IndexCard RPG

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Tabletop RPG rules that fit on a single 5x3 inch index card.

5-20 minute playtime.

Materials required:

paperwriting utensilsix-sided die.

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Core Ruleset

Start with: 20 HEARTS, 1 BAM, 1 EVADE, 4 CRIT, and 6 points to distribute; point adds 4 to CRIT and 5 to HEARTS.

- 1.Player with highest EVADE rolls first
 - •Roll 6: +CRIT BAM bonus
- •Roll 1: miss, skip to step 4 2.Defender rolls for every point
 - in EVADE; if roll 6, skip step 3
- 3.Defender loses HEARTS equal to attacker's BAM plus possi-

ble bonuses

4.Start at step #1, but rotate players in order of EVADE

Creating supplemental rulesets:

- •Fits on index card (5x3 inches)
- •List required supplements on top, e.g., REQUIRED: Usable Items

Usable Items

Must announce which item used before rolling.

Players can use an item before they attack.

Characters start with one item:

- •CANDY: restore ROLL HEART, if roll 1 or 2 restore full health.
- •SODA: +ROLL BAM bonus, unevadeable

Items for co-op only:

- •TOKEN: acts as a roll of 6; can attack
- MOLOTOV: Damage is 2x roll; unevadable
- •THROWING STARS: Roll thrice, the total is unevadable damage.

Path Cards

REQUIRES: Usable Items

Path cards have a scenario and options that either trigger EVENTS or lead to another (possibly random) path card.

Options may have REQUIRE-MENTS:

- •USE: Must have item. Remove item.
- •HAS stat x: stat + roll must be at least x

Option may trigger EVENTS:

- •TALK: Talk dialog on back of path card. Each item has an associated HAS stat x dialog result comes ba
- •GET: All players get item
- •OPEN: Get item #ROLL from chest on back of path card
- •BATTLE: Battle monster on back of path card
- •NEXTCARD: select new path card

Shoutouts

If you notice any of the conditions being met, exclaim "shoutout!" and name the condition satisfied (and reap your reward!):

- •You roll two-of-a-kind when evading. Recover matched number in HEART.
- •You guessed your roll correctly before an attack. The defending player must roll their turn with one finger.

- •You guessed your roll correctly before using an item. You do not dispose the item after this use.
- •Everyone's HP is the same. Everyone else takes ROLL damage.