

ARKHAM HORROR
NIGHT OF THE ZEALOT

CAMPAIGN GUIDE

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Friday, September 18, 1925. Arkham, Massachusetts.

"It is the end of a long and abnormally hot summer. The first hints of autumn beckon, but a heavy heat persists, relentless. A silent, unspoken anger grips the town. Tempers are short, and in the last week alone there have been numerous reports of townspeople coming to heated, violent blows with one another over simple misunderstandings.

And now, a call from James Hankerson. He claims to have found a dismembered body in his barn.

Blaming the weather would be too easy. There is something wrong with this town, and not a whole lot this old soothsayer can do to stop the slide. My auguries indicate a small group of investigators will soon take note of these strange happenings and set forth to make things right. I'll be watching their progress... but I won't be holding my breath."

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PREFACE

Night of the Zealot is a campaign for *Arkham Horror: The Card Game* for 1–4 players. It consists of the following scenarios: “The Gathering,” “The Midnight Masks,” and “The Devourer Below.” The cards for each of these scenarios can be found in the *Arkham Horror: The Card Game* core set.

While playing a campaign, the players advance from one scenario to the next in sequential order, with the results of their performance and their decisions in each scenario carrying over to influence the next. Additionally, as the players advance through the story, they earn experience, which they can use to purchase new cards or upgrade existing cards for their deck.

Core Set Icon



The cards in the *Night of the Zealot* campaign can be identified by this symbol before each card's collector number.







Campaign Setup

To set up the *Night of the Zealot* campaign, perform the following steps in order.







1. Choose investigator(s).
2. Each player assembles their investigator deck.
3. Choose difficulty level.
4. Assemble the campaign chaos bag.

Chaos Bag







» Easy (I want to experience the story):

+1, +1, 0, 0, 0, -1, -1, -1, -2, -2,      .







» Standard (I want a challenge):

+1, 0, 0, -1, -1, -1, -2, -2, -3, -4,      .

» Hard (I want a true nightmare):

0, 0, 0, -1, -1, -2, -2, -3, -3, -4, -5,      .

» Expert (I want Arkham Horror):

0, -1, -1, -2, -2, -3, -3, -4, -4, -5, -6, -8,      .



SCENARIO I

THE GATHERING

You and your partners have been investigating strange events taking place in your home city of Arkham, Massachusetts. Over the past few weeks, several townspeople have mysteriously gone missing. Recently, their corpses turned up in the woods, savaged and half-eaten. The police and newspapers have stated that wild animals are responsible, but you believe there is something else going on. You are gathered together at the lead investigator's home to discuss these bizarre events.

Setup

- » Gather all cards from the following encounter sets: *The Gathering*, *Rats*, *Ghouls*, *Striking Fear*, *Ancient Evils*, and *Chilling Cold*.

These sets are indicated by the following icons:



- » Put the Study location into play. Set each other location aside, out of play. Each investigator begins play in the Study.
- » Set the Ghoul Priest and Lita Chantler cards aside, out of play.
- » Shuffle the remainder of the encounter cards to form the encounter deck.

When the game is complete:

- » *If no resolution was reached (each investigator resigned or was defeated)*
Go to page 10.
- » *If Resolution 1 (R1) was reached*
Go to page 12.
- » *If Resolution 2 (R2) was reached*
Go to page 14.
- » *If Resolution 3 (R3) was reached*
Go to page 16.



...from page 9 (No Resolution).

You barely manage to escape your house with your lives. The woman from your parlor follows you out the front door, slamming it behind her. “You fools! See what you have done?” She pushes a chair in front of the door, lodging it beneath the door-knob. “We must get out of here. Come with me, and I will tell you what I know. We are the only ones who can stop the threat that lurks beneath from being unleashed throughout the city.” You’re in no state to argue. Nodding, you follow the woman as she runs from your front porch out into the rainy street, toward Rivertown.



- » In your Campaign Log, record that *your house is still standing*.
- » In your Campaign Log, record that *the Ghoul Priest is still alive*.
- » The lead investigator earns the Lita Chantler card and may include it in their deck. This card does not count toward that investigator's deck size.
- » Each investigator earns experience equal to the Victory X value of each card in the victory display (remember to add eligible locations to the victory display). Each investigator earns 2 bonus experience as they gain insight into the hidden world of the Mythos.

...from page 9 (Resolution 1).

You nod and allow the red-haired woman to set the walls and floor of your house ablaze. The fire spreads quickly, and you run out the front door to avoid being caught in the inferno. From the sidewalk, you watch as everything you own is consumed by the flames. “Come with me,” the woman says. “You must be told of the threat that lurks below. Alone, we are surely doomed ... but together, we can stop it.”



- » In your Campaign Log, record that *your house has burned to the ground*.
- » The lead investigator earns the Lita Chantler card and may include it in their deck. This card does not count toward that investigator's deck size.
- » The lead investigator suffers 1 mental trauma from watching their home become a smoldering ruin.
- » Each investigator earns experience equal to the Victory X value of each card in the victory display (remember to add eligible locations to the victory display). Each investigator earns 2 bonus experience as they gains insight into the hidden world of the Mythos.

...from page 9 (Resolution 2).

You refuse to follow the overzealous woman's order and kick her out of your home for fear that she will set it ablaze without your permission. "Fools! You are making a grave mistake!" she warns. "You do not understand the threat that lurks below ... the grave danger we are all in!" Still shaken by the night's events, you decide to hear the woman out. Perhaps she can shed some light on these bizarre events ... but she doesn't seem to trust you very much.



- » In your Campaign Log, record that *your house is still standing*.
- » The lead investigator earns 1 experience, as they refuse to let the night's events destroy their life.
- » Each investigator earns experience equal to the Victory X value of each card in the victory display (remember to add eligible locations to the victory display). Each investigator earns 2 bonus experience as they gain insight into the hidden world of the Mythos.

...from page 9 (Resolution 3).

You run to the hallway to try to find a way to escape the house, but the burning-hot barrier still blocks your path. Trapped, the horde of feral creatures that have invaded your home close in, and you have nowhere to run.



- » In your Campaign Log, record that *Lita was forced to find others to help her cause.*
- » In your Campaign Log, record that *your house is still standing.*
- » In your Campaign Log, record that *the Ghoul Priest is still alive.*
- » Each investigator who has not resigned is **killed**. If there are not enough investigators to continue the campaign, the campaign is over and the players lose. Otherwise, advance to the next scenario. (Each player whose investigator has been killed must choose a new investigator from the pool of available investigators.)
- » If the lead investigator was **killed**, choose an investigator to earn the Lita Chantler card. That investigator may include this card in their deck. It does not count toward that investigator's deck size.



SCENARIO II

THE MIDNIGHT MASKS

The woman came to you in a panic, raving about monsters emerging from the ground in a home near Rivertown. “I managed to trap them,” she explains, “but there are others. Other pits. Other domains.” Only last week, you would have thought she was a lunatic. Recent events, however, have challenged your preconceptions of normality. You decide to hear her out. She introduces herself as Lita Chantler and lays out a tale that strains the limits of your belief. “The creatures I speak of,” she claims, “are called ghouls—cruel beings who plague the crypts, caverns, and tunnels beneath the city of Arkham...”

“These creatures feed on the corpses of humans, and they are served by a dark cult within Arkham whose members have inexplicably come to worship the ancient master of the ghouls. This cult has been killing innocent people and feeding them to the ghouls, satiating a monstrous hunger. A dark balance was maintained. Until now. Recently,” Lita continues, “one of their lairs, where the corpses were stored, was destroyed. Since then, the ghouls have been more active than usual. I have tracked their movements and tried my best to stop them from running amok throughout the city. But I think there is something worse going on. The cult has been planning something darker, and more ominous, than anything I have yet observed. Indications are that this plan shall come to fruition tonight, shortly after midnight. Beyond that, I cannot fathom what to expect. “Many of the cultists,” Lita continues, “will seem like everyday people, despite their foul intentions. Whenever the cult meets, its members don masks shaped like the skulls of various animals to protect their identities from one another. These masks are our mark. Symbols of death and decay. We must unmask the cultists to expose and derail their plans. We have but a few hours. The more cultists we find before midnight, the better.”





SCENARIO II

THE MIDNIGHT MASKS

In the wake of the disaster at your home, Lita Chantler, the red-haired woman from your parlor, lays out a tale that—even in light of what you have just witnessed—strains the limits of your belief. “The creatures in your home,” she claims, “are called ghouls—cruel beings who plague the crypts, caverns, and tunnels beneath the city of Arkham...”

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Setup

- » Gather all cards from the following encounter sets: *The Midnight Masks*, *Chilling Cold*, *Nightgaunts*, *Dark Cult*, and *Locked Doors*.

These sets are indicated by the following icons:



- » Set the *Cult of Umôrdhoth* encounter set aside as a separate “Cultist deck,” and shuffle it. This set is indicated by the following icon:

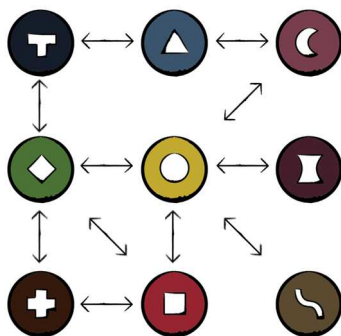


- » Choose one of the two Downtown locations and one of the two Southside locations at random and put them into play. Remove the other versions of Downtown and Southside from the game. Then, put the Northside, Easttown, Rivertown, St. Mary’s Hospital, Graveyard, Miskatonic University, and Your House locations into play.
- » Based on the number of players in the game:
- If there is exactly 1 player in the game, no changes are made.
 - If there are exactly 2 players in the game, search the gathered encounter sets for 1 copy of Acolyte and spawn it at Southside.
 - If there are exactly 3 players in the game, search the gathered encounter sets for 2 copies of Acolyte. Spawn 1 at Southside and 1 at Downtown.
 - If there are exactly 4 players in the game, search the gathered encounter sets for 3 copies of Acolyte. Spawn 1 at Southside, 1 at Downtown, and 1 at the Graveyard.

- » Check Campaign Log. *If your house has burned to the ground:* Remove Your House from the game. Each investigator begins play at Rivertown.
- » Check Campaign Log. *If your house is still standing:* Each investigator begins play at Your House.
- » Shuffle the remainder of the encounter cards to form the encounter deck.
- » Check Campaign Log. *If the Ghoul Priest is still alive:* Shuffle it into the encounter deck.

Note: Remember that doom on enemies counts toward the amount of doom that will advance the agenda.

Suggested Location Placement



When the game is complete:

- » *If no resolution was reached (each investigator resigned or was defeated)*
Go to page 24.
- » *If Resolution 1 (R1) was reached*
Go to page 24.
- » *If Resolution 2 (R2) was reached*
Go to page 26.

...from page 23 (Resolution 1 or No Resolution).

You've managed to obtain some useful information about the cult and its plans. You can only hope it's enough.



- » In your Campaign Log, under “Cultists We Interrogated,” record the names of each unique Cultist enemy in the victory display.
- » In your Campaign Log, under “Cultists Who Got Away,” record the name of each unique enemy still remaining in the Cultist deck or in play. If it is Agenda 1, record “The Masked Hunter” here as well.
- » If the Ghoul Priest is in the victory display, cross out “*the Ghoul Priest is still alive*” in your Campaign Log.
- » Each investigator earns experience equal to the Victory X value of each card in the victory display.



Proceed to Scenario III - The Devourer Below on page 28.

...from page 23 (Resolution 2).

Twelve bells ring out, signaling midnight. You're out of time; the cult's ritual will begin shortly. You've managed to obtain some useful information about the cult and its plans. You can only hope it's enough.



- » In your Campaign Log, under “Cultists We Interrogated,” record the names of each unique **Cultist** enemy in the victory display.
- » In your Campaign Log, under “Cultists Who Got Away,” record the name of each unique enemy still remaining in the Cultist deck or in play.
- » In your Campaign Log, record that *it is past midnight*.
- » If the Ghoul Priest is in the victory display, cross out “*the Ghoul Priest is still alive*” in your Campaign Log.
- » Each investigator earns experience equal to the Victory X value of each card in the victory display.



Proceed to Scenario III - The Devourer Below on page 28.



SCENARIO III

THE DEVOURER BELOW

After a frantic nighttime search throughout Arkham, you have tracked down and questioned several members of the cult. Your findings are disturbing: they claim to worship a being known as Umôrdhoth, a monstrous entity from another realm.

You are able to confirm much of Lita's story: the cult is agitated over the destruction of a ghoul lair. However, a surprising detail also turns up: the one who invaded the lair and set this night's events in motion was none other than Lita Chantler herself! You are not sure why this important detail was omitted from Lita's story—did she tell you only as much as was necessary to draw you into her conflict? But in another light, she seems to be fighting to protect the city of Arkham from a terrible menace.

The final piece of the puzzle was found written in a journal possessed by one of the cultists. It describes a dark ritual to be performed deep within the woods south of Arkham, this very night. According to the journal, the ritual's completion will open a gate and bring forth the cult's dark master into this world. "If the cult is not stopped," Lita warns, "there is a possibility that Umôrdhoth's vengeance will consume all in its path." Frightened but determined to stop the ritual, you head into the woods...



Setup

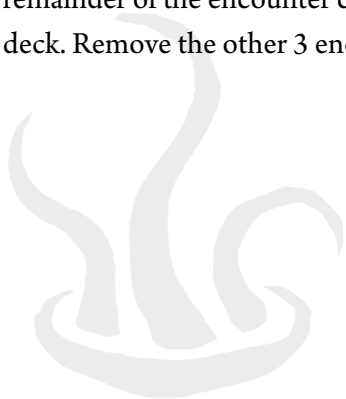
- » Gather all cards from the following encounter sets: *The Devourer Below*, *Ancient Evils*, *Striking Fear*, *Ghouls*, and *Dark Cult*. These sets are indicated by the following icons:




- » Put the Main Path location into play. Shuffle the 6 copies of Arkham Woods, choose 4 of them at random, and put them into play without looking at their revealed sides. Remove the other 2 from the game. Each investigator begins play at the Main Path.
- » Set the Ritual Site and Umôrdhoth cards aside, out of play.
- » Randomly choose one of following 4 encounter sets: *Agents of Yog-Sothoth*, *Agents of Shub-Niggurath*, *Agents of Cthulhu*, or *Agents of Hastur*. These sets are indicated by the following icons:



- » Without looking at the chosen encounter set, shuffle it and the remainder of the encounter cards together to form the encounter deck. Remove the other 3 encounter sets from the game.



- » Check the number of names recorded under “Cultists Who Got Away” in your Campaign Log.
 - If there are exactly 0 names, no changes are made.
 - If there are exactly 1 or 2 names, place 1 doom on Agenda 1a.
 - If there are exactly 3 or 4 names, place 2 doom on Agenda 1a.
 - If there are exactly 5 or 6 names, place 3 doom on Agenda 1a.
- » Add 1  chaos token to the chaos bag for the remainder of the campaign.
- » Check Campaign Log. *If it is past midnight:* Each player discards 2 random cards from their starting hand.
- » Check Campaign Log. *If the Ghoul Priest is still alive:* Shuffle it into the encounter deck.

When the game is complete:

- » *If no resolution was reached (each investigator resigned or was defeated)*
Go to page 32.
- » *If Resolution 1 (R1) was reached*
Go to page 34.
- » *If Resolution 2 (R2) was reached*
Go to page 36.
- » *If Resolution 3 (R3) was reached*
Go to page 38.

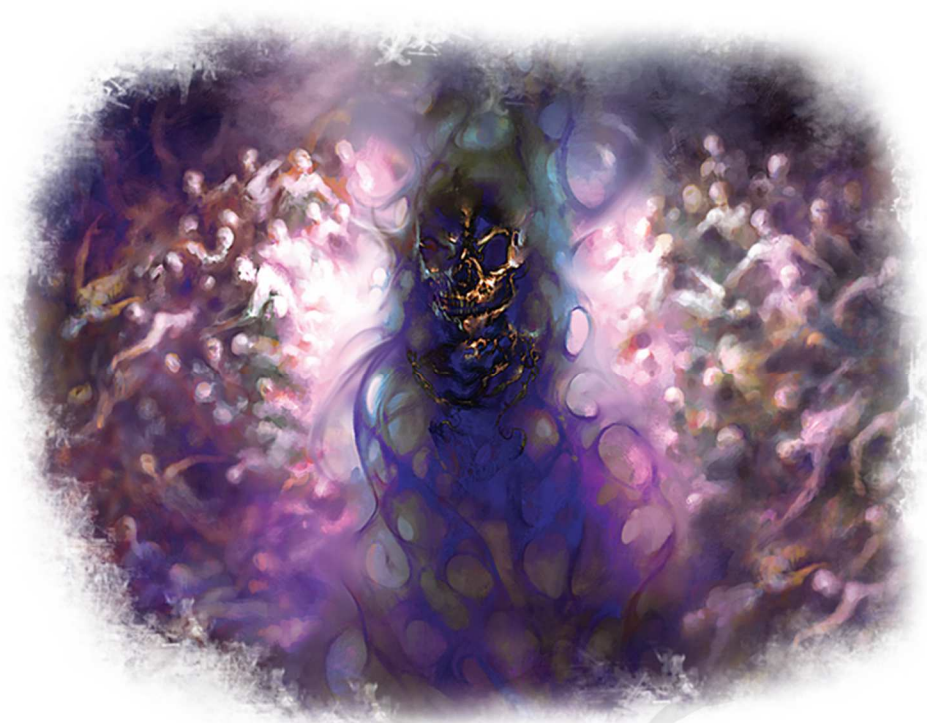


...from page 31 (No Resolution).

Too frightened to face her fate, Lita flees into the night. She realizes that she has failed and Umôrdhoth's vengeance will pursue her wherever she goes. The creature's tendrils spread throughout the city of Arkham, searching for her. It lurks in the darkness of every corner, tugging at the seams of reality. But Lita is nowhere to be found, so the creature dwells in the shadows to this day, searching... killing.



- » In your Campaign Log, record that *Arkham succumbed to Umôrdhoth's terrible vengeance.*
- » Each surviving investigator is **killed**.
- » The investigators lose.



THE END

...from page 31 (Resolution 1).

You have managed to prevent the cult from summoning its master. Although you're unsure what would have happened had the cult succeeded, you're relieved that—at least for the time being—Arkham is safe. You capture as many cultists as you can find, but very few townspeople believe your tale. Perhaps it was all in your head, after all.



- » In your Campaign Log, record that *the ritual to summon Umôrdhoth was broken*.
- » Each investigator suffers 2 mental trauma, as they never fully recovers from their ordeal.
- » Each investigator earns experience equal to the Victory X value of each card in the victory display. Each investigator earns 5 bonus experience, as they have saved Arkham from a terrible fate.
- » The investigators win!



THE END

...from page 31 (Resolution 2).

Through force of arms and strength of will, you are somehow able to harm Umôrdhoth enough to send it reeling back to the dimension from which it emerged. Warmth and light return to the woods as the void-like mass is sucked in upon itself, vanishing in an instant. You aren't sure if a being such as this can be killed, but for the time being it seems to have retreated. As their master vanishes, the ghouls nearby climb into the open pit below, fleeing with terrible cries and shrieks. You have stopped an evil plot, but the fight has taken its toll on your body and mind. Worse, you can't help but feel insignificant in the face of the world's mysteries. What other terrors exist in the deep, dark corners of reality?



- » In your Campaign Log, record that *the investigators repelled Umôrdhoth*.
- » Each investigator suffers 2 physical trauma and 2 mental trauma, as the fight against Umôrdhoth has taken its toll on their body and mind.
- » Each investigator earns experience equal to the Victory X value of each card in the victory display. Each investigator earns 10 bonus experience, as they have triumphed in battle against a truly terrible foe.
- » The investigators win!



THE END

...from page 31 (Resolution 3).

In the face of this horror, you don't believe there is anything you can do to stop it. You have but one hope if you are to survive. You turn on Lita and throw her at the terrible monstrosity, watching in dread as its swirling void-like mass consumes her. She cries out in torment as the life is sucked from her body.

"Umôrdhoth... Umôrdhoth..." the cultists chant. Lita Chantler vanishes without a trace. For a moment, you fear that the creature will now turn on you, but you hear one of the cultists say, "Umôrdhoth is a just god who claims only the guilty and the dead. Go, and you shall be spared." The swirling mass vanishes, and warmth and light return to the woods. The cultists slink away, leaving you alive. Lita's last moments are forever etched upon your memory.



- » In your Campaign Log, record that *the investigators sacrificed Lita Chantler to Umôrdhoth*.
- » Each investigator suffers 2 physical trauma and 2 mental trauma, as the mere sight of Umôrdhoth has taken its toll on their body and mind.
- » The guilt over sacrificing Lita forever haunts your memory. Each investigator must search the collection for a random **Madness** weakness and add it to their deck.
- » Each investigator earns experience equal to the Victory X value of each card in the victory display.
- » The investigators have survived, but their actions weigh heavily on their consciences.



THE END







STANDALONE MODE

If you are playing in Standalone Mode and do not wish to refer to any other setup/resolutions, you may use the information below when setting up and playing this scenario:

—Scenario I - The Gathering—

- » Set up the scenario as normal.
- » Continue to page 8.

—Scenario II - The Midnight Masks—

- » Assemble the chaos bag using the following tokens:
+1, 0, 0, -1, -1, -1, -2, -2, -3, -4, ☠, ☠, ♡, ♣, ♠, ☆.
- » *Your house is still standing.*
- » *The Ghoul Priest is still alive.*
- » Continue to page 20.

—Scenario III - The Devourer Below—

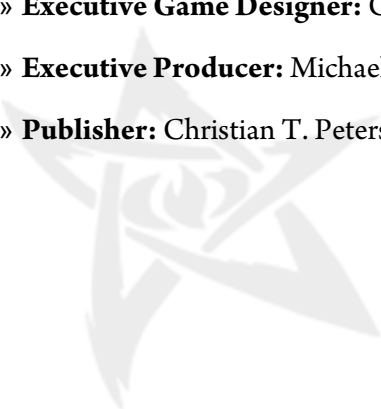
- » Assemble the chaos bag using the following tokens:
+1, 0, 0, -1, -1, -1, -2, -2, -3, -4, ☠, ☠, ♡, ♣, ♠, ☆.
- » *Three cultists got away.* Randomly select three cultists from the *Cult of Umôrdhoth* encounter set. Set them aside out of play until instructed to spawn the cultists who got away.
- » *The Ghoul Priest is still alive.*
- » *It is past midnight.*
- » Continue to page 28.







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