

Shadowrun Immersive Guide

Introduction

Welcome to the immersive and captivating world of Shadowrun, where the future has arrived and the boundaries between reality and technology have blurred. In this extraordinary world, skilled individuals known as Shadowrunners navigate a complex landscape of megacorporations, shadowy organizations, and advanced technology, all interwoven with the realm of magic and myth.

Shadowrun is a tabletop roleplaying game that allows players to create their own unique characters and embark on thrilling adventures in this cyberpunk-fantasy setting. Whether you're a seasoned gamer or new to the world of tabletop RPGs, this introductory guide will provide you with everything you need to

delve into the vibrant and enigmatic world of Shadowrun.

In this comprehensive guide, we'll take you on a journey through the Sixth World, a place where advanced technology and ancient traditions coexist in a chaotic and ever-evolving environment. We'll explore the origins of Shadowrun, introduce you to the major world powers and megacorporations that shape the geopolitical landscape, and delve into the intricacies of the Matrix, a vast virtual reality network that connects the world.

We'll also guide you through the process of creating your own Shadowrunner character, from choosing your race and class to developing their unique backstory and skills. With a wide array of options to choose from, you'll have the freedom to create a character that perfectly fits your playstyle and imagination.

As you become more familiar with the world of Shadowrun, we'll provide you with essential rules and mechanics to help you navigate the challenges and opportunities that await you. From dice rolling and success tests to combat, spellcasting, and social interactions, we'll cover all the core elements of the game to ensure that you have a solid foundation for your adventures.

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Book Description

Enter the gritty and enigmatic world of Shadowrun, a cyberpunk-fantasy setting where advanced technology and ancient traditions collide. This comprehensive guidebook will equip you with everything you need to embark on thrilling adventures as a Shadowrunner, a skilled individual navigating the complex landscape of megacorporations, shadowy organizations, and advanced technology.

Within these pages, you'll discover the rich history and lore of the Sixth World, a place where the boundaries between reality and technology have blurred. From the towering skyscrapers of Seattle to the neon-lit streets of Hong Kong, we'll guide you through the major world powers and megacorporations that shape the geopolitical landscape.

We'll introduce you to the diverse races and classes that populate the Sixth World, helping you create your

own unique Shadowrunner character. Whether you prefer the streetwise agility of an Elf, the technological prowess of a Dwarf, or the magical abilities of an Ork, you'll find all the information you need to bring your character to life.

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With its detailed explanations, engaging examples, and comprehensive coverage, this guidebook is an indispensable resource for both new and experienced Shadowrun players. Whether you're planning your first adventure or looking to enhance your existing knowledge, you'll find everything you need within these pages to navigate the shadows and emerge victorious.

Chapter 1: Unlocking the Shadowrun Universe

The Birth of Shadowrun

The year is 2012. The world is a very different place than it was just a few decades ago. The advent of cybernetics and the Matrix has transformed society, and the line between the real and the virtual has become increasingly blurred. In this brave new world, a new kind of hero has emerged: the Shadowrunner.

Shadowrunners are individuals who operate in the shadows, taking on jobs that are too dangerous or illegal for anyone else. They are a diverse group, coming from all walks of life, but they share a common goal: to survive and profit in a world that is constantly changing.

The roots of Shadowrun can be traced back to the early days of the 21st century. As technology advanced, so too did the threats to society. Megacorporations grew in

power, and governments became increasingly corrupt. In this environment, a new breed of criminals emerged: the technomancers.

Technomancers were individuals who could hack into the Matrix and manipulate its systems. They used their skills to steal information, sabotage systems, and even commit murder. As the threat from technomancers grew, so too did the demand for individuals who could stop them.

In 2021, a group of former soldiers, hackers, and criminals came together to form the first Shadowrun team. They called themselves the Shadowrunners, and they quickly became known for their ability to get the job done, no matter how dangerous or illegal.

The Shadowrunners were a success, and soon other teams began to form. By the 2030s, Shadowrunning had become a global phenomenon. Shadowrunners were operating in every major city, and they were taking on

jobs that ranged from corporate espionage to assassinations.

Today, Shadowrunning is a well-established profession. Shadowrunners are a vital part of the Sixth World, and they play a key role in maintaining the balance of power between the megacorporations, the governments, and the criminal underworld.

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The Six World Powers

In the Sixth World of Shadowrun, the geopolitical landscape is dominated by a handful of powerful nations known as the Six World Powers. These nations wield immense influence over the global economy, politics, and military affairs, shaping the destiny of the world.

1. **United States of America (USA):** Once a beacon of democracy and freedom, the USA has become a corporatocracy dominated by a few mega-corporations. Despite its economic and military might, the USA faces internal strife and social unrest.
2. **Euro-Common Market (ECM):** A union of European nations, the ECM is a major economic and political force. However, internal divisions

and tensions between member states often hinder its effectiveness on the world stage.

3. **Japanese Overseas Defense Force (JSDF):** After a devastating earthquake, Japan rebuilt itself as a technologically advanced nation. The JSDF is one of the most formidable military forces in the world, protecting Japan's interests abroad.
4. **Amazonian Confederation (AC):** A vast and resource-rich nation, the AC encompasses most of South America. The AC is home to diverse cultures and languages, and its government struggles to maintain control over its sprawling territory.
5. **African Union (AU):** A continent plagued by poverty, war, and disease, the AU has made significant strides towards unity and economic development in recent years. However, corruption and ethnic conflicts remain major challenges.

6. **Aztechnology:** A powerful megacorporation based in Mexico City, Aztechnology has grown into a nation-state in its own right. With its vast resources and private military, Aztechnology exerts considerable influence over Central and South America.

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Megacorporations and Their Influence

In the Sixth World, megacorporations wield immense power and influence, shaping the political, economic, and social landscape. These vast multinational entities control vast resources, employ millions of people, and possess cutting-edge technology that rivals that of governments.

The most prominent megacorporations include:

- **Ares Macrotechnology:** A weapons manufacturer and security contractor known for its ruthless efficiency and military-grade hardware.
- **Aztechnology:** A powerful Aztec-themed corporation with a focus on biotechnology and genetic engineering.

- **Cyberdyne Systems:** A robotics and cybernetics giant responsible for the creation of advanced cyberware and AI systems.
- **Mitsuhama Computer Technologies:** A Japanese electronics and software conglomerate known for its dominance in the virtual reality and cyberware markets.
- **Saeder-Krupp:** A German automotive and engineering corporation with a reputation for producing high-quality vehicles and weapons.

Megacorporations exert their influence through various means, including:

- **Economic Control:** They control vast wealth and resources, giving them the power to influence markets, manipulate prices, and fund political campaigns.
- **Political Lobbying:** They employ lobbyists and spend vast sums of money to influence

government policies and regulations in their favor.

- **Private Security Forces:** They maintain private armies or contract with security companies to protect their assets and enforce their interests.
- **Media Control:** They own or control media outlets, allowing them to shape public opinion and promote their own agendas.
- **Technological Dominance:** They possess advanced technology that gives them a competitive advantage over smaller companies and governments.

The influence of megacorporations has a profound impact on the lives of ordinary citizens. They provide employment, products, and services, but they can also exploit workers, suppress competition, and undermine democratic institutions. In the Sixth World, the balance of power between megacorporations and governments is a constant source of tension and conflict.

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