Effect	Effect	Effect	Saga
Card	Card	Card	Shuffle
How To	How To	How To	How To Play
Play	Play	Play	

Welcome! Here players	${f Is}$	But	And
collaborate on the setting, plot, and characters of the game using these saga cards as basic building blocks and then roleplay the tale using the regular ("poker") deck.	Lose: lose cards played Win: draw 1 card, keep Advantages	Lose: lose cards played, keep Advantages Win: draw 1 card	Lose: lose cards played + 1 card from your hand Win: draw 1 card, Advantages = 1
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How To Play	How To Play	How To Play	How To Play
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Setup +Shuffle then deal 6 poker cards to each Payer. +Separate and shuffle Character. Setting, and Plot decks. +Brainstorm each of the Scenario steps. Scenario +Each Player gets 1 of each kind of Character card. +Deal 1 of each kind of Setting card. +Deal 1 Objective +Deal 3 Complications

+Deal 2 Advantages

Advantages with poker

+Players bid for

cards (Aces low).

Character Class: your specialty

Motive: to fuel your actions

Origin: where you'

re from

from dealer

+Each Player:

playing cards.

Game Play +Order of play is clockwise

- -Introduce your
- character (or the scene)
- -Try to do an interaction +Another Player must
- oppose the interaction. +Decide general effects of winning and losing before

Interaction

Setting

Place: where your

tale takes place

Time: when your

Mood: the theme

of the place

tale takes place

+Play 1 poker card against the opposing Player. (Using an Advantage gives one more poker card

to play.) +Both Players match

cards played.? +High total wins. +Game over when

Objective achieved or no

poker cards remain.

+The next Player continues directly with these effects into their next interaction.

Plot

Objective: the goal

Complication: the

twists in your tale

Advantage: pluses

Effects

+For each Player in

-Place poker cards

from the deck on the

-The Effect with the

high card is the effect

of the interaction.

the interaction:

Effect cards.

in interaction

of the story

Character Class	Character Class	Character Class	Character Class

Character
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Warrior	Warrior	Warrior	Thief
The powerful close- combat fighters, favouring hand-to- hand, or swords.	The powerful close- combat fighters, favouring hand-to- hand, or swords.	The powerful close- combat fighters, favouring hand-to- hand, or swords.	The fast long-range fighters, more likely to use spears, bows, or sniper rifles.
Thief	Thief	Healer	Healer
The fast long- range fighters, more likely to use spears, bows, or sniper rifles.	The fast long- range fighters, more likely to use spears, bows, or sniper rifles.	The last line of defense, they wield staves, umbrellas, herbs, or med packs.	The last line of defense, they wield staves, umbrellas, herbs, or med packs.

Character	Character	Character	Character
Origin	Origin	Origin	Origin
Character	Character	Character	Character
Origin	Origin	Origin	Origin

Land	Land	Land	Sea
From the towns and cities you find inland, or maybe they're dwarves and golems.	From the towns and cities you find inland, or maybe they're dwarves and golems.	From the towns and cities you find inland, or maybe they're dwarves and golems.	From fishing towns and ships, but also could be merpeople and sea serpents.
Sea	Sea	\mathbf{Sky}	Sky
From fishing towns and ships, but also could be merpeople and sea serpents.	From fishing towns and ships, but also could be merpeople and sea serpents.	From the airships, mountains, and orbiting space colonies, or fairies and dragons.	From the airships, mountains, and orbiting space colonies, or fairies and dragons.

Character Motive	Character Motive	Character Motive	Character Motive
Character	Character	Character Motive	Character
Motive	Motive		Motive

Achievement	Achievement	Achievement	Authority
You hold an honest heart and a belief in balance and order.	You hold an honest heart and a belief in balance and order.	You hold an honest heart and a belief in balance and order.	You are a passionate soul with a drive for respect and power.
Authority	Authority	Loyalty	Loyalty
You are a passionate soul with a drive for respect and power.	You are a passionate soul with a drive for respect and power.	You have the courage to trust and commit for those you hold dear.	You have the courage to trust and commit for those you hold dear.

Plot	Plot	Plot	Plot
Advantage	Advantage	Advantage	Advantage
Plot	Plot	Plot	Plot
Advantage	Advantage	Advantage	Advantage

Item	Item	Item	Person
Ability Booster: Maybe a potion or an adrenalin shot. Very handy.	Important Documents: Either a map or a treaty, still invaluable.	Invisibility Cloak: Something to keep you out of sight and out of mind.	Guide: Could be a spirit in the after life or a local in the mountains.
Person	Person	Creature	Creature
Escort: A nice entourage of soldiers or something as useful.	Bystander: Can be turned into a hostage or victim at the drop of a hat.	Beast Of Burden: Like a horse or very large bird. A lizard can do in a pinch.	Flying Scout: Hawks are the standard, but dragons and fireflies are great.

Plot	Plot	Plot	Plot
Complication	Complication	Complication	Complication
Plot	Plot	Plot	Plot
Complication	Complication	Complication	Complication

Mental	Mental	Mental	Physical
Pacifist Run: Must succeed without harming anyone.	Pretend To Be Someone Else: Or yourself with very different values and allegiances.	Work With Someone You'd Rather Not: An old adversary or just plain rude.	Thugs: Mercenaries or the police, they don't seem happy to see you.
Physical	Physical	Emotional	Emotional
Fortifications: Defenses or difficult terrain stand in your way.	Lost Resources: You're not allowed any Advantages and lose the ones you have.	Tough Decision: You can't do everything. What will you choose?	Sacrifice One For The Many: You lose something or someone to succeed.

Plot	Plot	Plot	Plot
Objective	Objective	Objective	Objective
Plot	Plot	Plot	Plot
Objective	Objective	Objective	Objective

Epic	Epic	Epic	Dramatic
Any Old Port In A Storm: You find shelter from harm, but it's dangerous; solve this to rest.	Capture the Flag: You must secure a military target; the enemy doesn't want you to.	Clearing the Hex: You must clear a place of bad things so people can live there.	Delver's Delight: You go looking for treasure in a new ruin and must deal with its inhabitants.
Dramatic	Dramatic	Epistemic	Epistemic
Manhunt: You are called in to find and bring back a missing person.	Take Us To LA And Don't Slow Down: Your vessel is hijacked; save the ship.	Elementary, My Dear Watson: A crime has been committed and you must solve it.	I Beg Your Pardon: You are attacked for no reason; find out why and stop it.

Setting	Setting	Setting Place	Setting
Place	Place		Place
Setting Place	Setting Place	Setting Place	Setting Place

Land	Land	Land	Sea
The rural areas, cities, and towns you find inland, or an underground kingdom.	The rural areas, cities, and towns you find inland, or an underground kingdom.	The rural areas, cities, and towns you find inland, or an underground kingdom.	The fishing towns, islands, and ships, but also the bottom of the sea.
Sea	Sea	Sky	Sky
The fishing towns, islands, and ships, but also the bottom of the sea.	The fishing towns, islands, and ships, but also the bottom of the sea.	The mountains, skyscrapers, airships, and orbiting space colonies.	The mountains, skyscrapers, airships, and orbiting space colonies.

Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting
Mood	Mood	Mood	Mood
Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting
Mood	Mood	Mood	Mood

Anger	Anger	Anger	Grief
Could mean war, or on the brink thereof. A lot of aggression in the air.	Could mean war, or on the brink thereof. A lot of aggression in the air.	Could mean war, or on the brink thereof. A lot of aggression in the air.	Could be after a massacre or before the evacuation of an area due to a hurricane.
Grief	Grief	Joy	Joy
Could be after a massacre or before the evacuation of an area due to a hurricane.	Could be after a massacre or before the evacuation of an area due to a hurricane.	Can come from living and working hard on the frontier or from celebrating a victory.	Can come from living and working hard on the frontier or from celebrating a victory.

Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting
Time	Time	Time	Time
Setting	Setting	Setting	Setting
Time	Time	Time	Time

Past	Past	Past	Present
Can be anywhen, from the Middle Ages to before humans existed to the 1950s.	Can be anywhen, from the Middle Ages to before humans existed to the 1950s.	Can be anywhen, from the Middle Ages to before humans existed to the 1950s.	Could be right now, or tomorrow after the zombie apocalypse began.
Present	Present	Future	Future
Could be right now, or tomorrow after the zombie apocalypse began.	Could be right now, or tomorrow after the zombie apocalypse began.	Can be a terra- formed Mars and inter-galactic highways or ten years from now.	Can be a terra- formed Mars and inter-galactic highways or ten years from now.