

THE EXTRA SECRET SERVICE

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Nobody knows the President is really a werewolf. It's okay, he takes pills for that. But for those who don't—for those whose supernatural powers would endanger the populace—he calls upon...

The Extra Secret Service.

The PCs are Extra Secret Service agents, part of a secret government organization that travels the country to solve crises of unnatural natures. Some ESS agents are highly competent “normals”—people without any supernatural ability or curse. These ESS agents could be hyper-intelligent scientists with some combat training, rugged hunters who already knew about the supernatural when they joined ESS, decorated agents in “mundane” agencies that got offered a life of saving people from unknowable threats, and anything in between. Along with all those types, some ESS agents are unnatural themselves: werewolves, sorcerers, recovering mummies, ghosts, faeries, and so on!

INSPIRATIONS

This setting takes cues from rompy supernatural media both light and dark, like *Hellboy*, *Supernatural*, *Warehouse 13*, *Eureka*, *Atomic Robo*, *Men in Black*, and *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, as well as comic takes on harder supernatural procedurals like *Fringe* and *X-Files*.

1 The President of the United States of America
Remember, the President is secretly a werewolf who takes medication to keep from changing into a beast that craves eating people. *[When selected, decide who the President is.]*

2 Someone who went to high school or college with a PC
It turns out that someone from a PC's past has popped back into their life and become embroiled in ESS operations. *[When selected, decide who that is, whose PC they're attached to, and the past relationship (friend, romantic interest, bully, mentor, acquaintance, etc.). Is this person actually supernatural, someone working for a villainous plot, a reporter close to the truth, or some other complicated situation?]*

3 A PC's current or former love interest
Love always complicates things! When selected, decide which PC is attached to the love interest and the nature of the relationship. *[The question for the previous entry applies here also.]*

1 H.Y.D.R.A.T.I.O.N.
A major antagonist to the Extra Secret Service. This terrorist group wants everyone to know that supernaturals exist in the world. For every leak you plug, another spouts up.

2 The other Extra Secret Service team
Your team isn't the only one active. There's another one that's completely separate from you. Maybe you team up on occasion. Maybe you have a rivalry. Maybe there's even something shady going on with the other team...

3 A foreign government's version of the Extra Secret Service
This agency is doing covert actions in the United States. Define which country when selected. *[Each time it's selected, mention a detail or two that you know about this group.]*

1 The ESS Headquarters, just outside D.C.
Like most of the other more secretive federal agencies, the entrance to the headquarters for the Extra Secret Service is in a nondescript building that leads to a vast complex that is actually an extradimensional space. Complete with a prison for unnatural criminals. Please avoid firing weapons inside; the building hates that.

2 New York City
There's something about the Big Apple that draws supernatural threats to it like a magnet. Maybe it's due to the intersection of ley lines under Manhattan or the doors in Queens that lead to other dimensions. Maybe it's because several companies headquartered there are secretly run by supernatural entities. Maybe it's just for the fantastic Mediterranean fusion cuisine.

3 Area 51
Of course, only conspiracy theorists call it that anymore. You know it as Restricted Area 4808, where magic was first recorded on this continent. The site is in government hands right now, but every villainous group plots for a way to take it—some to rule the world with magic, others to bring about an apocalypse, and yet others because “magic just wants to be free, man.”

1 The Botched Houston Job
Something happened when the team tackled a threat in Houston. *[When selected, talk about how long ago it was, what happened on the mission, or how Houston is different now.]*

2 Extra Secret Academy
Everyone in the ESS gets training at the Academy to deal with supernatural threats. Those who have supernatural powers also learn how to control and hone them there. This is a long event that could encompass multiple, smaller events over the course of months.

3 Our Team-Building Exercise Last Week in Yellowstone
ESS agents sometimes retreat to do special training and bond as a team. *[When selected, describe what the team was supposed to be doing in the exercise.]*



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	INDIVIDUAL	GROUP	PLACE	EVENT
1	<i>The President of the United States of America</i>	<i>H.Y.D.R.A.T.I.O.N.</i>	<i>The ESS Headquarters, just outside D.C.</i>	<i>The Botched Houston Job</i>
2	[Someone who went to high school or college with a PC]	<i>The Other Extra Secret Service Team</i>	<i>New York City</i>	<i>Extra Secret Academy</i>
3	[A PC's current or former love interest]	[A foreign government's version of the Extra Secret Service]	<i>Area 51</i>	<i>Our Team-Building Exercise Last Week in Yellowstone</i>