

GM REFERENCE BOOKLET

PROFILES FOR NPCs & CREATURES

This booklet contains the profiles for all the NPCs and creatures found in *Rivers of London: the Roleplaying Game*, grouped by affiliation (the Folly and associates, the Thames family, etc.). GMs are advised to print out this booklet for use as a quick-reference aid during games.

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THE FOLLY AND ASSOCIATES

Asterid Bivalacqua, green-fingered OAP*
*Old-Age Pensioner.

STR 40 CON 50 DEX 60 INT 60 POW 70 DB: 0 MOV: 5 MP: 22 LUCK: — Advantages: Magical, Scary.

Skills

Athletics 30%, Drive 30%, Navigate 50%, Observation 70%, Read Person 70%, Research 60%, Sense Vestigia 70%, Social 60%, Stealth 60%; Art/Craft (Horticulture) 90%, Magic 70%, Science (Pharmacy) 60%; Fighting 60%, Firearms 60%.

Languages

English (own) 60%, Jamaican Patois (own) 60%.

Spells

She's a woman of mysterious power, and her magic is definitely non-Newtonian. If Nightingale knows what she's capable of, he isn't saying. Has an affinity for growing things.

Signare

The burning taste of Scotch bonnet peppers and the fragrance of expensive rum on a warm summer's evening.

Frank Caffrey, firefighter

STR 70 CON 70 DEX 50 INT 50 POW 60 DB: +1 MOV: 8 MP: 12 LUCK: —

Advantages: Damage Bonus, Natural Toughness, Steadfast.

Skills

Athletics 60%, Drive 50%, Navigate 50%, Observation 70%, Read Person 60%, Research 30%, Sense Vestigia 50%, Social 60%, Stealth 70%; Demolitions 70%; Fighting 70%, Firearms 80%.

Languages

English (own) 60%.

Michael Cheung, legendary swordsman

STR 60 CON 50 DEX 60 INT 60 POW 60

DB: 0 MOV: 8 MP: 20 LUCK: —

Advantage: Magical*.

Sword: Michael possesses a **Wizard's Sword** (see page 235). This sword contains a store of 20 magic points.

Skills

Athletics 80%, Drive 30%, Navigate 40%, Observation 60%, Read Person 50%, Research 40%, Sense Vestigia 60%, Social 60%, Stealth 70%; Fighting 80%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

Cantonese (own) 60%, English (own) 60%, Mandarin 60%.

Spells

None from the Newtonian tradition, that's for sure, but apparently based on movement.

Signare

Unsurprisingly, seeing as he's the one teaching Sahra, the sound of ripping silk when he strikes.

*Michael's version of the Magical advantage is slightly different to that available to investigators and most NPCs, and manifests itself as the Mystic Art of Fighting (page 234).

Foxglove, High Fae artist

STR 70 **CON** 50 **DEX** 80 **INT** 60 **POW** 80 **DB**: 0 **MOV**: 9 **MP**: — **LUCK**: 80

Advantages: Natural Toughness, Speedy. **Disadvantage:** vulnerable to cold iron.

Skills

Athletics 70%, Drive 30%, Navigate 30%, Observation 80%, Read Person 60%, Research 30%, Social 40%, Stealth 70%; Art/Craft (Painting) 80%; Fighting 30%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

She won't say—possibly High Fae?

Powers

Luck of the Demi-monde.

Demi-monde affinity

Magical nullification.

Vestigia

Nothing anyone's been able to put their finger on just yet.

DC Peter Grant, apprentice practitioner

STR 60 CON 50 DEX 40 INT 70 POW 60 DB: 0 MOV: 8 MP: 20 LUCK: 50

Advantage: Magical.



Skills

Athletics 30%, Drive 50%, Navigate 60%, Observation 60%, Read Person 60%, Research 30%, Sense Vestigia 60%, Social 60%, Stealth 30%; Law 60%, Magic 60%, Tech 40%; Fighting 60%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

English (own) 70%, German 30%, Greek 30%, Krio (own) 35%, Latin 60%.

Spells

Aqua (mastered), Impello (mastered), Scindere (mastered), Werelight (mastered); Car Killer (mastered), Fireball (mastered), Impello palma (mastered), Shield (mastered); Coffin Bell, Telescopium; Clausurafrange, Sīphōnem; plus all the other spells listed in the Chapter 4: Newtonian Magic, up to (but not including) fourth order.

Signare

This is where things get complicated. Nightingale's tick-tock precision is there, but after that, it's all over the place—music, laughter, the smell of chocolate, images of London—and, blimey, is it loud! So loud, in fact, that it hides what spell he's cueing up, meaning an adversary can't make a Magic skill roll to determine what spell he's about to fling at them.

DS Sahra Guleed, ninja-in-training STR 50 CON 40 DEX 70 INT 60 POW 60 DB: 0 MOV: 8 MP: 12 LUCK: —

Advantage: Magical*.

Sword: Sahra possesses a **Wizard's Sword** (see page 235). This sword contains a store of 10 magic points.

Skills

Athletics 70%, Drive 50%, Navigate 30%, Observation 60%, Read Person 60%, Research 30%, Sense Vestigia 60%, Social 30%, Stealth 60%; Law 60%, Magic 60%; Fighting 60%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

Arabic 30%, Cantonese 30%, English (own) 60%, Mandarin 30%, Somali (own) 30%.

Spells

None that she's admitted to—yet. Given who her teacher is, any she does know are going to be non-Newtonian and most likely movement-based.

Signare

The sound of ripping silk whenever she wields her sword.

*Sahra's version of the Magical advantage is slightly different to that available to investigators and most NPCs, and manifests itself as the **Mystic Art of Fighting** (page 234).

Abigail Kamara, apprentice practitioner

STR 40 CON 60 DEX 40 INT 70 POW 70 DB: 0 MOV: 8 MP: 15 LUCK: — Advantage: Magical.

Skills

Athletics 30%, Drive 30%, Navigate 30%, Observation 60%, Read Person 60%, Research 60%, Sense Vestigia 60%, Social 60%, Stealth 60%; Magic 60%; Fighting 30%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

English (own) 70%, Greek 30%, Latin 60%, Russian 30%.

Spells

Werelight (mastered); other than that, no one's entirely certain which spells Abigail's managed to learn so, for now, the choice is left to the GM—we suggest choosing at least one other first order and one second order spell from the selection in **Chapter 4: Newtonian Magic**.

Signare

Hasn't yet solidified, but you definitely get a little bit of Nightingale's clockwork orrery mixed with whatever has caught Abigail's interest in the last few months; plus: fox fur, a blast of cold, and something that might be the opening bars of a popular British talent show's theme tune.

Molly, Folly housekeeper

STR 70 CON 50 DEX 80 INT 60 POW 80 DB: 0 MOV: 9 MP:— LUCK: 80

Advantages: Natural Toughness, Speedy.

Disadvantage: vulnerable to cold iron.

Skills

Athletics 60%, Drive 30%, Navigate 30%, Observation 85%, Read Person 60%, Research 50%, Sense Vestigia 80%, Social 50%, Stealth 80%; Art/Craft (Cooking) 60%, Art/Craft (Housekeeping) 70%; Fighting 60%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

Comprehends and can write English; speaks only in hisses.

Powers

Luck of the Demi-monde.

Demi-monde affinity

Blood (haemomancy).

Vestigia

Nothing that Peter could remember.





DCI Thomas Nightingale, master practitioner STR 50 CON 50 DEX 40 INT 70 POW 80 DB: 0 MOV: 7 MP: 60 LUCK: —

Advantages: Magical, Steadfast, The Knowledge (London).

Wizard's Staff: Nightingale has a silver-topped walking cane that acts as his wizard's staff (see page 324 for further details on what a wizard's staff does). This staff contains a store of 60 magic points.

Skills

Athletics 50%, Drive 80%, Navigate 70%, Observation 80%, Read Person 80%, Research 70%, Sense Vestigia 95%, Social 60%, Stealth 80%; Art/Craft (Blacksmithing) 70%, Law 90%, Magic 95%, Ride 60%; Fighting 60%, Firearms 60%.

Languages

Arabic 50%, Brittonic 40%, Danish 40%, English (own) 80%, Greek 60%, German 50%, Latin 70%, Welsh 40%.

Spells

All the spells listed in **Chapter 4: Newtonian Magic**, all mastered, plus a few more we haven't made rules up for yet.

Signare

A clockwork tick, the smell of willow, and a whispering clash like the sound of cymbals—as heavy as a mallet and as sharp and controlled as the point of a needle.

Harold Postmartin, curator

STR 40 CON 40 DEX 50 INT 90 POW 60 DB: 0 MOV: 4 MP: 12 LUCK: —

Advantage: Steadfast.

Skills

Athletics 30%, Drive 50%, Navigate 60%, Observation 80%, Read Person 60%, Research 90%, Sense Vestigia 40%, Social 60%, Stealth 60%; History 80%, Law 60%; Fighting 30%, Firearms 60%.

Languages

Ancient Greek 70%, English (own) 90%, French 70%, German 60%, Latin 80%, Sanskrit 40%, Spanish 50%.

Special Agent Kimberley Reynolds, FBI

STR 60 **CON** 50 **DEX** 60 **INT** 70 **POW** 50 **DB:** 0 **MOV:** 8 **MP:** 10 **LUCK:** —

Advantages: Fast Reactions, Signature Weapon (Glock 9mm service pistol).

Skills

Athletics 50%, Drive 60%, Navigate 40%, Observation 70%, Read Person 60%, Research 50%, Sense Vestigia 40%, Social 60%, Stealth 40%; Law 60%; Fighting 60%, Firearms 70%.

Languages

English (own) 70%.

DI Miriam Stephanopoulos, senior detective

STR 60 CON 50 DEX 60 INT 50 POW 60 DB: 0 MOV: 8 MP: 12 LUCK: — Advantages: Scary, Steadfast.

Skills

Athletics 30%, Drive 60%, Navigate 50%, Observation 70%, Read Person 70%, Research 70%, Sense Vestigia 30%, Social 60%, Stealth 40%; Law 80%; Fighting 60%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

English (own) 60%, Greek 30%.

Varvara Sidorovna Tamonina, Night Witch

STR 40 CON 50 DEX 60 INT 60 POW 70 DB: 0 MOV: 8 MP: 45 LUCK: — Advantages: Magical, Scary, Steadfast.

Skills

Athletics 50%, Drive 30%, Navigate 50%, Observation 70%, Read Person 70%, Research 50%, Sense Vestigia 70%, Social 60%, Stealth 70%; Disguise 70%, Magic 70%; Fighting 70%, Firearms 70%.

Languages

English 60%, Russian (own) 60%.

Spells

When it comes to spells, if it's anything to do with ice or dealing with a situation brutally and effectively, she knows it, e.g., Glitter Bomb, Ice Blast, Flying Ice Saw, etc.

Signare

The bite of cold metal, something yeasty like bread, and the smell of wet dog.

Toby, ghost-hunting dog

STR 30 CON 50 DEX 80 INT — POW 50 DB: 0 MOV: 9 MP: 10 LUCK: —

Skills

Observation 60%, Sense Vestigia 60%; Eat Sausages 80%; Bite 60%.



Dr Jennifer Vaughan, pathologist

STR 40 **CON** 50 **DEX** 50 **INT** 80 **POW** 60 **DB:** 0 **MOV:** 8 **MP:** 12 **LUCK:** —

Advantages: Scary, Steadfast.

Skills

Athletics 60%, Drive 60%, Navigate 30%, Observation 70%, Read Person 60%, Research 60%, Sense Vestigia 40%, Social 40%, Stealth 30%; Medicine 70%, Science (Biology) 60%, Science (Forensics) 40%, Science (Pathology) 70%; Fighting 30%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

English (own) 80%, Latin 30%, Welsh (own) 80%.

Dr Abdul Haqq Walid, Folly pathologist

STR 40 CON 40 DEX 60 INT 80 POW 60 DB: 0 MOV: 8 MP: 12 LUCK: —

Advantage: Steadfast.

Skills

Athletics 40%, Drive 50%, Navigate 40%, Observation 80%, Read Person 60%, Research 80%, Sense Vestigia 60%, Social 50%, Stealth 60%; Law 60%, Medicine 90%, Science (Biology) 70%, Science (Chemistry) 50%, Science (Forensics) 70%; Fighting 30%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

Arabic 40%, English (own) 80%, Latin 40%.

THE THAMES FAMILY

Beverley Brook, genius loci

STR 40 CON 50 DEX 60 INT 70 POW 100 DB: 0 MOV: 8 MP:— LUCK: 100

Advantage: Natural Toughness.

Disadvantage: vulnerable to cold iron.

Skills

Athletics 70%, Drive 50%, Navigate 60%, Observation 60%, Read Person 60%, Research 30%, Sense Vestigia 70%, Social 60%, Stealth 60%; Science (Environmental) 60%; Fighting 40%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

English (own) 70%, Yoruba (own) 35%.

Powers

The Glamour, Luck of the Demi-monde.

Demi-monde affinity

Water.

Vestigia

A sensation like rain, the sound of boys playing football in the distance, the smell of suburban roses and newly washed cars, evening television flickering through net curtains.

Father Thames, Old Man of the River

STR 60 CON 60 DEX 50 INT 70 POW 200 DB: 0 MOV: 6 MP:— LUCK: 200

Advantage: Natural Toughness.

Disadvantage: vulnerable to cold iron.

Skills

Athletics 50%, Drive 30%, Navigate 80%, Observation 80%, Read Person 90%, Research 30%, Sense Vestigia 95%, Social 70%, Stealth 40%; Fighting 50%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

Brittonic (own) 70%, English (old, middle, and modern) (own) 70%, Latin (own) 70%.

Powers

The Glamour, Luck of the Demi-monde.

Demi-monde affinity

Water.

Vestigia

The promise of beer and skittles, walking home on a moonlit night, a warm fireside, amorous company.

Lady Cecelia Tyburn Thames, genius loci

STR 40 **CON** 50 **DEX** 60 **INT** 70 **POW** 120 **DB:** 0 **MOV:** 8 **MP:**— **LUCK:** 120

Advantages: Natural Toughness, Scary. **Disadvantage:** vulnerable to cold iron.

Skills

Athletics 60%, Drive 40%, Navigate 60%, Observation 70%, Read Person 80%, Research 60%, Sense Vestigia 90%, Social 80%, Stealth 60%; History 80%; Fighting 30%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

English (own) 70%, Italian 80%, Yoruba (own) 35%.

Powers

The Glamour, Luck of the Demi-monde.

Demi-monde affinity

Water.

Vestigia

The rope, the crowd, and the final drop into oblivion; the smell of cigars, horses, furniture polish, Stilton, and Belgian chocolate.

Mama Thames, Goddess of the River Thames

STR 40 **CON** 60 **DEX** 50 **INT** 70 **POW** 200

DB: 0 **MOV:** 7 **MP:** — **LUCK:** 200

Advantage: Natural Toughness.

Disadvantage: vulnerable to cold iron.

Skills

Athletics 30%, Drive 30%, Navigate 60%, Observation 90%, Read Person 80%, Research 50%, Sense Vestigia 95%, Social 80%, Stealth 40%; Medicine 60%; Fighting 30%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

English 60%, Yoruba (own) 70%.

Powers

The Glamour, Luck of the Demi-monde.

Demi-monde affinity

Water.

Vestigia

Salt water, coffee, diesel, bananas, chocolate, fish guts.

OTHER DEMI-MONDE

High Fae, an example

STR 60 CON 80 DEX 70 INT 50 POW 100 DB: 0 MOV: 9 MP: — LUCK: 100

Advantages: Natural Toughness, Speedy. **Disadvantage:** vulnerable to cold iron.

Skills

Athletics 60%, Navigate 30%, Observation 60%, Read Person 40%, Research 30%, Social 50%, Stealth 60%; Ride 60%; Fighting 60%, Firearms 60%.

Languages

High Fae (own) 60%, English 40%.

Powers

The Glamour (the royal ones, at least), Luck of the Demimonde.

Demi-monde affinity

Nature.

Vestigia

Sun-dappled leaves, the smell of damp wool, a flash of arrogance and condescension.

Zachary Palmer, "goblin boy"

STR 50 CON 60 DEX 80 INT 60 POW 80 DB: 0 MOV: 9 MP:— LUCK: 80

Advantages: Natural Toughness, Speedy.

Skills

Athletics 70%, Drive 30%, Navigate 60%, Observation 30%, Read Person 60%, Research 40%, Sense Vestigia 70%, Social 60%, Stealth 80%; Locksmith 60%; Fighting 60%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

English (own) 60%.

Powers

Luck of the Demi-monde.

Demi-monde affinity

Locks.

Quiet Person, an example

STR 70 **CON** 60 **DEX** 70 **INT** 60 **POW** 50 **DB:** 0 **MOV:** 8 **MP:** — **LUCK:** 50

Advantages: Natural Toughness, The Knowledge (Beneath London).

Disadvantage: sensitive to bright light and loud noises (penalty die to Observation rolls in bright and/or noisy locations).

Skills

Athletics 50%, Drive 10%, Navigate 60%, Observation 60%, Read Person 40%, Research 30%, Sense Vestigia 60%, Social 50%, Stealth 60%; Art/Craft (Pottery) 60%, Mechanical Repair 50%; Fighting 50%, Firearms 40%.

Languages

English (own) 60%.

Powers

Luck of the Demi-monde.

Demi-monde affinity

Earth.

Other

Bonus die to Observation rolls in quiet and/or dimly-lit locations.

Vestigia

A momentary blast of heat, the smell of the pigsty.



Troll, an example

STR 70 CON 70 DEX 30 INT 40 POW 80 DB: +1 MOV: 7 MP: — LUCK: 80

Advantages: Damage Bonus, Natural Toughness.

Skills

Athletics 30%, Drive 30%, Navigate 50%, Observation 50%, Read Person 50%, Research 30%, Sense Vestigia 60%, Social 60%, Stealth 60%; Fighting 60%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

Own (e.g., English, German, etc.) 60%.

CREATURES

Chimera, an example

STR 60 CON 60 DEX 70 INT 50 POW 60 DB: +1 MOV: 9 MP: — LUCK: 60 Advantages: Damage Bonus, Natural Toughness.

Skills

Athletics 60%, Drive 30%, Navigate 30%, Observation 60%, Read Person 30%, Research 30%, Sense Vestigia 60%, Social 50%, Stealth 60%; Fighting 60%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

Own (e.g., English, German, etc.) 60%.

Powers

Luck of the Demi-monde.

Police Dog, an example

STR 50 **CON** 60 **DEX** 80 **INT** — **POW** 50 **DB**: 0 **MOV**: 10 **MP**: — **LUCK**: —

Skills

Athletics 70%, Sense Vestigia 30%; Bite 60%.

Police Horse, an example

STR 180 CON 80 DEX 70 INT — POW 50 DB: +2 MOV: 12 MP: — LUCK: — Advantages: Damage Bonus, Natural Toughness.

Skills

Fighting 60%. Uses the rider's Ride skill for general manoeuvres.

Talking Fox, an example

STR 30 CON 60 DEX 70 INT 60 POW 60 DB: 0 MOV: 9 MP: — LUCK: 60

Advantages: Natural Toughness, The Knowledge (home city).

Skills

Athletics 70%, Navigate 70%, Observation 80%, Read Person 40%, Research 40%, Sense Vestigia 80%, Social 30%, Stealth 80%; Find North-east 100%, Hunt Cheese Puffs 80%; Bite 50%.

Languages

Other (e.g., English, German, etc.) 60%, Own 60%.

Unicorn, an example

STR 200 CON 70 DEX 60 INT 10 POW 90 DB: +2 MOV: 12 MP: — LUCK: 90 Advantages: Damage Bonus, Natural Toughness.

Disadvantage: vulnerable to cold iron.

Skills

Athletics 60%, Sense Vestigia 70%; Fighting 60%.

Powers

Invisible to humans when in our world (unless in the presence of magic), Luck of the Demi-Monde.

Languages

Unicorns certainly understand spoken English. Whether they take any notice of you is a different matter altogether.

Other

Can be ridden, but requires a successful Ride roll to convince the creature to let a rider mount it. Unless the rider is used to handling unicorns, it also requires a successful Ride roll to stay in control in situations where a normal horse wouldn't require a skill roll.

Vampire, a human example

STR 80 CON 80 DEX 50 INT 20 POW 70 DB: +1* MOV: 8 MP: — LUCK: 70 *See Special.

Advantages: Natural Toughness, Damage Bonus. **Disadvantage:** vulnerable to intense heat (flamethrower, phosphorous grenades).

Skills

Athletics 30%, Navigate 60%, Observation 60%, Read Person 30%, Sense Vestigia 60%, Stealth 60%, Social 30%; Fighting 60%.

Languages

Own (e.g., English, German, etc.) 20%.

Powers

Luck of the Demi-monde.





Vestigia

Not as such, but *tactus disvitae*—the smell of antilife, a deep bone-numbing cold.

Special

Every time a vampire successfully inflicts damage in combat, the target also loses 1D6 magic points. If a vampire manages to inflict either a mortal wound or a fatal blow, the character instantly loses all of their remaining magic points on top of the usual outcomes.

The base spell damage of the Fireball spell is increased to 2 when used against vampires (boosted damage increase remains the same: 1 damage per additional magic point above base cost). Treat flamethrowers as inflicting Deadly rather than Severe damage when deployed against vampires (**Table 7: Other Forms of Damage**, page 149). Likewise, treat the Terminal damage of a phosphorous grenade as Splat damage. All other weapons inflict zero damage against vampires (no damage roll required). Only fire completely destroys a vampire; any other method of disposal risks transmission or bits of vampire falling into the wrong hands.

Anyone killed by a vampire risks becoming one as the infection is passed on. At the point of death, if the character fails a CON roll, they join the unliving—unless someone takes great care to burn their body.

THE BOOKSHOP

Warwick Anderson, age 29, frightened bookseller STR 50 CON 50 DEX 60 INT 60 POW 60 DB: 0 MOV: 9 MP: 12 LUCK: — Advantage: Speedy.

Skills

Athletics 30%, Drive 30%, Navigate 30%, Observation 60%, Read Person 60%, Research 60%, Sense Vestigia 30%, Social 60%, Stealth 30%; Art/Craft (Fine Arts) 60%; Fighting 30%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

English (own) 60%, French 60%, Italian 30%, Spanish 30%.

Saffron Jackson, age 36, bookshop manager
STR 40 CON 50 DEX 50 INT 70 POW 70
DB: 0 MOV: 8 MP: 14 LUCK: —
Advantage: Steadfast.

Skills

Athletics 30%, Drive 30%, Navigate 30%, Observation 60%, Read Person 60%, Research 60%, Sense Vestigia 30%, Social 60%, Stealth 30%; Accounting 60%, History 60%; Fighting 30%, Firearms 30%.

Languages

English (own) 70%.

Ernie, ghost-hunting dog-in-training

STR 20 CON 60 DEX 80 INT — POW 50 DB: 0 MOV: 10 MP: — LUCK: —

Skills

Observation 50%, Sense Vestigia 50%; Eat Sausages 70%; Bite 70%.

The Spirit of Books and Reading, *lonely genius loci* STR 50 CON 40 DEX 30 INT 60 POW 80

DB: 0 **MOV**: 4 **MP**: — **LUCK**: 80

Advantage: Natural Toughness.

Disadvantage: vulnerable to cold iron.

Skills

Sense Vestigia 60%; Throw 90%.

Languages

Non-verbal; it does understand English, though, and its spelling ability is equivalent to that of a five-year-old.

Powers

Luck of the Demi-monde.

Demi-monde affinity

Books and reading.

Vestigia

The smell of blood, the taste of plasticine, and the sensation of crossed legs and chicken feathers.

