

CARNIVAL PERFORMER

You perform wherever the wagons take you, whether a small village or large city. Your stage can be in inside the dim light of a large canvas tent, or in the bright sunshine amongst the trees in a forest glen. The smiles and looks of wonder on the faces of your audience is the food that feeds your soul.

Some people are born into the carnival, growing up in the culture and entertainment lifestyle your family has always known. Others join later in their lives, seeking the freedom and lifestyle that comes with a traveling circus after a lifetime spent toiling away in a mundane job. A few even run away to join the carnival as the last refuge, desperate to escape their pasts or impending future. No matter how you got here, the end result is the same - you're an entertainer who lives your life on the road, cherishing the freedom it provides and the adulation of the crowds you perform for.

To determine your profession within the carnival, either choose one from the list below or roll a d8 to decide randomly.

d8	Role	Skill Proficiency
1	Animal Trainer/Rider	Animal Handling
2	Acrobat	Acrobatics
3	Fairway Game Vendor	Sleight of Hand
4	Fortune Teller	Deception
5	Clown	Performance
6	Singer	Performance
7	Strongman	Athletics
8	Barker	Persuasion

Skill Proficiencies: Insight and proficiency based on role chart above

Language: Two languages or your choice.

Equipment: Set of common clothes, backpack, 1 bedroll, 5 days of rations, waterskin, mess kit, tinderbox, and one item from the *Trinket Table*

FEATURE: WELL TRAVELED

You've traversed the land for many years, thus gaining a vast knowledge of the numerous roads. You know the quickest route to most cities and towns, you know of most inns and stables connected to the main trading routes. In addition, caravans not hostile to you will allow you and your party to travel with them, but will usually not provide resources for you.

You gain advantage on Wisdom (Survival) checks to determine the route to a town or city, if it is within the region you have traveled in before.

SUGGESTED CHARACTERISTICS

Carnival folk are a vagabond troupe, made up of races from all corners of the world. You love to entertain, distrust authority, and have a deep bond with those you travel and perform with.

d6 Personality Trait

- 1 I have a remarkably calm demeanor, even in the most tense of situations.
- 2 I can talk to anyone on any topic.
- 3 Those in authority tend to prey upon people like us.
- 4 I am loyal to a fault when it comes to my troupe.
- 5 The road is in my blood. I hate being in one place for too long.
- 6 I live for the opportunity to perform before a crowd.

d6 Ideals

- 1 **Avarice.** Money makes the world go round and I want as much as I can get. (Evil)
- 2 **Entertainment.** I want to entertain for the world, believing that it is the best service I can offer to others. (Good)
- 3 **Loyalty.** I will never abandon my family (blood or found) no matter what the circumstances. (Any)
- 4 **Respect.** Respect must be earned, never given. (Neutral)
- 5 **Honor.** There is a unspoken code amongst carnival workers. (Lawful)
- 6 **Freedom.** I value my independence above all else. (Chaotic)

d6 Bonds

- 1 I only feel at home when I'm travelling with the carnival.
- 2 A member of your carnival disappeared and I must find out what happened.
- 3 I am a mentor for a younger member of the carnival.
- 4 I seek out other performers to make my own act better.
- 5 The carnival is the only place where I feel safe and among friends.
I feel a deep and genuine connection to all people, and wish to bring love and light into the lives of all I encounter.
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d6 Flaws

- 1 I will do whatever it takes to become the best performer the world has ever seen.
- 2 My greed knows no bounds.
- 3 I am quick to anger and will fight anyone who I think is looking down on me.
- 4 Plans are for the untalented. I always insist on improvising.
- 5 My distrust of those outside of family prevents me from forming real relationships with others.
- 6 I have played in front of so many people, the thrill has gone.