Jon Torres

Illustrator, Concept Artist, Game Designer, Book Layout Designer

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PROFILE

Jon is a dedicated, self-driven illustrator with six years of experience spanning various genres such as science fiction, fantasy, and contemporary themes. He has contributed his artistic talent to esteemed companies including **Mongoose Publishing**, **Chaosium**, and **Green Ronin Publishing**, working on projects like **Call of Cthulhu**, **Traveller**, and **The Expanse**.

In 2020, Jon ventured into indie publishing under "The Basic Expert" moniker, releasing successful RPGs like **Cowpunchers Reloaded**, **Atomic Punk 2160**, and the successfully Kickstartered **Macuahuitl: Whitebox Roleplaying in the Aztec Empire**. Jonathan's work extends beyond illustration; he's a talented game designer, recognized for his Silver Best Sellers on DrivethruRPG in both **Atomic Punk 2160** and **Cowpunchers Reloaded**. Additionally, he excels in interior book design and layout, creating visually appealing, reader-friendly content. He has a firm grasp of not just art, but what makes a pen and paper RPG fun and engaging at the table.

EXPERIENCE

▶ **The Basic Expert**, Caldwell, Idaho, (2020-Present)

▷ Created pen and paper Roleplaying games **Atomic Punk 2160**, **Cowpunchers Reloaded**, and **Macuahuitl**.

▶ **Pulp Hummock Press**, Delaware, (2022-Present)

▷ Black and white ink illustrations for "**Gods of the Forbidden North**".

▶ **Mongoose Publishing**, Swindon, Wilts, UK (2015-2023)

▷ Interior illustrations for core rule-books and supplements for the Traveller pen and paper roleplaying game. These ranged from character illustrations and portraits to ship and weapon designs.

▶ **Green Ronin Publishing**, Seattle, Washington, (2021-2022)

▷ Illustrated ships, scenes, and characters for the "**Ships of the Expanse**" source book as well as "**Beyond the Ring**".

▶ **Chaosium Inc.**, Ann Arbor, Michigan, (2020)

▷ Created black and white illustrations for the "**Cults of Cthulhu**" source book. These ranged from character portraits to full page illustrations and scenes.

Skills and Services

▶ **Illustration -** Ships, characters, full scenes, fantasy, science fiction, almost anything for both book interiors and covers.

▶ **Clip Studio Paint**

▶ **Painter 2023**

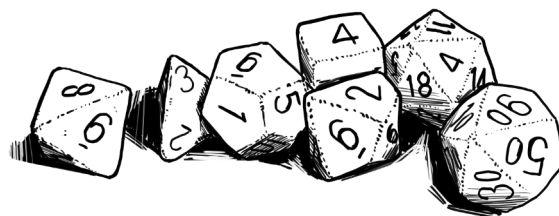▶ **Blender -** often used to incorporate and enhance 2D illustrations.

▶ **Interior book layout and design -** Jon can set up your book for print and PDF done in Affinity Publisher in a design and layout that would be pleasant for readers and gamers.

▶ **Pen and Paper RPG consultation and Design -** Jon has a firm grasp of game design. Jon's sensibilities go all the way back to older editions of D&D, Traveller, and other such games. Challenging player skill and not character skill while leaving room for referee discretion and creativity is where Jon likes to have his games be.