

Lucas Marks

Description: A curly-haired, green-eyed Halfling with a confident gaze and a boyish grin. Popular with the ladies despite his minute stature, Lucas is a stubborn, gently sarcastic, fun-loving adventurer with a fondness for warm weather and thick ale. He's a thief, but he gets his money through honest mercenary work when possible.

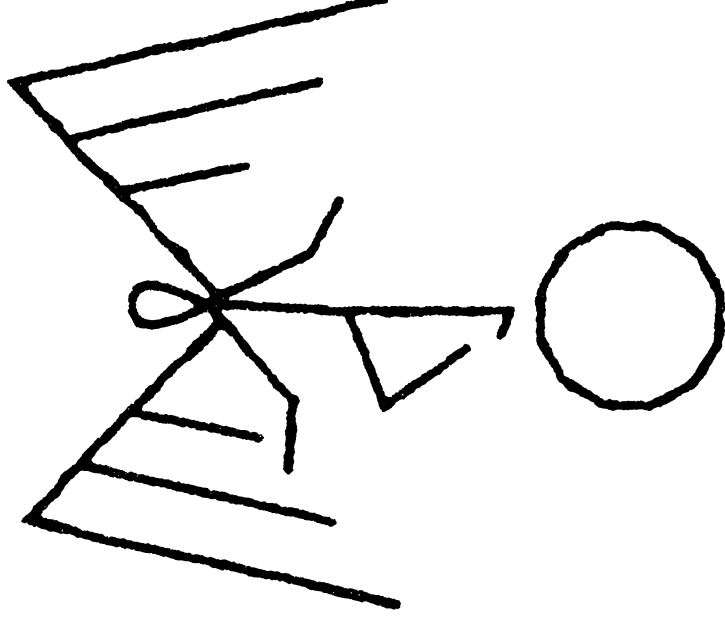
Clichés: Fun-Loving Mercenary (3), Halfling Burglar (4), Ladies' Man (2), Outrageous Story-Teller (2)

Hook: Lucas is rotten with anything mechanical; he operates at *half-dice* when dealing with locks or traps.

Tools: Clothing, cash, shortsword, belt pouch, a gold coin enchanted to shine with light (kept in his pouch until needed), lockpicks, and a few meals' worth of dried rations.

Lucas' Luck: Lucas is a standard 10-dice **Risus** character, with two extra dice for having a Hook and a Tale. He spent one of his extras increasing his "Ladies' Man" cliché from (1) to (2) . . . but he spent the other die to buy three Lucky Shots. one of the rules options described in greater detail in the pages of the **Risus Companion**. Here's all you need to know about Lucky Shots: whenever you need a boost of extra luck, you can use *one* of Lucas' three Lucky Shots. Using a Lucky Shot lets you roll a single extra die for just one roll of the dice (either a single attack or defense in combat, for example, or a single Difficulty-based test). Make a note whenever you use a Lucky Shot, since you have only three of them for the course of the adventure.

Customizing Lucas: This simple solitaire requires Lucas to have the clichés listed for him, but advanced players may wish to rearrange his allotment of dice to suit their tastes and playing style. The adventure is designed to account for this – there's no one "best" balance between the clichés (though some will be more useful than others). You can even opt to discard the Lucky Shots, putting all 12 dice into Lucas himself. No single cliché may be raised beyond (4), however, and you may have no more than a single batch (of three) Lucky Shots for Lucas.



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