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The incident drove Minax mad. He became obsessed with experimenting on the dead to improve his craft and find a way to stave off death. He quickly left mundane medicine behind and turned to magic, then necromancy. Merula spent the decade by his side, learning magic surrounded by the dead and gaining a “unique” perspective on life, to say the least.

But her father’s madness went far beyond experimenting on the dead. Merula eventually learned he was experimenting on the living as well. She ran away from home and saw that her father’s minions had been preying on the weak for some time.

Merula tried to stop him, but in the climactic battle realized her father had already transcended life—he had become a demi-liche. The young sorceress was no match for such a creature, so she fled, swearing to return one day to end Minax’s evil once and for all. Merula believes that confrontation will mean her own death as well.

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Attributes: Agility d6, Smarts d8, Spirit d6, Strength d4, Vigor d6
Skills: Fighting d4, Investigation d8, Knowledge (Arcana) d8, Notice d6, Persuasion d4, Spellcasting d8, Streetwise d8, Taunt d4
Languages: Human, Dwarven, Elven, Orcish
Charisma: +1 ; Pace: 6 ; Parry: 5 ; Toughness: 5
Hindrances: Curious, Death Wish (End father’s reign of evil), Habit (Morbid and aloof)
Edges: Arcane Background (Magic), Attractive, Investigator, New Power, Power Points (x2), Wizard
Powers: [20 PPs]; Barrier (bone barrier: creates a wall of bones), bolt (screaming skulls), deflection (ghost guardian: a spirit knocks aside attacks), fear (frightful phantasms: horrid ghosts appear to those in the area)
Gear: Staff (Str+d4, Parry +1), dagger (Str+d4, Range 3/6/12, RoF 1), tome of binding (allows one power to be maintained without the Spellcasting penalty for AB: Magic, though Power Points must be paid as usual)
Marcus Two-Hands

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The young thief was caught, and after terrible torture, revealed Lady Fog and her entire operation. Lady Fog escaped but many of Marcus’ companions were tossed into the dungeons. Marcus himself was told to leave town and never come back. He hit the road and has since been trying desperately to become a better person—if he can just overcome his natural greed.

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Attributes: Agility d8, Smarts d6, Spirit d6, Strength d6, Vigor d6
Skills: Climbing d6, Fighting d8, Lockpicking d6, Notice d6, Stealth d8, Streetwise d6, Throwing d8
Languages: Human, Elven, Orcish
Charisma: -2; Pace: 6; Parry: 7; Toughness: 6 (1)
Hindrances: Greedy (Minor), Overconfident, Outsider, Wanted (Minor – Lady Fog has bounty hunters looking for your head)
Edges: Adaptable (Scamper), Ambidextrous, Heritage (Acrobat), Low Light Vision, Quick Draw, Thief, Two Fisted
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Languages: Human, Dwarven, Orcish
Charisma: -2; Pace: 6; Parry: 7; Toughness: 9 (2)
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Edges: Barbaric Blood, Berserk, Frenzy, Infravision, Strong, Strong Willed, Trademark Weapon
Gear: Chain mail (+2), battle axe (Str+d8), 3 throwing axes (Str+d6, Range 3/6/12, RoF 1), lucky stone (one free Soak roll per session)
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Charisma: 0; Pace: 5; Parry: 5; Toughness: 8 (2)
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Edges: Arcane Background (Miracles), Healer, Low Light Vision, Power Points (x2), Sunder, Tough
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