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### **Initial thoughts**

Your art style is very distinctive, and so even though you didn't share a great deal about the mechanics of your game, my imagination immediately sprung into action and I began thinking of dialogue, interesting origin stories and historical events for each of the characters.

### **Initial feelings**

The tone of your game feels playful, cool and mysterious. I think the contrast of compelling and serious backstories with a cute illustration style will make the game memorable for the player.

#### **Initial ideas**

To describe what these characters were like before they became monsters and how becoming monsters has changed their way of life.



#### Characters

**Jaws** 

Origins: He was once a traveller by the name of Alexander Longard, but when on a snowy mountain expedition with a group of explorers, his life changed forever. They encountered a wolf three times the size of a regular one. It tracked his group down and killed them one by one until Alexander was the only survivor. Hopeless, afraid, and on the verge of starving to death, he lost his mind and became entirely savage – something primal awoke within him. When the huge wolf found him again, he was ready and waiting to attack. He mercilessly killed the wolf and ate it. But something in the flesh – a virus maybe, perhaps a mutated hormone – changed him, and he became... Jaws.

Life as a Werewolf: Alexander Longard was lost on that fateful day on the mountain, and now there is only the ravenous wolfman Jaws who is perpetually hungry, irrational, and savage.

Quotes: "I can't wait any longer!"

"Snack time!"

"Gimme some of that!"





#### **Grin Blood**

Origins: Before becoming a werewolf, Grin Blood was a leading member of the resistance in Brodonia, fighting against the tyrannical powers that ruled the nation. But the resistance was losing heavily and so they decided to take drastic measures. Grin Blood was given a vile of werewolf blood to drink, and from that day on had the ability to transform into a wolfman. He used his newfound strength to overpower the tyrannical leaders in his homeland, but it wasn't long before the resistance themselves turned against him for fear of his power. Now exiled and alone, he wanders the world as a werewolf mercenary.

Life as a Werewolf: Since leaving his homeland, his life is full of danger and adventure. There's no challenge too big for Grin Blood. As long as the pay is right, whatever you need, to defeat the local mafia or dethrone a monarchy, he's got you covered.

Quotes: "I don't like where this is heading."

"Stick with me, guys."

"Watch out! I've seen this kind of thing before."





#### **Moon Claw**

Origins: The origins of Moon Claw are fairly unknown. Some say that she's the reincarnation of the god Anubis. Others say that she's the manifestation of the wolf spirit that possesses all werewolf-kind. Only Max Harlow knows the truth, a young farmer who found her in his barn one morning, naked and covered in the blood of his cattle. She stayed with him a while in human form and though she didn't reveal much about herself, Max discovered that she was incredibly philosophical and wise. She always replied to him with a profound statement that would raise more questions than it answered.

**Life as a Werewolf:** She appears sporadically before the other werewolves to offer guidance and support, and then disappears into the night.

Quotes: "The moon knows our destiny."

"Cry out into the night, let your soul be heard"

"Though we move in packs, we must walk the path alone."





### Wuse Dog (not sure if I've read his name right)

Origins: A former British boxer by the name of Billy Mason who was banned from official competitions for his dirty tactics, and so began to fight underground. He became the world champion of underground fights and then got bored... he wanted a bigger challenge. One day the crooked organizers brought Jaws into the ring with him, hoping the werewolf would kill him so that they could cash in their bets. But to everyone's surprise, Billy managed to knock out Jaws and win the fight. However, Billy got bitten during the final round and so was doomed to become a werewolf too.

**Life as a Werewolf:** He had enough of the gang members trying to rule over him. So he got rid of them one by one, and now he's the kingpin of the underground boxing scene.

Quotes: "You're asking for a punch, mate!"

"Come over here and say that!"

"I'll do you in, mate!"





#### **Red Fox**

**Origins:** She comes from a long family ancestry of werewolves with the fox genetic trait. When she became 16, her parents performed a ritual that turned her into the Red Fox she is today.

Due to their religious beliefs, her family chooses not to integrate with the wider world. Instead, they live in a quiet commune far away from civilization. But a quiet life wasn't good enough for Red Fox, who had an insatiable curiosity. She fled from her hometown and now travels the world, making new friends everywhere she goes.

Life as a Werewolf: She's one of the more skilful werewolves as being one is part of her family culture. So, she helps other werewolves to develop their abilities. However since she left home, her family has been on the hunt for her, so she's always looking over her shoulder and sleeping with one eye open.

Quotes: "You've got to be true to yourself!"

"We can figure it out together!"

"Let's put our differences aside."





#### Blade

Origins: He used to hunt vampires, but then he fell in love with one. Through his lover, he learned about the fascinating and sophisticated ancient culture of vampires and then his opinion of them started to change. His lover begged him to let her turn him into a vampire so that they could live together forever, but he refused. He couldn't bear the idea of living without dying one day. However, his vampire love couldn't accept his refusal, and so she bit his neck while he slept. When he awoke, he was a vampire. Heartbroken by her betrayal, he fled from her home and has been learning to live as a vampire since then.

**Life as a Vampire:** His vampire abilities have allowed him to hunt all sorts of monsters. With his claymore (a family heirloom) in hand, he's a skilful and feared opponent to the evil of the world.

**Quotes:** "That's the last time you mess with me." "You think I'm afraid of you?"

"Let's see what my sword has to say about that."





#### **Dark Lord**

Origins: Hundreds of years ago, five masters of dark magic found the secret of eternal life. Dark Lord was one of them. After a blood ritual, the five dark magicians were able to splice their DNA with that of a vampire bat. This combination allowed them to produce an infinite amount of high-quality stem cells so that their bodies would cease ageing forever. The one caveat was that in order for this to work, they needed to consume around 10 pints of human blood a day.

Life as a Vampire: Now he spends most of his time in meditation, during which time he travels to a different dimension where he gains powerful insights about the nature of the universe. He only comes out of meditation for very special reasons, like the Monster League games.

Quotes: "You dare disrespect the Dark Lord?"
"I've seen things you could never imagine!"
"Come, children of the night. Let us feast!"





### Mariette (Blood Mama)

Origins: Originally the Dark Lord's maid, Mariette is a sweet and kind old woman who gave off the impression that she'd never hurt a fly. But one day when she discovered the Dark Lord feasting on the blood of a local peasant, she revealed her shadow to him. There was a twisted side to her that she had suppressed her whole life. She asked to taste the blood, and said she wanted to catch someone herself to drink the blood of – all while not even being a vampire! The Dark Lord knew her service to him would be eternally valuable, and so he transformed her into a vampire.

**Life as a Vampire:** Sometimes still as sweet as ever, but oftentimes in a manic bloody-hungry craze. Since turning into a vampire she's become a less compliant maid, and is more like a crazy auntie.

Quotes: "Come here, my darling. I won't bite!"

"Mmm, something smell delicious... is that blood?"

"Don't misbehave, you'll get a bite!"





#### **Wuo (Young Dracula)**

Origins: After tragically losing both of his parents in the sinking of the Titanic, Wuo became an orphan and was sent to 'Outcast Academy', a boarding school for lost, orphaned or delinquent kids. He was subjected to terrible bullying from teachers and classmates alike, however two of his classmates were far worse than the others. They were twins and entirely without a conscience. They made every day a living hell for poor Wuo, until one day they appeared to have a change of heart. They were kind to him, complimented him, and invited him to play in the forest. Little did Wuo knew, they only wanted to use him as bait to catch a werewolf. They tied him to a tree, but when they failed to catch a werewolf they decided to leave him there to die. On the verge of starving, Wuo was found my the Dark Lord who, after the encouragement of Blood Mama, saved his life by biting him, in the hopes that one day he would be the heir to the vampire throne.

Life as a Vampire: He's loved being a vampire boy for over one hundred years. He's read every kind of book and met so many interesting people, however he dreams of growing up into an adult vampire, and so is learning magic to help him achieve that.

Quotes: "Don't be deceived by my size!"

"There's always a way out, we just need to find it."

"Come on, I'd never let you down."



#### The Twins

Origins: The twins were abandoned by their parents because of how terrible they were... and they really were terrible. They thought absolutely nothing about leaving Wuo to die in the forest, but little did they know it would have been the most significant decision of their lives. Once Wuo became a vampire, the years of pent-up anger he had were ready to explode out of him, and so he was hell-bent on revenge. First he wanted to terrorize the twins and so used his vampire abilities to play all sorts of mindgames on them. Then when he was done playing with them, he took them to the Dark Lord's castle, then down to the basement, and then let the Dark Lord's pet ogre eat them alive. But whilst watching the twins in pain, Wuo suddenly felt pity for them, and knowing that it was too late to save their lives, he decided to transform them into vampires.

**Life as Vampires:** Did they have a change of behaviour since turning vampire? Not at all, in fact they became more crazy and terrible than ever before! But at least now they know to show Wuo a little respect.

Quotes: "I've got a bad idea!"

"Let's cause some mayhem."

"Get ready! We're coming for you!"





#### **Stadiums**

### **Werewolf Stadium - The Battleground of the Howling Forests**

One hundred years ago, in the Howling Forests, there was huge battle between vampires and werewolves. It was a bloody, savage, epic showdown that lasted weeks. By the time the Dark Lord had asserted dominance over the werewolves, a huge area of the forest had been ripped to shreds by the non-stop violence. The werewolf and vampire blood that covered the land there made the soil barren, and so to this day, an empty rectangular area the size of 57,000 square feet is nestled amoung the gargantuan trees of the Howling Forests.

One day, when returning to the battleground, a vampire and a werewolf crossed paths, and instead of fighting, they began to play a game. This is how the Monster League began. Today, hundreds of werewolves and vampires gather in the Howling forests to watch the Monster League games.



#### **Vampire Stadium - The Dark Lord's Grounds**

The day the Dark Lord allowed werewolves onto his grounds to play the Monster League games, every monster from around the world was totally flabbergasted. It was an entirely unprecedented display of trust between vampire and werewolf kind.

Everyone has their own theory as to why he did this - there must have been an ulterior motivation.

Some speculate that he worried about another war breaking out, and that if it happened while at the Howling Forests, the vampires could potentially be outmatched and outnumbered. The forest wasn't their natural terrain, but for the wolves, it was their home. So perhaps he thought it best to host the Monster League games on home soil.

Others thought it had something to do with the unmarked gravestones scattered around the playing field on his grounds. Perhaps he wanted the players of the Monster League games to stomp on the graves of the enemies he had buried there.

Whatever the reason was, it wasn't a pure one. That's not the Dark Lord's style. He's got something up his sleeve.