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**Jumpchain Compliant**

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# Introduction

*The Newsroom* is an American television political drama series created and written principally by Aaron Sorkin. It premiered on HBO on June 24, 2012, and concluded on December 14, 2014, consisting of 25 episodes over three seasons, with episodes 52 to 73 minutes in length.

The series chronicles the behind-the-scenes events at the fictional Atlantis Cable News (ACN) channel. It features an ensemble cast including Jeff Daniels as anchor Will McAvoy who, together with his staff, sets out to put on a news show "in the face of corporate and commercial obstacles and their own personal entanglements".

Well...that's the attempt. How successful they are varies depending on who you ask, and what you do.

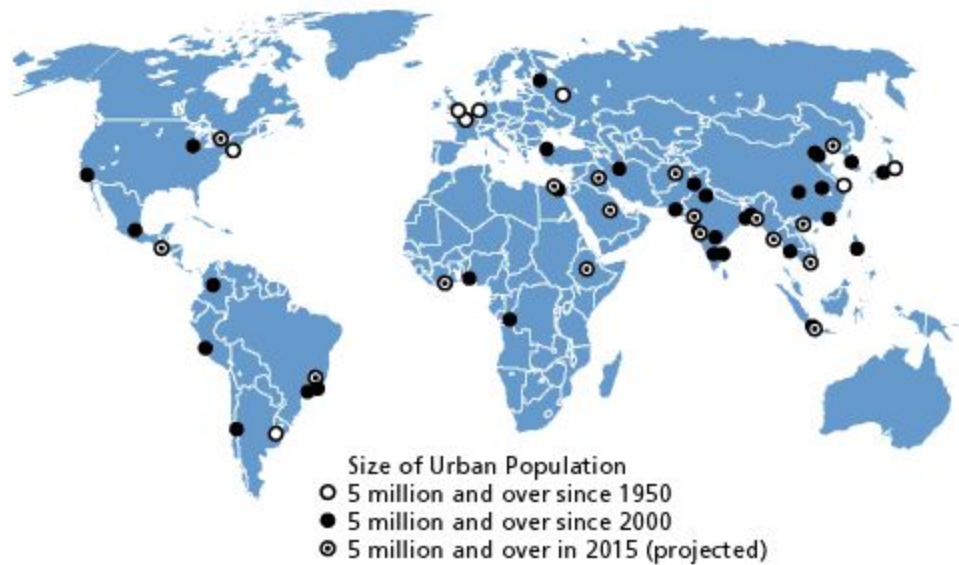
While you may do whatever you want in this world, as a default you start in the Newsroom in one capacity or another, depending on your build here.

**+1000 Nielsen Ratings**

# Location

*(Roll d8, or pay 50 NR)*

- (1) Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- (2) Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- (3) Los Angeles, California, USA
- (4) New York City, New York, USA
- (5) Seattle, Washington, USA
- (6) Washington D.C., USA
- (7) International Location
- (8) Choose Freely



# Identities

## The Intern: (*Age 17+1d4*)

You arrive out of nowhere, with no solid past in this world. Somehow you still have all the documents you need to live an undisturbed life, and all the relevant databases have you on. You have a small apartment, fully paid for for the next ten years, the clothes on your back, and a letter that confirms that you have a position as an intern on *News Night with Will McAvoy*

## The Greater Fool: (*Age 30+1d30*)

You are an accomplished anchor. Maybe at the 10 PM or the 8 PM slot, or maybe as a substitute anchor, but anyway you're an on-camera talent.

## Don Quixote: (*Age 20+1d40*)

The guys in front of the cameras are pretty cool, but they'd be a whole different story if it wasn't for you and your fellows operating behind the cameras. You're a producer, with your exact rank depending on your age.

20-25: Associate Producer

25-30: Senior Producer

30-40: Executive Producer

40+: Any position between EP and Network President.

### The Owner: (Age 30+1d35)

Ideals are nice things, but they don't pay the bills. You're the guy funding everything. You own a significant share of ACN or some other channel, and tend to be rather concerned with the ratings, viewership and ad revenue. But then, that's your job. You're putting your money on the line!

## **Perks**

Every origin gets their 100 CP perk free and the rest at a discount.

## **General**

### Photogenic: 0 NR

You look *good*. Not quite what one would say mind-bogglingly beautiful or handsome, but you're among the top 5% people in the world in terms of appearance, with a smooth, symmetrical face that's free of any blemishes, a good height, broad shoulders, and *awesome* hair.

### What I Have, Can't Be Taught: 100 NR

You're a cool guy, Jumper. You're excellent at thinking on your feet, and you always have a witty comment or a good piece of banter for everyone around you. You also have excellent timing for these pieces, so they never feel out of place.

Besides your wit, you have many hidden depths. You know how to make good gestures for people you care about, just what they would feel most impacted by and what they would be happy about. A bouquet of flowers here, a brief touch and a look there, you give hints and they blend into a beautiful story of understanding and love, You can do this in all of your relationships, personal or professional.

### That's How I Got To Memphis: 200 NR

Work is well and good, but sometimes you just want to pick up a guitar and relax with it. A good song, maybe an impromptu band, tends to be good fun, now and then. Gets people at ease. You have a great singing voice and are great at singing in general, so much so that with a bit of work you could easily go pro.

In addition, you can also play an instrument of your choice, and play it very well indeed, good enough that, again, with some work you could go pro.

### Victoria's Secret has a PhD: 300 NR

Like Sloan Sabbith, you're not just a pretty face, you're ridiculously intelligent to boot. No matter what your field may be, rest assured you're not only qualified, but have *two* PhDs to back it up, along with the assorted lower level degrees.

This may be for two separate fields instead, but you'll obviously only have one doctorate in each. Finally, in addition to gaining the knowledge and degrees mentioned above, this perk makes it so that you have proper degrees and references for *all* the knowledge you have. Put simply, you will everything you need to legally do anything and everything you're qualified to do by the standards of the world.

This will mean not just pieces of paper, but *actual* certifications in any and all subjects you've mastered (including any military service you may have had) and your history will be changed to fit them in. You can choose to selectively or completely disable this.

## **The Intern**

### I've Always Been Taking Instructions From Her: 100 NR

So sometimes you don't exactly do what your boss told you to. Maybe you swapped around his breakfast, or maybe you made a call you shouldn't have, or didn't make one he/she told you to. Normally it'd be cause to worry, but not for you! As long as you can point at someone, anyone above you in the chain of command and say they told you to do otherwise, and they don't deny it, you always get away with it scot free.

The person you pointed might get in trouble, though, although they won't get anything more than a brief rant for anything less than an outright criminal act.

### Why is America....: 200 NR

You have a gift for asking what we in the trade call 'armor-piercing questions'. You know just what questions to ask to get under the skin of even the most composed individuals, how to phrase them to make even the brashest people *wonder*...

### Incomparable Efficiency: 400 NR

No one has an easy workload in a Newsroom, let alone an intern. Good thing you have this! Simply put, you have almost unreal efficiency to do regular work. Given a thousands of pages thick book to go through in one night? Easy-peasy. Have to manage your boss's personal engagements, remember appointments for everyone above you in the office, get people's favorite coffee and manage to get them a healthy diet? Your eidetic memory should help.

### Integrity: 600 NR

A newsroom tends to be a very high-pressure environment, especially for someone at the bottom of the totem pole. You have this to help you deal with it, thankfully. Your willpower is immense, as is your general ability to deal with pressure. No matter how much your workload may be, how many things you need to do urgently, you can remain calm and sort it all out steadily, remaining completely patient all the while.

You also have remarkable ability to deal with strange and horrible things, meaning you can remain sane and reasonable in the face of things that would send lesser people gibbering.

## **The Greater Fool**

### Hello, I'm JUMPER: 100 NR

You now have the abilities required to be a professional Anchor. These abilities include near perfect speech, always able to look perfectly presentable and the kind of calm, confident demeanor that would see you quickly become a star just doing prime time news. Off the record, your skills remain perfectly sharp and ready even if you are high as a kite on drugs, alcohol, or whatever else you may feel like taking for whatever reason.

### He Was A Prosecutor: 200 NR

Before you chanced along to become an anchor, you sharpened your logic skills in a courtroom. You have a wickedly sharp tongue, a natural charisma that borders on

intimidation, and a relentless drive to push people to tell you what you want to know. You can poke on their weaknesses, press their buttons and pull their strings like a master until they blunder into saying whatever you want them to.

Other than that, you're also a dab hand with presenting things to people, be they juries or mass audiences, being capable of leading even the least informed laymen through the whole of a subject matter without boring anyone, and making it look good. Or bad, if that's what suits your purposes.

Nothing On The Prompter Is Where This Man Eats: 400 NR

You have a gift for keeping your nerve. No matter what the situation, be it being dumped into an active war zone or being put in front of a millions-strong audience with barely five minutes' prep, you have the chops to pull it off, and pull it off *flawlessly*, you simply don't get panicked or silenced.

Not the Greatest Country In The World: 600 NR

Sometimes people get stuck in their ways. They get complacent, lazy. And if someone tries to wake them up, they snap lash out, instead of understanding the best intentions of someone. This never occurs to you. You have a gift for finding any problems that others might not be able or willing to look at, and then point them out clearly and succinctly to people, in a single speech that leaves anyone hearing it spellbound, and drives your point home with 100% certainty.

More than this, you cut through their delusions and the lies they tell themselves, speaking directly to their hearts and minds. No one cares about irrelevant things about

your language or your tone, taking in your intent directly. They might not agree, but they will never take it in any way you didn't mean for them to take it.

## **Don Quixote**

### Journalism Education: 100 NR

You have a journalism degree from a world-famous institution, along with the recommendations, references, and most importantly, the knowledge and skill that go with it. You also have a good bit of experience, either in the field or in Newsrooms. You know how to cultivate sources, how to write up speeches and reports and set up a rundown, and you have a gift for getting people to talk, even go on the record for you.

In addition to all this, you know just how to blend in so you don't stand out too much, be it an OWS rally or a riot in the Middle East.

### Best in the Business: 200 NR

Running a broadcast isn't exactly easy, you know. There are a thousand and one things to take care of, APs to herd, guests to book and reports to check and vet. It takes a special kind of person, and no one finds it easy. Except for you, that is. You're a natural at everything involved in producing a TV show, be it news or otherwise.

You know just how to manage the graphics' guys and the digital guys and the website, you know how to deal with corporate's demands without giving up too much, you know which stories to pick, how to soothe ruffled egos of irascible Anchors, how to put other Anchors in place when they try to usurp your star, everything. You can run a damn tight ship.

### Marine Training: 400 NR

Maybe you were in the Army or the Marines, though exactly which doesn't matter, but you were a member the Armed Forces. This has left you with a great amount of skill in the art of Ass Kicking. It has also granted you the ability to literally force people into listening to you based purely on how capable you are of kicking their ass. You don't actually have to kick their ass, you just have to be capable of it.

Anyone you can physically beat up, or even convince that you can beat them up, will listen very closely when you say something, and your opinion will get several orders of magnitude more attention and consideration than anyone else's would.

#### But It Can Be: 600 NR

You are Don Quixote, or at least, you aspire to be. A man (or woman) who can change the world, bring great upheaval, shake things up. This is a power you have, and know how to wield perfectly. You have the unique gift of bringing out the best in people. No matter if they're just scared and refuse to admit it, or if they're hopelessly addicted to something, or just an asshole or whatever, it doesn't matter.

With one speech, you can remind them of what they were, and what they can be. You can dismiss any and all addictions and lack of hope, bring vigor back to those who've fallen to apathy, rouse idealism in the consummate cynic. This speech is up to you, but it tends to be equal parts berating and encouraging, and it almost always works. People will see the truth of your words, they realize that no, it's not too late, and yes, they *can* change their ways. Hope returns, and it does so with a vengeance. Mind you, this doesn't mean you'll be completely successful with just one talk. It's highly likely

people will backslide anyway. But keep at it, keep courage and patience, and soon enough, you will have succeeded entirely and completely.

## **The Owner**

### Witty and Snide: 100 NR

You have a tongue, Jumper. Not only are you rarely flustered or troubled, but you have a caustic tongue that you can use to berate and browbeat even the strongest people. You don't even get down to abuse or invective. Rather, your language remains perfectly clean, but you can use it as a whip, to the dismay of many around you.

### Work and Play: 200 NR

You'd be surprised how much time some of the business-owners in this world spent partying, and/or high. Well, you would have been surprised, but now you have this! Simply put, you don't need to do any kind of paperwork anymore. Any of your work that doesn't depend on interacting with other people, is now done automatically while you may be doing whatever.

And it's not done badly, either. It's done to the equivalent degree of you having worked carefully and with complete focus on the matter, with all the time and effort it would take.

### You Will Resign When I Fire You Out Of Petty Malice: 400 NR

Things happen in life and business, things that shake up people and arrangements, things that people not want to work for you anymore. Except that last one never happens to you.

Unless you deliberately fire them, no one in your employment will ever think of leaving it, no matter what other parties may offer them, or what abuses you might commit against them. In case of the latter, make no mistake. It's only their resignations you're protected against, not their angry fists.

#### If You'd Only Remembered Our Birthday: 600 NR

It can be strange, just what kind of information turns out to be crucial at the oddest times. Good thing you have a perfect memory for everything related to your work.

As long as it's important to your company or job, you have a steel trap of a mind, remembering even random factoids and seemingly unrelated details, allowing you to always maintain a finger on the pulse of your various businesses and enterprises.

## **Items**

### **Intern**

#### Press Pass:100 NR

A laminated piece of plastic that says you are a member of the press and are definitely allowed to be wherever you are. Comes with supporting background stuff...which lasts for 24 hours. The disappearance isn't noticed by anyone unless they're specifically looking for it.

#### The Job: 200 NR

A job is a precious thing, especially in this economy. You have a decently paying job, along with a low-end flat where the rent is taken care of automatically. In this world

it has to be a press job, but can be any low-level job in any office/equivalent of your choice in the future.

#### Flash Drive: 400 NR

A small, black flash drive, seemingly completely mundane. But it has its points. Firstly, the memory storage in this thing is limitless, no matter what you put in it. Secondly, it's compatible with any and all computer systems worth the name. Finally, it's encrypted to hell and back, meaning that no one can access what's saved inside without your consent, no matter how good they may normally be at cracking these codes.

### **Greater Fool**

#### Collection of Suits: 100 NR

You have a wardrobe full of the finest, swankiest suits in the world. No matter what image you want to present, from party-boy to Senior Bank Manager, you can find a suit for it in here.

#### News Desk: 200 NR

A news desk bearing the logo of your choice on the front. When seated here, you have an eminent aura of respectability and affability, lending anything you say a stamp of dignity and authenticity. People find it very difficult to doubt or make fun of anything you say from here.

#### News Night: 400 NR

Your very own TV show. This is a News Broadcast, aligned with one channel of your choice. You can use this to broadcast your news to the world, no matter what it may

be. No matter what you say or how you behave, you will never come under risk of losing your contract or any other consequences...as long as what you say is true.

## **Don Quixote**

### Communication: 100 NR

This set of headphones for you and your staff on set. They use high-tech bone-conduction technology to pick up even whispers and sub-vocalizations. They have a range measured in the thousands of miles, and an effectively infinite battery life. Though they operate on a radio frequency, it's one that's for some reason impossible to jam or intercept.

### Go-bag: 200 NR

A small bag, about the size of your average handbag. This bag is full of all the mundane necessities you may need in an emergency, such as a first aid kit, a couple changes of clothes, a toothbrush and shaving kit, etc. However, all that's secondary. This bag is also a portal to your warehouse through which you can draw out small items, anything an average man could lift with one hand.

### Terminal: 400 NR

A computer terminal with some pretty advanced functions. This has all the latest video editing software in the world already loaded in, and all of it is adapted to be incredibly intuitive and easy to use. Using this, you can splice and doctor videos so perfectly that even the best eyes couldn't catch it, complete with random details. Conversely, it has a 'checking' program, which can identify a modified video no matter how clean the job may have been.

## Owner

Liquidity :100 NR

It's already hard to run a channel, but running it without money? Oh dear. These are a hundred million dollars, renewed annually. Should help.

Congressional Connections:200 NR

Political influence is not just a luxury for someone with a business like you, it's pretty much a necessity. And now you have it. An extensive web of contacts, allies and owed favors in highest levels of the government of your country, more than enough to keep you and yours safe in even the most turbulent climates. Won't abandon you over the opinions of your Anchor, either. You get the equivalent in all future jumps.

Jumper World Media: 400 NR

A company of your very own. You are the proud owner of a vast conglomerate, which has branches and subsidiaries doing everything from making airplane engines to broadcasting the news. The net worth of this company is somewhere in the vicinity of 60 billion dollars, and you own 75% of it.

## Companions

Sorority Girl: 0 NR

A young, wet behind the years newbie, eager and willing to learn. They receive 600 CP to spend, and the **Intern** origin along with its freebies and discounts.

Research Team: 50 NR

You may import any of your existing companions, each gets 600 CP to spend on whatever they want.

# Drawbacks

You can take up to 700 CP of drawbacks.

Getting Back...: 0 NR

Continuation of other Aaron Sorkin Jumps, even if they do not traditionally share the same continuity.

Funny the kind of things people try to control: 100 NR

There's no two ways about it. You're a control freak. You get obsessed over the slightest, most irrelevant details, and devote far too much of your own and other's time fixing things like your wikipedia page, even, and *especially* when you can least afford to.

My butt looks big?: 200 NR

You're unhealthily obsessed with your appearance. Every moment you get, you can be found touching things up, or frowning while you look at your body in the mirror.

Jumper Dantana: 300 NR

You have a drive, Jumper. You want to be great. You want to win a Peabody. This far, it would be alright, except you have no such thing as ethics or morality. You will lie, cheat and steal, and generally be a complete bastard just to be on the top.

Bonnie & Clyde of Prank Callers: 400 NR

You have a couple of people who keep calling you with outrageous stories and claims, trying to embarrass you and your channel. They always manage to connect to you no matter what you do, and you somehow keep falling for them, spending valuable time and effort on their stories.

### The Leak: 500 NR

Someone keeps leaking the most embarrassing, intimate details of your life to gossip rags, who always publish them to vast audiences. It's a nightmare! It's always just one person, though, so if you can convince them, or 'convince' them to stop, no others will come up. They are very likely to relapse, though.

### It Happened: 600 NR

Okay, so you fucked up. Some time, over the course of your stay, there will be a catastrophic mess-up of things, on the same scale as accusing the US government of War Crimes on national TV with doctored evidence.

Your credibility, reputation and respect are all down the shitter right now, and there might just be serious legal consequences dawning. You need to claw back everything you lost, and do so before your jump ends. Your channel must be at a minimum #2 when the jump ends.

### Do You Want To Play Golf?: 700 NR

Or do you want to fuck around? Well...apparently, something you did has pissed off someone higher up on the food chain than you. One step out of line, and woah boy...they're going to enforce that non-compete contract you were forced to sign in a moment of weakness.

Don't think that's the only thing you're in danger of...if you manage to find a way to skirt the issue and keep on doing that thing, they (or at least someone close to them)

will start playing dirty. Hacking, Gossip Rags, Hatchet Jobs, the Works. BTW, if you get fired, that's it for your chain.

## Choices

**Stay:** Stick around, do some more news.

**Go Home:** Go back home, time resumes everywhere.

**Go On:** The next story awaits!