

Hecate

Lesser Ethereal Goddess

Corporeal Forces: 2 Strength: 4 Agility: 4
Ethereal Forces: 5 Intelligence: 12 Precision: 8
Celestial Forces: 5 Will: 12 Perception: 8
Vessel/6, +2 Charisma

Elements: Life (Beasts); Information (Knowledge)

Affinities: Animals (primal), Divination (primal), Books (moderate)

Skills: Area Knowledge (Home area/3, Marches/5), Detect Lies/3, Dodge/6, Dream-Shaping/6, Emote/6, Knowledge (Animals/5, Divination/3, Herbalism/2, Occultism/4, Plants/5, Teaching/6, True History/6), Languages/1 (lots), Lying/6, Medicine/4, Move Silently/3, Ranged Weapon/3 (pistol), Small Weapon/6 (knife), Survival (Forest/2, Marches/6, Mountains/3, Urban/3)

Songs: Beasts (All/5), Essence/1 (Corporeal), Healing (All/4), Light (Corporeal/3), Motion (Ethereal/6, Celestial/5), Numinous Corpus (Fangs/3, Wings/2), Sensation/1 (Corporeal), Shields (All/5), Sight

(Corporeal/3), Thunder/6, Tongues (Ethereal/3), Truth (Corporeal/4, Ethereal/3)

Role: Jane Smith (High School Teacher/6, Status/3)

Attunements: Songmaster, can boon Ethereal Connection, Symphonic Awareness

Dread: Closing off a gateway/5

Why a teacher?

Because she's *hiding*, of course. She's been hiding since the Eighth Century AD, in fact, and by now she's quite good at it. She's hiding from the Host that overturned the Greek gods' applecart; she's hiding from the Tsayadim holdouts that would like to add her scalp to their collection -- and most of all she's hiding from both Kronos and Hatiphas (Demoness of Sorcery). Those last two consider her to be a potentially troublesome competitor.

If Hecate was less intelligent, she **would** be a competitor. While the ethereal has no actual Sorcerous abilities (ironically), she can and does make an excellent teacher in both occultism and Song use. A deal made with *her* can provide a potential recruit with all sorts of esoteric

powers, and *without* the risk of automatic damnation. Needless to say, she is very careful when engaging in such activities; there are too many chances of it going badly for her.

Unfortunately, it is not entirely her decision to make. Hecate's level of power had dropped significantly after the Purity Crusade (one reason for her care in avoiding notice), and it has been only recently that resurgent belief has given her the ability to make contact with her former fellow-gods. What she discovered shocked her. The Olympians were barely holding on, at best, and slowly starving to death, at worst. Their need for worshippers and servants was dire, and their need for an established agent on the corporeal plane was even direr.

It was impossible for Hecate to refuse. She is, after all, thematically suited for the role of gatekeeper, and twelve hundred years on the corporeal plane (or, possibly, recent mortal shifts in the perception of her) have made the goddess less self-centered than the average Greek deity. Hecate has thus begun -- very carefully -- to recruit potential Pagan Soldiers for the Olympians. She does not particularly **prefer** to recruit women, but the areas in which she operates self-selects for them.

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