

## Drawn to Destiny



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## Disclaimer

### Discomfort

This game attempts to bring more reality and popular fiction into games. It includes physical, mental, and emotional trauma. I know little of the realities of these serious concepts, so I apologize in advance for any inaccuracies or clumsy representations.

### AI Art

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## Description

### Drawn to Destiny (D2D)

A free, print-and-play game for tactical mini board /war/role-playing

### Any Genre, Any Scale

System to convert real or fictional items or characters of any size

### Detailed but Easy to Learn Rules

Core mechanic can be expanded with extra detail as needed

### Game Master, Cooperative, or Solo

Reduce GM workload or play GM-less

### Batteries Included

Include reusable minis, maps, and terrain

### Inspirations

- \* Magic the Gathering and Arkham Horror TCG for cards as compact, modular rules
- \* Yomi for card-based combat
- \* Car Wars, Tales from the Red Dragon Inn, X-Wing minis for movement and powers

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## Features

### Based in Physics

Real mass and energy

### Compact and Modular

Everything is a card

### Skill-based

Classless Characters

### Simultaneously Play

Maximize player uptime

### "Rolls" are Resources

Players choose when to use good cards

### Stats are Resources

Spend your Stats for high Risk/Reward

### Hit/Armor Locations

Detailed Wounds

### Mental/Emotional Trauma

Spend your Stats for high Risk/Reward

### Detailed Combat

Martial Arts, Styles, Stances, Grappling

### Magic, Powers, and Superpowers

Wizards, Superheroes, Tanks, Starships

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## Golden Rules

### Simplify, Simplify, Simplify

Only use the rules you need

### Be Kind

Don't badger others

### Be Fair

Don't cheat or exploit the rules

### Have Fun

Don't take anything too seriously

### Speed is Key

Keep the game moving. Fast is Fun

### Keep it Real

More real means more depth

### Oops

If you forget something, ignore it. Fog of War

### New Rules

Cards can override the standard rules

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## Terms

**Scene** - An short scenario

**Skill** - A capability a Unit has learned

**Power** - A superhuman Skill

**Ability** - A specific ability / feat

**Specialty** - A style or focus area of a Skill

**Ready** - An upright card

**Cooldown** - A sideways card

**Reversed** - An upside down card

**Rank** - The number/letter on a card or Stat

**Suit** - There are 4 card/tarot Suits:

♣ Wands   ♦ Coins   ♥ Cups   ♠ Swords

**Narrator** - The host / game master(s)

**Space** - A movement dot on a Map

**Uses** - # of uses before empty

**[Key]:Value** - Key refers to another Card  
Value is the key's value

**Level Bonus** - When comparing Levels, the higher Level gains a bonus equal to their difference





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## Unit: Sample

Goblin Scout



 <b>Body</b>	<b>2x1</b>
mass:22kg/50lb height:1m/3ft	
 <b>Mind</b>	<b>6x1</b>
demeanor:Depraved nature:Cowardly/Envious	
 <b>Will</b>	<b>2x1</b>
conscience:1x1 beast:1x0	
 <b>Speed</b>	<b>5x0</b>
land:5kph/3mph	

\* [Close Combat]:1 [Knife: Dagger]


\* [Stealth]:1 [Sneak]

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### Cost

### Titles

 **Body** Strength, Toughness  
physical details

 **Mind** Reason, Intellect  
mental details

 **Will** Resolve, Courage  
psychological details

 **Speed** Quickness, Movement  
movement details

A Unit can be a person, creature, or vehicle

### Skills/Powers

**Name** - Name of the Skill or Power

**Level** - Level of the Skill or Power

**Rating** - Power Rating (if any)

**Items** - Associated Items

**Abilities** - Capabilities or Limitations

**Specialties** - Associated Groups of Abilities

Place this card beside a Unit as a guide

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Item: Sample  
Sword: Long  
Body 10x-1  
mass:1.2kg/5lb length:0.1m/4ft



\* [Weapon]: Rating:[Body]+2 [Pierce] [Slash]  
[1-Handed] [Melee Weapon]  
\* [Armor]: 2x1

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Item: Guide  
Cost  
Titles  
Body Durability, Toughness  
physical details

Items are inanimate objects.  
Only Units have Mind, Will, or Speed

Skills/Powers  
Name - Name of the Skill or Power  
Level - Level conferred (if any)  
Rating - Power Rating (if any)  
Abilities - Capabilities or Limitations

Place this card beside an Item as a guide

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Stat  
Values are shown in Stat notation (eg 8x1)  
Rank x Scale  
Rank - The main number used. Min:2 Max:10  
Scale - The number of zeroes after Rank  
Each Scale is 10x the last and affects:  
damage, movement, timescales, distance, etc.

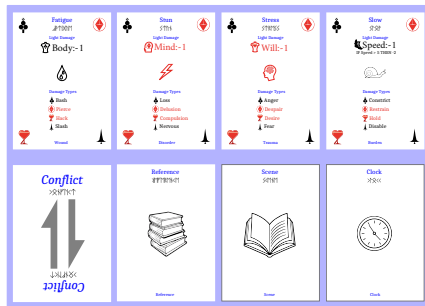
Samples  
Human Male  
Body - 8x1 = 80kg/176lb  
Speed - 5x0 = 5kph/3mph  
M1 Abrams Tank  
Body - 6x4 = 60tn/60000kg  
Speed - 4x1 = 40kph/25mph  
The Earth  
Body - 6x24 = 6x10<sup>24</sup>kg  
Speed - 10x4 = 100,000kph  
Electron Mass - 9x-31 = 9x10<sup>-31</sup>kg  
Universe Mass - 1x60 = 1x10<sup>60</sup>kg  
Speed of Light - 1x9 = 1x10<sup>9</sup>kph

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## Setup

Damage - Wound, Disorder, Trauma, Burden  
Shuffle these decks  
Fate - Shared Conflict deck. Shuffle this deck  
Reference - Shared resource deck. Alpha sorted  
Scene - Current Scene cards. Keep as is  
Clock - Round clock. Scene describes sorting  
Tokens - A pile of small Tokens



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## Setup: Players

All Players start with the following:  
Player Deck  
Colored Deck with standard Player cards  
Conflict Deck  
Deck for Skill Checks. Shuffle and draw 5



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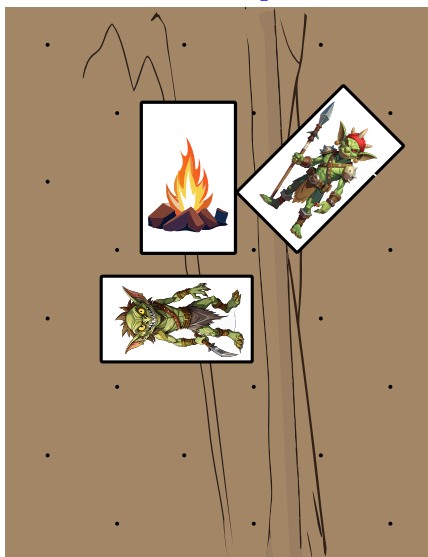
## Scene

A Scene describes a dramatic situation:  
Instructions  
How to run this Scene  
Introduction  
A description of the situation  
Scale  
The scale of distance and length of Rounds  
Map  
Layout the game boards, Places, and Units  
as described by the Scene  
Factions  
The groups and their differing goals  
Units  
The Units within each Faction  
Players choose and gather their Units  
Events  
Known things that can happen

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## Scene: Map#1



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## Scene: Map#2

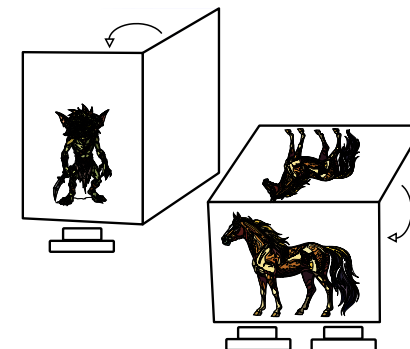


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## Scene: Minis

Included  
Included paper minis can be printed on card stock and placed on stands or laid flat  
External  
The maps are large enough to fit many miniatures and toys from other games



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## Scene: Units

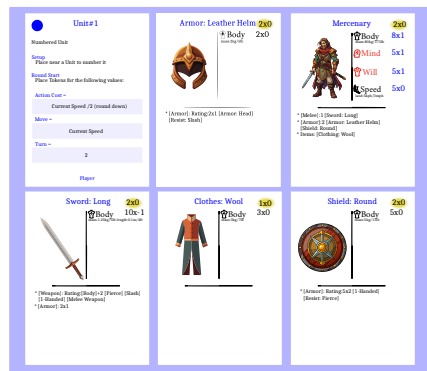
**Unit#** - Gather Units and assign Unit# to each

**Active** - Only 2 Abilities/Items per Level may be used. Specialty Ability/Items ignore this

**Equipped Items** - Arrange equipped Items like a paper doll near the Unit

### Other Cards

Stack other Items, Skills, Abilities, etc.



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## Scene: Events

A Scene has a number of possible Events:

### Random Event

At Round End, reveal a Fate card to check if the Event occurs.

### Timed Event

Placed in the Clock Deck. Revealed by a Clock card being discarded.

### Location Event

Placed under a Place on the Map. Revealed when searched or explored.

### Fog of War Event

Placed face down on the Map. Revealed when entered.

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## Round: Start

Games take place over a number of Rounds.

On normal Maps, a Round is 6 seconds

**Refresh** - Place tokens on each Unit# card:

**Action Cost** = Speed/2 (round down)

**Move** = Speed

**Turn** = 2

**Targets** - Place Target cards:

Choose a Target (if any) for each Unit

Place its Target# card on that Unit

Player may change Target after reveal

**Groups** - Split Units into Groups by Target:

Unit and its Target are in the same Group

Each group will simultaneously resolve their

Round then wait until all Groups finish

before going to Round End

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## Move

Move is a resource on the Unit# card

Move is spent for Movement or for Actions

**Facing** - N, S, E, W, NE, NW, SE, SW

Units must always face a compass heading

**Countdown** - Each Group counts down from 10

One each Count, do one of the following:

**Wait** - Do nothing

IF Move = Count THEN Move:-1

**Movement** - Move somewhere

Forward, Backward, Slide, Drift, Turn

See Movement for the options

**Action** - Perform an Action

Actions usually cost half of your Move

See Action for the options

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## Movement

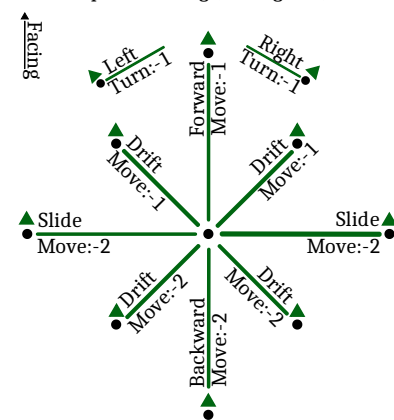
**Forward, Backward, Slide, Drift**

Spend Move points to move.

Note: this does not change facing

### Turn

Spend Turn points to change facing to the next compass heading (45 degrees)



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## Action

Most Actions cost Move:-[Action Cost]

Therefore, 2 Actions per Round are possible

**Free** - Freely done at any time

**Equip** - Move:-1

Move, pickup, exchange, or load an item

**Recover** - Move:-[Action Cost]

Discard a Fatigue, Stun, Stress, or Slow

**Ready** - Move:-[Action Cost]

Ready an Ability in Cooldown

**Hide** - Move:-[Action Cost]

IF out of sight THEN become Hidden

**Search** - Move:-[Action Cost]

Quickly search the current Place

**Interact** - Move:-[Action Cost]

Interact with something including Combat

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## Action: Free

Free Actions may be used at any time:

**Drop** - No cost

Drop a held item

**Ability** - Put the Ability in Cooldown

Activate the Ability

**Detect** - Stun:+1

IF something Hidden is in [Arc:Front]

THEN [Mind] vs [Body]-[Range] to detect

**Push the Limit** - Fatigue:+1

Skill:+1 this Round

**State of Mind** - Stun:+1

Remove a Fatigue, Stress, or Slow

**Grit your Teeth** - Stress:+1

Ignore all penalties this Round

**Burst of Speed** - Slow:+1

Move:+2 AND Turn:+1

**Heroic Feat** - Character Point:-1

Hits:+1 or -1 (e.g. Damage)

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## Action: Interact

Move:-[Action Cost]

Includes combat, talking, investigation, flipping switches, opening/closing doors, etc

**Interrupt** - Pause the Countdown

**Skill/Power/Item**

Choose a Skill, Power, or Item to use

Spend Uses if necessary

**Verify** - Verify Target is in Arc, Range,

and Line of Sight

**Target** - Target chooses Skill/Power/Item

Target may spend an Action

IF not Target gains no benefits on a Win

**Conflict** - Start a Conflict

Quickly search the current Place

**Resume** - Resume the Countdown

Interact with something including Combat

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## Arc

Interact can only target those in your Space on in a valid Arc

**Arcs** - There are 4 Arcs of Fire

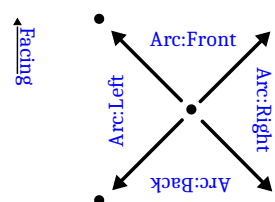
Arc:Front, Arc:Back, Arc:Left, Arc:Right

**Arc:Front** - Default Arc

Use Arc:Front if Arc not specified

**Arc:Side** - Arc:Left or Arc:Right as appropriate

Melee and Shields act on the Left OR Right



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## Range

Powers/Items have limited Range

**Range** - Count Spaces to the Target

Find the shortest path to Target

**Close Combat** - Range:0-1

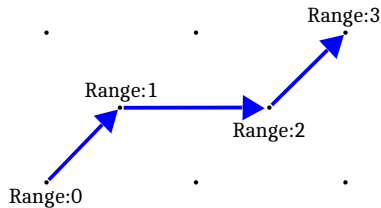
**Melee** - Range:0-1. Level:-1 at Range:0

**Reach** - Range:0-2

Disadvantage at Range:0

**Other** - Range depends on Power/Item

Disadvantage at Range:0-1



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## Line of Sight

Most effects require line of sight to the target on in a valid Arc

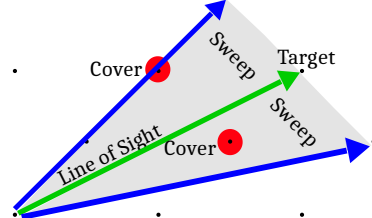
**Line of Sight** - Use a straight edge between dots  
Measure from center of your Space to Target  
IF no obstacle THEN Line of Sight

**Cover** - Cover makes it harder to hit the Target  
Rivals, Allies, and obsurment offer Cover

**Sweep** - Sweep edge across all of Target

**Cover:+25%** - for each obstacle encountered

**Effect** - Level:-1 for each 25%. Before Conflict:  
Assign Suits to major obstacles. Reveal Fate  
IF Suit match THEN Target is the obstacle



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## Conflict

Compare Conflict cards to resolve tests:

**Approach** - Play a Conflict facedown from hand

NPCs use a Fate card instead

**Fast** - Win vs Strong or Evade

Hit and Draw a card

**Strong** - Win vs Block or Counter

Hit

**Block** - Keep Block and Draw a card

Win vs Fast or Wild

**Evade** - Win vs Strong

Move:+2 (Win or Lose)

**Counter** - Win vs Fast or Wild

Counterattack with a Fast or Strong

**Wild** - Win vs Fast or Strong

Draw from Discard. Always Shuffle

**Reveal** - Both Players Reveal or Tap their card  
IF Tap THEN replace the card with a Fate

**Compare** - Compare cards to see who Wins

IF both Fast or both Strong THEN use Rank

IF 2-10 THEN subtract Level Bonus (min 2)

A > J > Q > K > 2 > 3 > ... > 10

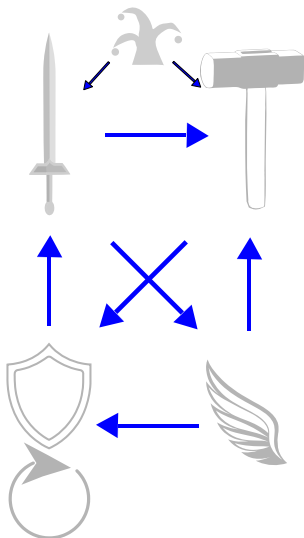
IF Tied THEN Both Win

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## Conflict: Chart

This chart summarizes the matchups.



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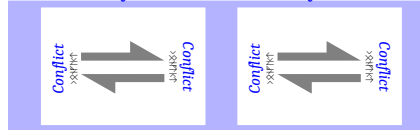
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## Conflict: Sample

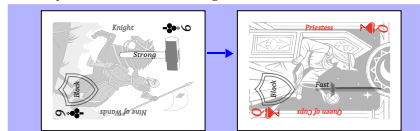
**Approach** - Play a Conflict facedown from hand with chosen Approach facing Rival

Player 1

Player 2



**Reveal** - At once, Flip OR tap your card  
IF you TAP THEN replace it with a Fate



**Compare** - Compare Approaches  
Here P1 chose Strong and P2 chose Block  
Strong beats Block, so Player 1 Wins

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## Hits

Hits measure the degree of success

Only Fast or Strong Approach score Hits

**Level** - Your Level - Rival Level (min: 0)

**Modifiers** - Elevation, Flanking, Terrain, etc.

**Difficulty** - The difficulty of the Conflict

**vs** - Found after the term vs. (eg vs Body)

Weapons default to Body

**Combo** - Play cards to make an allowed set:

**Of a Kind** - QQ, KK, AA, KKK, AAA, AAAA

**Straight** - 3+ ordered cards of any suit

For each > 2, take any card from Discard

**Rank** - Each card may increase Hits

A-J - Hits:+1

2-10 - Hits:+1 IF Rank+Level > Difficulty

**No Hits** - Glancing Blow

IF Hits=0 THEN Hits=1 and go to Resolution

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## Hits: Sample

The following is a sample of Hits:

**Units** - Goblin with Close Combat:1 attacks a Mercenary with Melee:2

**Action** - Gob and Merc each spend an Action

**Conflict** - Gob plays Fast. Merc plays Counter  
Merc wins and plays a Fast 2

**Level** - Merc is 2-1=Level:1. Gob is 1-2=Level:0

**Difficulty** - The Goblin Body is 2x1

**Combo** - Merc plays a 3 and a 4 to make 2,3,4  
The 3 Hit Combo lets the Merc take ANY card from their Discard to hand.

**Rank** - Card Rank is increased by Level

3, 4, 5 - 2+1, 3+1, 4+1

**Hits:3** - All three Ranks are above Body:2

Hits:3 is a major blow before even checking hit location, weapon or armor

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## Crits

Serious wounds use the Damage Decks

**Damage Types**

Find Damage Types from Weapon/Power:

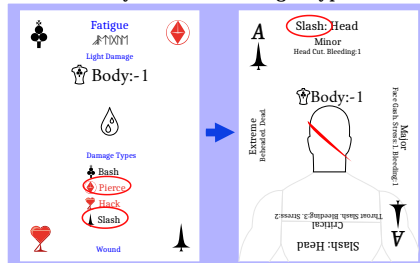
\* [Weapon]: Rating:[Body]+2 (Pierce) (Slash)

[1-Handed] [Melee Weapon]

**Crit Location**

Find Deck with matching Damage Types

Draw until you find matching a Type



**Armor Location** - Find Armor at the Location

\* [Armor]: Rating:1x1 (Armor: Head)

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## Crits: Rating

Power Rating adds Hits

Armor Rating cancels Power Rating

**Power Rating** - Find Rating of the Power

\* [Weapon]: Rating:[Body]+2 [Pierce] [Slash]

[1-Handed] [Melee Weapon]

**Stat** - Rating may include a Stat:

Body+2 with Body:4x1 = Power Rating:6x1

**Armor Rating** - Find Rating of any Armor

\* [Armor]: Rating:2x1 [Armor: Head]

**Compare Levels**

IF Power Level > Armor Level THEN

Hits:+1 (eg 7x2 > 2x1 = Hits:+1)

**Compare Scales**

IF Power Scale >= Armor Scale THEN

Hits:+Difference (eg 2x4 > 9x1 = Hits:+3)

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## Crits: Damage

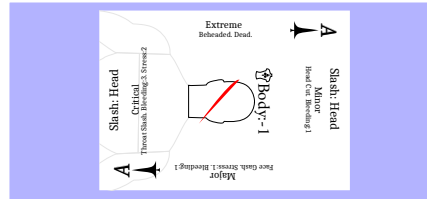
Damage cards have 4 sides on in a valid Arc

**Light Damage** - The back of a Damage card represents Light Damage (eg Fatigue)  
IF Unit has Stat=0 THEN flip to Crit

**Heavy Damage** - The face of a damage card represents Heavy Damage (eg Wounds)

**Severity** - There are 4 Severity levels on a card:  
**Minor - Major - Critical - Extreme**

**Rotate** - For each Hit > 1, rotate the card to the left to the next Severity level  
For example: Hits:4 would rotate 3 times...



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## Crits: Types

There are 4 Damage Decks, 1 for each Stat  
Use the deck that matches your Damage Types

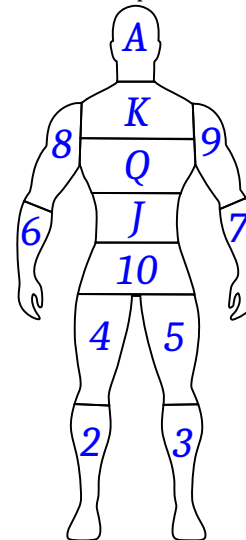


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## Crits: Person

This chart summarizes person crit locations

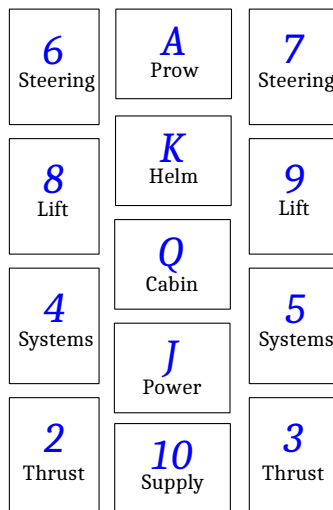


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## Crits: Vehicle

This chart summarizes vehicle crit locations



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## Resolution

Resolution occurs after a Conflict

**Test** - A quick test. Any Win passes  
Hits indicate increased success

**Combat** - Allocate Damage

**Crits** - Place any Crits on Target

**Hits** - For any remaining Hits, place facedown  
Damage cards that match Damage Types

**Task** - An extended task over multiple Rounds

**Task Start** - Place a Task card from Reference

**Progress** - Place tokens equal to Difficulty

**Challenge** - Place tokens equal to Difficulty

**Win** - Challenge:-Hits

**Lose** - Progress:-Hits

**Task End** - Check if Task is over

**Fail** - IF no Progress THEN Fail

**Complete** - IF no Challenge THEN Complete

**Evade** - IF winner played Evade THEN  
they may immediately move 2 spaces

**Discard** - Discard used Conflict cards

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## Round: End

Do after all Groups complete Rounds:

**Draw** - Each Player draws a card

**Recover** - For each Unit:

Remove a Fatigue, Stun, Stress, Slow  
OR  
Ready an Ability in Cooldown

**Task Clock** - Progress:-1 on each Task

**Events** - Triggered Events happen here

**Clock** - Discard the top card of the Clock  
Resolve any revealed Clock Events

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## Conclusion

The end of the Scene:

**Epilogue** - Read the Epilogue of the Scene

**Rewards** - Completed Milestones give rewards:

**Treasure** - Currency and other useful Items

**Status** - Gain/Lose Status among Factions

**Favor** - Gain/Lose Favor with individuals

**CP** - Gain a Character Point on significant  
character development or role play

**SP** - Gain a Skill Point on major Milestone  
eg major Scene end

**AP** - Gain an Ability Point on minor Milestone  
eg minor Scene end or significant event

**Advancement** - Gain Skills and Abilities  
Player spend Skill Points and Ability Points

**Downtime** - Players declare their activities  
between Scenes

**Intentions** - Players declare their desires for  
the next Scene

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## Advancement

Use Skill Points (SP) and Ability Points (AP)  
to increase Unit capabilities:

**Skill Points (SP)**

**Respec**

Reduce ONE Skill or Power by 1  
Gain SP equal to lost Level

**Spend**

Train/Research for 2 Weeks

Spend SP = Current Level of Skill or Power

Gain Skill:+1 or Power:+1

**Ability Points (AP)**

**Respec**

Lose ONE Ability/Item/Specialty for AP:+1  
OR

Reduce ONE Power's Rating for AP:+1

**Spend**

Train/Research for 1 Week

Spend SP:1

Gain an Ability/Item/Specialty

OR

Gain Rating:+1 on a Power

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