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# SETUP

The hero players each choose a hero and take their miniature, character card, 8 action cards, personal mission card, initiative card, and their starting equipment cards from the equipment deck. Every hero has a natural talent that is always active. Heroes who start with a follower choose 1 follower card and place it next to the follower slot on their character card.



Each player rolls 1 black **combat die** for their personal mission. Place a **mission token** in the corresponding spot on your personal mission card. If the scenario doesn't have an investigation, simply choose the first mission.

Players choose a **scenario**. If you want to play the scenario with fewer heroes than is suggested, replace each missing one with a **follower** (however each hero may only have 1 follower).

Set up the map tiles and any mission tiles as indicated. Place your miniature in a starting space, and any follower token on an unoccupied adjacent space. Two spaces are adjacent when they are orthogonally or diagonally next to each other, even in they are in different areas, and no walls or closed doors are between them.

The oni player takes the character cards of their mortal thralls and supernatural creatures indicated by the chosen scenario, then takes the corruption track and places 4 corruption tokens in their indicated positions on the time track (the red token on round 4) and the time token on the 'round 1' space.

If the scenario has an investigation, the oni player takes the clue deck, but only includes the courtier clue cards that correspond to the courtiers in the scenario, plus 1 additional courtier clue card per hero in the game.

The oni player randomly draws 1 oni clue card, then randomly draws 1 of the available courtier clue cards. These are the oni's nature (type of demon) and identity (the courtier disguise the oni is using); keep these separate and secret from the heroes.

Shuffle the remaining clue cards (not including courtiers not being used) into a deck and place it within reach of the heroes.

Place the oni player's miniatures and the blue courtier clue tokens corresponding to the courtiers in the scenario faceup on the map as indicated. Place additional courtiers on blue (question mark) courtier positions. Randomly choose any evidence (green), parchment (yellow), or chest (red) tokens, and place them faceup on their matching coloured positions.

The oni player draws event cards equal to the number of heroes.

# ROUND SEQUENCE

# 1. STRATEGY PHASE

The heroes and the oni complet their strategies simultaneously, but if there is a dispute the oni places their corruption token first.

#### HEROES' STRATEGY

Each hero must play at least 1, and may play no more than 2, action cards to the appropriate side(s) of their character card, depending on whether they wish to use the card's special talent (ability) or secret technique (attribute modifiers).

If a hero wishes to use an equipment card in one of their hand slots, they must choose one and turn it faceup. Once revealed, action and equipment card effects last until the end of the round.

Players determine their initiative order by stacking their initiative cards facedown in the order of their choice.

#### ONI STRATEGY

The oni moves the time token to the next spot on the corruption track



If the time token is on an even numbered round, the oni takes that round's corruption token from the corruption track and places it on any tile.



Then place 1 enhancement token on the next available position on the current branch of the supernatural creature enhancement tree, immediately granting these agents the indicated benefit.



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Then place 1 enhancement token on the next available position on the current branch of the mortal thrall enhancement tree, immediately granting these agents the indicated benefit.

The oni may play a number of **event cards** equal to the number of heroes currently in play, facedown to the right of the character card of any agent they wish to improve (using the card's secret technique).

When the heroes have declared they are ready to proceed, the oni may make 1 final adjustment to the placement of the oni's cards before announcing the start of the activation phase.

# 2. ACTIVATION PHASE

#### HEROES' ACTIVATION

The heroes reveal the top card of their initiative deck: that hero is then activated. An activated hero has a maximum of **3 actions**.

These may be taken in any order, and the same action may be performed more than once unless otherwise stated.

The hero actions are: move; make an attack; perform an attribute test; use a special talent; reorganise any number of equipment cards on their equipment slots; or transfer 1 equipment card from their supplies slot to an adjacent hero, who may place the card in one of their legal equipment slots.

A hero may discard 1 equipment card for free during their activation

Any unused actions are lost at the end of a hero's activation.

A hero with a **follower** activates them at the end of their own activation.

#### ONI'S ACTIVATION



Once a hero has completed their activation, the oni activates one of their agents that does not have an activation token on its character card. An activated agent's number of actions is listed on its card.

An agent's actions are: move; or make an attack.

Then place an activation token on the agent's character card to indicate that it has been activated.

At any point during each of their activations (even if they only drew an event card), the oni may play **1** event card to trigger its special effect (this need not be related to the activated agent). Once resolved discard the card

If the oni cannot activate a character card for some reason, they use an activation token to draw an event card instead.

Once the activation is complete, play passes back to the heroes, who draw another card from their initiative deck.

Play alternates until the initiative deck is exhausted and the oni has placed as many activation tokens as there are heroes in play.

# 3. END OF THE ROUND PHASE

- Heroes may choose to make up to 1 accusation of each type to announce the nature of the oni and/or reveal its identity.

  In round 4 (when the red corruption token is placed on the board), the heroes must make an accusation.
- Each hero may reorganise equipment cards attached to their character card.
- 3. Heroes **discard action cards** they played during the strategy phase to their personal discard pile.
- 4. Characters flip any **condition tokens** on their character card, or discard any condition tokens that are already flipped.
- 5. If a hero has damage tokens on their character card equal to or greater than their stamina, they discard damage tokens equal to their stamina and draw 1 wound card. A hero cannot draw more than 1 wound card per round.
- The oni discards event cards placed as secret techniques, draws 2 event cards and resolves any mission tile effects.

When a hero has no more action cards, they retrieve any cards from their discard pile (including wound cards) to form a new hand. A wound card is not an action card.

#### MOVEMENT

Each action used to move enables a character to:

- Move through a number of adjacent areas equal to their SPEED.
- Exit an area occupied by an opponent. The character's movement ends in an adjacent area, regardless of SPEED.
- Move to any unoccupied space within an area they occupy.

You may end your movement on any unoccupied space in your destination area, regardless of where any opponents are positioned in that area.

Characters must end their movement when entering an area occupied by an opponent. You cannot end your movement in an area if all the spaces in it are occupied by allies, but you may pass through it. If even 1 of the spaces is occupied by an opponent, you cannot pass through. You cannot end your movement in a space occupied by any token.

Followers are subject to the same movement constraints as heroes

#### TILES

Tiles (rooms or corridors) are either **normal** or **mission** tiles. Mission tiles (prefixed by an M) also have a reference card, and add an additional **objective** that may be accomplished by either side. The side that successfully completes a mission tile objective adds the associated recollection (blue for heroes, red for oni) to Tikku's Memoirs.

A tile is made up of areas and spaces. When heroes move into an area, they may be placed in any unoccupied space in that area. An area is deliniated by walls, white lines, and the edges of the tile itself; it contains several spaces, categorised by a colored dot:

Blue: Normal.

**Orange:** Interaction spaces; a character must usually occupy an interaction space to use it.

Purple: Mortal thrall reinforcement spaces.

Green: Supernatural creature reinforcement spaces.

Reinforcement spaces marked with +1 are used in all games. Those marked with +3 may only be used in games with 3 or more heroes. Heroes and their allies may never occupy any reinforcement spaces. An agent on a reinforcement space blocks reinforcements from spawning on that space.

Prohibited tiles have a red triangle in the corner. When a hero ends their movement on one, they must immediately sneak by making a direct SPEED test with the difficulty indicated. If the hero makes any further moves while still on that tile, no further tests are needed.

If successful, the hero can continue their activation normally. On a fail, all mortal thralls on the tile immediately move to spaces of the oni's choice adjacent to the hero and make an immediate attack. If the tile has a red circle icon, sneak tests there immediately fail.

#### ATTACKS

Melee attacks: A character can attack a target in an adjacent space (even if they're not in the same area) and they have a clear LOS to the target (so you cannot usually attack diagonally through doorways unless you can draw this LOS).

Ranged attacks: A character can make a ranged attack if they have a clear LOS to the target and equipment or an ability that gives them the ability to perform a ranged attack.

To check line of sight (LOS), draw an imaginary straight line between the attacker's space dot and the target's space dot. LOS is clear if no walls, closed doors, or opponents obstruct this imaginary line. Other scenery elements do not block LOS.

The attacker rolls a number of black **combat dice** equal to their **MIGHT**. If your **MIGHT** is enhanced by a secret technique, also roll the indicated number of red **action dice**. If your **MIGHT** is subject to a penalty, remove the corresponding number of combat dice.

Total the number of symbols rolled. Dice showing the symbol kit are counted as and rolled again.



If the final total equals or exceeds the target's **DEFENSE**, the attack is successful and 1 damage token is placed on the target's character card.

As soon as any oni-controlled character has a number of damage tokens equal to their **STAMINA**, they are immediately eliminated.

If the attacker rolls at least 1  $\cancel{\mathcal{R}}$ , but fails to eliminate the target, they may move the target away from them to any adjacent, unoccupied space.

#### **WOUND CARDS**

A wound card may be played in the same way as an action card in the strategy phase, but since a hero must play at least 1 action card, they must also play an action card if they play a wound card.

You can retrieve all your action cards from your discard pile if you have only wound cards left in your hand.

A hero with 3 wound cards in their hand at any time is immediately eliminated from the game and any miniatures or tokens associated with them are removed from the board.

# ATTRIBUTE TESTS

Generally, a hero must occupy an interaction space to make an attribute test. The test requirements are detailed on the reference card that corresponds to the tile.

A MIGHT test may be attempted at range if the hero has LOS to the target and a talent or equipment card that allows them to make a ranged attack.

To make an attribute test, roll a number of orange test dice equal to the test's difficulty. Total the results and apply any modifers: SPEED (purple), MIGHT (red), DEFENSE (orange), or MENTAL (yellow). If the total equals or is less than the value of the tested attribute, the hero passes. If it is greater, they fail.



Every time an attribute test is failed, place a **penalty token** on the test's difficulty to reduce its value. Even if multiple penalty tokens may cause a test to be passed automatically, the hero must still use an action to do so. If a **direct** attribute test is failed, *do not* place a penalty token.

#### TOKENS

#### CONDITION TOKENS

When a character is affected by a condition, place the corresponding token on their character card with its greatest penalty faceup. The effects of condition tokens are cumulative, but a hero cannot have the same condition twice (the new condition token replaces the old token).



Bleeding: Place 1 damage token on your character card each time you make any form of attack.



Poisoned: Apply the penalty indicated to your DEFENSE.



Stunned: Apply the penalty indicated to your SPEED.



Amputee: Permanently lose 1 natural talent of your choice. This token is neither flipped or discarded in the end of round phase.

#### CHEST TOKENS

The number at the top of a chest token is the difficulty of the SPEED test that must be passed to open it. The number at the bottom is the number of equipment cards drawn if it is opened.

Once opened, flip the chest token to reveal how many of the drawn cards the hero may keep. Remaining cards are discarded, along with the opened chest token.

# CARDS

#### **ACTION CARDS**

An action card placed to the right of your hero's character card applies the card's secret technique modifiers to your attributes. The special talent is inactive.

An action card placed to the left of your hero's character card gives you the ability to use its **special talent** (the text at the bottom of the card). The secret technique modifiers are inactive.

The nature of a special talent is indicated by a symbol: SPEED, ATTACK, DEFENSE, GUILE, COORDINATION, or WEAKNESS.

If the words action or unique action are mentioned in the description, the special talent only becomes active if you use 1 action during the activation phase to use it. Unique actions may only be used once per round.

If a card only has a special talent *or* a secret technique, it can only be played to the corresponding side.

Weakness cards have a negative effect, however they also allow a hero to discard a number of damage tokens equal to their stamina.

#### EQUIPMENT CARDS

The equipment slots symbol indicates where the equipment card must be positioned to be used. Each hero has 4 equipment slots:



Right hand and left hand: One equipment card faceup in one of these slots may be used when activated. If the card has 2 hand symbols, it takes up both hand slots and is positioned between the hand slot spaces.



Clothing: Equipment cards in this slot are always faceup and grant their effect throughout the game unless otherwise specified.



Supplies: You may carry a number of equipment cards equal to the number of supplies symbols on this slot. Your class has no effect on what can be placed here.

#### **EVENT CARDS**

If the oni places an event card to the right of an agent's character card during the strategy phase, it modifies that agent's attributes. The special effect is not activated.

Alternatively, when the oni activates an agent, they may play an event card to use its special effect during the activation phase, discarding it after the effect is resolved. The effect does not have to apply to the activated agent. If the effect applies to a minion, all minions linked to that character card are affected.

If the event deck is exhausted, shuffle discards to form a new one.

# CLUES

There are 3 forms of clue token: evidence (green), courtiers (blue), and parchments (yellow). While adjacent to a clue token, a hero may use 1 action to attempt a direct GUILE investigation test, with the difficulty shown at the top of the token.

Evidence tokens: Analysis test.

Courtier tokens: Interrogation test.

Parchment tokens: Decipher test.

The number at the bottom of the token is the number of clue cards the hero draws if the test is successful

The first time information is gathered from an evidence or parchment token, flip it. After a second successful analysis or decipher test has been performed on such a token, remove it from the board. Once flipped, courtier clue tokens cannot be interrogated again.

When the heroes draw a **courtier clue card**, that courtier is *not* controlled by the oni, and can be eliminated from the investigation. The heroes keep the card, and any hero may play its effect during their activation. The effect lasts until the end of the round and the card is discarded in the end of the round phase.

Some courtiers may become **followers**. If such a card is drawn, it may be placed in the follower slot of a character card of the heroes' choice (use the courtier token as the follower). Once a courtier is a follower, they are an ally and cannot be interrogated.

When the heroes draw a **oni clue card**, it reveals that the demon is *not* the oni on the card. The heroes keep the card.

When the heroes draw a **complication clue card**, immediately resolve its effect.

#### FOLLOWERS

Each hero may only by accompanied by 1 **follower**. Followers are **allies** (not heroes). If a scenario calls for a follower, randomly select 1 follower token and place it facedown in the indicated position.

If the follower is later revealed to be that of a hero already in play, the oni draws 1 event card.

While adjacent to a facedown follower token, a hero may spend 1 action to reveal it. If the hero does not already have a follower, they may immediately attach the corresponding follower card to their character card.

You may spend 1 action to transfer a follower card to the character card of a hero adjacent to the follower. If a follower is eliminated, discard their follower card. If a follower's hero is eliminated, the follower stays where it is until another hero on an adjacent space spends 1 action to get the follower's card.

Kami are special followers that can only be brought into play when summoned with an action card, special talent or scenario rule. Place the corresponding kami token faceup on the board. At the end of its activation, flip the token facedown; if the token is already facedown, remove it from the board (kami can never be in play for more than 2 rounds). A kami card may never be transferred between heroes.

#### ONI AGENTS

When a minion of either type is activated, all minions sharing that character card are activated and each has the number of actions listed on the character card. An agent's natural talent activated when its conditions are fulfilled.

#### MORTAL THRALLS

Mortal thralls have a gray character card and have 2 ranks: minions and lieutenants.

The oni may only activate mortal thralls on a tile with a corruption token. If a mortal thrall is attacked by a hero on a tile where there is no corruption token, the oni adds the *The Alarm Was raised!* recollection to Tikku's Memoirs.

Once the alarm is raised, the oni may activate all mortal thralls normally.

#### SUPERNATURAL CREATURES

Supernatural creatures have a black character card and have 3 ranks: minions, lieutenants, and greater demons.

#### CORRUPTION

When a **corruption token** is on a tile, the mortal thralls on that tile may be activated by the oni, and heroes may attack them without raising the alarm.

#### ENHANCEMENT TOKENS

Once an **enhancement token** has been placed on an enhancement tree, it cannot be moved. You must follow the white branching lines when placing tokens, and you cannot place an enhancement token in a slot when another token exists in the same column of the same enhancement tree.

# ACCUSATIONS

There are 2 types of accusations:

- Oni's nature (which demon it is): If the accusation is correct, the oni gives the heroes their oni clue card, which applies a penalty to the oni during the final battle.
- Oni's identity (which courtier it is): If the accusation is correct, the oni is unmasked and the final battle begins. Add the blue The Oni Was Unmasked recollection to Tikku's Memoirs.

If the heroes' first accusation is wrong, add the red *Embarrassing Accusation* tile to Tikku's Memoirs. If they make a second incorrect accusation, add the red *Defamatory Accusation* tile. If they make a third, add the red *Dishonorable Accusation* tile, the oni is revealed, and the final battle begins.

#### THE FINAL BATTLE

Scenarios without an investigation end as detailed. Otherwise, the game ends when all mission objectives have been resolved by a side *and* the final battle has been resolved.

The final battle occurs if the oni's identity is revealed, if the heroes make a third incorrect accusation, or if the oni has not been discovered at the end of round 8.

If the heroes correctly unmasked the oni, the oni may not receive any new enhancement tokens or recover any corruption tokens from the corruption track. In the other cases, the oni may continue to use the corruption track normally.

If the heroes successfully identified the oni's nature, the oni is subject to the penalty on its oni clue card.

If the oni was not revealed after round 8, the recollection A Dishonourable Accusation/Their Identity Revealed cannot be added to Tikku's Memoirs. After round 8, the oni may choose and move 1 corruption token during the strategy phase of each subsequent round. Replace the courtier token matching the oni's courtier clue card with the oni miniature that corresponds to their oni clue card.

Mission tile objectives continue to function normally. The oni retains the ability to discard event cards to summon mortal thralls and supernatural creatures. Any agent enhancements remain active

#### OUTCOMES

There are 2 possible outcomes to the final battle:

The heroes destroy the oni: Add the blue *The Oni Was Defeated!* recollection to Tikku's Memoirs.

The oni escapes: The oni must spend 1 action once they or their agents have eliminated any 1 of the heroes. Add the red *The Oni Escaped* recollection to Tikku's Memoirs.

# TIKKU'S MEMOIRS

Depending on the scenarios's outcome, Tikku's Memoirs begin with a blue scroll or a red scroll.

When the heroes complete a mission tile objective, the corresponding recollection is added to Tikku's Memoirs (blue side faceup). When the oni completes a mission tile objective, the corresponding recollection is added (red side faceup).

If the oni was defeated in the final battle, add the recollection of its defeat (blue side faceup). If the oni escaped, add it red side faceup. If a hero is eliminated, add the recollection of their failure (red side faceup). If a hero completed their personal mission without being eliminated, add that recollection (blue side faceup).

If there are any gaps in the recollections at the end of the game, insert a print to fill out the tale.

Once all the recollections have been added, determine a winner. Heroes gain points for blue recollections, while the oni gains points for red recollections. The winner is the side that achieves the highest score.

Large recollection = 4 points.

Medium recollection = 2 points.

Small recollection = 1 point.

On a tie, the player with the most large tiles wins.

# CAMPAIGNS

During a **campaign**, each hero retains their equipment from one scenario to the other. There are 2 forms of campaign:

Simple campaigns: Scenarios are completed in a linear fashion. The overall winner is the side that wins the most scenarios.

**Branching campaigns:** The course of the campaign changes as scenarios are won or lost.



A box with this symbol indicates that the events of the scenario will have a pivotal effect on the course of the campaign. Whichever side wins this scenario will determine the scenario to be played next.

Each side keeps the recollections corresponding to any achievements or objectives they win. Once the campaign's final scenario has been played, the side that won Act 1 wins the small recollection, the side that won Act 2 earns the medium recollection, and the side that won Act 3 earns the large recollection.

# ADDING EXPANSION CARDS

Add new equipment cards to the deck of equipment cards. You can add 5 complication clue cards (non-courtiers) from any expansion to the clue cards, but then remove 5 random complication clue cards. The oni player may replace 5 event cards of their choice with the 5 event cards from any expansion.





# ROUND SEQUENCE

# 1. STRATEGY PHASE

#### HEROES' STRATEGY

Each hero *must* play 1-2 action cards to the appropriate side(s) of their character card, special talent (left side) or secret technique (right side).

Turn an equipment card faceup in a hand slot to use it.

Players determine their **initiative order** by stacking their **initiative** cards facedown in the order of their choice.

#### ONI STRATEGY

The oni moves the time token to the next spot on the corruption track.



If the time token is on an even numbered round, the oni takes the corruption token from the track and places it on any tile.



Place 1 enhancement token on the next available position on the supernatural creature enhancement tree, immediately granting these agents that benefit.



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The oni *may* play a number of **event cards** equal to the number of heroes in play, facedown to the right of the character card of any agent they wish to improve.

#### 2. ACTIVATION PHASE

#### HEROES' ACTIVATION

The heroes reveal the top card of their initiative deck: that hero is then activated. An activated hero has up to 3 actions.

Move.

Make an attack.

Perform an attribute test.

Use a special talent.

Reorganise any number of equipment cards.

Transfer 1 equipment card from your supplies slot to an adjacent hero, who may place the card in one of their legal equipment slots.

You may discard 1 equipment card for free during your activation. If a hero has a follower, that hero activates them at the end of their own activation.

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#### 3. END OF THE ROUND PHASE

Heroes may choose to make up to 1 accusation of each type to announce the nature of the oni and/or reveal its identity.

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A hero with **damage tokens** equal to or greater than their **stamina** discards damage tokens equal to their stamina and draws 1 **wound** card.

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The attacker rolls black **combat dice** equal to their **MIGHT**. If **MIGHT** is enhanced by a secret technique, also roll the indicated number of red **action dice**. If **MIGHT** is subject to a penalty, remove the corresponding number of combat dice.

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If the total equals or exceeds the target's DEFENSE, place 1 damage token on the target's character card.

If the attacker rolls at least 1  $\mbox{\ensuremath{\colored{\mathcal{K}}}}$  but fails to eliminate the target, they may move the target away from them to any adjacent, unoccupied space.

A hero with 3 wound cards in their hand at any time is immediately eliminated.

#### ATTRIBUTE TESTS

Roll a number of orange **test dice** equal to the test's difficulty. Total the results and apply any modifers. Purple = **SPEED**, red = **MIGHT**, orange = **DEFENSE**, and yellow = **MENTAL**.

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Poisoned: Apply the penalty indicated to your DEFENSE.



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At any point during each of their activations (even if they only drew an event card), the oni may play 1 event card.

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Total the number of  $\checkmark$  symbols rolled. Dice showing the symbol  $\not$  are counted as  $\checkmark$  and rolled again.



If the total equals or exceeds the target's DEFENSE, place 1 damage token on the target's character card

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A hero with 3 wound cards in their hand at any time is immediately eliminated.

# ATTRIBUTE TESTS

Roll a number of orange **test dice** equal to the test's difficulty. Total the results and apply any modifers. Purple = SPEED, red = MIGHT, orange = DEFENSE, and yellow = MENTAL.

If the total equals or is less than the value of the tested attribute, the hero passes. If it is greater, they fail.



Every time an attribute test is failed, place a **penalty token** on the test's difficulty. If a **direct attribute test** is failed, do not place a penalty token.

A MIGHT test may be attempted at range if the hero has LOS to the target and a talent or equipment card that allows them to make a ranged attack.

#### CONDITION TOKENS



Bleeding: Place 1 damage token on your character card each time you make any form of attack.

Poisoned: Apply the penalty indicated to your DEFENSE.



**Stunned:** Apply the penalty indicated to your SPEED.



Amputee: Permanently lose 1 natural talent of your choice. This token is neither flipped or discarded in the end of round phase.

