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Select an appropriate background of choice. A backgrounds may be either taken with their background memories, or as a "drop-in.

Backgrounds determine starting age.



Al-Revis is still primarily a school for alchemists, and that's the department you've enrolled into.

Perhaps you came from a prestigious family of alchemists, or

or maybe you're a first-generation youth with a talent in the art.
Regardless you're here now to attend and learn this prestigious
art. Starting age is 10+1d6



New this semester is the Combat
Course, aiming to teach students
everything they need to know about
how to fight and fight well within
just one year of study. Perhaps
you're some kid off the street
wishing to learn how to scrap, or

maybe you plan on becoming the bodyguard of some rich heir.

Regardless of your reasons for attending this course, you're sure to have an interesting time under the VP's Tutelage. Starting age is 12+1d4

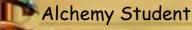


As mentioned before, Al-Revis now teaches a wide variety of subjects outside of alchemy. Politics, civic, engineering, language, gardening, and all sorts of other fields. You're a student who has chosen to study.

here for one of those other subjects, though there's nothing stopping you from joining a workshop and helping if you want to.

Starting age is 8+1d8

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Don't wanna be taught? Then might as well teach yourself. Al-Revis currently is suffering from a lack of quality educators, teachers, and other faculty members, so might as

well join in yourself to try and help out and make some money. You could be one of the general education teachers, a janitor, or some other member of the faculty. Starting age is 20+1d20.

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(-200 cp) Mana, the elemental beings that inhabit the world and empower alchemists. Though the power of Mana has declined and fewer and fewer remain in the world each day, there are still some to be found, making contracts with

alchemists and offering them power and assistance in their craft.

Starting age is irrelevant, as Mana are supposedly immortal beings.



Ever since Al-Revis fell from the clouds, all manner of beings and people have made their way onto the campus grounds, and a few even get involved in the story of this game. You are one such outsider,

who has made their way onto Academy grounds for one reason or the other. Starting age is 18+1d20.





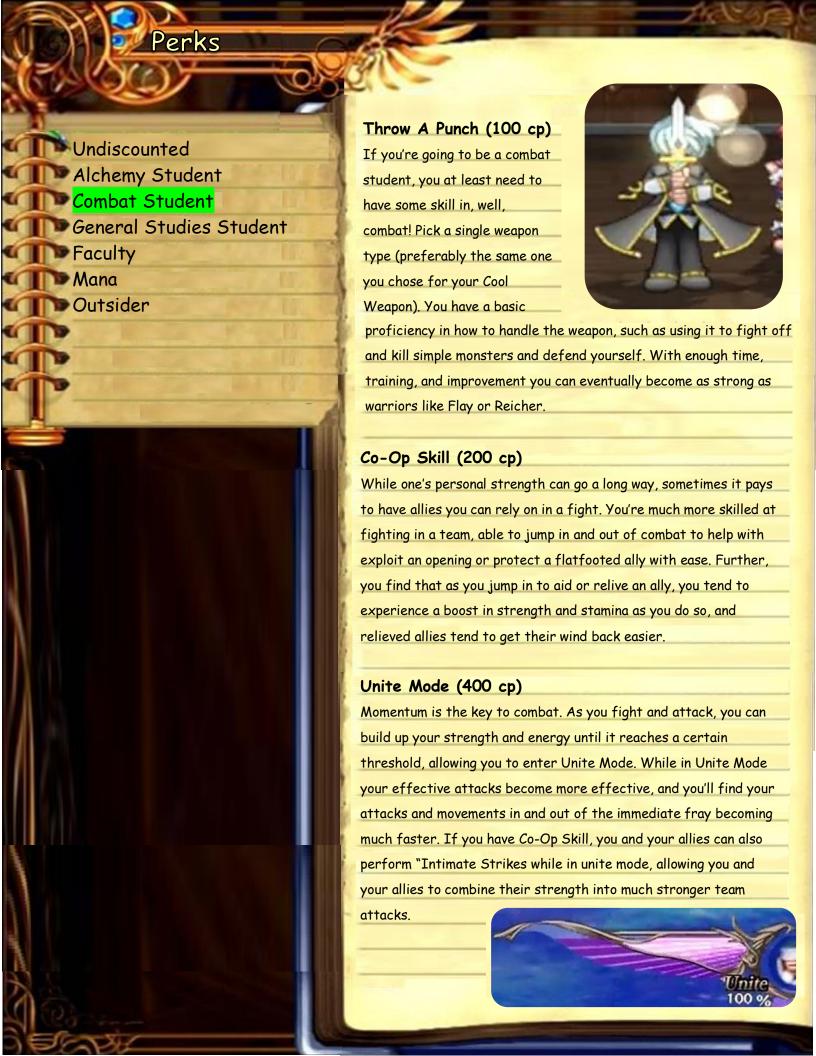
Ether Effects (400 cp)

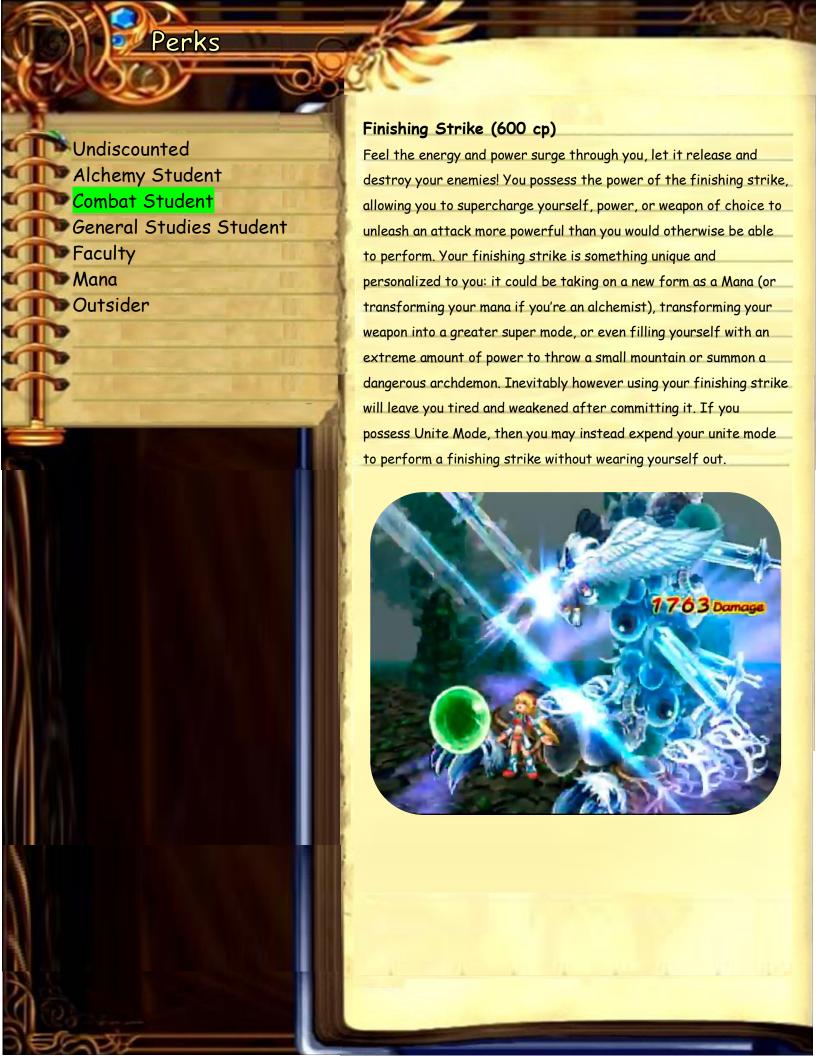
The way you mix alchemical ingredients is just as important as what you mix with. By altering the methodology of your alchemy, you can create alchemical items and objects with effects wildly different from the same object. Want to make a Flame Bomb? You can either make it large with a high noxious yield with a perfect recipe, or you can use different elemental infusions to make it lightweight, small, and produce soporific gas. Even should you botch a recipe, you'll find that the kind of botch can produce new and interesting traits and effects for the alchemical items you create. Your memory is also improved, so you will always know and remember what ether effects for different items you have discovered. So, get to experimenting!



Inspiration! (600 cp)

Necessity, creativity, and accident are the parents of invention, and this perk helps with the latter two. When making alchemical items, if you have new and interesting ingredients or recipes on hand you'll be struck with a sense of inspiration for how to use your various reagents to alter your current recipes, allowing you to make and develop new items and products with a few alterations to your current recipe. This inspiration need not come from you alone, as sometimes people who watch you cook will sometimes make suggestions for new items and recipes for you to make, improve, or develop. Develop this sense well enough, and soon you'll be gaining inspiration from how to make new high yield volatile fluids just from fiddling around a bit with salt or baking powder.







Analyze (100 cp)

Forewarned is forearmed. When clashing or fighting against an enemy, you can quickly deduce just from a few attacks what manner of creature you are fighting, including weaknesses and other traits.

This doesn't quite give you insight into how to exploit those weaknesses, but every bit helps when fighting to survive.



Educated (200 cp)

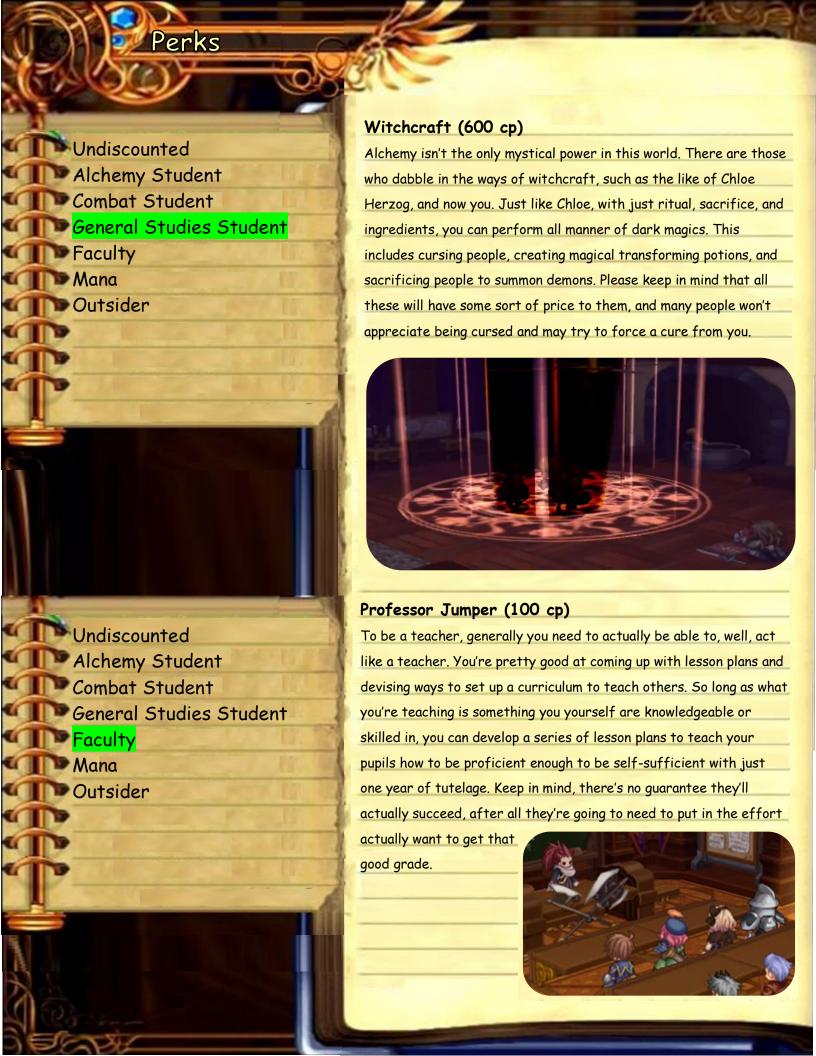
While many students were able to enter the academy by virtue of paying steep tuition costs, others are here to actually learn and improve themselves. Choose a single academic field, such as

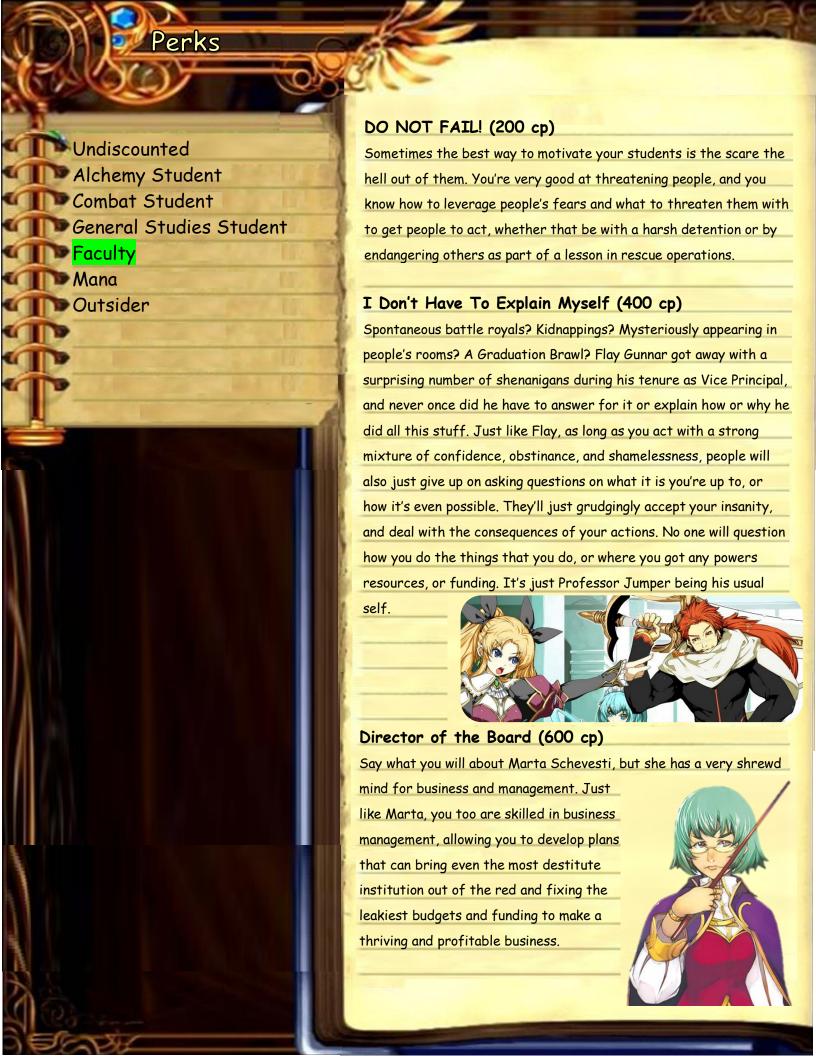
engineering, biology, medicine, etc. You are quite proficient in your chosen field, to a degree you could be considered a prodigy. With enough study and resources, you can accomplish and complete great projects, such as an electrical engineering prodigy making their own mecha gauntlets.

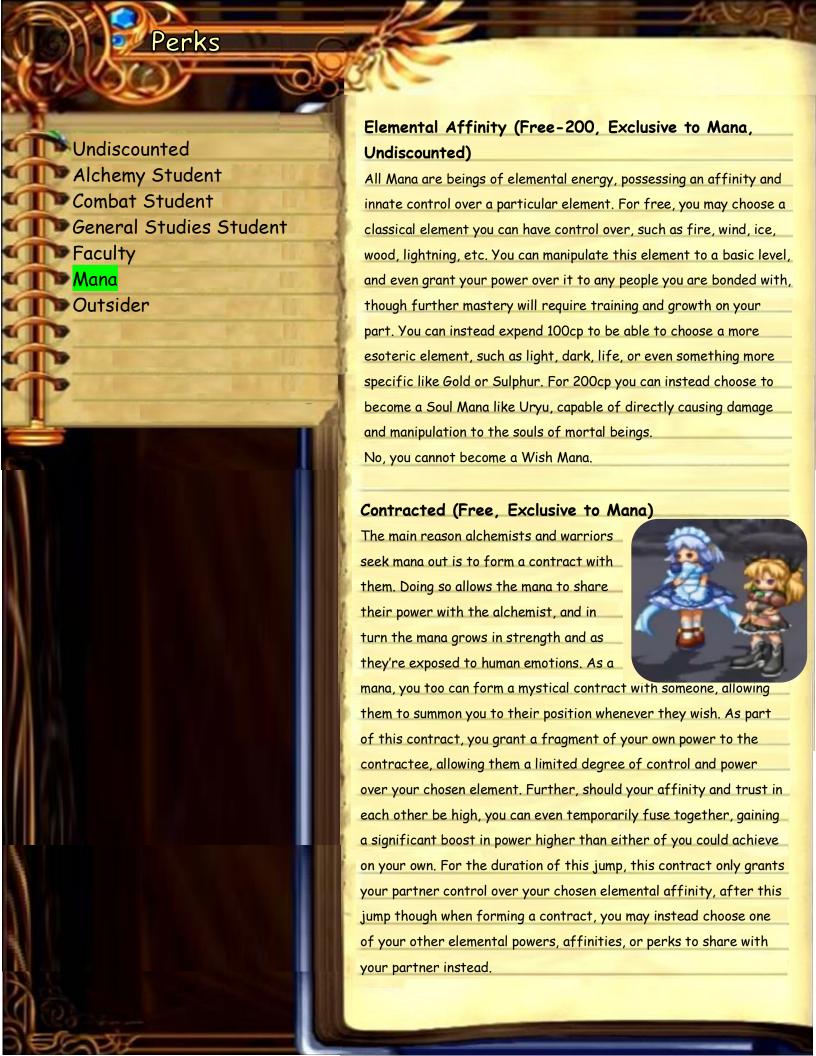


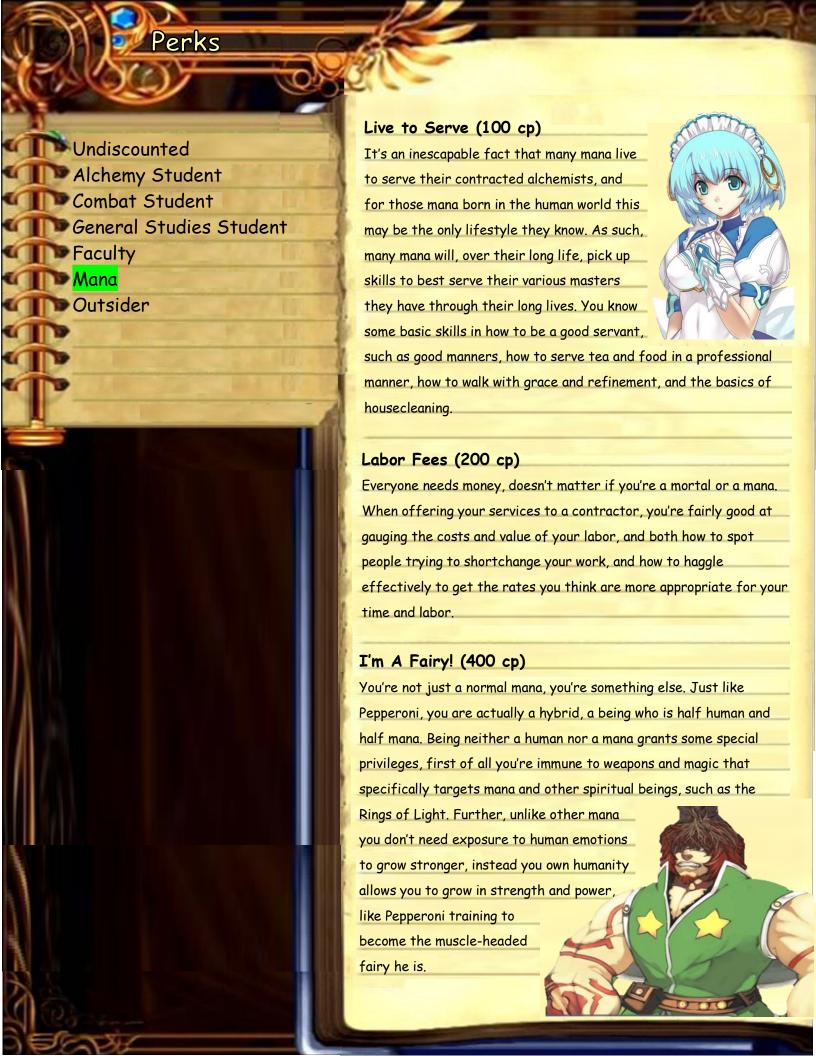
Monsters and their existence are a fact of life in this world. From large and violent animals like bears, panthers, and koalarians, to more exotic beings like feral mana, spirits, brownies, and the like. As such, it should come as no surprise that there are some who learn to tame and fight alongside such creatures. You have a knack for learning about

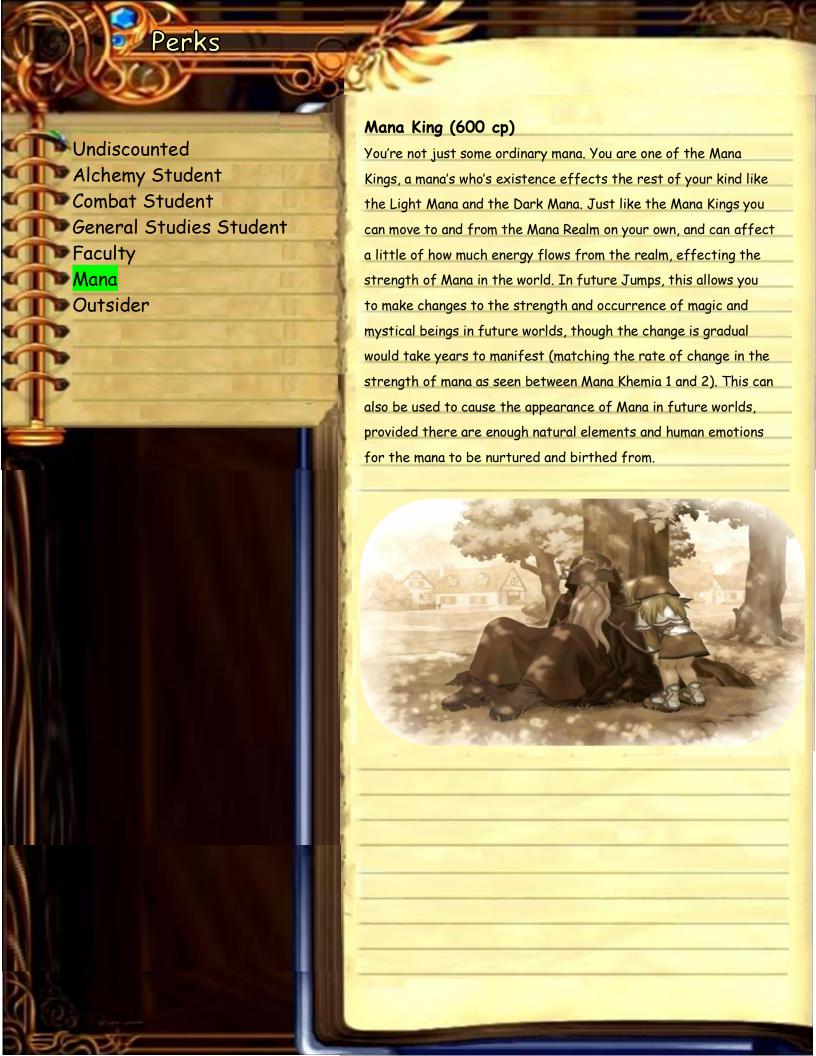
And domesticating various different monsters, but also how to make the most of them and train them to certain tasks, whether that be teaching harpies to be musicians or turning punis into a fighting force.

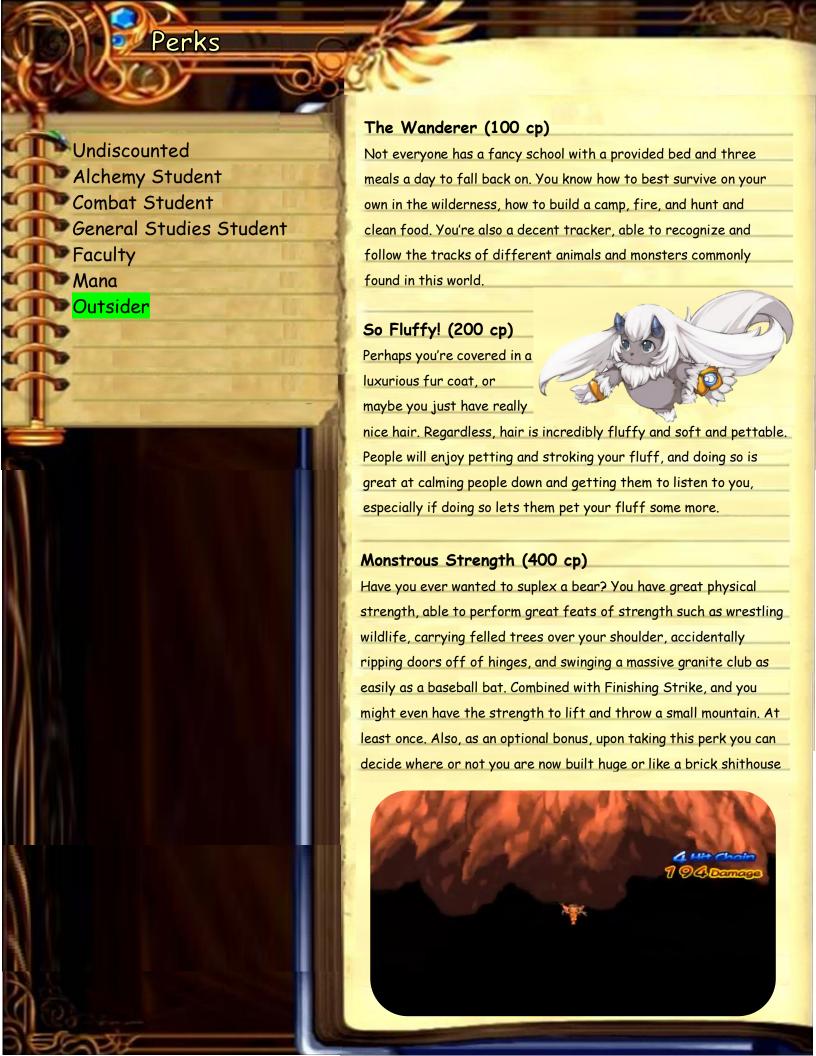


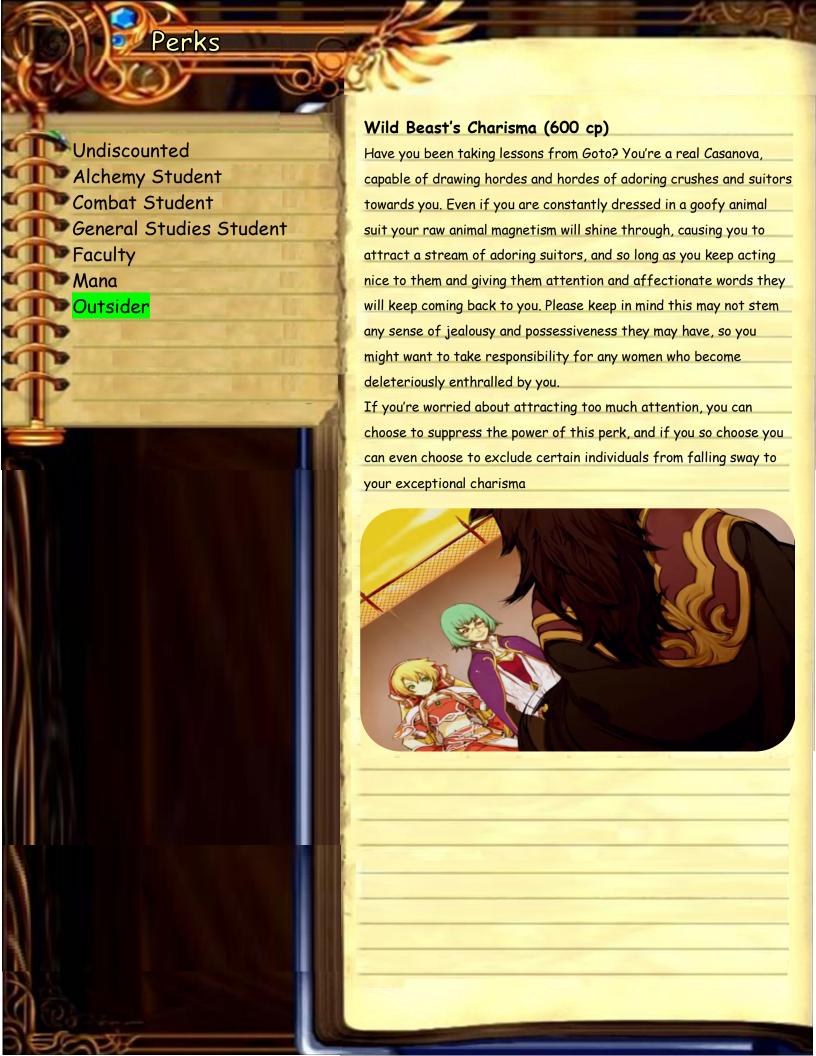














Items are 50% off for their respective origins, with the 100cp items being free for their respective origin. Lost or destroyed items are returned to your warehouse at the end of the Jump

Starting Clothes (Free first, 50 cp later)

You get a free closet of clothes based on your background. If you are any of the student backgrounds, you gain a closet full of student uniforms. Mana get a bunch of nice butler or maid outfits of a preferred style. Outsiders get a closet full of animal costumes. And finally, Faculty get a closet of custom fancy clothes and robes, because that's the perk of being a teacher. If you wish, you may purchase this option multiple times, allowing you to get more clothes from another background.

Wings of Icarus (Free/100 cp)

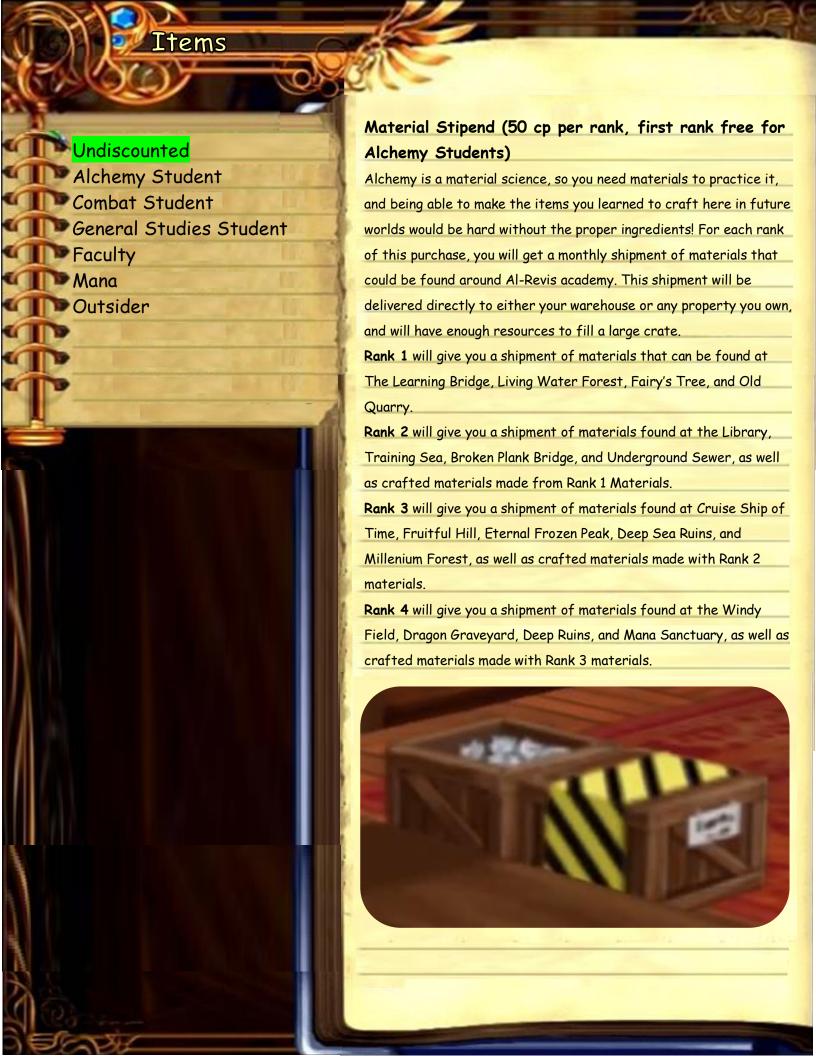
While students may be able to buy many things on campus, many classes and recipes will see students travel to the areas surrounding the Academy. For such field exercises, all attending students and faculty are given a special charm

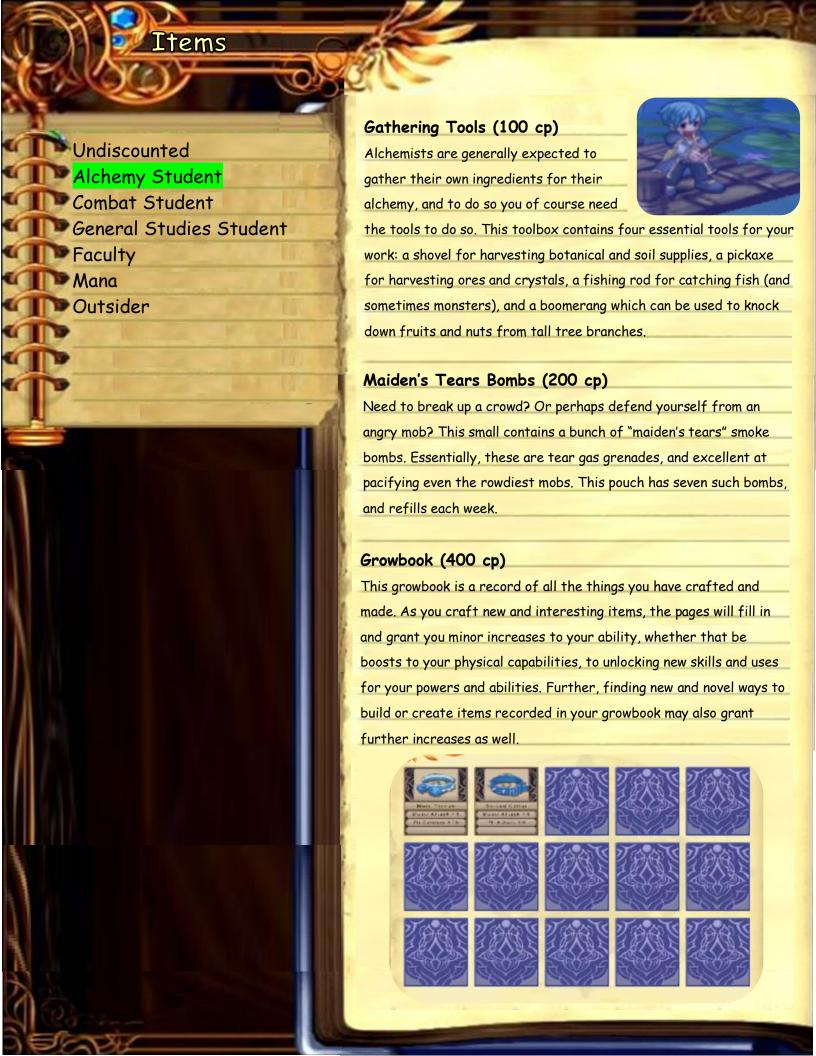


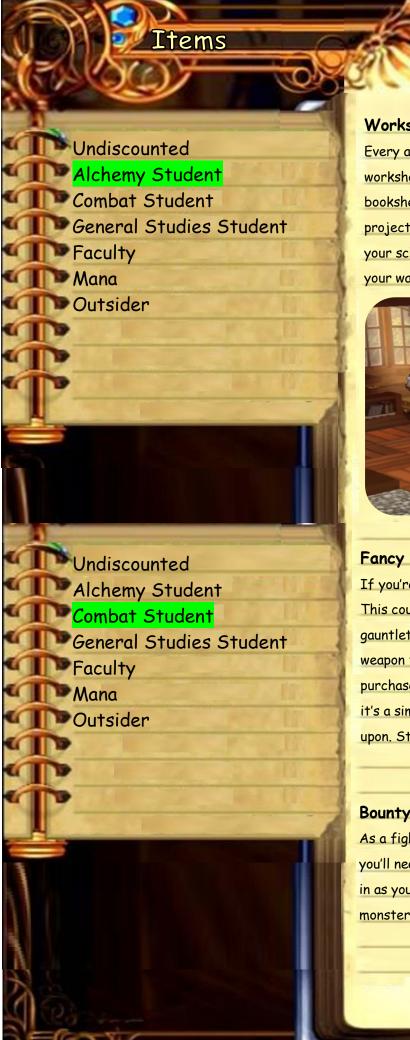
known as The Wings of Icarus. For the duration of your school year here, this charm may be used to teleport you and your party back to the school campus grounds from just about anywhere, and will even activate automatically should you fall unconscious out in the field. Normally this free version only works for the school year, however for 50 cp you may instead get a custom version. This version allows you to key it to a single place or location, allowing you to use it to teleport to that location from wherever. Once a year, you may attune this charm to a new location you're currently standing in.

Alchemical Symphonie (free)

Mana Khemia 2, despite its flaws, has a very excellent soundtrack. With this purchase you gain a copy of this game's soundtrack on a vinyl record. Further, so long as the record is playing somewhere you can hear the OST to this game as "background music" wherever you are.







Workshop (600 cp)

Every alchemist needs an atelier, and this one is yours. This workshop is staffed with all the essentials, a cauldron, chimney, bookshelves, water spigot, and plenty of floor space for your projects and materials. If you're a student, this atelier may start as your school workshop, otherwise it can be found attached to either your warehouse or any other property you own.



Fancy Weapon (100 cp)

If you're going to take a combat class, you're going to need a weapon.

This could be a giant chakram that turns into a bow, a huge mecha
gauntlet or sword, a giant club or scythe, or some other big fancy
weapon that may or may not have fancy mechanical parts. With this

purchase you now have that weapon, though it's a simple one yet to be upgraded or built upon. Still, its solid and will serve you



Bounty Map (200 cp)

As a fighter, you're often going to be hired to fight monsters, and so you'll need something to help keep track of the job. This map will fill in as you explore a location and, whenever you take on a job to hunt a monster, will mark on the map where the beast can be found.



Ring of Light (400 cp)

Created from the power of the Light Mana King, this ring is his weapon to sneakily achieve his goal of returning the Mana to the Mana realm. This ring cannot be removed once put on. Those who wear this ring can use it to enhance their being, allowing them to weave beams of light into enhancements and extensions of whatever weapon they wield. Its true power however is that of banishment, any mana that is cut by a weapon enhanced by the ring is immediately banished back to the mana realm. After this jump, the ring loses its inability to be removed, and its banishment power affects other spiritual beings such as demons, outsiders, and other mystical beings that come from another realm.



Jumper Cave (600 cp)

Need a secret hideout to plan your adventures/villainy? Or just a place top hang up your trophies? This secret hideout known only to you is hidden somewhere underneath once of the locations around the school. This secret lair contains long hallways where you can set up encounters/ambushes against any plucky heroes, as well as a password set hidden teleporter so you can quickly get to your inner sanctum without having to go through the gauntlet yourself. After this jump, you may either attach this property to your warehouse, or import it somewhere appropriate.



Notebook (100 cp)

A good student should be aware of their assignments. This notebook is simple, it always has reminders of what your current class assignments, jobs, and commissions are and will always remind you both when are where you need to be to turn such things in. That's it, something to help you both as a student and in the future as an adult.

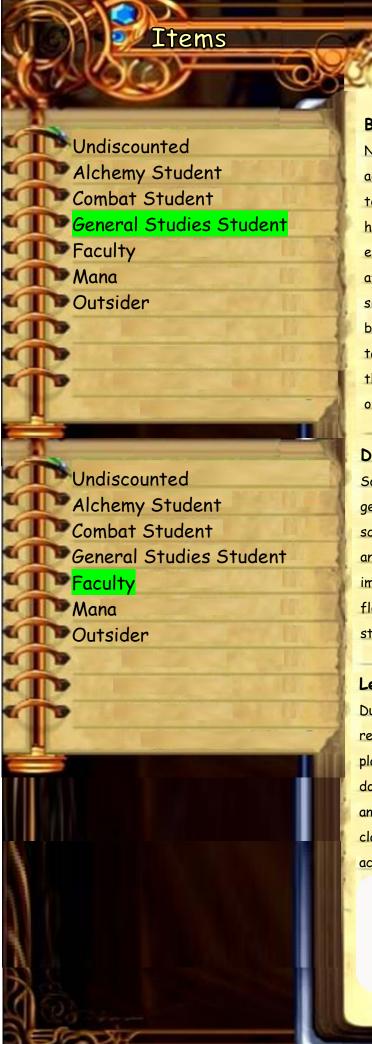
Heart Board (200 cp)

Sometimes, it's best for everyone's chores to be spelled out. This chalkboard acts as a place to list your friends and coworkers' names and assign or remind them of what their job is. So long as its written, the person will receive a reminder as to what it is their supposed to be doing (but this doesn't guarantee they'll actually do it). Further, whenever you're looking at this board, you'll get an impression about whether any of your friends written here need your help with any issues, professional or personal.



Wicked Book (400 cp)

This demonic, and technically endless, book is perfect for any would-be witches and demoniacs. In addition to containing schematics and rituals for summoning demons, this book and its pages are possessed of a malicious animating force. It can create additional pages that can launch themselves as sharp projectiles, or the whole book can be animated and turned into a large slavering maw. Those bitten by the book in this form are recorded in the book, their strengths and weaknesses written in its pages.



Bazaar (600 cp)

Need a space to make some extra cash? This bazaar stall in the academy's student store is yours to do with as you wish. In addition to being a place to sell your goods and services and practice your haggling, you'll find that your products may have a larger market effect than normal. By placing an item on sale, you'll soon find afterwards that other nearby stores and business may start selling similar products as those placed on sale (though not before trying to buy a sample from you first). After the school year, you may either take this stall with you or keep it at the academy to make money there. After this jump, you may either install the bazaar stall on one of your properties or import it somewhere appropriate.

Dramatic Scarf (100 cp)

Sometimes it pays to look impressive to get the student's attention. This stylish scarf will always fit on you comfortably, and will always blow in the wind in an impressive way. It also works well as a flourish when you reveal yourself for a stylish entrance.



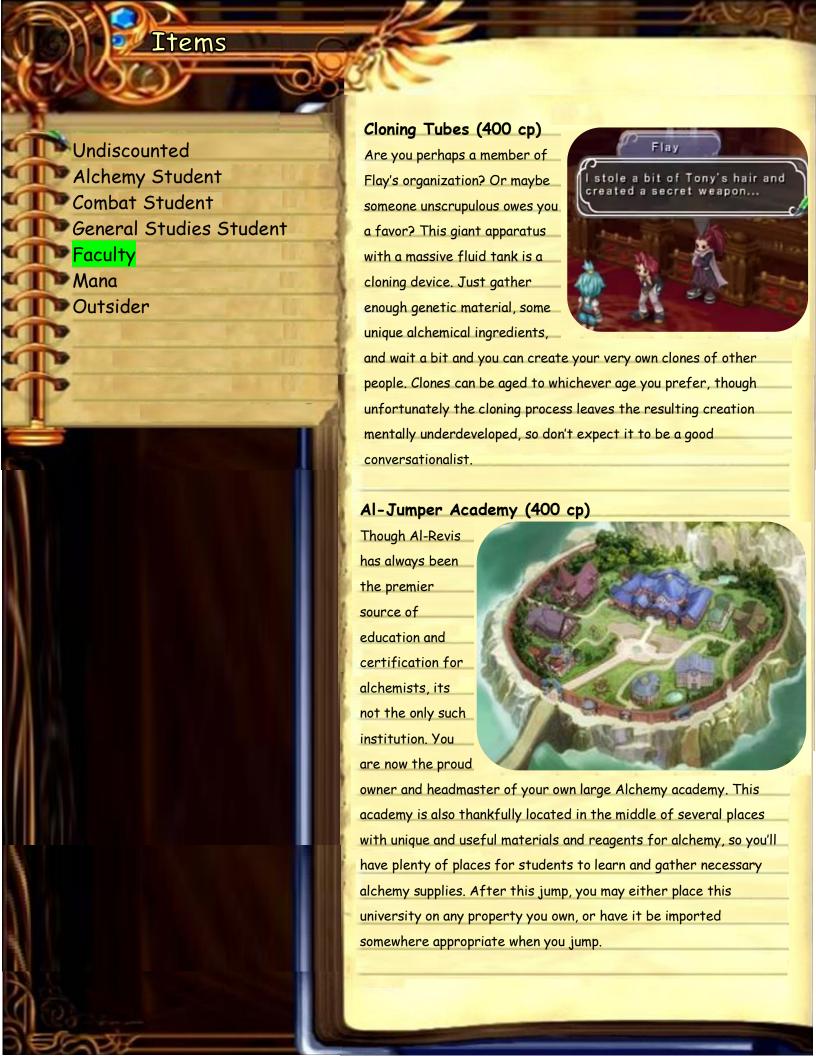
Lesson Planner (200 cp)

Due to many of the classes and lessons at the Academy being field related, you're going to need something to help with grading and planning lessons. This planner notebook is an excellent place to write down plans for assignments and homework you give your students, and help keep track of their grades. Further, whenever you give your class an assignment, this planner will let you know if the students actually finished the assignment and whether they cheated or not.

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Tea Set (100 cp)

The perfect tea set to satisfy your master's tea parties. The tea pot is climate controlled and keeps the tea at the ideal temperature, the pot, cups, and cup dishes can be easily washed with either a rag or a dishwasher. Tea not included.

Job Board (200 cp)

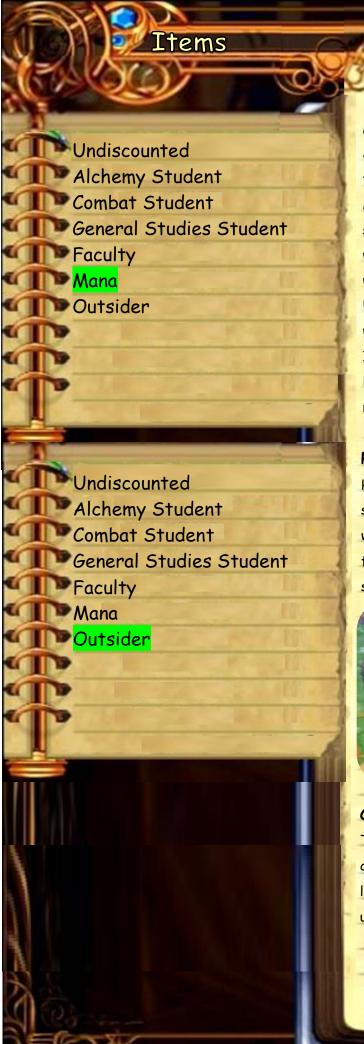
Need to make some money quick? This job board will often have listed on it various odd jobs that people may want done and are willing to pay for, this can be something simple like delivering 5 salty ice-cream cones, to something difficult like hunting and killing a giant monster that's causing a ruckus. This job board, or one similar to it, can be found in most major towns or cities in any worlds or jumps you visit, and you always have a good idea where you can find said board.



I-Scream Machine (400 cp)

What appears to be a massive shaved-ice machine is actually a useful alchemical tool. By placing the remains (dead or otherwise) of a creature or monster into the machine, it will be processed into an edible sweet, treat, or a cooking ingredient of excellent quality. Quality and flavor improve with the power of the creature.





Mana Gate (600 cp)

Just like the one designed and built by Flay, this is a magic doorway that opens up to the Mana world. This doorway is attuned to a specific location within the Mana World, and whenever you open it you may seamlessly walk to and from the human and mana worlds.



Upon purchasing this item, it attaches itself to either your workshop, your warehouse, or one of the other properties you own.

In future jumps, this doorway will allow you to instead travel to the local mystical world/man a world equivalent, though if there are multiple of such worlds it only opens to one of them.

Pop-up Arena (100 cp)

Have an argument with someone that needs to be solved with some sparring? Pull the string on this box, and it will unfold into a small wrestling/boxing arena. It's not a full sized one, but just big enough for a decent spar between friends. To fold it back up again, pull the string on the side.



Communicators (200 cp)

These small devices, small enough to fit in one's pocket, are a pair of communicators made with alchemy, able to transmit sound across long distances. Essentially, these are alchemical walkie-talkies, very useful if you want to spy in on people spilling their dirty secrets.



Companions

Here are some options for companions and followers. If one has a discount associated with it, it will tell you so right next to the price.

Imported and Created companions still have to pay the cost of the Mana background!

Import/Create (50 cp each/200)

School is boring without some friends to attend with. Each time you purchase this option, you may either create an original character or import an existing companion to be with you in this jump.

They start with a background of choice, and have a budget of 500cp to be spent on perks and items. Companions created



I'm not telling you to make an OC student companion with Bestial and Monstrous Strength to recreate a certain manga character...but it would be based

and imported in this way may take any drawbacks except "Fall of Alchemy". Companions cannot purchase companion options of their

You may choose to also spend 200cp on this option to create/import up to eight companions at once! Quite the deal, no?

Canon Companion (50 cp each)

Have a character here you wanna take with you? For 50 cp you can offer that canon character the opportunity to be your companion and join you on the chain. The character in question has to agree to be a companion though, no kidnapping!

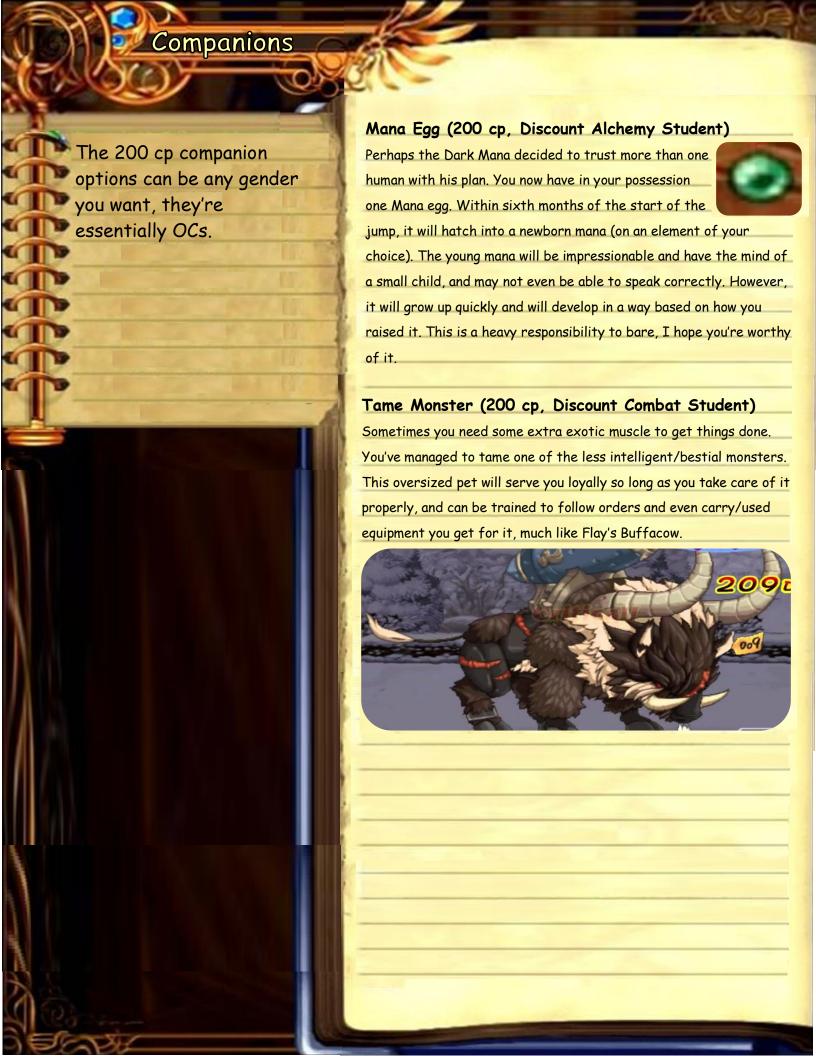
A Pet (50 cp each)

Al-Revis academy has all manner of stray cats and dogs roaming the campus, and many students even bring their own pets with them, so might as well grab your own. With each purchase of this option, you get a normal mundane breed of cat or dog as a pet/follower. That's it, nothing special about it...though if you want:

-A Memory of Sixteen (50 cp, requires A Pet)

Rather than a normal mundane pet, this one is something special. Its intelligent and able to communicate with you, and can even form a bond with you as if it's a Mana. While not exceptionally powerful on its own, it can change shape to any mundane weapon or tool that you can wield, and its strength grows with yours. This option applies only to one pet per purchase, multiple pets require multiple purchases.

Is the "A Memory of Sixteen" actually a mana? I'll leave that up to you for fanwanking. Regardless, unlike a mana it doesn't have an innate element and outside of its intelligence and shapechanging its nearly identical to a mundane cat or dog.





Cat Merchant (200 cp, Discount General Education Student)

Money is what drives the world, as this merchant know. This beastman merchant isn't a companion per-say, but will appear in both this world and future worlds. Thei



stock is constantly changing every week, and they're wiling to sell you goods and materials not just from this world, but other worlds you've visited previously. Further, occasionally they may offer to pay you commissions for helping them acquire various items of interest every so often.

If you're a bit strapped for cash, the merchant will also accept alternative means of payment, such as bater, lifespan, experience, growth, strength, and other forms of trade. If taken to a world with an in-universe rpg system, expect them to be willing to trade in EXP/AP and other points.

Little Master (200 cp, Discount Mana)

This brat is rotten, no doubt about it. This small child, no older than 12, despite their bratty disposition is the heir of a large fortune and estate and is looking to be your Master. In addition to their immense wealth, the child themselves is frightfully clever, and knows lots about both economic and legal theory and has a twisted mind apt for financial crimes and schemes. Now if only they weren't such a brat!

Fairy Friend (200 cp, Discount Outsider)

Since days of old, fairies have assisted alchemists and those in need, and this one has chosen to be your friend.

Despite their diminutive stature, this fairy is freakishly strong, able to casually throw trees around and wrestles



bears for fun, but has great muscular control and can avoid damaging even a single flower in a field. Also, an expert botanist.

Drawbacks

If you need some more points, here are some drawbacks you can take.

There is no limit to the number of drawbacks you can take, and drawback
will always supersede/override any perks or items you have.

If you haven't, please play Mana Khemia: Alchemist of Al-Revis. It's a really good game, and honestly superior to this game in nearly every possible way. Honestly, Mana Khemia 2 kinda sucks in comparison.

Alma Mater (±0)

Been to this world before? If you've already jumped to Mana Khemia:

Alchemist of Al-Revis, then you may choose to instead jump to the same version of the world you've been before, keeping continuity with all the things you've done there. Further, you may optionally choose to extend your stay in that world from the end of that jump to the start of this one so you don't have



to explain to people where you've been gone for the past five years.

Play your cards right, and you might completely sidestep the plot of this whole game!

BARREL! (+100 cp)

You have a problem, more of a compulsion really. Every time you come across a barrel, you must stop what you're doing, stand in front of it, and loudly proclaim "Barrel!". Don't ask why that is, but you



can't help yourself. You don't have to walk across a street or room to greet a barrel, but if you're walking past it you will always stop and proclaim that this barrel is, indeed, a barrel. Barrel!

Et-Tarded (+100 cp)

You're a real idiot. Not just kinda stupid, I mean really stupid. Your attention span sucks, you come up with the weirdest conclusions, you constantly forget things, and you never notice or recognize when people don't want to be with you. Worse, your idiocy tends to get the people around you in trouble. You might decide to take your friend with you on a field trip, so you kidnap them in a burlap sack to take with you, only to forget about said sack for several days until said friend nearly dies of dehydration. Bless your heart.



Young Miss in Love (+100)

You appear to have a crush on someone.

Could be a canon character, could be a companion. Doesn't matter, what matters is how you express it...or rather how you can't express it. You're running on a dangerous cocktail of hopelessly smitten and unable to honestly express yourself.

You will spend hours of the day



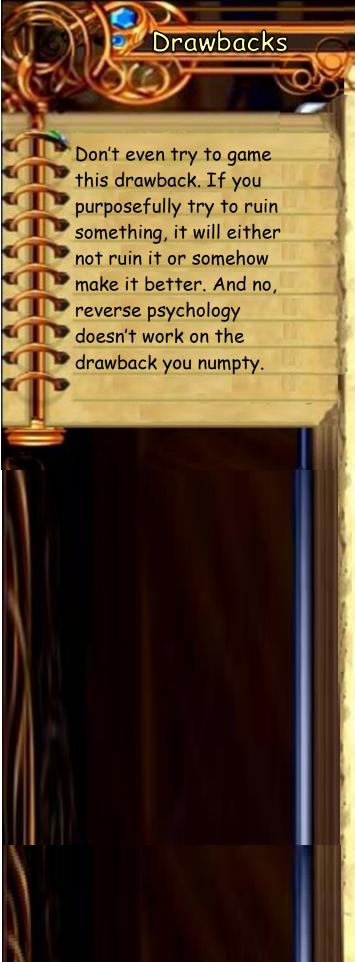
fantasizing about your crush (sometimes out loud and in public) and how to get close to them, yet when the opportunity arises you just can't seem to admit your feelings at all. Worse still, you will constantly be trying to come up with convoluted and insane plans and schemes to get close to the object of your affection, or for them to consistently blow up in your face.

Curse Magnet (+200 cp)

There are many mysterious forces in this world, among which are curses. For some reason you keep accumulating and getting struck by various curses, usually around ever 1-3 weeks or so. Curses can vary from effect, and each will have a uniquely different way to lift them. Sometimes you'll wake up constantly covered in centipedes, other times you'll become weaker and sicklier the more money you pick up, and on rare occasion you may end up having your body swapped with someone else. Lifting a curse usually isn't too hard, but it will take around a whole day's worth of effort to get done. Don't expect to suffer from the same curse more than once a year.

Zeppel Cringer (+200 cp)

Say goodbye to your dignity. You have no spine, you are easily browbeaten into doing things, and have a hard time standing up for yourself. Whenever anyone gets upset at you, you'll either just roll over and take the insults meekly, or you'll recoil back in fear and run off. I sincerely hope you aren't the head of a school or organization.



Ether Crasher (+200)

I hope you didn't come to

Al-Revis to be an alchemist.

because you have no talent for it. Worse than no talent, you're the "somehow managed to burn water" kind of talent at alchemy.

Synthesis you perform never get the results you want, don't even think just helping out an alchemist will go smoothly. Ingredients you gather will either be the wrong kind or spoiled, you will constantly be klutzy and damaging important glassware and utensils, recipe books will get smudged or misread, etc. Really, you should stay as far away from an atelier as possible, because your mere presence is going to

Uhhh! (+300 cp)

act like a hex.

This one is quite simple: You can't talk correctly. Perhaps you can only make grunts and noises. Or maybe you can only repeat one word constantly like a Pokémon. Regardless, your ability to verbally communicate is now severely restricted. You can still engage in nonverbal communication like writing or characles, but be prepared for a life of inconvenience your mutism will incur.

Criminal Scum! (+300 cp)

STOP! YOU'VE VIOLATED

THE LAW! There is currently a warrant out for your arrest, and a certain guardsman and his crew are on the hunt for you. If they manage to catch and arrest you, you'll be locked up for



the rest of the jump's duration, so it's probably best to avoid getting caught at all. Even should you avoid them or kill the officers, more will come to try and bring you to justice!



Puniphile (+300)

Pick a particular type of monster. You are now hopelessly obsessed with that type of monsters. Its looks, smells, and how it feels to stroke are all like a drug to you, and you will constantly have self-control issues when placed in front of the creature. You will constantly go out of your way to touch and pat such a creature, and people can easily bribe you with them and exploit your obsession. Further, the way you act publicly towards them tends to be viewed as "inappropriate" by most people around you and your reputation will absolutely suffer for it.

Soul-Scoured (+400 cp)

There's some sort of damage deep in your soul, a fundamental wound in your heart. You are prone to violent and obsessive behaviors; your empathy is



lacking and you will constantly lash out at others. Worse, the more you engage in behaviors that encourage such a mindset, the worse and worse you shall get. It will take an exceptional amount of self-control, personal work, and at least a few beatings to try and wrangle these murderous and violent impulses under control

Fear The Light (+400 cp)

The Light Mana is a being of great seething resentment and hatred, and there are plenty of people he greatly loathes. You, for whatever have made it to the top of his shit-list, and now he's going to start making your life miserable. At first it will start simply, various human operatives of his will start sabotaging and attacking you. After that first batch of lackeys, he'll send those mana sympathetic to him to wreak havoc towards you, and eventually he'll muster his most powerful servants like Tetri and Reicher to destroy you. Eventually, you will have to contend with the Light Mana himself.

Drawbacks

No, taking Alma Mater as a toggle won't prevent this violence from occurring, though the conditions and context may change slightly

Fall of Alchemy (+400)

The Peace between Light and Dark, Human and Mana. It has been shattered. Rather than wait for the infant mana to be born and raised, the Light Mana King has declared war on humanity. Now the mana are embroiled in a violent civil war, one that has spilled over into the human world. Operatives loyal to different sides are stoking armed conflict, and large swathes of Al-Revis have been destroyed in terrorist attacks. And to top it all off, the secret evil organization Flay is a member of have started making their own moves towards nefarious goals and purposes themselves.

The Fall of Alchemy has happened, can you survive the crash?



