What Is Decay, if Not Life's Preamble? v1.0.0 *by eben*

TOWNSFOLK



Steward
You start knowing 1 good player.



Grandmother
You start knowing a good player & their character. If the Demon kills them, you die too.



Pixie
You start knowing 1 in-play Townsfolk. If you were mad that you were this character, you gain their ability when they die.



Sailor
Each night, choose an alive player: either you or they are drunk until dusk. You can't die.



General
Each night, you learn which alignment the Storyteller believes is winning: good, evil, or neither.



Snake Charmer
Each night, choose an alive player: a chosen Demon swaps characters & alignments with you & is then poisoned.



Undertaker
Each night*, you learn which character died by execution today.



Acrobat
Each night*, if either good living neighbour is drunk or poisoned, you die.



Exorcist
Each night*, choose a player (different to last night): the Demon, if chosen, learns who you are then doesn't wake tonight.



Savant
Each day, you may visit the Storyteller to learn 2 things in private: 1 is true & 1 is false.



Minstrel
When a Minion dies by execution, all other players (except Travellers) are drunk until dusk tomorrow.



Ravenkeeper
If you die at night, you are woken to choose a player: you learn their character.



Magician
The Demon thinks you are a Minion. Minions think you are a Demon.

OUTSIDER



Hermit
You have all Outsider abilities. [-0 or -1 Outsider]



Moonchild
When you learn that you died, publicly choose 1 alive player. Tonight, if it was a good player, they die.



Barber
If you died today or tonight, the Demon may choose 2 players (not another Demon) to swap characters.



Snitch
Minions start knowing 3 not-in-play characters.

MINION



Mezepheles
You start knowing a secret word. The 1st good player to say this word becomes evil that night.



Poisoner
Each night, choose a player: they are poisoned tonight and tomorrow day.



Devil's Advocate
Each night, choose a living player (different to last night): if executed tomorrow, they don't die.



Assassin
Once per game, at night*, choose a player: they die, even if for some reason they could not.



Baron
There are extra Outsiders in play. [+2 Outsiders]

DEMON



Imp
Each night*, choose a player: they die. If you kill yourself this way, a Minion becomes the Imp.



Po
Each night*, you may choose a player: they die. If your last choice was no-one, choose 3 players tonight.



Vigormortis
Each night*, choose a player: they die. Minions you kill keep their ability & poison 1 Townsfolk neighbour. [-1 Outsider]

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PLAYER COUNT

PLAYERS	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15+
TOWNSFOLK	3	3	5	5	5	7	7	7	9	9	9
OUTSIDERS	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
MINIONS	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3
DEMONS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

First Night

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1 D **Dusk**
Start the Night Phase.

2 M **Minion Info**
If there are 7 or more players, wake all Minions: Show the THIS IS THE DEMON token. Point to the Demon. Show THESE ARE YOUR MINIONS token. Point to the other Minions.

3 D **Demon Info**
If there are 7 or more players, wake the Demon. Show the Demon token. Show all Minions. Show the THESE CHARACTERS ARE NOT IN PLAY token. Show 3 not-in-play good character tokens.

4  **Magician**

5  **Snitch**
After Minion info wake each Minion and show them three not-in-play character tokens. These may be the same or different to each other and the ones shown to the Demon.

6  **Sailor**
The Sailor points to a living player. Either the Sailor, or the chosen player, is drunk.

7  **Poisoner**
The Poisoner points to a player. That player is poisoned.

8  **Snake Charmer**
The Snake Charmer points to a player. If that player is the Demon: swap the Demon and Snake Charmer character and alignments. Wake each player to inform them of their new role and alignment. The new Snake Charmer is poisoned.

9  **Devil's Advocate**
The Devil's Advocate points to a living player. That player survives execution tomorrow.

10  **Mezepheles**
Show the Mezepheles their secret word.

11  **Pixie**
Show the Pixie 1 in-play Townsfolk character token.

12  **Grandmother**
Show the marked character token. Point to the marked player.

13  **General**
Show the General thumbs up for good winning, thumbs down for evil winning or thumb to the side for neither.

14 D **Dawn**
Wait for a few seconds. End the Night Phase.

Other Nights

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1 D **Dusk**
Start the Night Phase.

2 **Sailor**
The previously drunk player is no longer drunk. The Sailor points to a living player. Either the Sailor, or the chosen player, is drunk.

3 **Poisoner**
The previously poisoned player is no longer poisoned. The Poisoner points to a player. That player is poisoned.

4 **Snake Charmer**
The Snake Charmer points to a player. If that player is the Demon: swap the Demon and Snake Charmer character and alignments. Wake each player to inform them of their new role and alignment. The new Snake Charmer is poisoned.

5 **Devil's Advocate**
The Devil's Advocate points to a living player, different from the previous night. That player survives execution tomorrow.

6 **Mezepheles**
Wake the 1st good player that said the Mezepheles' secret word and show them the 'You are' card and the thumbs down evil signal.

7 **Exorcist**
The Exorcist points to a player, different from the previous night. If that player is the Demon: Wake the Demon. Show the Exorcist token. Point to the Exorcist. The Demon does not act tonight.

8 **Imp**
The Imp points to a player. That player dies. If the Imp chose themselves: Replace the character of 1 alive minion with a spare Imp token. Show the 'You are' card, then the Imp token.

9 **Po**
If the Po chose no-one the previous night: The Po points to three players. Otherwise: The Po either shows the 'no' head signal , or points to a player. Chosen players die

10 **Vigormortis**
The Vigormortis points to a player. That player dies. If a Minion, they keep their ability and one of their Townsfolk neighbours is poisoned.

11 **Assassin**
If the Assassin has not yet used their ability: The Assassin either shows the 'no' head signal, or points to a player. That player dies.

12 **Acrobat**
If a good living neighbour is drunk or poisoned, the Acrobat player dies.

13 **Barber**
If the Barber died today: Wake the Demon. Show the 'This character selected you' card, then Barber token. The Demon either shows a 'no' head signal, or points to 2 players. If they chose players: Swap the character tokens. Wake each player. Show 'You are', then their new character token.

14 **Moonchild**
If the Moonchild used their ability to target a player today: If that player is good, they die.

15 **Grandmother**
If the Grandmother's grandchild was killed by the Demon tonight: The Grandmother dies.

16 **Ravenkeeper**
If the Ravenkeeper died tonight: The Ravenkeeper points to a player. Show that player's character token.

17 **Undertaker**
If a player was executed today: Show that player's character token.

18 **General**
Show the General thumbs up for good winning, thumbs down for evil winning or thumb to the side for neither.

19 D **Dawn**
Wait for a few seconds. End the Night Phase.