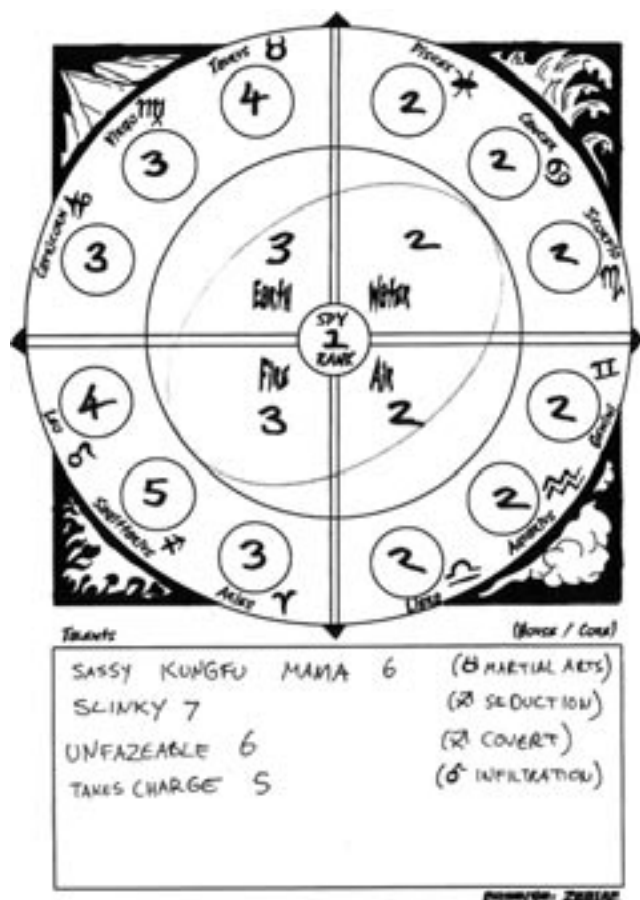


a) Playable beginning agents

Asha Strange

Kungfu Model & Illegitimate Royal



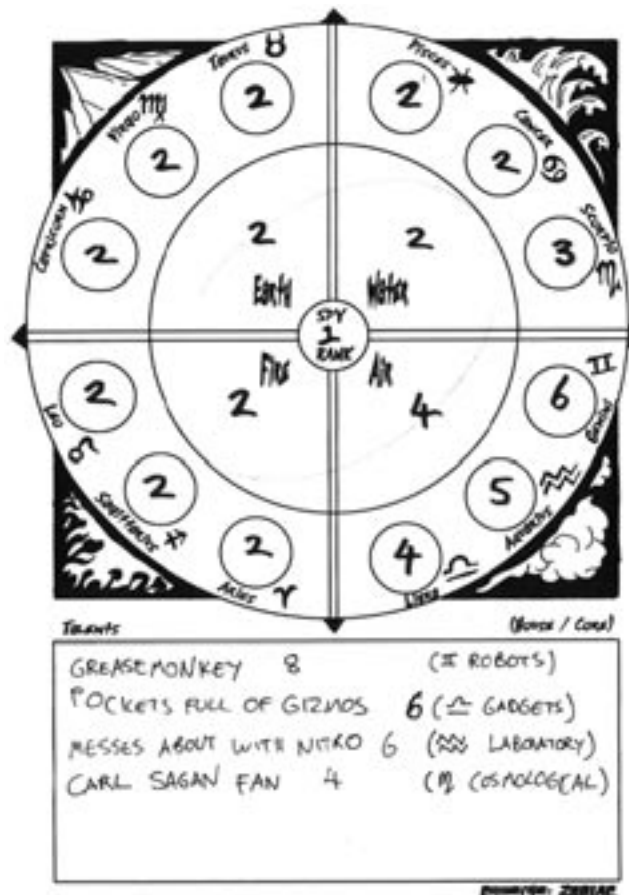
Combat Muscle Car (earth 4 Scale: standard)

International model, kung fu black belt and darling of the bohemian set, Asha Strange is as much at home in the studios of Soho or the streets of Watts. Her youngest memories of a childhood in London reflect this divided life, between the cold pampering of nannies and the wild life of the street urchin. She can only remember seeing her mother once, someone very high up in the royal family (very, very high up). Her father was said to be an African prince. Asha is her own woman. Even Andy Warhol turned pale when she gave him her opinion of his (so far undisplayed) portrait of Asha.

After falling in with bad crowds (feral models and dissolute artists), Asha's potential was recognised by the ZODIAC organisation. She now struts her stuff for Mother Earth, giving it to the man in style.

“Cupcake”, Chinaki Endo

Scientific Prodigy, Pop Singer & Car Fanatic



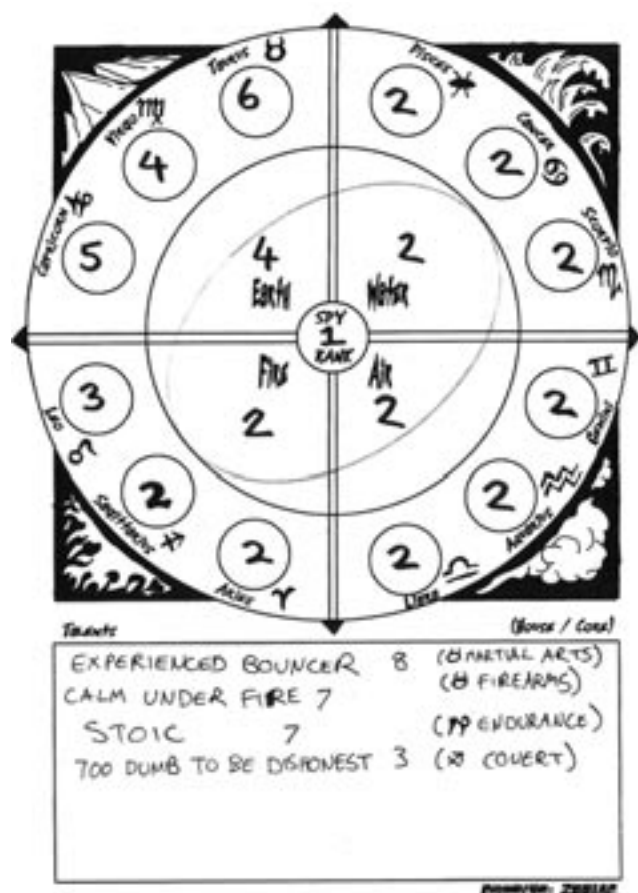
Robot, “Pork Chop Sir” (Earth 4 Scale: giant)

Sixteen year old genius, cutie pie drummer and all round menace with an angle grinder, Cupcake is a girl who wants to save the world and have a good time doing it. Her band, the Sugar Centipedes are famous on pirate radio stations around the world, radio stations which ZODIAC had a hand in creating.

Cars are were her original true love, she knows all the weights, specifications and measurements for cars from around the world. Her knowledge is truly frightening. Lately she has moved onto robots, making staggering modifications to industrial models in order to fight back against the Global Typhoon Syndicate’s army of crime bots.

Udo "the Love Muscle" Cronkheimer

Bouncer, Pornstar, Agent



RV Command Centre (Air 2, Fire 1, Earth 1 Scale: big)

Udo once aspired to nothing more than his own cut of small town crime pickings. A series of jobs in seedy disreputable parts of town saw him drift further into the world of vice. Eventually, a gig as hired muscle on a film set led to him standing in for a missing porn actor (who later turned up in a series of cans of tinned meat). At this point his prodigious 'talent' was discovered and he was well on the way to becoming a sleazy celebrity.

Always brighter than he was willing to let on, Udo discovered something sinister on the set. The porn films were being used to broadcast subliminal messages at the behest of the sinister Astrolabus organisation. When ZODIAC raided the studio, Udo changed sides and today uses his talents for good instead of evil.

NOTE: Although a film star, Udo has a low Seduction expertise. Unclothed he is more surprising than seductive...

Herb Johnson

Ad Man, Thriller Writer and Occult Suck Monkey



Occult Volkswagen – (water 3 fire 1 Scale: standard)

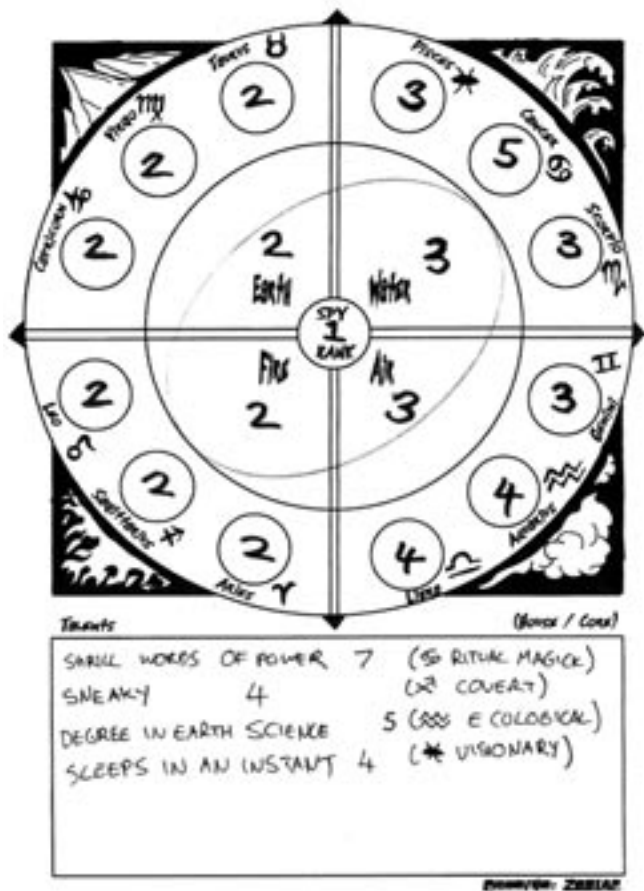
A graduate of Pleasantville business college, Herb found the American Dream. His house was perfect, his wife the perfect homemaker, his barbeque perfect, his job at the Ad Agency – perfect. Herb found perfection to be but the shell of corruption, a sugary veneer over the howling void of emptiness. Even his small success writing thriller potboilers did nothing to help.

By night he drifted from bar to bar, making twilight friends along the way. Friends you couldn't invite home for a casserole. He became heavily involved in the occult world as well as the gay bondage scene (the two overlapped in interesting ways). Eventually he came into contact with ZODIAC cells.

Herb is a man divided, between straight laced ad executive and wild thing of the night. This dichotomy is the source of his occult power and he embraces his duality fully – which can make him quite unpredictable but always interesting.

Twiggy & Harlan

A Weasel and her Man



Vehicle: Mystic skateboard (Water 4 Scale: accessory)

Ferret Beast agent

Twiggy believes that she is the descendant of mystic alien space weasels who use wormholes to travel around the cosmos. Bright and curious, she soon tired of life as a pet and took off on her own. The streets are a harsh place for a little ferret on her own, she learned to survive but realised that there must be more to life. Then she discovered Harlan, a human who was not only kind (leaving her treats outside his second hand clothing shop) but also who shared a supernatural empathic bond with her.

Uncovering scandals in the fashion industry, the pair soon drew the anger of the sinister Zookeepers who had their claws around the throat of the San Francisco clothing scene. Fortunately Twiggy and Harlan were rescued by the ZODIAC agency before they could become key features of the Fall fashion lineup. Since that day Twiggy has been studying magick and seeking out others of her kind, so far without success

The Kitty Boys



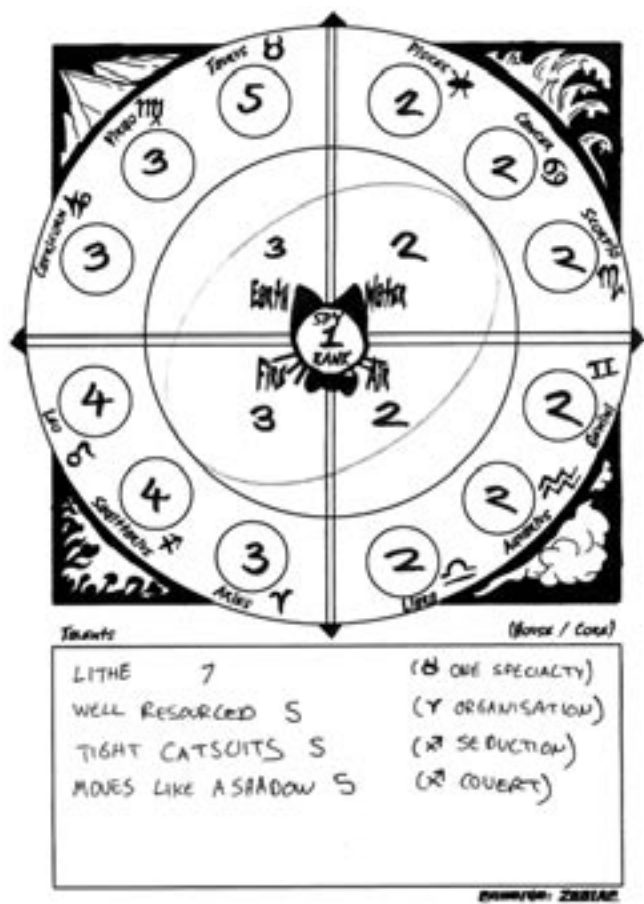
When millionaire playboy Gideon Thrush left the espionage business, it was thought he intended to defect to the enemy. Several failed assassinations and abductions later, he resurfaced as a publishing magnate, having made a tidy sum first on homoerotic pulp adventure stories and then on the cheesecake 'Kittyboy' magazine. As a humanitarian gesture he put together an elite team of crimefighters and international rescue experts known as The Kittyboys.

Using his vast resources, Tabby, Panther, Feral, Fluffy and Puss have become international celebrities, lauded on television, in comics, on lunchboxes, Saturday morning tv shows and underpants. The omnipresent jumpsuits and cat ears have become synonymous with justice, not matter how pretty or petulant the boys might be.

What is not commonly known is that the Kittyboys are secretly ZODIAC agents. Better equipped and resourced than their fellows, they have gained a reputation as drama queens and glory hounds. While they are on your side, don't imagine that your wellbeing is more important to them than the threat of split ends. These guys make great, infuriating rivals for a team of player agents.

Standard Kittyboy

Glamorous Model, Secret Agent, Popstar



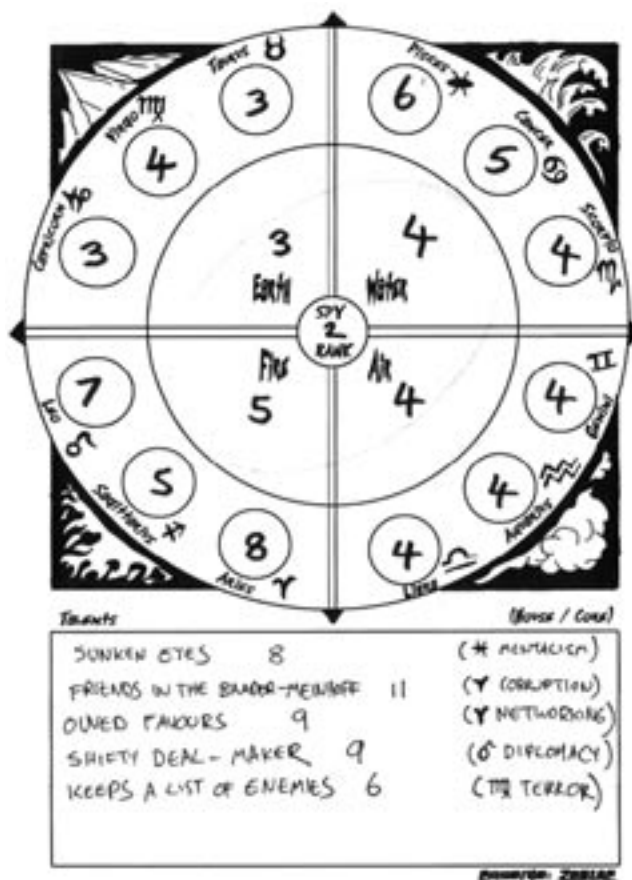
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Vehicle: Kittyboy Dune Buggy (Earth 2 Fire 2 Air 2 Scale: standard)

c) Super Spies/Controllers

Rainer Wolfgang Bangstroller

Disgruntled Art House Film Maker & Drive-In Impressario



Vehicle: Chinook Helicopter
(Earth 2 Fire 2 Water 2 Air 2 Scale: big)
Base: Baltimore drive in

As long as he can remember, RW Bangstroller has idolised the greats of German expressionist cinema such as Lang and Murnau. His doting parents bought him a film camera and as a child he bullied all the local children into performing in cryptic and weird little films. As a university student he always expected to be hailed as the next great German experimental film maker, but had to flee the country due to links with the Baader-Meinhoff Group. Arriving in the United States, he found that he already had a cult audience in drive-ins across America who found his films hysterically funny, even though they were not supposed to be. Specialists in ZODIAC discovered that his films carried potent mental viruses and enlisted him to fight on the side of righteousness.

He controls a team of agents from a base hidden beneath a Baltimore drive-in, which has definitely seen better days. From there he coordinates a Networking of agents in drive ins throughout the United States. Looming on the horizon is a thing called "video"; a technology sponsored with Astrolabus funds and designed to destroy Bangstroller's power base.

Onke Signussen

Danish Hippie Mystic and Lawyer



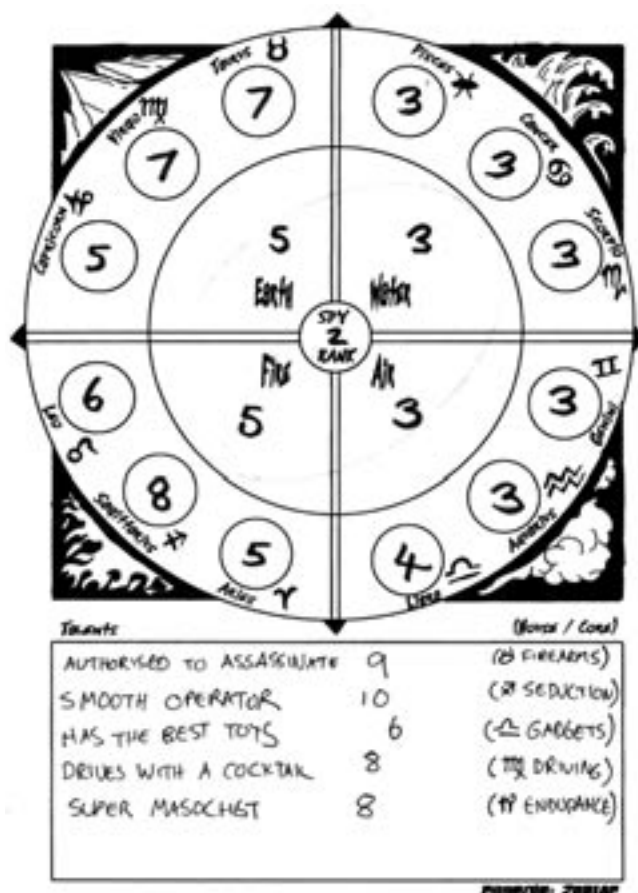
Vehicle: Ferarri (Water 4 Earth 2 Fire 2 Scale: standard)
Base: Amsterdam head shop

Onke likes people to think of her as fey, mystical and unworldly. In truth, she is also a hard nosed businesswoman and a ruthless lawyer, but this is a beast she keeps concealed until absolutely necessary. When first introduced she seems to be little more than a slightly vague hippy chick running a head shop and organic vegetable store. Enemies underestimate her at their own risk, when she is acting in her controller role, she is all business.

Onke was on track to becoming a successful young lawyer, or as successful as a woman was allowed to be in the late 1960s. Travelling between towns, her car broke down near what appeared to be a folk festival. Reluctantly seeking help, she encountered a wild party, revellers both human and unworldly dancing to a primal rhythm. A beautiful uncanny man sought her out and through the night told her of the plight of mother Earth. Later she was contacted by the ZODIAC organisation and realised that for all the good intentions in the world, the environmental movement was not going to get anywhere without someone who had a good head on their shoulders and the ability to organise things properly.

Greyham Nemo

Suave Secret Agent



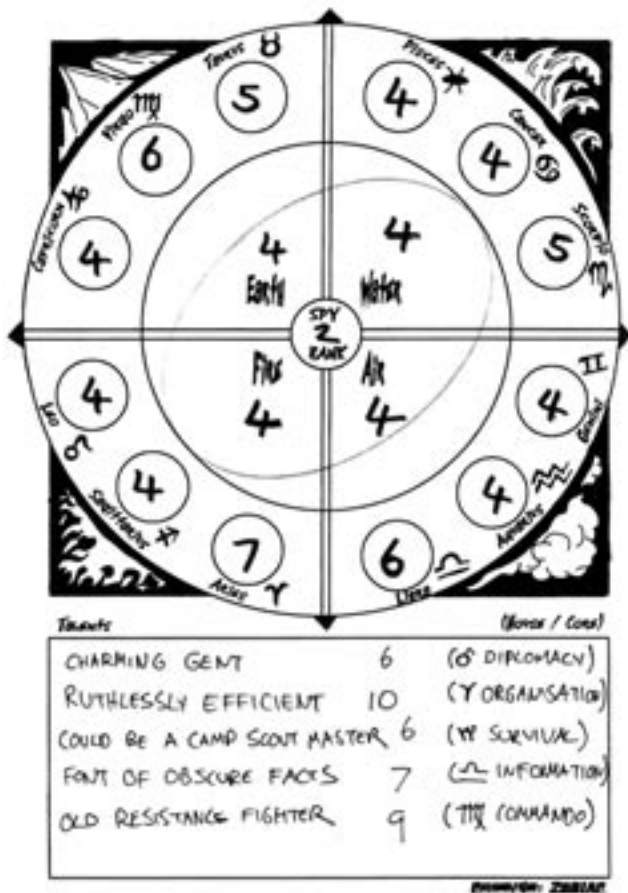
Vehicle: Aston Martin
(Earth 4 Fire 2 Air 2 Scale: standard)

Once a notorious agent for the British secret service, an assassin for Her Majesty. His powers of seduction (both women and men were his prey) were rivalled only by his command of the language of death. Beneath a veneer of suave sophistication lurked a brutal thug capable of doing anything his controllers ordered. Being a homosexual in Britain in the 1950s was not easy and Nemo (like his name) was little more than a carefully crafted mask concealing the conflicted man within.

Cracks in the mask began to emerge when he was ordered to assassinate his lover, a poet and peace activist. He did what he was told to do without hesitation and felt no remorse at all. He was struck with terror by his own lack of humanity, thus glimpsing the howling void within. This vacuum was filled by ZODIAC which gave him a purpose, a direction and a sense of moral fibre.

P

Olde School Controller



Vehicle: Bicycle

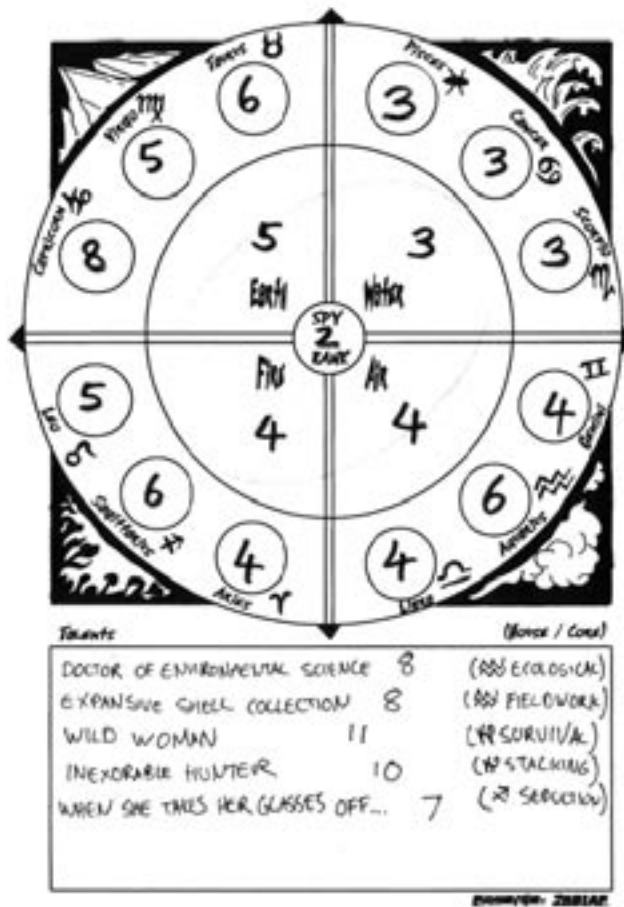
(transforms into a combat motor bike

Earth 4 Fire 2 Air 2 Scale: small)

When Greyham Nemo vanished from the British Secret service he went back for two things, his customised Aston Martin and his old friend, french tutor and mentor P. Seeming to be a bit of a fussy old duck, P is one of the most respected controllers in the ZODIAC organisation. His dandy affectations conceal a man used to hardship, violence and making crucial decisions. He was a member of the Algerian resistance and can be ruthless when he needs to be. He was a mole for the KGB and is familiar with operations on both sides of the iron curtain. Born and raised on Old London, P has worked in some pretty seedy establishments and theatres during his time in university before he was sent away to be a double agent in the resistance.

Dr Apiary Cheval

Marine Biologist and former Feral Girl



Vehicle: ORCA-1 a submarine, Robot Whale
(Earth 4 Air 4 Scale: standard)

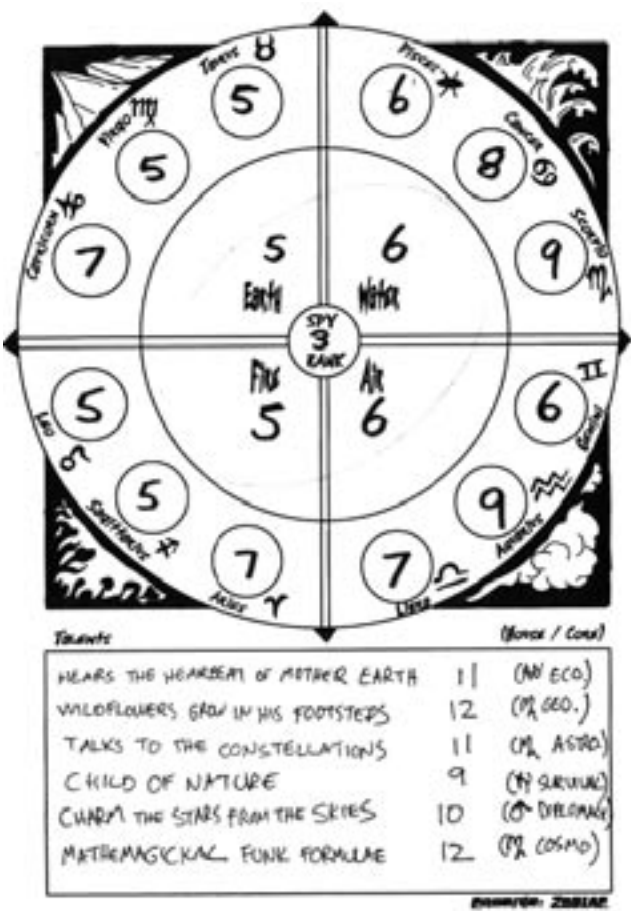
When Apiary was a little girl, her father was a missionary in the islands of the Bahamas. While he yearned for the green fields of home, raised bees and listened obsessively to cricket on the wireless, she was left to run wild. By the time she was six, she was practically feral and surviving by herself in the wilderness, with only animals as friends. She stayed behind when he returned to England and wondered, perhaps, if he had forgotten that she existed. He had not and when he returned, transformed into the villainous Bee Master, the pair became arch enemies.

In the early 60s Apiary was involved in an escapade with Greyham Nemo, taking on the sinister Dr Noh, an insane vaudeville magician and oriental impersonator. He planned to hold the world to ransom with mutant giant atomic jellyfish until Apiary and Nemo thwarted his plans. Nemo seduced her and abandoned her as soon as she was no longer of any use to him. She put herself through university with money she had saved from salvage and today has a network of contacts among the women abandoned by that lothario, the dashing Mr Nemo.

d) Example Elite Agent

Dr Moog Swing

Ringmaster of the Antares Travelling Funk Festival



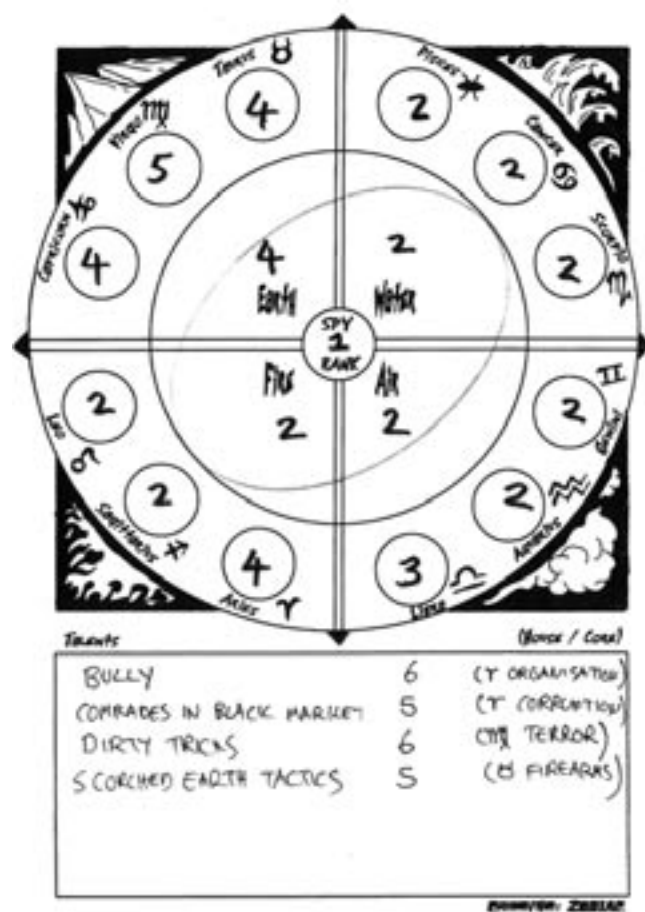
Vehicle: Magic Beat Up Cadillac, Painted with sigils
(Earth 3 Air 3 Water 6 Scale: standard)

See the description of Dr Moog Swing in Part B Chapter 3.

e) example nemeses

Yuri Bolstavich

Clueless KGB Bully and Astrolabus Puppet



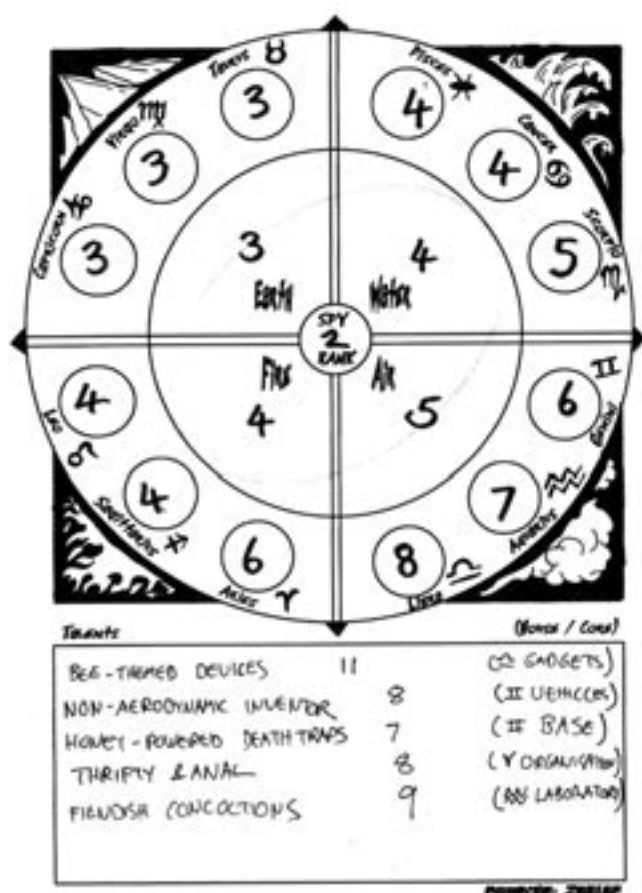
Vehicle: Tank Lada (Earth 3, Air 1 Scale: Standard)

Yuri Bolstavitch is one of the most notorious agent controllers in the KGB. As a belligerent bully he is hated by all subordinates, as an incompetent boob he is reviled by all his superiors. An inveterate social climber, he always tries to ingratiate himself with those in authority (even on the other side, hoping they will ask him to defect) but his knack at rubbing people the wrong way means that he is met with nothing but scorn.

The only reason Yuri is still alive is that he is too useful, too easy to manipulate and his blunders can be used to achieve other ends. Everyone does this and he has been shunted around Europe as a pawn in many schemes, some simultaneous and contradictory. In the past ZODIAC has had, on several occasions, to save him from the fire of his own men. He can be used as a low power enemy but is most useful as a self-important joke and a reminder of the difference between his mundane espionage world and the high risk world of the ZODIAC agent.

Mycroft Pennington: The Bee Master

Demented Eccentric Vicar and Astrolabus Criminal Mastermind



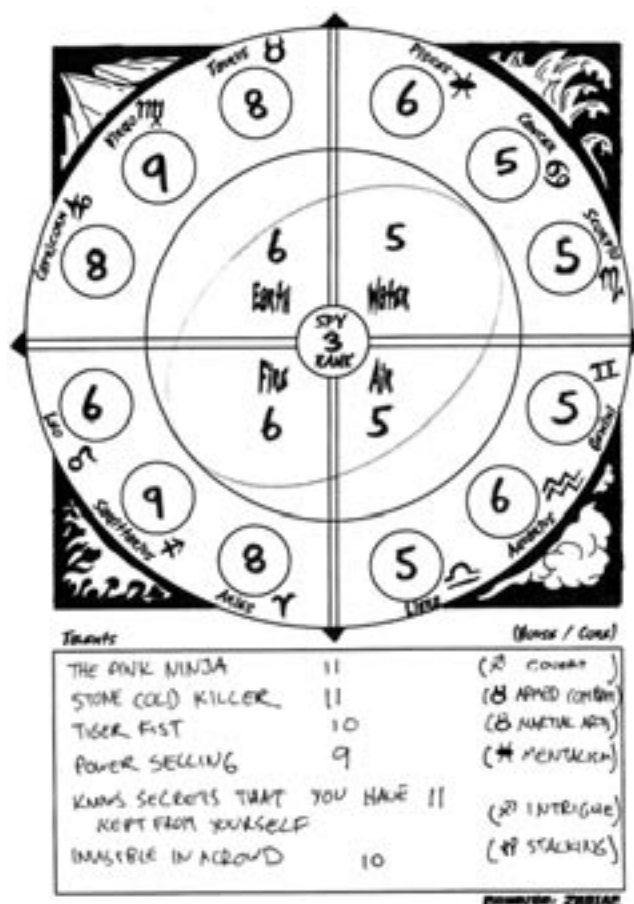
Vehicle: Bumble Bee Helicopter (Earth 4 Air 4 Scale: standard)

Once Mycroft was a humble vicar, interested only in tending his roses, messing about with his bees and obsessively following the cricket. In his youth he was sent as a missionary to the Bahamas, but he did not like that one bit. He seems to remember a small girl who belonged to someone, running around naked and making trouble (see Dr Apiary Cheval), but the whole unhappy time was best forgotten once he was back in the Bosom of Civilisation and Britishness.

Returning to England he devoted himself once more to his life's pursuits, particularly following cricket. His obsession was truly out of control and one day the final straw came, a Global Typhoon Crime Syndicate rain machine interrupted play and prevented Mycroft's favourite batsman from earning a record number of career centuries on his last test match. Mycroft's mind broke and he emerged from his garden shed as the villainous Bee Master, with a plethora of bee-themed gadgets, stripy jumpered henchmen and schemes to bankrupt Harrods, disrupt the train schedule and bring infamy upon the Royal Family. The Bee Master is a wacky Avengers or Batman style villain to have fun with.

Eleanor Goodwife

Former CIA Agent, Astrolabus Puppet Mistress

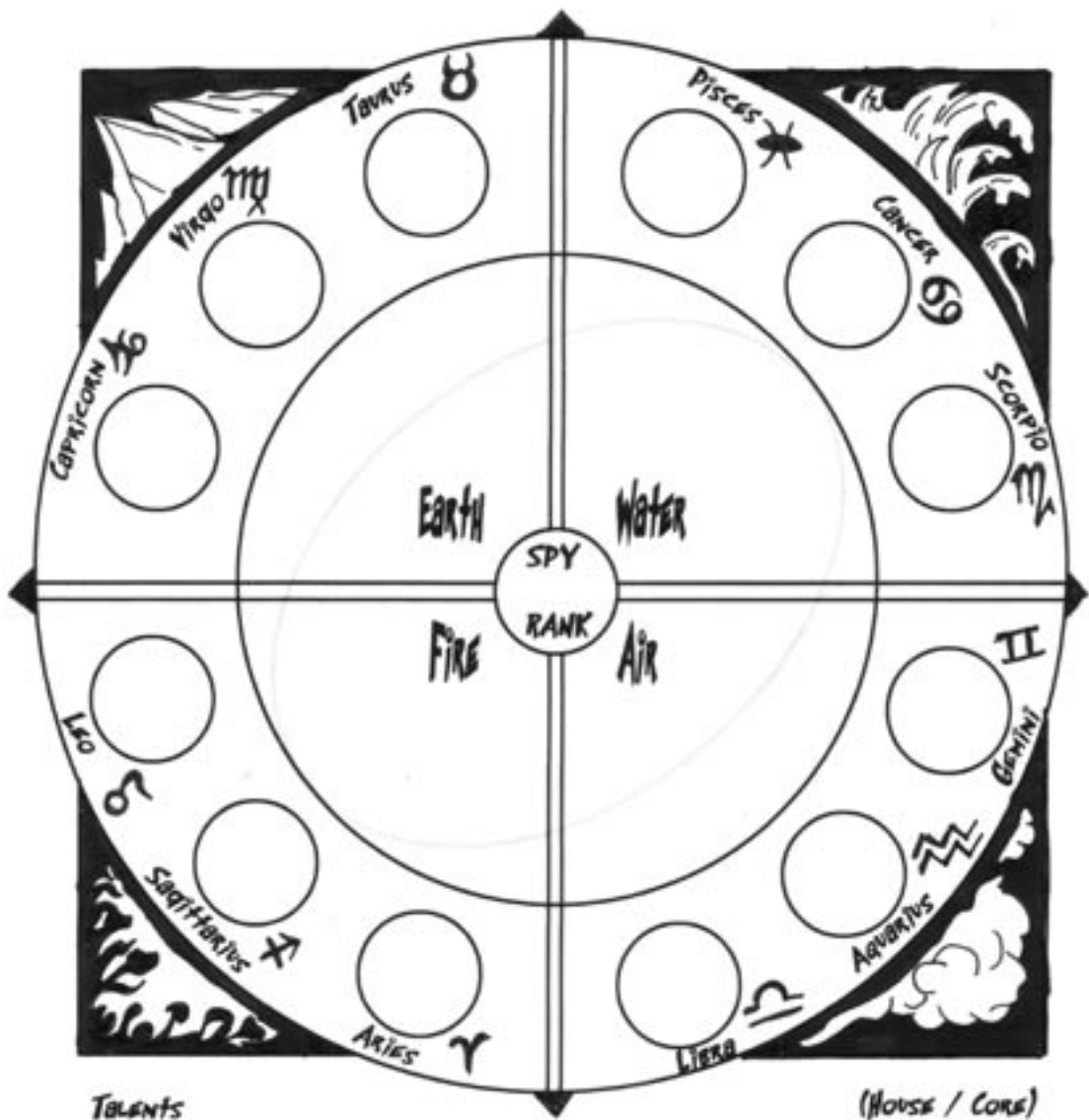


Battle Station Wagon (3 in all elements Scale: standard)
Base: Homespun Crockpots & Casserole Dishes HQ

Almost nothing is known about Eleanor Goodwife's past, except that she once worked for the CIA but was invited to leave when they began to fear her. She then went independent and set up her own agency, a network of assassins and ninjas operating out of the Homespun corporations. All her agents are women and the corporation, modelled on the Avon and Tupperware corporations, gives her agents excuses to be on the road, in the houses of targets and doing surveillance on their communities.

At some point she discovered Astrolabus and realised that they could be of some use to her. At the moment she seems to be gathering power for its own sake and there are no indications of what her ultimate objectives are – perhaps total world domination? Eleanor can be used as a series villain, she is extremely dangerous and poses a significant threat to ZODIAC.

Agent:



Talents	(House / Core)

Example: ZODIAC

Vehicle:

Casefile: ZODIAC

STINKY HIPPIES



YOU JUST CAN'T TRUST THEM...