You are the peerless High Sorcerer Vox Excelsior

The candles waver in the room's dim light. You have been called upon to lead a seance so that you might speak with those beyond the veil of death. And, well, this is awkward. It would appear that due to some arcane scheduling error, your paying customers are no-shows. a freeform convention seance game for four practitioners of the art by stephen dewey Even worse, your rental seance chamber has apparently been overbooked with three other Mediums. Well, you can't get your deposit back, so you'd better make the most out of it. You've got some spirits you've been meaning to speak with anyways, and it's always less weird if there are other people around.

speaker for the beyond, scribe of the ninth order, virgo (view reverse for your words of power and spirits) Reese

You are the adept Medium Aren Vostra conduit of the spectral plain, wanderer of the ethereal, 50% off palm readings on Tuesdays

(view reverse for your words of power and spirits)

You are

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Setup & Gameplay Requires:

- A noisy, crowded space, preferably a convention
- Four players, including you This sheet of paper, printed, ideally on parchment paper

side up, in the center of a small everyone is sitting along one side. Each player should peek under their side to see the character that they're playing.

You are the medium Vox Excelsior

You are not actually a Medium. You're a total fake. But then, everyone is, right? Ghosts aren't real! But hey, you'll play along. You don't have any "Power Words" for yourself or for the spirits you want to talk to, but you can just pretend to hear one and make something up whenever you want. Just don't go into TOO many "trances" or they'll catch on. Whenever you do enter a trance you can ignore the no-talking rule entirely but whenever you bring back a ghost you must always mis-translate everything they say.

You are trying to contact... an out painty pet.

Make up their name and what kind of animal they are. Make sure they're being a good ghost pet. Have them do a trick.

You are trying to contact... ugh, one of your needy parents.

You hated calling them when they were living. This is the worst. Ask them some "where's the remote"-style irrelevant questions.

Ghosts usually speak in whispers but when a private chat with join you through nonverbal means only. If you are unable to do this meant to be played at noisy gaming conventions.

How To Play: Review the setup instructions listed in the four corners of this sheet. When you're ready to begin the game, each player takes on the role of one of the four Mediums attending the seance and sits accordingly around the table (sitting in front of the role they desire). Once characters are chosen, players should peek under their character's name onto the opposite side of the sheet (this side). Here, each Medium will find Power Words provided for both extravagant the better. Once this is done, the seance begins.

quiet room, you are sitting in the middle of a noisy convention hall. The cacophonous roar of voices around you are the same voices the around you, repeating words or phrases that you hear which seem Power Words tied to your Medium and your spirits.

If You Hear a Power Word (or anything related to it) for:

- Your Medium: The spirits are calling to you. Announce what you have heard and explain the significance of the word or concept to you. Then, you will enter a **Trance** to find a suitable spirit.
- One of your Spirits: The spirit you wish to speak with is near. Announce what you have heard and explain the significance of the word or concept to the spirit. Ask for a volunteer to enter a Trance and find them for you.

table and wander amongst the dead (the convention attendees). * table. However, as your essence is seperated from your body and thus has lost access to your voice, you must persuade a spirit to You are trying to contact... an old family pet.

the dead turns into a conference call, things tend to get a bit loud. within five minutes or so, return to the table empty-handed. If this Welcome to Too Many Mediums, a comedic freeform seance game happens to two Mediums in a row, the dead are not being very kind. This causes the game to end. The game only ends successfully if every Medium get to speak with both of their two spirits.

> Note: Regardless of whether or not you entered a Trance after hearing your own Medium's **Power Word** (and are searching for an unknown spirit), or if you voluntarily entered a Trance after another Medium heard a spirit's Power Word (and are searching specifically for that specific spirit) you may try to coax any willing participant back as the spirit, regardless of age or gender.

Channeling Spirits: Once you have convinced a spirit to return to their Medium and for the two spirits they are trying to contact. Once the table with you it is your job to act as a translator between the spirit everyone's had a chance to read over this information, go around the (who none of the other Mediums can hear) and the Medium who is table and introduce your characters. Creating a backstory between trying to speak with them. If you brought back an unknown spirit (as a the characters is encouraged. When you're ready to start the seance, result of hearing your own Medium's Power Word), the first each Medium should take turns calling out whatever opening phrase thing you should do is determine which spirit it is. Each of the they typically utilize to contact the beyond. The more unnecessarily Mediums should ask in turn (through you) if the spirit is one of the spirits they are looking to speak with, providing the names of any as-of-yet uncontacted spirits (the same spirit cannot be contacted twice). The Seance: While the Mediums may be sitting in a dark and Once the spirit's identity is determined, the questioning can begin.

The Questioning: Each Medium will have suggestions for • Mediums hear when the seance begins. You must listen to the voices questions they are looking to ask their spirits. When speaking to your spirit you may build off of these prompts and ask any other questions thematic or important, but what you're really listening for are the you'd like. The Medium who is channeling the spirit should repeat these questions to them, and then relay back any answers the spirit gives in response. They may alter the spirit's responses as needed, giving incorrect or false translations whenever they deem it appropriate. Once your questions are satisfied, thank the spirit and send them on their way. To be clear, at *no* point should you explain to them what is going on.

Interloping Spirits: If at any point a random spirit comes over to the table independently of a Medium's invitation and addresses any or all Mediums present, they are an Interloping Spirit. The Medium they When You Enter a Trance: You astrally project yourself into address, or that's closest to them, is suddenly and dramatically thrown the ether to find a suitable spirit to speak with. To do so, leave the into a trance and must immediately begin mimicing, word for word, everything the Interloping Spirit says. This continues until either the You must convince someone to follow you and return to the Interloping Spirit leaves, or until any of the Mediums calls out "Spirit, Begone!" at which point the mimicry immediately ends and all Mediums may ignore this spirit for the remainder of the seance.

unrelated to their field. Maybe they'll endorse a new project you're starting up? Pick a well-known celebrity/historical figure, or make one up. Ask them questions You are trying to contact... a celebrity. (Power Words: Photograph, Art, Colors)

warranty" work now that they're dead? Ask them for some troubleshooting advice! Make up their name and what you bought from them. How does the "lifetime You are irying to contact... a salesman. (Power Words: Purchase, Gold, Swag)

Undead, Luck, Villains or Enemies, Sports, Odds, Please Weather, Cats, Costumes, Heroes, Gambling, Dice,

competition with Reese Montague, a charlatan who fakes the art. Your Power Words are: You are a true medium. You have always been in herce You are the medium Aren Vostra

Game Setup:

- 1. Fold this sheet firmly along the dotted lines.
- 2. Tear off the four corners.
- Throw these away.

Players can and should refer to their characters and spirit information as often as they need to. If playing around a larger table where this is not easy to do, feel free to tear off characters and hand them out to make referencing easier.