

No, and...
...rumor of your
failure spreads.

Yes, but...
...someone else
reaps the reward.

No.

Yes, but...
...you forgot
something
important.

Yes, and...
...there are grave
consequences.

Maybe, if...
...another
player dictates a
precondition.

No, but...
...you learn
something
important.

No, but...
...your failure will
make for a good
story.

Crossroads

Name the two main obstacles here.
You may alter one.

Backstage

You step behind the scenes of the city as if they were stage dressing.

Concern passes

The moment's intensity collapses in on itself.
"I really had you there for a moment!"

Switch

Friends become opponents, opponents turn into allies.

Yes, but...

...you get what you want, but not what you need.

Alternate story

Describe what just happened from a different perspective than your own.

Yes, but...

...the result changes your appearance or behavior.

Reincorporate

Something the characters have previously met, found or experienced complicates or resolves the scene.

Aftermath

The characters are walking through the aftermath of mayhem they caused.

Briefly describe the chaos, not what happened.

Someone else's story

You are not the main characters in this scene.

Who is? What is your function?

Defenestration

Someone falls or is thrown out a window.

Who and how?

The Footnote

An easy-to-miss detail (person, object, phenomenon) here has quite a backstory.

Tell us.

Cat content

Cats demand everyone's attention by doing something out of the ordinary.

The No-Card

The situation becomes extremely normal.

Describe how.

Inversion

Locations change; inside becomes outside, far becomes near or two places are suddenly linked.

Tell us what has changed.

Sex

Sex or sexuality somehow influences the situation, symbolically or in a concrete way.

Mirage

Something in this scene is illusory or unattainable.

Eumioa

The character's most beautiful thought comes to fruition.

What is it?

Unexpected utterance

Someone present says something you had not anticipated.

Who and what?

Wrong weather

Something is completely off with this weather.

What is it like?

Odd occupation

Someone present has the strangest job.

What is it?

Curse

Someone or something is cursed! By whom?

What is the curse?

Fears manifest

What you fear most about the situation happens.

Be obvious

Ask another player to say the first thing they can think of. Now.

You describe how it affects the story.

Mysterious data

Each player writes
one word then folds
the paper before
passing it on.

Where does the string of
words come from?
What might it mean?



Bisociation

Draw two more
cards and combine
their effects.



Malevolent child

They remind you of
something terrible from
your childhood.

What is it?



Inruption

Pick something up off
the table and insert it
into the game.



Aurora Itralis

The sky is made
of memory.

What do you remember?



Ferrous brocade

The station has you in a
fatal embrace.

Why can't you leave?



Flower child

A flower begins to
grow out of someone or
something.
What kind?



Dead lover

They're back.

What did you
do to them?



Monument

Two kissing mermaids;
Lieutenant Polasky—the
war hero; the oldest
statue in the city;
modern art
What's the origin story
of the monument?

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Butcher

Mr. Otter, a charming
and handsome young
man; Mrs. Cart always
knows your family's
health; only open
at night.
Where do they get the
meat from?

~

Simulacrum

There is another you
on the station.
How do you prove
you're not the copy?

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Grocery store

Every kind of
cauliflower and
potatoes; nothing more
than onions and carrots;
fruits stolen from the
docks; famous for
canned vegetables.
Who runs the place?

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Pseudoscience

Roll or choose one:

1. Biomedical Procedures.
 2. Immortality.
 3. Bodies without Organs.
 4. Psychosexuality.
 5. Psychogeography.
 6. Chaos Magick.
- It's real.

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Unoccupied house

Newly built; baroque
tenement; covered
by thorn bushes and
roses; music audible at
midnight; half-burnt.
Who were its last
inhabitants? What
happened to them?

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Law & Order

The night watch; the
bouncer; the grey
guardswoman; janitor.
Who do they fall for?

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Place for rent

The landlady—Ms.
Raven, a young widow;
you know, those
windows with the
geranium; storeroom
(don't open the boxes,
please); struck by
Structural Cancer.
Who left the place and
their belongings in a
hurry? Why?

~

Bakery

Closed every
Wednesday; owners
donate old bread to
the orphanage; even
aristocrats buy those
cinnamon buns.

What do you know
about the owners?

~

Taphouse

Run by sentient apes;
dances every Saturday
evening; The Devil
visits the place; pub for
factory workers.

Who fought with whom
late? About what?

~

Graveyard

You just don't go
there during the day;
overgrown; where
lovers meet

Who's the gravedigger?
What's their habit?

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The market square

Pissing girl fountain;
gossip-spreading well;
ribbons and beads stall.

Who watches the place
constantly?

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Services (look)

Hairdresser: Ms. Fleur,
nicest person in town;
millinery: Mother
Joannah, the outsider;
barber: Ole, gentle but
with an animal head.

Why do you like
coming here?

~

Services (help)

Mademoiselle Camille,
the loan shark; sharp-
eyed Wladislaw, the
solicitor; Dr. Leech,
the nurse.

How do they protect
themselves against angry
or nosy customers?

~

Who you meet on the street

Jorund, angry postman
meddling with dark
forces; Tinker, singing
knife sharpener; Aldis,
10-year-old, one-legged
cutpurse.

To whom are they
related by blood?

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Stores

Hrafn's iron store;
textile store run by
newlywed couple; florist
where the conjoined
twins work.

What are they helping
to smuggle?

~

Haunted

Fairground; orphanage,
the children know; the
narrow alley; ancient
mine shaft; factory, he
was crushed to death.

How do they visit?
What do they want?

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Squat

An old wine-cellar; a
dilapidated warehouse;
secret attic; ramshackle
sheds in a public park;
hobos and drunks.

What happens there?
Who disapproves?

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Dive

Sailors only; prize-
fights every Saturday;
drunken brawls; friendly
neighborhood pub.

What's the owner like?

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Park

Run-down; larger than
you thought; flowers
everywhere; frequented
by clowns; a
music pavilion.

Tell us a secret
of the park.

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Criminal element

Peeping Tomatine;
fence; peculiar vandal;
the Boss; snitch;
neighborhood arsonist.

Who do they protect/
care for?

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