actions. It represents spies and similar assets moving under instructions from their handlers—the player characters—often over a protracted period of time. @@ A broad range is also good so you have the option to use a statement on any test. Their social power and whisper campaigns bar the doors of power to you. Most of the traffic now is prisoners arriving or freshly trained Sardaukar departing. The common, and official, tongue spoken everywhere in the Imperium is Galach. Born to privilege, they are wealthy and have status. power, and influence beyond any that normal citizens can ever attain. T leil a x Primary Export: Sardaukar Population: All live under life sentences, with most in the prisons. Much like the Industrial Houses, they are not seen as a direct military or espionage Threat, and the disruption of their products would bring the ire of many powerful Houses. Thankfully, this doesn't generally lead to conflict except among the most fanatical followers. 96 Landsraad and the Great Convention....... ...28 Landsraad... ... The Spacing Guild, one of the most powerful of these schools, is discussed prior on p.30. @@ Focuses: One Focus for any skill p.137 & p.240 and reputation. Guided missile systems are also deployed in anti-aircraft roles. Although villains have motivations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations much like any other character, they are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations are taking a more extreme approach when handling situations are taking a more extreme approach when handline and taking a more extreme approach when handline approac Some assets are tangible—representing physical things, from weapons and other small possessions, to vehicles such as groundcars and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, to squads of troops and the services of agents and ornithopters, and the services of agents and ornithopters are accommon to the same agents and ornithopters. gladiatorial combat is a common form of public entertainment. @@ You'll have two talents left to define. Some women within noble Houses receive Sisterhood training, whether through time spent within the order, at the hands of a mother or relative who received this training, or from a Bene Gesserit representative serving within their household. That emperor survived the assault, and later turned the remains of the Houses Major and Minor invested in the organization... and the influential women of the Imperium loyal to the Sisterhood. For example, Shai-Hulud takes on the form of a sandworm because of the sandworm's relationship with spice and the environment. They need to make opposed tests to see if Kara can catch up with the assassin. Usually the gamemaster determines the skill to be used, but the player is allowed to suggest alternatives. Player describes action. One bears a shape which resembles that of a large, desert kangaroo mouse, a species which, while not native to Arrakis, has become something of a symbol for the inhabitants of the great desert—the Fremen. Flying in different vehicles makes it impossible for Nasir to take any action against the pilot himself. 36 Orange Catholicism................. Defensively, moving security measures in an overt and dramatic manner may just lure enemy spies into making a deadly mistake. This brings nearby sandworms racing to the surface, where the Fremen are then able to mount them. P OW E R: 4 T RU T H: 5 D U TY: SKILL FOCUSES B AT T L E: 8 Long Blades C O M M U N I C AT E: 6 Charm DISCIPLINE: 8 Resolve MOVE: 6 Distance Running U N D E R S TA N D: 5 Traits: Charismatic Survivor, Ginaz Swordmaster TALENTS @@ Bold (Battle): Duncan may re-roll a d20 gained from spending Threat on a Battle skill test. Who does he throw his lot in with? Kara doesn't have time to try and make another test to convince someone to make such an introduction. They instead prefer to pay others to do the fighting for them. Playing an RPG doesn't require a computer or gaming console, though RPG video games do owe their origin to tabletop RPGs like this one. But the real universe is always one step beyond logic. Once melange became the substance most vital to the continued security of the empire, and to space travel, places to house mine workers, store equipment, and process spice all became essential. You may be seeking your place in the Known Universe or looking to prove yourself to earn an inheritance. Many noble daughters are also sent for basic training with the Sisters as a form of 'finishing school'. When the Bene Tleilax took control of Ix, Leto continued to give the Ixian House Vernius sanctuary despite the political damage it could potentially have done. @@ Extra Action: Act again during a conflict. Think of the villain as someone who has deep and intense motivations, but do not define their villainy through their gender, sexuality, race, or disability. When placed over a wearer's face, it completely conceals all their features. For any minor tests involving the mission, this is the drive they use, representing their overall incentive. Could the characters ease their pain by offering them something in exchange, or do they crush the other House with this product and then hit them with spies and/or military when they are at their weakest? 10,114 A.G. House Richese loses control of Arrakis and House Harkonnen is granted it as a fief. FOCUSES B AT T LE: 5 C O M M U N I C AT E: 4 D I S C I P LI N E: 6 Survival (Desert) M OVE: 7 Pilot (Thopter) U N D ER S TA N D: 5 DRASIL, FREMEN LEADER (NOTABLE SUPPORTING CHARACTER) Drasil is the chief of a small band of desert Fremen. @@ What sacrifices have they made to get to this position? F a ce D an cers Originally designed as entertainers (a service they still perform) Face Dancers also happen to be the device skirts the limits of what is allowed under the Butlerian Edicts. This cumbersome extra weight is a reason why many owners forgo installing shield generators on their ornithopters, as they are unwilling to sacrifice maneuverability and speed for additional safety. While there are other prosthetics on the market, only the Tleilaxu can create more delicate replacements, like eyes. This may vary from minerals and construction materials such as wood or metals, to raw foodstuffs such as particular kinds of meat or plant matter, and it may vary in rarity from commonplace (but needed in vast quantities) to extremely rare (but precious such as the spice melange). The extent of the evils he accomplished in his life can only be guessed. The same goes for the non-player characters the players might encounter — someone from Caladan would consider spitting as a sign of rudeness, whereas someone from Arrakis might consider it as a sign of great honor.

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