# Drawn to Destiny



## Introduction

- What is Drawn to Destiny?
  - $\,\circ\,$  Drawn to Destiny is a role-playing/tactical combat game.
  - $\,\circ\,$  It is a hybrid game: Board Game, Card Game, and RPG
  - $\circ\,$  Solo, Small Party, Strategic, and Large Scale Battles
  - $\circ~$  One-shot Skirmish, One-shot Adventure, Campaign
  - $\circ~$  Co-op, Head to Head
  - Game Master or Al
- What are the Goals of DTD?
  - $\circ~\mbox{Fast}$  AND Crunchy Detailed and streamlined
  - $\circ~$  Ala carte Rules Include only the features you want.
  - $\circ~$  Satisfying combat 1d20 Hit, 1d6 damage isn't enough
  - $\circ~$  Simultaneous Play I want to avoid downtime.
  - $\circ~$  Card instead of Dice Cards offer choices that dice don't.
  - $\circ~$  Based on Physics Numbers to be based on reality.
  - $\circ~$  Hit Location, Armor Location, Wounds HP isn't enough
  - $\circ~$  Skills, Magic, and Powers
  - Any Scale From the Plank Constant to the Observable Universe and Beyond
  - Any Units People, Monsters, Mounts, Vehicles, Ships, Mecha, Kaiju, Starcraft, Armies, Navies, Battlegroups
  - Any Genre Fantasy, Sci-Fi, Horror, Historical, Super-Powered, Anime, Mecha

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## Overview

- Setup
  - Scene Deck Choose a Scene to play this game.
    - Factions Units are divided into different Factions.
      - Players Divide the Players into the given Factions.
      - Non-Players Leftover Factions are assigned Decks.
      - Goals Factions have different Goals.
    - Units Assign the Units in the Factions to the Players.
    - Events Scenes may have Clock Events and Milestones
  - Tokens There is only one kind of token. Use anything.
     Decks
    - Character Decks Characters have their own decks.
    - Player Decks Colored Decks including a Fate Deck.
    - Shared Fate Deck Deck can be used instead of Fate.
    - Damage Decks Wound, Disorder, Trauma, Restraint, and Condition.
    - Clock Deck The Clock is the Turn counter.
  - Status Bar
    - Arrange all the Units as you like on the Status Bar.
      Players assign numbered cards to each Units.
  - Draw Fate Players shuffle their Fate Decks and draw 5 cards. Max Cards in Hand is 10.
- Prologue Some Scenes have backstory or exposition.
- Exploration Some Scenes cover large map areas
- Turns Turns are very fast in normal maps. Each Turn is 2 seconds and is divided into 2 Actions of 1 second each.
  - Targeting Each Unit chooses their target for this turn (if any) and places their Target card on the Unit on the Status Bar.
     Anyone can change after others reveal. High card if still in conflict.
  - Groups Units are broken into groups based on who is targeting who. Each group can resolve separately without waiting for the others.
  - Rounds Each Round every Player may have a Unit take an Action. Rounds continue until every Unit has taken 2 Actions.
     E.g. IF each Player has 1 Unit THEN there will be 2 Rounds.
    - Round Setup Place 1 Token on each Unit on the Status Bar.
    - Activate (Within Each Group) Each Player who does not Pass, chooses a Unit they control to be Active.
    - Actions Each Active Unit may take 2 Actions this Turn. These Actions are:
      - Recover Recover Minor Condition
      - Move Move up to Speed and take 2 Turns. You can Equip while moving.
      - Interact/Combat Fight or Interact with something
        - $\circ~$  Range, Line of Sight, and Cover
        - Ability/Item Choose an Ability, Item, or Weapon to use. E.g. Talking, pushing a button, or picking a lock.
        - Conflict Each player chooses a card to play and the result is the interaction between them. One or the other can succeed (or even both). You basically have a pool of pre-rolled dic, and you must choose the best course. What you play can trigger your special abilities/feats. Combat is brutal and swingy with both skill and luck counting a lot.

- Choose Fate -
- Reveal Fate -
- Successes -
- Resolution
- Mitigation -
- Effect -
- Event -
- Conclusion When the final Goal is complete
- Epilogue Characters can describe their downtime before the next adventure.
  - Advancement Skill Points (SP), or Ability Points (AP) may be spent with Training, Research, or Practice to gain or increase Skills and Abilities.
  - $\circ~$  Downtime The Epilogue is an opportunity for Downtime.
  - $\circ~$  Intentions Gather the Players intentions for the next Scene.

## Setup

### Scene

- Choose a Scene to play this game.
- Game Masters IF there are Game Masters THEN they may hide or alter the following steps.
- Introduction Read the Scene Introduction.
- Environment
  - Maps and Scale
  - Timescale -
  - Locations
  - Weather
- Factions Units in a Scene are divided into different Factions based on their Goals.
  - Players Divide the Players into the given Factions. This may include Game Masters or Non-Players.
  - Non-Players IF any Factions are not run by Players (or GMs) assign them a colored Player Deck as if they were a Player.
  - Goals Each Faction has Goals and they may be different. E.g. Rob the bank/Catch the robbers. Completing your Goals completes the Scene.
  - Incentives Some Scenes will offer incentives to pursue the Goals.
- Units Divide the Units in the Factions among the Players.
- Items Units often have items. Additionally some Scenes have Items.
- Events Scenes may have Events.
  - Clock Events IF there are Clock Events THEN they will have a Clock number. Place them in the Clock Deck on top of the card matching the number.
  - Milestones Milestones happen at different places in a Story. They can be Minor, Major, Epic, or Ultimate.

## Tokens

• Set out a pile of Tokens (anything will do).

## Decks

#### Player Decks

- Each Player gets a Colored Deck including a Fate Deck and Engage and numbered Unit and Target cards.
- Separate the Fate cards from the rest. Players may examine the cards.
- Shared Fate Deck Shuffle and set out the Shared Fate Deck. This randomized deck can be used at any time instead of using cards from your hand.
- Damage Decks Shuffle and set out the Wound, Disorder, Trauma, Restraint, and Condition decks.
- Clock Deck Set out the Clock Deck (sorted numerically). It can tick up or down.

### Status Bar

- Gather all the Units for this Scene and arrange them as you like on the Status Bar.
- Each Player assigns a numbered Unit card to each of their Units, placing the Unit number under the Unit so the color and number are clearly visible.

### Draw Fate

• Each Player shuffles their Fate Decks and draws 5 cards. Max Cards in Hand is 10.

## Prologue

Some Scenes have backstory or exposition.

- Backstory -
- Exposition -
- Meetup -

## Exploration

Some Scenes cover large areas (e.g. outdoors, towns, planets, etc.) and use a Narrative Map.

## Turns

Turns are very fast in normal maps. Each Turn is 2 seconds and is divided into 2 Actions of 1 second each.

## Targeting

Each Unit chooses their target for this turn (if any) and places their Target card on the Unit on the Status Bar. Anyone can change after others reveal. High card if still in conflict.

## Groups

Units are broken into groups based on who is targeting who. Each group can resolve separately without waiting for the others.

## Rounds

Each Round every Player may have a Unit take an Action. Rounds continue until every Unit has taken 2 Actions. E.g. IF each Player has 1 Unit THEN there will be 2 Rounds.

#### Round Setup

Place 1 Token on each Unit on the Status Bar.

#### Activate

(Within Each Group) Each Player who does not Pass, chooses a Unit they control to be Active.

- Setup Determine which Player(s) have the most Tokens on the Status Bar.
- Pass Any Unit who does not have the most Tokens may Pass and not Activate a Unit this Round.
- Active Any Unit that did not pass removes the Token from their Unit on the Status Bar.

#### Free Actions

May be done at any time without using an Action.

- Drop an item Drop an item in front of you.
- Detect
  - Sight IF a Hidden Unit in Range:Mindx2 enters your Arc:Forward Test Mind vs. Body to notice them.
  - Hearing IF a Hidden Unit enters Range:Mindx1 THEN Test Mind vs. Body to notice them.
- Push the Limit Stun:+1 to gain Initiative:+1 and +1 to all Normal Damage this Turn.
- State of Mind Swap a Fatigue, Stress, or Slow to a Stun.
- Grit Your Teeth Stress:+1 to ignore all Damage Penalties this Turn.
- Burst of Speed Slow:+1 to Move:1 OR Turn:+1

#### Actions

Each Active Unit may take 2 Actions this Turn. These Actions are:

- Recover Recover Minor Condition
- Move Move up to Speed and take 2 Turns. You can Equip while moving.
- Interact/Combat Fight or Interact with something.

#### Recover

Remove a Fatigue, Stun, Stress, or Slow from this Unit.

#### Move

(Within each Group) Players that chose to Move gains Move:Speed and Turn:2.

- Interrupt IF another Unit Interrupts you THEN stop moving and continue moving after the Interrupt is complete.
- Movement Every Unit that is moving, simultaneously moves 1 space at a time spending movement points as they go.
  - Move Penalties Some Locations are difficult to traverse and require you to spend additional Move Points for each Space you enter.
  - Equip While Moving you may spend 1 Move to do one of the following:
    - Pickup an item. Note: dropping an item can be done at any time.
    - Move an item from one hand to another.
    - Move an item from hands to storage or vice versa.
    - Reload a weapon with one shot/clip/quickloader from another hand or a bandolier/quiver.
    - Give or Take an item from a willing Unit with from one hand to another.
- Normal Moves
  - Turn (Turn:-1) Turn 45 degrees toward a compass heading (N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW).
  - $\circ\,$  Forward (Move:-1) Move directly forward 1 Space.
  - Drift (Move:-1) Move diagonally forward 1 Space.
  - $\,\circ\,$  Left or Right (Move:-2) Move directly Left or Right 1 Space.
  - $\circ~$  Backward (Move:-2) Move directly backward 1 Space.
  - $\,\circ\,$  Drift Back (Move:-2) Move diagonally backward 1 Space.
- Dispute IF 2 Units want to enter the same Space THEN use High Card to determine who enters first.
- Sharing a Space Normal Units can share a Space
   Collision Some Units will cause a collision.

#### Interact/Combat

• Interrupt - IF target was moving THEN the target stops moving until this Interact is complete.

#### Range, Line of Sight, and Cover

- Close Combat
- Range:0
- Melee
  - Range:1 or 0. IF Range:0 THEN Initiative:-1
  - Arc:Forward
- Reach
  - $\circ~$  Range:1 or 2.
  - $\circ~\text{Arc:Forward}$
- Range
  - $\circ\,$  Range:X. IF Range:1 or 0 THEN Disadvantage
  - Arc:Forward
  - Cover Use a straight-edge from Unit Space to the closest 3 Spaces surrounding the Rival Space.
    - Each obstructed Space gives Cover:+25%.
    - IF a straight line between Unit and Rival is obstructed THEN Cover:+25%.
    - IF there is any Cover THEN before Conflict, Reveal Fate. IF a Suit corresponds to a surrounding Space THEN that Space is the Target instead.

#### Ability/Item

Choose an Ability, Item, or Weapon to use. E.g. Talking, pushing a button, or picking a lock.

#### Conflict

Conflict is how all tests are resolved. It is similar to To Hit/Saving Throws/Skill Checks in other systems. You effectively have a pool of pre-rolled dice in your hand, and you must choose the best course. Combat is brutal and swingy with both skill and luck counting a lot. Each player chooses a card to play and the result is the interaction between them. One or the other can succeed (or even both sometimes). After the results of the Conflict are determined, then go to Resolution. Some cards can trigger your special abilities/feats.

- Difficulty Difficulty is a number to beat to increase Successes. Combat Difficulties are the Stat that they target (typically Body). Other Conflicts will vary.
- Setup
  - $\,\circ\,$  Test You only need a single Success to pass.
  - $\circ~\mbox{Task}$  You need multiple Successes to pass.
    - Set out a Task card and place Task Tokens on the top and Progress Tokens on the bottom each equal to the Difficulty.
    - Teamwork IF applicable THEN multiple characters may work on the same Task either separately or together.
  - $\circ~$  Combat After Conflict the Resolution determines Damage.
- Fate Deck Each player (including GMs if any) maintain a hand of cards from which to resolve Conflicts. The hand starts with 5 new cards at the beginning of a Scene. The number goes up and down during the Scene with a maximum of 10.
- Suits The 4 suits correspond to the 4 tarot and playing card suits as well as the 4 unit stats. There are also 2 Wild cards that correspond to Jokers.
  - $\circ~$  Rods/Clubs Represents Body and problem solving using force.
  - Coins/Diamonds Represents Mind and problem solving using clever ideas.
  - Cups/Hearts Represents Will and problem solving using surprising action.
  - Swords/Spades Represents Speed and problem solving using quick precision.
- Choose Fate For each Unit in the Conflict, the controlling Player does the following:
  - Choose a Fate Card from Hand and place it face down. See the Fate section for the meaning of each card.
  - Choose either the Upper OR the Lower Player card and place it face down.
- Reveal Fate
  - Reveal/Stay All Players Reveal their cards OR Stay by placing their hand over their cards. Non-Player Units don't have hands, so they always choose Stay.
    - Stay Return your Fate card to your hand and Reveal a card from Shared Fate instead.
  - Upper/Lower Each Player orients their Fate card based on their Upper or Lower card. Non-Player Units reveal a Shared Fate and Black means Upper and Red means Lower.
    - Upper Orient Fate right side up.
    - Lower Orient Fate upside down.

- Advantage IF you have Advantage THEN Reveal Shared Fate.
   Keep the best of the 2 Fate cards.
- Disadvantage IF you have Disadvantage THEN Reveal Shared Fate. Keep the worst of the 2 Fate cards.
- Compare Results
  - Initiative Compare Aspects to determine who wins. Only the Winner(s) get additional benefits.
    - Fast vs. Fast Tiebreaker. Draw:1.
    - Fast vs. Strong Fast wins. Draw:1.
    - Fast vs. Evade Fast wins. Draw:1.
    - Fast vs. Red Wild Fast wins. Draw:1.
    - Strong vs. Strong Tiebreaker
    - Strong vs. Block Focused wins.
    - Strong vs. Counter Focused wins.
    - Strong vs. Black Wild Focused wins.
    - Block vs. Fast Block wins. Draw:1. Keep. Overrun.
    - Block vs. Wild Block wins. Draw 1. Keep.
    - Evade vs. Block Evade wins. Move:1
    - Evade vs. Counter Evade wins. Move:1
    - Evade vs. Focused Evade wins. Move:1.
    - Counter vs. Fast Counter wins. Discard Counter. Play another Fate vs. No Fate.
    - Counter vs. Wild Counter wins. Discard Counter Play another Fate vs. No Fate.
    - Counter vs. Block Both lose.
    - Wild (Black) vs. Fast Wild wins. Gain any card from Discard.
    - Wild (Red) vs. Strong Wild wins. Gain any card from Discard.
  - Overrun IF Block vs. Fast
    - IF the Block is Normal THEN Block chooses Hit Location and Armor:+1. Continue with Damage.
  - Tiebreaker IF Fast vs. Fast OR Strong vs. Strong
    - A, J, Q, K IF Both Same THEN Both Win ELSE A > J > Q > K. > Normal
    - Normals -IF Both Normals
      - Initiative Initiative:Level of the current Skill.
      - Modifiers
        - Stat Penalties IF the main Stat of the Skill has penalties THEN Initiative:+penalties.
        - Cover Initiative:+1/Cover:25%
        - Flanking IF you are within Arc:Rear of your Target THEN Initiative:+1.
        - Blindspot IF you are within Arc:Back of your Target THEN Initiative:+2. (Includes Flanking).
        - Outnumbered IF you are attacking a target that is on or adjacent to an Ally THEN Initiative:+1.
        - Abilities Some Abilities alter Initiative
    - Resolve
      - Apply Initiative to Rival's Fate Rank
      - Lower is Faster The lower ranked Fate number wins. IF tied THEN Both Win.
  - Cinematic Optional. The Player may use these card features to add narrative description to their action. This has no mechanical effect on the game.
    - Rank
      - Aces and Face Cards represent spectacular feats.
      - Low numbers represent swift, weak feats.

- High numbers represent slow, powerful feats.
- Odd/Even
  - Odd Numbers represent feats from the Left, from Below, or using a Hand.
  - Even Numbers represent feats from the Right, from Above, or using a Foot.
- Flourish Optional. Use for more Roleplaying flavor.
  - Rods Dominating
  - Coins Clever
  - Cups Unexpected
  - Swords Precise
- Success
  - $\circ~$  Lose Success:0
  - $\circ~$  Win Success:1
    - Bonus
      - 10, J, Q, K, A Success:+1
      - Normal IF Rank+Skill Level > Difficulty THEN Success:+1
    - Combo IF you Win with a Normal, Q, K, or A, you may increase your Successes by doing a Combo.
      - Normal Reveal 2 Fate. IF they are the next 2 in rank sequence (e.g. 5 then 6, 7) THEN Gain: A and each may count toward the Win Bonus.
      - Q Reveal Fate. IF Q THEN Success:+1.
      - K Reveal 2 Fate. IF K THEN Success:+1 / K.
      - A Reveal 3 Fate. IF A THEN Success:+1 / A.
  - $\circ~$  Both Win Determine Success for both sides separately.
- Resolution Discard the remaining revealed Fate cards and go to Resolution.

#### Resolution

- Resolution
  - $\circ~$  Test The Conflict resolved with one side victorious. Success determines how much it passed or failed.
  - $\circ \,\, {\rm Task}$ 
    - Progress IF Win THEN move a number of Task Tokens (top) to Progress (bottom). IF no Task remains then the Task is complete.
    - Task IF Lose THEN remove a number of Progress Tokens (bottom). IF no Progress remains then the Task fails.
  - $\circ \,\, {\rm Combat}$ 
    - Damage Deck There are 4 Damage Decks. Use the deck corresponding to the Weapon used.
      - Wound Physical Damage
      - Disorder Mental Damage. Includes confusion, mental disabilities, dementia, and delusions.
      - Trauma Psychological/Emotional Damage. Includes Fear, Rage.
      - Restraint Movement Damage. Includes binding, limb locks.
    - Damage -
      - Weapon Damage Each weapon has a Damage value.
         Level IF the Damage Level > Difficulty THEN Success:+1
        - Scale IF there is a difference between Damage Scale and Difficulty Scale THEN Success:+Difference.

- Hand to Hand Damage IF no Weapon THEN use Hand to Hand which does Body as Damage.
- Damage Types Each Weapon has 1 or 2 Damage Types. Weapons with 1 type are less lethal.
- Reveal Damage Reveal Damage Cards equal to Success.
- Match Types Match the Damage Types of the Damage to those of the Weapon.
- Hits All mismatches are placed facedown.
- Crits All matches are placed faceup.
- Hit Location
  - IF a Critical THEN move the top Critical is the Hit Location.
- IF no Criticals THEN flip the top Hit to be the Hit Location.
   Damage Reduction / Mitigation Damage can be reduced before it is applied. When reducing you must reduce from Hits or Crits before Hit Location.
  - Wild Luck Discarding a Wild Card cancels ALL Damage. IF reasonable THEN an adjacent Ally may do this instead.
  - Screens Ablative, Active Armor, and Energy Shields are called Screens. A Screen reduces damage by that rating, but also reduces the Screen by the same amount. Screens are resolved before Armor.
  - Armor Armor covers different locations and resists different damage types.
    - Armor Location Match the Hit Location with any Armor on the location. IF there is any THEN reduce by the Armor value.
    - Shield IF you have a Shield and it Shield covers that location THEN reduce by the Armor value.
  - Item Damage IF you have 1 or more Items in the Hit Location THEN you may add Damaged:+1 to 1 Item to reduce by 1.
  - Luck The Unit's Player (or an adjacent Unit's Player) may spend any number of Character Points to reduce the Damage by that amount.
- Apply Damage Apply any remaining Damage.
  - Mortal Wound IF 4 or more Crits then the Unit has suffered a Mortal Wound and is Dying.
  - Crits IF 3 or less Crits THEN Rotate the Hit Location equal to the number of Crits and discard the Crits.
  - Status Bar Place the Hit Location and Hits above the Unit on the Status Bar.
  - Harm Some Abilities are triggered when actual damage is dealt.

### Events

Any triggered events happen here.

- Draw Each Player draws a card
- Recover Each Unit may remove a Fatigue, Stun, Stress, or Slow.
- Triggered Events Any events that triggered during the Turn happen here. E.g. If a door was opened, it resolves now.
- Clock Ticks Discard the top card of the Clock and resolve any Clock Events.
  - Task Clock Any Tasks gain Progress:-1.

# Conclusion

## Rewards

- After completing a Milestone, a Character typically gains some reward. These include Status, Treasure, and Advancement
  - $\circ~$  Status You can gain or lose status among different Factions
  - $\circ~\mbox{Favor}$  You can gain or lose favor among different individuals
  - $\circ~$  Treasure You can gain currency and other useful items
  - Advancement After completing a Milestone, a Character can gain Character Points (CP), Skill Points (SP), or Ability Points (AP).

# Epilogue

- Advancement
  - At different Milestones, a Character can gain Character Points (CP), Skill Points (SP), or Ability Points (AP).
  - $\circ~$  Character Points (CP)
    - Gain Between Sessions: Gain 1 CP IF significant role playing happened toward Character Conception.
    - Spend Conflict: Spend 1 CP and role play to increase or decrease a Success by 1. (e.g. increase Damage done or decrease Damage taken).
  - Skill Points (SP)
    - Gain Major Milestone: Gain 1 SP. (e.g. Chapter End).
    - Respec Downtime:Between Sessions you may reduce ONE Skill by one level and gain SP equal to the new level.
    - Spend Downtime:2 Weeks. Train or Research and spend SP equal to your current Skill Level to raise a skill by one level.
  - Ability Points (AP) -
    - Gain Minor Milestone: Gain 1 AP. (e.g. Significant Event)
    - Respec Downtime:Between Sessions you may remove ONE Ability and an AP.
    - Spend Downtime: 1 Week. Train or Research and spend 1 AP to gain an Ability or Specialty one of your Skills OR add 1 to the Intensity one of your Powers..
      - Specialty IF you gain an Ability in a Specialty that you already have THEN every third Ability costs 0 AP.
- Downtime The Epilogue is also an opportunity for Downtime.
- Intentions Gather the Players intentions for the next Scene.

Example

## Combat #1

#### Setup

- Players
  - Player1
  - Player2

- Non Player
- Scene
  - Backstory The Goblins have captured the Thief who is shackled. The Archer has tracked them down, but is closer than they would prefer.
  - Map Personal Map
  - $\circ$  Factions
    - Adventurers
      - Archer Player1
      - Thief Player2
    - Goblins
      - Goblin Scout Non-Player
      - Goblin Skirmisher Non-Player
- Status Bar Archer, Thief, Goblin Scout, and Goblin Skirmisher are laid out with their colored Unit# cards.

#### Turns

- Turn
  - $\circ\,$  Setup Place 1 Token on each Unit on the Status Bar.
  - Engage Both Goblins Engage the Archer by placing their Engage# cards on the Archer on the Status Bar. The Archer Engages the Scout and the Thief doesn't Engage.
  - $\circ$  Round1
    - Play/Pass The Goblin Non-Player has 2 Units to activate and must Play. The Players only have 1 each, so the Players could pass but do not.
    - Activate The Non-Player activates the Skirmisher, and the Players activate the Archer and Thief. They remove their Tokens from the Status Bar leaving only the Skirmisher with a Token.
    - Move1
      - Archer Chooses to Move. He Moves 1 toward the rock and puts an Arrow in his offhand.
      - Archer Attempts to Move 1 toward the rock but is interrupted. He takes Tokens to represent his remaining Move.
    - Action1
      - Skirmisher
        - Interrupt Interrupts the Archer to attack.
        - Combat
          - Weapon Javelin
          - Range
      - Thief
        - $\circ~$  Interact Attempts to escape his Shackles.
    - Move1
      - Archer Discards his Move Tokens one by one and completes his move behind the Rock.
    - Move2
      - No One chooses to Move
    - Action2
      - Archer Attacks the Scout.
- Thief Continues to work his Shackles.
- Events Any triggered events happen here.
  - $\circ~$  Draw Each Player draws a card
  - $\circ~$  Recover Each Unit removes a Fatigue, Stun, Stress, or Slow.
  - Triggered Events Any events that triggered during the Turn happen here. E.g. If a door was opened, it resolves now.

 Clock Ticks - Discard the top card of the Clock and resolve any Clock Events.

## Reference

### Fate

Fate Decks are semi-random replacements for dice rolling in most RPGs. Many dice chuckers will immediately long for their precious dice, but cards effectively allow you to save dice rolls for later and, of course, cards allow far more detail than a simple number.

- Suit
  - $\circ~$  Rods (13) Strong and Dominating OR Block
  - Coins (13) Strong and Clever OR Counter
  - Cups (13) Fast and Unexpected OR Block
  - Swords (13) Fast Precise OR Evade
  - Wild (2) Fast Black and Strong Red
- Rank
  - W Wild/Wildcard/Joker/UR
  - $\circ~$  A Super/Super Rare/SR
  - J, Q, K Special/Rare/R
  - 2-10 Normal/Common/C
- Upper/Lower
  - Upper (Upright/Dignified) -
  - Lower (Inverted/Ill-dignified) -
- Aspect
  - Fast (26) Win:40 Lose:40
  - Strong (26) Win:40 Lose:40
  - Block (26) Win:26 Lose:26 Tie:54
  - Evade (13) Win:26 Lose:26 Tie:54
  - Counter (13) Win:26 Lose:26 Tie:54
  - Wild (2) Win:52 Lose:52 Tie:2
- Flourish
  - Dominating
  - Clever
  - Unexpected
  - Precise

## Shared Fate

The Shared Fate deck is a special deck that can be used by all Players.

- Leave it to Fate Any time you play a Fate card, you may choose to use the top of Shared Fate instead of using a card from your hand.
- High Card dX. IF multiple players want to do conflicting things THEN each player plays Fate. Highest card (A-2, CDHS) may act or pass. The next highest may then act or pass. The last player may not pass. Continue in order until everyone has acted.
- Randomizing Who needs dice? Discard a Shared Fate and review the result.
  - $\circ~$  d2 Coin Toss. Black is Heads. Red is Tails.

- $\circ~$  d4 Rods, Coins, Cups, Swords
- $\circ~$  d8 Same as d4 but IF Red THEN add 4.
- $\circ~$  d10 A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 (redraw others)
- $\circ~$  d12 Same as d10 plus J, Q
- d13 Same as d10 plus J, Q, K
- $\circ~$  d16 -Same as d8 but IF Lower THEN add 8.
- d40 Same as d10 but IF Coins, Cups, Swords THEN add 10, 20, 30 respectively.
- $\circ~$  d42 Same as d40 plus W.
- d52 Same as d13 but IF Coins, Cups, Swords THEN add 13, 26, 39 respectively.
- $\circ~$  d54 Same as d52 plus W.
- $\circ~$  d80 Same as d40 but IF Lower THEN add 40.
- $\,\circ\,$  d84 Same as d42 but IF Lower THEN add 40.
- $\circ~$  d104 Same as d52 but IF Lower THEN add 40.
- $\circ~$  d108 Same as d54 but IF Lower THEN add 40.

#### Damage

### Units

A unit is any figure that can act on a game board. It can represent a person, vehicle, a group, an army, a fleet, or whatever.

- Stats Body, Mind, Will, Speed, and others
  - Rating Each stat has a rating. Each rating has 2 parts: Level and Scale.
    - Level Level is an integer from 2-10. This is the number you will use most often.
      - Partial IF there is a decimal value THEN the Level also has a fractional value. It is only used in rare circumstances.
    - Scale Scale is an integer after the 'x' that can be positive or negative. It represents the number of zeros that follow the level. E.g. 8x1=80 and 8x2=800. Each Scale represents orders of magnitude greater power.
  - Types
    - Body -
      - Mass Body is derived from mass.
      - Deadlift Can life Mass x 1.5 very briefly.
      - Carry Can carry Mass x 1 for short periods.
      - Load Can carry a balanced pack with Mass / 2 for extended periods.
    - Mind -
    - Will -
    - Speed -
- Skills
- Powers
- Abilities
- Item An item is any object that a Unit can interact with.
- Conditions -
  - $\circ~$  Minor Fatigue, Stun, Stress, Slow
  - Major Bleeding, Blood Loss, Burning, Burns, Freezing, Frostbite, Disease, Poison, Acidic, Acid Burns, Corrosion, Numbness, Confusion, Corruption
- Damage

• Double-sized Units - These take up 2 Spaces. The front Space is used for Moves.

#### Items

• Condition - Damaged, Broken

### Skills

- Perception
  - $\circ$  Alertness
    - Action: Stealth units within Spaces:2xPerception get Token:-1
- Investigation
  - $\circ\,$  Canvas the Area
  - $\circ \ {\rm Research}$
  - $\circ~\mbox{Shake}$  the Trees
- Stealth
  - Tokens The number of Tokens on Stealth represents how Hidden you are. Tokens may not be more than 2xStealth.
  - Forced: Maximum Move=Tokens. IF Tokens=0 THEN you Reveal immediately.
  - Reveal Free: You may place your unit anywhere within Move:Tokens of your Stealth unit, but it must be on or next to a space out of sight of Rivals. Remove Tokens and Stealth Units.
  - Surprise IF you reveal adjacent to a unit, you may give them Stress:+1.
  - Remain Hidden Clock: Tokens+1
  - $\circ$  Hide
    - Action: IF you are out of sight THEN replace your unit with a Stealth unit, and place Tokens:Level onto Stealth.
    - Forced: You may only move between out of sight locations.
  - $\circ$  Sneak
    - Replace the Hide Forced with the following:
    - Forced: You must end at an out of sight location. IF you only moved between out of sight locations THEN Tokens:+1

#### Powers

Some things have incredible powers, able to harness the elements, turn water to wine, crack planets, or tear apart galaxies.

- Price of Power Using any Power has a price. Normally, you must take a Minor Condition (Fatigue, Stun, Stress, Slow).
- Power Scaling Describes the energy level of the Power. This can be distributed in the Power Budget
- Standard
  - Initiative:+Level
  - Range:Stat
  - Effect:Mind (+1 at Range:0-1)
- Power Exchange You may divide Power Scaling points to gain additional bonuses.
  - Initiative:+1/point
  - Range:+0x(1/point)
  - Effect:+0x(1/point)
  - Area:+0x(1/point)

## Magic

Magic is a particular set of Powers with some strengths and weaknesses from raw Power. Use Power rules with the following change.

- Power Exchange During Power Exchange, you have the following modifiers..
  - Effect:+0x(1/point)
    - Vulgar Magic IF
  - Armor Pierce:+0x(1/point)

## Characters

- Character Creation
  - Character Conception Pride, Success, Goal, Trigger, Fear, Humiliation
    - Pride What gives your character a sense of self esteem?
    - Success What would your character consider a success in life?
    - Goal What is your personal long term goal?
    - Trigger What event would set your character off? What would happen?
    - Fear What social fear does your character have?
    - Humiliation What event would be a humiliation for your character?
    - Idealist/Concrete Are you an idealist or are you concrete.

## Map and Scale

- Spaces A space on a Map or Location marked with a Dot. When a Unit Moves 1 Space, it goes from one Dot to an adjacent Dot.
- Map Scale Map Scale is the distance between each Space.
- Time Scale Time Scale is the length of time of each Turn on the Map.
- Map Types
  - Personal Map
    - Map Scale:2 meters/Space
    - Time Scale:2 seconds/Turn
  - Narrative Map
    - Map Scale:Flexible
    - Time Scale:Flexible

## Locations

Locations are colorful cards with a name and 2 spaces. They are placed on maps to quickly create a visual scene. The Scale of the spaces matches the Map. If needed, use Tokens as doors or openings.

- Buildings Building, Corridor, Room, Stairs
- Cavern Cavern, Cave, Crevasse, Tunnel
- Dungeon Room, Corridor
- Road Bridge, Cobblestone, Dirt, Gravel, Path, Stone, Street, Highway
- Wilderness Desert, Field, Forest, Hill, Jungle, Mountain, Overgrowth, Plain, Swamp
- Water Ocean, Lake, River, Waterfall

- Hazard Acid, Cold, Gas, Electricity, Fire, Lava, Pit Trap, Rocks, Smoke, Spores
- Space Asteroid, Asteroid Belt, Black Hole, Comet, Moon, Nebula, Neutron Star, Planet, Space Station, Star

## Weather

- Wind
  - $\circ~$  Direction Reveal Fate d8 N, S, E, W, NE, NW, SE, SW
  - Wind Speed Reveal 3xFate. For each J, Q, K, or A revealed, add 10km/hr and draw again.

### Story

- Story Components
  - Setting The time and place in which the story unfolds, often providing context and atmosphere. Settings can be physical (e.g., a forest, a city) or abstract (e.g., a character's mind, a historical era).
    - Culture Advanced, Agrarian, Civilized, Nomadic, Primitive
    - Community Clubs, Cults, Guilds, Religions, Secret Societies, Tribes
    - Politics
  - Theme The underlying message, idea, or commentary that the narrative conveys. Themes can be explicit or implicit, and they often emerge from the interactions between characters, plot, and setting.
  - Tone Attitude or emotional tone, conveyed through language, imagery, and narrative perspective. Tone can be formal, informal, serious, humorous, or any combination of these.
  - Campaign One or more Stories leading to an Ultimate Milestone. The world may be changed. Characters may die or retire. E.g. The Lord of the Rings.
  - $\,\circ\,$  Story A series of Chapters leading to an Epic Milestone. E.g. The Two Towers.
  - $\circ~$  Chapter A series of Scenes leading to a Major Milestone.
  - $\circ~$  Scene An encounter leading toward a Minor Milestones.
- Story Creation
  - $\circ~$  Duel, Contest, Fist Fight, Negotiation, Debate, Investigation
  - $\circ\,$  Mystery, Horror, Suspense, Pulp, Heroic, Political
  - Dirty, Gritty, Shiny, Bright
  - $\circ~\mbox{Five Room}$  Dungeon
  - $\circ~$  Foreshadowing Chekhov's Gun
  - Payoff
  - Cost Game Balance
- Running Stories
  - $\circ\,$  TUNIC Time Before Next Impactful Choice

# Glossary

- Ability -
- Ability Points (AP) -
- Arc -

- Arc:Above The Top hemisphere above the Unit.
- Arc:Back The cone behind the Unit.
- Arc:Forward The hemisphere in front of the Unit.
- Arc:Front The cone in front of the Unit.
- Arc:FrontLeft Arc:Front and Arc:Left.
- Arc:FrontRight Arc:Front and Arc:Right.
- Arc:Left The cone to the left of the Unit.
- Arc:Rear The hemisphere behind the Unit.
- Arc:Right The cone to the right of the Unit.
- Arc:Under The hemisphere below the Unit.
- Armor -
- Armor Pierce Ignores Armor
- Armor Shred Damages Armor
- Background -
- Beast -
- Bleeding Event: Reveal Fate. IF Ace THEN Bleeding:-1. IF 2 THEN Blood Loss:+1.
- Blood Loss Body:-1. Day: Blood Loss:-1.
- Body -
- Broken Cannot use this Item or Body Part.
- Burning -
- Burns -
- Career -
- Character Points (CP) -
- Cinematic These are optional rules that might help inspire a Player to describe the action.
- Coin Toss Reveal a Shared Fate. Black means Heads. Red means Tails.
- Continuous Powers can have a lasting effect. You may maintain only 1 Continuous effect at a time.
- Corrosion -
- Corruption Shadow:+1
- Cost -
- Craft Create an item
- Damaged -
- Dead -
- Demeanor -
- Detect A Free Action to notice Hidden Units.
- Disabled -
- Disease Body:-1. Event: Reveal Fate. IF Ace THEN Disease:-1. IF 2 THEN Poison:+1.
- Disorder -
- Draw:X Draw X Fate cards.
- Drift Move 1 Space left or right diagonally from the direction the Unit is pointing.
- Dying -
- Engage -
- Equip -
- Explore -
- Family -
- Fast -
- Fate -
- Fatigue -
- Focused -
- Forward Move 1 Space in the direction the Unit is pointing.
- Freezing -
- Frenzy -

- Frostbite -
- Gain: A Choose an A from Discard or search your Deck for an A and add it to your hand.
- Healing This is done during Downtime.
- Height -
- Hidden A Unit or Item that cannot automatically be noticed.
- Immobilized -
- Impaired Arm IF Skill uses this Arm THEN Skill:-1
- Impaired Leg IF this leg is used to Move THEN Move:-1
- Initiative -
- Intensity Measure of the raw energy of a Power.
- Interrupt Pause a Unit/Item movement until your Action is complete..
- Item -
- Keep Return this card to your hand.
- Length -
- Location A Location Card or an area of the Map.
- Magic -
- Magic Armor Rated from +1 to +5. In Combat, they provide Armor:+1x1/point.
- Magic Weapon Rated from +1 to +5. Intelligent with Mind:2x1/point. In Combat, they provide Initiative:+1/point and Target Armor:-1x-1/point.
- Map -
- Mass -
- Mind -
- Minor Condition Fatigue, Stun, Stress, or Slow
- Mount -
- Move:X Move X Spaces.
- Nature -
- Non-Player -
- Overrun IF a Normal Block vs. Fast THEN
- Passive -
- Passions -
- Player -
- Power -
- Practice -
- Price Price of Power. IF a Power is used THEN take a Condition. Normally it is the user's choice, but sometimes it is specific. (e.g. Blood Magic)
- Prone -
- Radiated Body:-1. Can only be removed with Regeneration or Healing that repairs Corruption.
- Recover Draw a Fate and remove 1 Minor Condition that was not applied this turn.
- Regeneration -
- Reputation -
- Research -
- Restraint -
- Rival Your opponent during a Conflict. It could be a person, a group, an object, or even an idea.
- Round -
- Scale -
- Severed This item or body part is cut off.
- Shadow -
- Shared Fate -
- Slide Move 1 Space directly to the left or right of a Unit's facing.

- Skill -
- Skill Points (SP) -
- Slow -
- Social Class -
- Speed -
- Speed Air -
- Speed Land -
- Speed Space -
- Speed Water -
- Space A space on a Map or Location marked with a Dot.
- Stat Body, Mind, Will, and Speed
- Stress -
- Stun -
- Target -
- Trait -
- Train -
- Trauma -
- Turn -
- Uses -
- Vehicle -
- Width -
- Will -
- Wound -