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# Across The Abyss

*A troubled scientist makes a breakthrough discovery.*

It is obvious. Dr. Amanda Schaub has managed to form a chemical compound that can connect her to the dead. It started as a drug experiment of a washed up chemist, but now it is almost certain she is correct. All the details she has heard on her trips have been proved valid by researching history archives of the past. Trips she induced to some of her homeless friends have proven her that she is not hallucinating or mad. She really can contact the dead when tripping with just the right amount of her new formula.

How is she going to tell this to the world? A woman with an extremely troubled past and not too much credibility. She understands that a wrong way will instantly destroy her and all that is left of her future.

She would also want to gain a control of her trip, for obvious reasons. There are lots of people in the afterlife she would like to meet.

## Grains

- Chemistry is the music of the universe
- Greatest power often comes from within
- Abyss is mysterious

## Dr. Amanda Schaub

Amanda is a brilliant chemist who had all the possibilities for future robbed from her by bizarre circumstances.

It all started by the infant death of her two year old son. An infant death, except that he was too big for such a thing. Nevertheless, a reason was never found. Her husband, a man of a troubled past spiralled out of control, back to the life of motorcycle gangs, drugs and oblivion. After few years, he committed a suicide by an overdose.

At first, Amanda just collapsed. She couldn't work in the university. Burnt some bridges in her rage and sorrow.

Amanda had acquaintances in the criminal world through her late husband. At first she started cooking meth and other drugs for them. In exchange she got her own, small laboratory. She just wanted to shut her brain, find the right compound that would calm her for the longest time possible. It was then when she started to hear voices from the past in her trips.

Two years later, she has the formula for a compound that brings a connection to a dead person with a

hundred percent probability. What can she do next?

Traits	
3	<b>Chemist</b> She is a brilliant chemist.
2	<b>Survivor</b> She is not strong, but she is tough.
2	<b>Underworld Connections</b> She is an operator in the crime scene.
1	<b>Yearning for Calm</b> Like all humans, she needs a rest.
1	<b>Versatile</b> She can do little bit of everything under pressure.
Burdens	
1	<b>Broken</b> Who wouldn't be in her circumstances.
1	<b>Regretful</b> Her conscience has started to bother her about the drug industry.

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