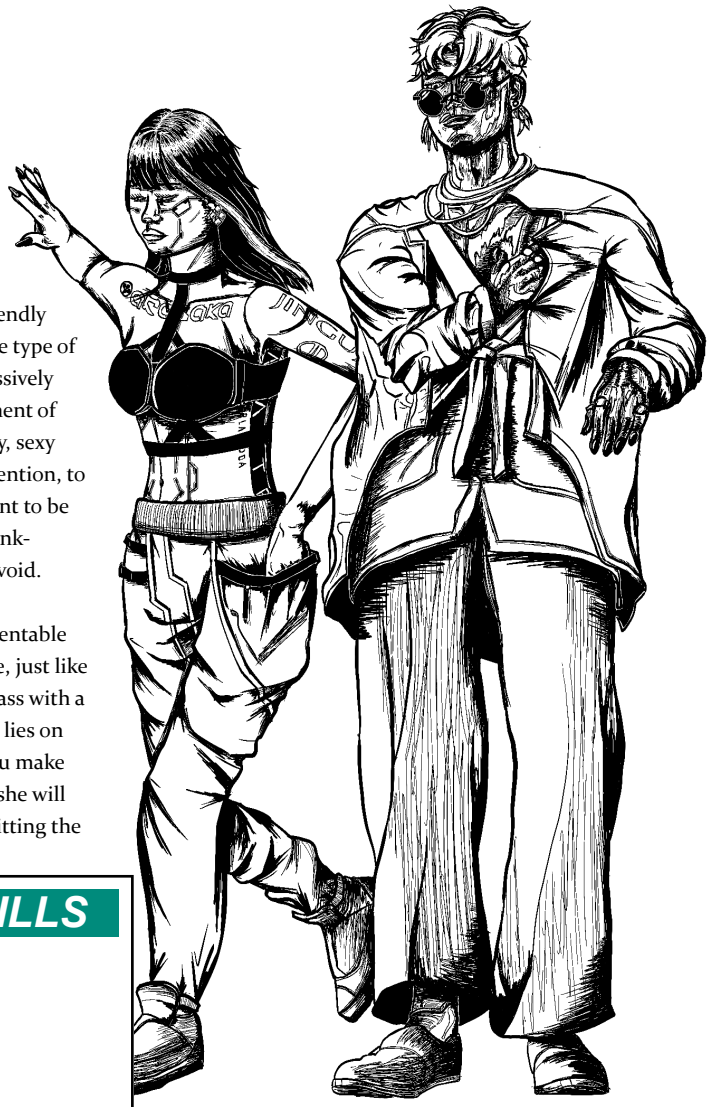
DIVA

Chromed beauties, daring fashionistas, stunning actors and neo-icons.



In the age of neon and chrome, nothing is better than being a piece of advertiser-friendly meat and steel. You may be a supermodel, a braindance star, or a NET Influencer: the type of person whose job description is to be an approachable, inoffensive product to be passively consumed in chunks of kilobytes or printed on holopaper. Divas are living embodiment of capitalism, pristine packaged products to be consumed by the masses. You are pretty, sexy and beautiful, and for that they envy you. They want to be with you, to grab your attention, to be seen next to you, to look at you all over and touch everywhere they look. They want to be you, but they tragically can't. Good news is that you are, after all, a product, still shrink-wrapped and shiny off the corporate shelves, and people like to consume to feel the void.

Edgerunners sometimes scoff at people like you. They say that you're palatable, presentable and you don't grind against the system. Sure, but a product is designed for a purpose, just like their fancy guns are. When they look at you, they forget to notice the hardened jackass with a hand cannon poking out of his shitty leather coat. You make them forget to spot the lies on your pretty face, make them unable to notice the details that really matter. While you make that important corpo notice your charming smile and the hint of skin you revealed, she will fail to notice that hardened jackass stalking closer and she'll feel his hand cannon hitting the side of her temple after it is already too late.

Special Ability

Pose (Diva): This skill allows the Diva to make use of their charm and magnetism to become the most interesting person in any room they walk in. This ability (added to their ATTR stat) allows the Diva to expertly pull people's attention to themselves through their practised charisma, poise and by flaunting what they got. People subjected to a Diva's Pose fail to notice key details in their surroundings, become flustered, start stealing glances their way and become oblivious to the Diva's lies. All people affected by the Diva's Pose skill lose Awareness/Notice and Human Perception equal to the Diva's Pose level. A person subjected to Pose can be easily snapped out of it by something serious going down or by being reminded to focus, however. The Diva can reliably steal the attention of one person for every two levels of Pose (rounded up) without even needing to roll, at least for the first attempt. They may also attempt to distract up to Pose x 10 people with a Pose check. At level +3 or +4, the Diva can reliably grab the attention of security guards and bars filled with normal people, at level +5 or +6, the Diva can become the talk of high-end corporate gatherings and events, and at level +9 and higher, they are celebrities with such magnetic pull, that some might even go so far as to start fights for the honour of exchanging HoloIDs, even in prestigious galas filled with movie stars and CEOs.

CAREER SKILLS

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Pose
Awareness/Notice
Personal Grooming
Wardrobe & Style
Education
Photo & Film
Seduction
Persuasion
Perform
Social

Design Intent

Divas are these brand-friendly celebrities, beautiful people and influencers which aren't *about* anything in particular. In that way, Divas are like the rockerboy's evil twins: while the rockerboy makes others believe in *something* and act on it, the Diva's charisma is weaponized beauty and charm to pacify into inaction.

Pose is intended as a powerful social ability where the Diva attracts attention to themselves. This powerful ability is limited by two things: one, it is very context reliant and two, the target can be snapped out of the "trance" without a check. However, there are many contexts where Pose is useful: becoming the talk of social events, seducing an important target, distracting security guards or accessing VIP areas are all examples in which Pose may come up in play.

Diva Archetypes

NET Influencer. The ever-busy lifestyle-salesperson of the modern NET, always current with the newest trends. Focus on Personal Grooming, Wardrobe & Style, Photo & Film and Persuasion. Library Search as a Pickup Skill.

Actor. Blessed with both beauty and artistic talent, these Divas are the stars of the digital age. Focus on Education, Photo & Film, Perform and Social. Disguise as a Pickup Skill.

Corpo Consultant. Expert buzzword-wielders who take advantage of the sycophantic corporate world, they distract others through their unearned confidence and padded resumes. Focus on Wardrobe & Style, Persuasion, and Social. Oratory and Stock Market as Pickup Skills.

Neo-Idol. Expert entertainers moulded into products of mass consumption through training and determination. Focus on Personal Grooming, Wardrobe & Style and Perform. Human Perception and Dance as Pickup Skills.