Brawn	Base	Effective	Group	Speed		Harmony	Base	Effective	Group	Speed	
Acrobatics/Climb				3/1	Speed increases by (÷2 squares)	Animals/Wilderness				0	Animal control has skill
Melee/Press				2	Attacks injure more opponents	Block/Dodge				3	Reduce ranged attacks by
Shoot/Throw				0 or 1	Point blank range is (×3 squares)	Exit/Escape				4/2	May ignore group members
Wrestle/Disarm				1	Can endure more major losses	Perception/Etiquette				1	Reduce surprise attacks by
Brains						Technology					
Bargain/Wonder				1	Wondrous feats have skill	Alchemy				0	Identifying potions has skill
Identify/Lore				0	Herbs heal times faster	Chemstry				0	Golems have possible skill
Intuition/Provoke				0	Fast talking lasts hours	Machinery				0	Spot bonus & duration multiplier
Stealth/Track				2	Shadow use increases by	Transmutery				0	Works at a distance of meters
						Other					
						Racial Ability				0	

The Effective Rating for a skill may be modified by bonuses or penalties:

- an equipment bonus is +1 for an excellent quality item or +2 for an item with a long-duration enchantment.
- a situational advantage bonus is +1 or +2 for favorable circumstances.
- a group bonus happens when multiple characters cooperatively attempt the same skill use: +1 for two characters, +2 for three or four, or +3 for five or more.
- a talent bonus is granted by certain talents. A talent rated between 1 and 4 grants +1; a talent rated between 5 and 8 grants +2.
- a special item bonus is +1 or +2 from magic items or similar ultra-special equipment.
- an equipment penalty is -1 for a broken or improvised item or -2 for a cursed item.
- a <u>situational disadvantage penalty</u> is -1 or -2 for unfavorable circumstances.

Aside from their active use, skills can also proactively protect a character as described by a situation's <u>elusion</u> requirement.

The rules about skills and talents also apply to $\underline{\text{NPCs}}.$

The GM and Player <u>take turns</u> to tell the story. The Player's turn lasts until the Player describes the PC's intention to use a skill or item; any other details <u>are</u> <u>free</u>, Player questions <u>are free</u>, and characters get an <u>extra turn</u> after defeating a foe. The GM's turn lasts until the Player (and thus the PC) learns new information. Within each turn events are resolved in <u>four stages</u>: first, observations; second, movement and communication; third, ranged effects; fourth, reach effects.

Skill use is categorized as <u>uncontested</u> or <u>contested</u> with rules for determining success. Some skill use attempts are <u>automatically successful</u>. Meaningful contested skill use is resolved by counting <u>losses</u> until <u>defeat happens</u>.

Creatures differ by more than skill and talent ratings because of their traits.

9P can use dice if the GM and Player desire.