Addictions

When consuming drugs a character has a chance to become addicted, determined by the dependence roll. Dependence marks a drug's addiction level and is a resistance roll against E [Amount of a drug consumption during a week – (10 – Drug Strength)] (minimum 0). The roll is made each week that a character consumes a drug. If impetus is obtained there are no major problems, otherwise the character's consumed drug dependence increases by +1. Dependence's maximum value is 10.

When the character is addicted on a drug, his/her behavior will be coerced toward consumption. Meaning, he/she will try to consume, to a greater or lesser extent, according to his/her dependence level, to "solve" his/her problems or obtain internal "peace." Narratively this should modify the way the player roleplays his/her character. Mechanically half the dependence value is applied as a modifier when the character is in doubt about whether to consume or not. It is a bonus against persuasion attempts to dissuade him/her from consuming and is a penalty if the character wants to refuse consumption out of his own free will.

Sustained consumption over time damages the character. Every [12 – Addicted Drug Strength] months an addict receives some permanent damage, chosen by the master or randomly, from the following list: personality quality reversal, - [Addicted Drug Strength] permanent points to a vitality, permanent injury, - [Addicted Drug Strength] maximum age or -1 to an attribute. If several different drugs are consumed in less than ten minutes, and their combined strength is at least 8, a resistance roll must be made against E [Drugs strength added together / Amount of drugs consumed]. If successful, the cocktail works normally, otherwise the character gains the cardiac arrest injury.

When a addicted character does not consume his/her addicted drug for a week, he/she loses -1 to his/her dependence on it, -5 WP and goes into abstinence. As long as the abstinence lasts, that is until he/she consumes again, he/she has a - [Dependency] penalty on all his rolls. If the dependency drops to 0, the character will lose the addiction to that drug.

Mote: Addict

The character developed some type of resistance or adaptation to drugs.

- -environment difficulty for a drug cocktail is reduced by -2.
- -doubles the amount of time before a drug causes permanent damage to the character.
- -drug bonuses gain an extra + [Normal Bonus / 2] (50% extra).
- -three skills are chosen when learning the mote (by the player). During abstinence from a drug, rolls for the chosen skills do not receive the abstinence penalty, but instead gain a + [Dependency / 2]. Multiple instances of this benefit (e.g. abstinence from various types of drugs) are not cumulative with each other

Addicted status?

This mod can easily be used as a new status, something like an addicted status. However, it must be considered that this would be a great improvement to the magical powers that confer statuses