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CHARACTERS OF THE EDGE

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Introduction

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Over the Edge™ runs on the strength of fictional personalities. Whole game sessions can be driven not by a plot or a group goal but simply by the interactions among the eccentric PCs and GMCs that populate Al Amarja.

What follows are dozens of personalities to include in your series. They fulfill a variety of functions. Some, such as Anastasia Crowley, illuminate some interesting aspect of the Edge that has not been previously detailed. Others, such as Denise Felder, demonstrate how much high weirdness can lurk under a mundane surface. But

the main role that these GMCs serve is that they are people. They have backgrounds, personalities, and goals. Every time one of these characters comes on stage, Al Amarja becomes more real, not because these characters have any firm connection to reality as we know it, but because they remind the players that there is more going on in this shared world than what they see, or even than what concerns them.

The Asterisk

Traits whose die ratings are marked with an asterisk (e.g., “2* dice”) are technical or fringe traits. The average character would have no dice with this trait.

Kyemba Adoko

Information Broker

In 1971, Idi Amin, commander of Uganda’s army, deposed Milton Obote and began an eight year reign of terror. Pulling himself right up along with Amin was Kyemba Adoko. A member of the Ugandan portion of the Kakwa tribe, Idi Amin’s chief power base during his reign, Adoko used his tribal connections and position as a tank driver in the Ugandan Army to land himself a job at the State Research Bureau.

Far from the innocuous scientific organization that its name suggests, under Amin, the State Research Bureau acted as both bodyguards and killers. Hunting down and torturing Amin’s real and imagined enemies, Adoko and the rest of the State Research Bureau reached a level of sickening violence. Disembowelment, burning, the forced killings of prisoners at the hands of other prisoners, and even more depraved methods were used to punish those who opposed Amin.

Adoko worked hard, kept a low profile, and ascended in the Bureau. Siphoning off money from covert funds, he built up quite a nest egg. In 1978, he got bad feelings about the strength of Amin’s regime. In December of that year, with over \$200,000 in US currency and deeds to sev-

eral pieces of property overseas, he walked out of Uganda, supposedly on a covert mission. He never returned. In 1979, Amin’s government fell to the return of Milton Obote.

Adoko’s first step was to enter Zaire, where large numbers of his Kakwa tribe live. Then, with a false passport, Adoko fled to England. By investing his money in several legally and morally questionable business ventures, he amassed a small fortune. Still worried that he might be recognized by a Ugandan or foreign official, he moved to Al Amarja, where he had been told that extradition was rare and identities were cheap.

For the past seven years, he has been living in Al Amarja. Initially wary of growing involved with politics, he realized that in Al Amarja, life is cheap but power is dear. Seeing information as probably the safest route to gaining some form of power, he began to work as an information broker and deal maker. His money has bought him spies in many corporate and government offices, and he has collected secrets that point to the actions of various conspiracies. The only conspiracy whose existence he has deduced, however, is the Net.

Adoko is a cruel, cold man. The concepts of honor and kindness simply seem non-essential to him. Although he has acquired a reputation for being honest with those in his pay, he would not hesitate to go back on a deal if he thought some