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Explanatory note: *The following is a transcript from part of an audio recording taken during an interview between Dr. Edmond Smythe and Anita.*

Anita: So while I graduated with my degree in Fashion Design less than a year ago, I've already had a lot of success. I'm selling out at every craft fair; I got a lot of acclaim and press at the last *Seattle Fashion Week Show* and *Ebony Week*. I was even a panelist at a "Women's Empowerment and Leadership series" a few months ago. I've been doing really well, and it keeps me really busy.

Edmond: I'm sure. I haven't seen you in a while and frankly I'm a little surprised to see you return to the *Lazlo Society*. Nerymar and Crystal had both told me they got to model some of your clothing a few months ago and they both commented on how busy you'd been. While I'm happy for your growing success, do you think you'll have the time for investigation work?

Anita: I'll make it work. If dad could find the time in between being a police officer and raising a family, I can find the time to step away from my studio on occasion. Dad would probably turn in his grave if I didn't come back to help where I can.

Edmond: I wasn't going to mention him, but now that you have, I'm glad you're following in Arthur's footsteps. He was a good man and a good paranormal investigator. We were friends for the last several years of his life. I really miss him.

Anita: I do too.

Edmond: *Clears his throat to clear the air* Well, let me see... not much has changed while you've been busy. Most of your old team mates are still involved. That said, I recall that you and Callie were friends, but I haven't seen her in ages and unfortunately, I don't know what she's been up to. There are some new faces in the Society however, including a few psychics. You'll get to meet them all soon enough.

Anita: *A notable drop in her tone* More psychics, huh?

Edmond: Three of them in fact. We've talked about this before; you don't have to feel bad about not being psychic. While we've been blessed to always have several psychics available to contact while arranging an investigation, most of my colleagues across the world are lucky to have even one psychic in a given investigation team. Ordinary people, like you and me, are just as important to a paranormal investigation as the psychics. Sometimes, even more so.

Anita: I know, but I never felt like I was contributing nearly as much as the psychics were. They all do such amazing things that I just can't do. I don't think that's going to change.

Edmond: You've been involved in several investigation teams that I've personally led, and every time you've been an asset. Your incredibly perceptive eye, your charm and your charisma, your indomitable spirit, even your knowledge of fashion and etiquette have proven invaluable at times. May I remind you that it was you who pointed out the Succubus was in disguise at that summer fashion show, simply by the way she walked, carried herself and wore her clothing all wrong. You don't give yourself nearly enough credit, Anita.

Anita: Thanks, Edmond. So... when's the next investigation?

Personal Information

Beyond the Supernatural

Age: 23 Height: 5' 3" Weight: 118 lbs. Hair: black and wavy, shiny and long

Eyes: hazel Birth Order: 2nd of two Money: \$600.00 cash on hand

General Appearance: Wears natural makeup which compliments her skin tone and her truly African-American facial features. Her clothing is always trendy and fashionable; more and more of it is of her own design and made herself. Her charisma, beauty and fashion sense always stands out, even while investigating the paranormal.

Disposition: Incredibly charismatic and likable, responsible minded and a peacemaker.

Family History: Of African-American ancestry with no known history of psychic phenomena.

Environment: From an upper-middle class family, born and raised in Seattle, Washington.

Reason for Paranormal Investigating: Raised with a sense of responsibility by her dad to help people in need, but even then she finds the subject of the paranormal to be fascinating.

Sentiment towards Psychics & Magics: Finds their abilities to be incredible and frankly she's questioning her place amongst them. *"Psychics and magics are naturally suited for investigating the paranormal, while my talents seem better suited elsewhere. But I've not given it up yet."*

Goals in Life: Has become a rising star in fashion design and wants to continue rising. She's conflicted about this however as she desires to follow her dad's footsteps with investigating the paranormal, but isn't sure if she's cut out for it. That and her fashion work is so time consuming.



Sample quotes from Anita

When someone says she has a pretty name: *"Thank you. My parents named me after their favorite singer, Anita Baker. The story goes that they met at a church dance and the first song they danced to was 'Sweet Love' by Anita. The reason I'm telling you this is because the next song they dance to was 'I wanna dance with somebody' by Whitney Houston. I was one song away from being called Whitney. That was a close one."*

"The more I think about it, the more I realize I'm a product of my parents. My dad was Military Police for years before he became a cop. My mom's owned her beauty salon for as long as I can remember, and she does tailoring and alteration work on the side. She taught me how to sew and make clothes while dad taught me how to protect myself and stand up for others. I got the best of both their traits."

"Last week's 'Seattle Fashion Show' was my biggest one yet! I was also a panelist at the 'Women's Empowerment & Leadership series', led by 'Ebony Fashion Week'. Mom is so proud of me, and I bet that dad's looking down on me and he's just as proud."

"They said my dad died of sudden heart attack. I'm no medical expert, but I'm not so sure about that. Sure, dad had a stressful job and he should have taken a desk job after turning fifty, but he'd had a checkup a month earlier and this heart and health was great for a man his age. He made a lot of supernatural enemies over the years, so I can't help but wonder..."

Contacts

Dr. Edmond Smythe Occupation: Parapsychologist Notes: Edmond is one of the lead agents of Seattle based branch of the Lazlo Society. Worked her father for years, and now with her.

Crystal Dravucz Occupation: Landscaper/Gardener Notes: Met Crystal at a fashion show, not knowing until meeting up at an investigation that she was psychic and has since become friends.

Nerymar Barrera Occupation: Entertainer Notes: Teamed up with her during a paranormal investigation and became friends. She's modeled Anita's clothing on a few occasions.

Anita's Special Equipment, Weapons and Gear

TASER PULSE stun gun Description: subcompact stun gun with built in targeting laser
Abilities: One point of S.D.C. when hit with propelled probes, no damage from a direct contact stun with E.C.D. The real damage of this weapon comes from its ability to incapacitate its targets. This model is smaller, with a redesigned handle for a better grip, and ambidextrous safety that can be engaged/disengaged from either side and a LED indicator light that shows the battery power level.

Kel-lite Flashlight Description: rust proof, sturdy aluminum alloy, heavy duty flashlight
Abilities: Designed for law enforcement and reputed to be "near indestructible". Is 10 times brighter than a normal flashlight, (uses a quartz-halogen bulb) and does 1D6 damage as a blunt weapon.

Night Vision Monocular Description: a digital image black & white nightsight viewer
Abilities: This is a mini-night sight, usually a monocular style, easily concealable and portable. It uses passive night vision that does not emit any light of its own. Range: 150ft.

Pyle Psp141 4-in-1 Meter Description: small environment meter with photo detector probe
Abilities: Capable of measuring sound levels, light, humidity, and temperature. It includes a K-type temperature probe to measure temperature, and a built in microphone to measure sound.

Sleuthgear Recorder Description: black handheld digital audio recorder
Abilities: Has 1GB of internal memory to record 65 hours of audio and a 2GB Micro SD Card used in the expansion slot for an additional 130 hours of audio for a total of 195 hours of audio recording.

pair of silver plated daggers Description: skeletonized, fixed blade daggers with sand sheaths
Abilities: Does 1D4 damage normally, but 2D4 to beings vulnerable to silver. These are from her dad's paranormal investigation days and Anita arms herself with them before every investigation.

Anita's Lucky Anklet Description: handmade jewelry with citrine gemstones
Abilities: Purchased this with the proceeds of her first sale at the same craft fair she sold her dress. Has become a lucky charm to her ever since. Can re-roll any die of her choice, once per adventure.

Miscellaneous

Leaping Distance: Up: 1 feet / 3.5 feet (power) Across: 3.5 feet / 7 feet (power)

Run: 10.2 mph (max) 13 melees 345 feet per round 86 feet per action

Swim: - mph (max) - minutes - feet per round - feet per action

Bonus to Trust/Intimidate: 75% Bonus to Charm/Impress: 60%