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# THE WORLD OF ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS

All's Well That Ends is a fantasy campaign adventure game for one to four players, each of which controls one Character. Their story takes place in our world, at a time so far removed from now that none of the surroundings would be recognisable to us. The oceans have drowned a thousand civilisations, and epochs of ice have smothered many more. Furious angels from distant stars have burned our cities to ash, and plagues, war and famine have driven us to the verge of extinction.

Yet here we are again, flourishing amid the spoils, determined to stamp our presence on the face of the world. Determined that this time, the mark we cut will last.

Amongst the cyclopean ruins of fossilised aeons, at the frontier of Civilisation, you and your fellow travellers – reckless profiteers and wayfarers all – band together to explore the untamed reaches of the Western Wildlands. You will hunt down a roving band of slavers and killers, not stopping in your pursuit until justice – as you understand it – has been served.

The game's narrative plays out over several chapters, each of which draws you deeper into the Wildlands as you discover clues, gather allies and become increasingly deadly with new abilities and equipment. Each chapter will usually include one narrative-driven Exploration phase and one combat Scenario phase. Played in sequence, these form a campaign that tracks the story of your Characters, their adventures in the Western Wildlands, and ultimately, their fate.

This guide details how an individual Scenario plays out, as well as how it fits into the overarching campaign. You can also play individual Skirmish Scenarios for a quicker, bloodier gaming experience. The following rules apply equally to the campaign or a Skirmish, except that Scenario setup instructions each contain a quick start guide for use in Skirmish Scenarios.

The Wildlands beyond the fringes of Civilisation forgive the ill-prepared traveller little. Although the campaign's opening Scenarios gradually introduce more formidable Enemies and complex objectives, it is recommended that you familiarise yourself with the Scenario fundamentals and combat mechanics before you begin.

Over the course of the campaign you may use any combination or number of Characters, and it is possible for players to swap their Character in favour of another before any Scenario. Regardless of the size of your group (and so the number of Characters you play with), all playable Characters are assumed to be present together throughout the campaign, so will take part in narrative elements and dialogue. Just because one is too injured, sick or preoccupied to fight, it doesn't mean they won't shout instructions to you in the middle of combat!

Whether you intend to play through the entire campaign or just want to dip a toe with an introductory Scenario, for your first outing you'll want start on page 1 of the Campaign Book, with the Wilderness Camp Scenario. You can go there now if you're familiar with the rules already, or if you'd rather learn by following the Instant Start guide than by reading this book. If you prefer to internalise written rules before you begin, read on.

This isn't a world that has any mercy for the weak or the half-hearted. Nobody will hold your hand, save to drag you into the heat and din of bloody combat.

So	the	campaign	begins

# COMPONENTS



- 1. Campaign Book x 1
- 2. Book of Maps x 1
- 3. Supplemental Maps x 1
- 4. Character miniatures x 4
- 5. Character Dashboards x 4
- 6. Health Dials x 4
- 7. Character Action cards x 100 (48 starting, 52 upgrade)
- 8. Player aids x 4
- 9. Praxis cards x 8
- 10. Impulse cards x 96 (12 x each of 8 Praxes)
- 11. Enemy cards x 32 (12 Enemies, 20 Overlords a/b)

- 12. Hired Cards x 10
- 13. Loot cards x 54 (18 starting, 36 upgrade)
- 14. Death Throes cards x 18
- 15. Intent cards x 18
- 16. Equipment cards x 44 (4 starting, 40 supply)
- 17. Character standees x 5 (4 Characters, 1 Party)
- 18. Enemy standees x 70 (60 Enemies, 10 Overlords)
- 19. Henchman standees x 10
- 20. Standee holders x 30
- 21. Round Tracker token
- 22. Location cards x 110



- 23. Supply/circulation divider
- 24. Location card divider
- 25. Round Tracker card
- 26. Character tokens x 48 (12 x 4 Characters)
- 27. Trigger tokens x 26
- 28. Potency tokens x 9 (3 x 2, 3 x 3, 2 x 4, 1 x 5 potency)
- 29. Healthy tokens x 12
- 30. Rattled tokens x 12
- 31. Wounded tokens x 12
- 32. Coin x 40 (20 x 1 coin, 20 x 5 coin)
- 33. Enemy augment / affliction tokens x 12)
- 34. Brace / void tokens x 24

- 35. Plot Armour tokens x 12 (numbered 1–12)
- 36. Retrieval Tokens x 12 (paired A–F)
- 37. Positive modifier tokens x 12
- 38. Negative modifer tokens z 12
- 39. Floored tokens x 4
- 40. Trauma tokens x  $30 (20 \times 1 \text{ trauma}, 10 \times 5 \text{ trauma})$
- **41**. Resolve tokens x 12 (4 x 2, 4 x 1, 4 x 0 resolve)
- **42**. Level tokens x 36 (9 x 2–10)
- **43**. Health tokens x 60 (9–30)
- **44**. Exploration tokens x 18

# PART ONE: SCENARIOS

Each Scenario contained in the Campaign Book begins with a narrative introduction, describing the immediate events that have escalated beyond your Characters' ability to contain. While this section is optional, players who wish to follow and understand the story elements of the campaign should read this before the Scenario begins. After reading the narrative, you will need to complete the following setup sequence.

### SCENARIO SETUP

### 1. Map setup

As well as stating the Victory Conditions for the Scenario, the Campaign Book's Scenario Guide indicates the pages from the Book of Maps (and sometimes the Supplemental Maps book) that are used to form the Scenario Map. Create the map in the centre of the play area. Place an Enemy standee of the indicated type on each Enemy spawn hex (a hex bearing an image of that Enemy).

Enemies with the **dormant** icon are not active at the Scenario's start. Do not add any standees to hexes containing this icon.

There are no Enemies spawn hexes with the icon in the Prologue Scenario, Wilderness Camp.

Shuffle the Intent and Death Throes decks. Put them to one side of the Scenario Map, and place all Enemy cards listed in the guide nearby, along with all Enemy healthy, rattled, wounded and augment for affliction tokens.

Form a Loot deck composed of 18 **Loot** cards chosen from those in circulation. If there are fewer cards than this in circulation, the Loot deck is composed of all cards in circulation. Shuffle the Loot deck and place it near the Intent deck.

See **Circulation** on page 19.

Use the starting Loot deck (the 18 and cards containing no coin value) during the Wilderness Camp Scenario.

Gather all trauma ( , floored , resolve ( ), brace / void ( , positive modifier ), negative modifier tokens, and coin (in the demoninations and ( ).

Place the Round Tracker card below the Scenario Map with either its 12-Round side showing or, for Scenarios labelled as 'short' in the Scenario Guide, its 6-tound side. Leave space to either side to lay out a row of **Trigger** to tokens. Have the Round Tracker token nearby.

If playing the campaign, cover any **Plot Point** icons with **Plot Armour** tokens of the same number that you gained during the preceding **Exploration** phase. For Skirmish Scenarios, the quick start guides explains how to scale the difficulty of the Scenario by adding different tokens.

In the Wilderness Camp Scenario only will be displayed, as no Exploration phase precedes the Scenario and it does not have a quick start guide.

## 2. Character setup

Each player chooses one Character to act as their avatar. If you are playing the campaign you are likely to keep the same Characters throughout, so choose wisely. Take the corresponding Character miniatures and add each to an available hex marked with their Character icon or any hex marked with on the Scenario Map.

Locate the Character Dashboards, Action card decks and Player Aids for the Characters participating in the Scenario. Put your Character Dashboard in the centre of your personal play area.

Assign each Character a Praxis card and add it to the Character Dashboards. This must be the Praxis they began the campaign with unless they have been instructed to choose a new one while levelling up. For Skirmish Scenarios you can either choose one or assign it at random.

When playing the Wilderness Camp Scenario, assign Characters their following recommended Praxis cards:

Marica: the Archagonist Lambik: the Occulted

Groanax: the Zealbreaker Knowman: the Ambuscader

Ensure Characters are levelled and equipped appropriately as indicated by the Scenario **level** icon to the right of the Scenario title (or don't, if you want a really tough fight!). Complete any trading required to acquire new items.

Your Characters enter the Wilderness Camp at 1, so you will not need to level them up yet. But do give them the following **equipment** items from the supply (at no cost).

Marica: Factorary Warpick Lambik: Chained Blade

Groanax: Ranch Mattock Knowman: Knifecaster

Or, if playing a Skirmish Scenario, follow the quick start instructions to level your Characters appropriately.

See **The level up process** on page 21.

See **Trading** on page 23.

Build your character an Action card deck from their starting Action cards (those numbered 1–12) and any cards acquired during the level up process. The deck must contain exactly 12 cards for most Scenarios, or 6 cards for those labelled 'Short Scenario'. Shuffle your Action card deck and place it to the bottom-left of your Character Dashboard.

Take the Impulse deck that corresponds to your Character's Praxis, shuffle it, and place it to the top-left of your Character Dashboard. *For Short Scenarios only*, place only 6 random cards and discard the remaining 6.

If you are using the First Game Guide during the Wilderness Camp Scenario, give each Character only the cards numbered 1–6 from their Action card and Impulse decks, arranging both numerically so that cards numbered 1 are on top of the decks and 6 are on the bottom. *Do not shuffle them!* 

Take a Health Dial and set it to the **health** value indicated on the Character Dashboard. If you have levelled up your Character, your Dashboard or Body Bag will contain a numbered token equal to your new place it over the starting Character icon, then set your Health Dial to that value.

Gather all tokens bearing your Character's image.

#### 3. Mercenaries

Each player may choose up to one Mercenary from the supply to join their fight, paying the price (returning that amount of to the supply) printed on its Hired Card. Each player who paid for a Mercenary then adds its standee to an unoccupied hex adjacent to their Character, and puts its Hired card in their play area.

You can't afford any Mercenaries when you start the Wilderness Camp scenario, so skip this step for now.

See Mercenaries on page 37.

### 4. The Trigger Sequence

Locate the **Trigger** token for each Character and Enemy type taking part in the Scenario. Shuffle the tokens and arrange them face down in a row along the Ready (upper) track of the Round Tracker card, distributed as evenly as possible across the **fast** and **slow** sides. This forms the Trigger Sequence.



#### 5. Scenario start

Draw action cards into your hand until you hold a number equal to your current **resolve** . This will generally be 3, unless the Scenario indicates otherwise, or you have lost over the course of the campaign.

Make sure you have the Campaign Book to hand, open at the Plot Points and Interactions pages corresponding to the Scenario.

Steel yourselves, and prepare for battle.

Once you have set up the Scenario Map and components your tabletop should look something like the following:



- 1. Campaign Book
- 2. Tokens
- 3. Enemy cards
- 4. Coin
- 5. Scenario Map
- 6. Enemy standees
- 7. Loot deck
- 8. Death Throes deck
- 9. Intent deck
- 10. Character miniatures/standees

- 11. Mercenary standee
- 12. Round Tracker and Trigger tokens
- 13. Character Dashboard
- 14. Impulse deck
- 15. Action card deck
- 16. Praxis card
- 17. Character Equipment cards
- 18. Character tokens
- 19. Player aid
- 20. Hired card

A note on tokens: many game effects are marked by adding tokens to the Scenario Map, Standees, Location cards, Character Dashboards or other places. While many tokens of each type required are included with the game, you mightl run out of tokens of a given type. Tokens are theoretically infinite in number, so if this happens you will need to substitute the token with an indicator of your own devising: a scrap of paper with the required token value, for example. The range of values expressed on a token is similarly unlimited in theory. You may combine tokens of lesser values or create tokens of your own if you need to represent tokens of values not included in the box.

# THE ROUND SEQUENCE

Once setup is complete, you can begin the Scenario! Combat will take place over several rounds — either 6 or 12 depending on the Scenario — until the conditions for finishing the Scenario are met. A round consists of the phases outlined below.

# 1. Move Round Tracker token and resolve plot points

Move the Round Tracker token to the next numbered slot on the Round Tracker card, starting by adding it to the '1' slot in the first round. Each slot will contain either a red **Plot Point** icon or a green **Plot Armou** token, depending on the outcomes of the preceding Exploration phase.

Consult the Scenario's Plot Points page in the Campaign Book and read the corresponding narrative passage. This is followed by an in-game effect. You must complete every element of the ingame effect possible, even if it affects occupied hexes, for example.

If there is no remaining numbered slot to which you can move the Round Tracker token, the Scenario ends.

See **Scenario Outcomes** on page 40.

## 2. Choose Impulses

Each player draws two cards from their Impulse deck, choosing one to play this round (and then discard at the end of the round) and one to add to their **held pile** for use on a later round. Resolve the effects of any Impulses that are of the **Instant** type, in any order you prefer.

See **Choose Impulses** on page 17.

# 3. Resolve the first Character or Enemy turn

**Trigger** tokens start the Scenario face down, so you won't know the order in which combatants will take their turns during the first round (a combatant is any entity in the Scenario represented by a miniature or standee, principally Characters, Enemies and Mercenaries). Flip the leftmost token. It will display either a Character or Enemy type image. If it shows a Character, that Character takes a Character turn. If it shows an Enemy, then all Enemies of that type take an Enemy turn.

Resolve the player or Enemy turn, then move their token to the most-central space of either the **fast** or **slow** or **slow** end of the Spent track on the bottom half of the Round Tracker card (according to whether the Action card or Intent card played on that turn was fast or slow, placing it face up.

See **Character turns** on page 24 and **Enemy turns** on page 34.

### 4. Follow the Trigger Sequence

Continue to resolve tokens in the Trigger Sequence, working from left to right until all tokens have been moved down to the Spent track. This creates the Trigger Sequence for the next round.

From this point on all tokens remain revealed face-up, so in subsequent rounds the turn order will be pre-determined, allowing you to plan your actions more effectively.

### 5. Cleanup

In order:

- 1. Slide all **(v)** tokens up to the Ready track, retaining their order.
- 2. Resolve any effects that occur at the end of the round, such as those on Character abilities.
- 3. Flip any tokens back to their side.
- 4. Spend all **brace** tokens. Discard unspent

If you gain the option to store (for example, through Lambik's Prestidigitation trait), then at this point decide whether to spend them or keep them for a later round.

See **Brace** on page 28.

# THE SCENARIO MAP

Each Scenario takes place on a unique map depicting one of the many environments of the Western Wildlands and beyond. For each one the corresponding Scenario Guide tells you which pages from the Book of Maps (and sometimes Supplemental Maps book) to use to build the Scenario Map. These maps are composed primarily of empty hexes that combatants are free to move around and explore, but the landscape of the Western Wildlands is varied, and not without its dangers and opportunities. Elsewhere you will encounter the terrain types and interactive areas detailed here.



# 1. Destructible terrain (black dotted border)

Destructible terrain counts as blocked terrain but can be removed by specific Scenario effects. If this happens, paced a **void** token on the destructible terrain border and treat it as a standard hex border for the remainder of the Scenario.

## 2. Difficult Terrain (blue border):

When any figure attempts to cross a border of this type using a **move** action or other voluntary movement, reduce the value of that movement by 1 for each difficult terrain border they cross.

Involuntary movements such as the **flee** action and Character abilities that force Enemies to move are not slowed by difficult terrain unless stated otherwise. A combatant that is forced to

move across difficult terrain instead adds 1 to the damage dealt by the source of that movement for each difficult terrain border they are forced to cross (even if that source would otherwise notdeal any damage).

See **Damage** on page 29.

See **Flee** on page 28.

## 3. Occupied hexes

Occupied hexes are those that contain a Player Character miniature or standee, Enemy standee, Mercenary standee or other combatant. A hex can never be occupied by more than one combatant, though it may also hold any number of tokens.

### 4. Character starting hexes

During Scenario Setup, you may place your Character miniature on any unoccupied hex bearing the cicon. If the Scenario contains icons representing specific Characters instead then they must instead start the Scenario in a predetermined hex.

### 5. Deadly Terrain (red border)

No combatant can willingly cross a deadly terrain border, though they can be forced to do so by an involuntary movement. Any Enemy or Mercenary who crosses a deadly terrain border instantly had their condition degraded to **dead** and any Character instantly suffers collapse. Note that if a combatant is forced to cross deadly terrain, it is considered to have died (or collapsed) in the hex into which it is moving.

See **Damaging Enemies and Mercenaries** on page 29.

See **Collapse** on page 31.

### 6. Enemy spawns

When setting up the Scenario, place a standee of the indicated type on each hex with an Enemy icon. These are the Enemies you face at the outset of the Scenario. If a Scenario instructs you to spawn Enemies, add new standees to *unoccupied* hexes bearing the indicated Enemy icon (do not spawn Enemies at occupied hexes).

# 7. Blocked terrain (black border)

Hex borders of this type cannot be crossed by combatants or any other game component or effect for any reason. It is not possible for a combatant to draw line of sight through blocked terrain.

#### 8. Interactive hexes

A Player Character must interact with any **interactive** whex that they *finish* a ction or other voluntary movement on.

Consult the Interactions entry of the Scenario Guide that matches the letter printed on the hex. Unless playing a solo game, another player should read the narrative text and any choices you face in responding to the interaction. They should not read the outcomes (printed in italics) that follow the options until you have committed to your choice – you must decide based on your

assessment of the information you have. The reader will then read the consequences of that decision to you.

If playing a solo game, you must read the narrative text and options yourself, so try to resist the urge to read ahead before making your decision!

Once you have resolved any decisions and all elements of the narrative interaction, you will usually be directed to place a token over the icon on the Scenario Map to indicate that it has been used and no longer provides any further benefit.

#### 9. Dormant Enemies

When setting up the Scenario, do not place standees of the indicated type on hexes with the **dormant** icon beneath the Enemy icon. These Enemies will be encountered later in the Scenario. If a Scenario instructs you to spawn Enemies, only add new standees to unoccupied hexes with a icon when that icon is shown in the Scenario Guide.

See **Spawning Enemies** on page 35.

#### 10. Loot hexes

A Player Character that ends a action or other voluntary movement on a **loot** hex draws a number of cards from the Loot deck equal to the number printed on the icon. They then place a token on the icon to indicate that it has been used and no longer provides any further benefit.

Enemies and Mercenaries may never end any form of movement – even involuntary movement – on an hex or hex. If they would be forced to move onto one, they simply end that movement in the previous eligible hex.

# CHARACTERS

Now that you've got a Scenario set up in front of you and have a general idea of the phases of play, it's time to familiarise yourself with some of the major elements of the game. None of these are more important than your Characters. No two Characters in All's Well That Ends have exactly the same strengths or skill set, so in any given situation there is likely to be a better or worse approach depending on the Character you are playing. Your Character's attributes are displayed on the front of the corresponding Character Dashboard (the back contains the Character's Solo Ally attributes, covered on page 47).



### 1. Character name

The name the Character goes by (whether or not that is their real name).

### 2. Character art

This is an image of the Character acting as your avatar during the Scenario or campaign.

# 3. Potency/player count

**Potency** represents the relative physical, mental, and (where relevant) spiritual power of the Character. This varies depending

on the number of Characters taking part in the Scenario.

Among other things, determines the following key characteristics for that Character:

- Default damage dealt by their attack actions.
- The value of **defend** tokens from a action.
- The amount of **health** they regain when consuming health-restoring **loot** items.
- The power of the Character's abilities.

is often modified in one or more of several ways. Whenever you need to calculate a value to resolve an action or other effect, bear in mind that any references to take into account all relevant modifiers.

The most common modifiers are:

- Action card modifiers: these modify the corresponding action only and are ignored for all other purposes.
- Impulse modifiers: these are chosen at the start of a Scenario round and apply to all totals during that round.

## 4. Augment slot

When you gain an **augment** token, place it here. There is only one augment slot, so if you gain a subsequent token, you must discard the first.

### 5. Affliction slot

When you gain an **affliction** token, place it here. There is only one affliction slot, so if you gain a subsequent token, you must discard the first.

#### 6. Trait

Each Character has a trait that represents their outlook on life

through means of an effect that applies whenever that Character is used in a Scenario. It is wise to bear your Character's trait in mind throughout all Scenarios in which they participate, as in many cases it will affect their efficacy, and can influence whether a Scenario is won or lost.

### 7. Level-up benefits

Each Character has their own set of benefits available for you to choose when they level up. These combine with the benefits determined by their Praxis card, so that every Character and Praxis combination offers a unique set of options.

See **The level up process** on page 21.

#### 8. Level

The current **level** of the Character, representing their overall prowess. In the campaign the Characters begin the game at 1. Later Scenarios define the 2 to which you should raise your Characters.

See **Character levels** on page 21.

#### 9. Maximum health

The maximum **health** of the Character. represents the Character's ability to withstand pain and bodily wounds. As your Character levels up and becomes more resilient, you will overlay the starting value with a token displaying a greater value. At the start of any Scenario, the Character's Health Dial is set to the amount displayed on their visible vicon.

When a Character suffers an amount of **damage**, reduce their *current* by that amount on their Health Dial. Several items and Character abilities enable a Character to **regain** lost , up to, but never exceeding, their maximum value.

See **Damage** on page 29.

## 10. Range

A Character's **range** determines the distance, measured in adjoining hexes, within which the Character is able to target Enemies when taking an action.

See **Attack** on page 26.

#### 11. Influence

A Character's **influence** determines the distance, measured in adjoining hexes, which the Character is able to affect with their ability actions.

When a Character throws items into another hex, the maximum range of the throw is equal to their .

It also denotes the maximum number of hexes distant that a **Mercenary** will willingly stray from its employer Character.

See **Abilities** on page 27, **Items** on page 18 and **Mercenaries** on page 37.

#### 12. Resolve

Characters start their journey with a **resolve** of 3. This represents a Character of generally sound mind and stalwart purpose. This can be reduced during a Scenario, primarily when a **floored** Character suffers

Whenever your is modified, track this on the resolve section of your Character Dashboard using the tokens provided.

can be regained through use of several items, healing effects and quest rewards. It will be in constant flux over the course of a campaign, so make sure to add your current token to your **Body Bag** between sessions.

Reduced 77 results in your Character's clarity of thought clouding, and their ability to parse the rhythms of battle to form effective tactics fades. Whenever you draw up new Action cards after discarding one played on your turn, draw until your hand size equals your Character's current 77. Note that you do not discard Action cards when 77 is reduced, you only draw fewer.

If a Character's pever reaches 0, they suffer **collapse**.

See **collapse** on page 31.

# ACTION CARDS

When you assume control of a Character, you also gain their unique Action card deck. This initially consists of 12 cards, each of which contains three actions available to you to take when playing that card, and two actions for your Mercenary, if you have hired one. You can upgrade your Character's deck with more powerful cards throughout the campaign.



### 1. Character name

Each Character's Action card deck is different. Make sure you are using the deck that displays your Character's image on the back.

#### 2. Card level

The Character **level** at which this card becomes available to choose when levelling up.

### 3. Card number

The number of the card within the Character's Action card deck.

### 4. Character icon

A quick visual reminder of which Character the card belongs to.

# 5. Fast 🕝 /Slow 🚱 icon

Shows which side of the Round Tracker card your **Trigger** token moves to at the end of a turn in which you played this card.

### 6. Action description

The action the Character is taking in narrative terms.

### 7. Surge icon

If the two actions connected by the surge icon are taken in the sequence indicated by the icon's arrow, as part of a Standard Turn, any additional modifier or effect indicated by the by the **bonus** icon will apply to the action taken.

If an action's modifier is followed by an **upgrade** icon, the action's modifier would instead change to the one that appears after the icon.

See **Surging** on page 24.

#### 8. Action effect

The in-game actions this card enables you to perform when you play it on your turn. This will be a combination of standard actions (**move** , **attack** , **defend** or an ability unique to that Character.

### 9. Action modifier

The value by which the Character attribute relevant to that action should be modified. This impacts the effect of the action taken in the following ways:

Attack : increase or reduce the amount of damage dealt by a Character's action, which by default is equal to their potency.

**Defend** : increase or reduce the value of the token generated when the Character takes a action. By default this is equal to their .

See **Actions** on page 26.

**Ability**: an ability action modifier increases or reduces the overpower of a Character's ability. A modifier is applied to your for the purpose of calculating the ability effect only. Note that ability modifiers do not alter the **influence** will used to calculate the distance at which most abilities are effective.

See **Abilities** on page 27.

Any action you take may be subject to modifiers in addition to those associated with that action. Most importantly, some Impulse cards confer positive or negative modifiers that apply to all actions you take during the round in which they are active.

### 10. Rampage icons

If the action is backed by a horizontal red blood splash segment, it can be used as part of a rampage action. If you do so, the action's modifier would change to the one that appears after the icon.

If the action's modifier instead includes the icon, any additional modifier or effect indicated by the icon will apply to

the action taken.

#### 11. Order icon

If an action carries this icon, after taking the action you may **order** another Character within your **influence** to take the same action, with the same action modifer you used (even if you surged or rampaged and gained an upgraded modifer).

See **Orders** on page 28.

### 12. Mercenary actions

The actions your Mercenary (if you have one) may take when you play this card, and the modifiers to those actions.

See Mercenaries on page 37.



# PRAXIS AND IMPULSE CARDS

Whenever you choose a Character to participate in Skirmish Scenario, or to join the campaign for the first time, you must choose a Praxis (or you may choose to deal them at random). They are then said to be following that Praxis. A Character's Praxis defines their approach to combat through its corresponding Impulse cards, as well as the benefits they gain from levelling up.

### PRAXIS

While a Praxis card includes a unique passive trait that applies to the Character who follows it, its main purpose is to determine the way in which levelling up shapes that Character. The Praxis card slots into the Character Dashboard beside the Level Gains row.



You will retain one Praxis card per Character until such time as you are instructed to upgrade it, but the composition of the corresponding Impulse deck will evolve as Characters level up. During a campaign simply take the evolved Impulse deck corresponding to your Praxis – do not reset it between Scenarios.



### 1. Praxis name

A reflection of the values or approach the Praxis instils in the Character who follows it.

### 2. Praxis trait

A benefit a Character following the Praxis gains during Scenarios.

### 3. Level up row

When following this Praxis, a Character must choose one of the three rows of benefits to gain, in combination with the corresponding Character benefit, when levelling up.

### **IMPULSE**

Each Praxis has a matching Impulse deck of 12 cards, representing the moment-by-moment drives that the Praxis steers them towards. These enable you to perform one-off abilities or modify your Character's attributes during each round of a Scenario. Impulses take one of three forms, indicated by an icon at the top-left of the Impulse card.



## Instants



**Instants** are applied as soon as the Impulse card is chosen during the Choose Impulses phase of a round. If more than one player plays an , they decide the order in which they are resolved.

# Effects &



The timing of the **effect** will be described on the Impulse card. Generally this will state that it is applied either during your turn or during the round. Within any stated limitations, you determine exactly when the takes place.

# Modifiers 🕡

Once a **modifier** Impulse has been chosen, it lasts for the duration of the round. Impulses that apply modifiers to Character attributes such as potency , or Character actions such as **move** , attack or **defend** apply to all actions of the relevant type taken during that round, regardless of whether they occur during your turn.



For example, if an Impulse confers (+1), all your (+1) actions benefit from 1 additional point of movement. If an Impulse confers (+1), all (+1), and ability actions – as well as any items or other effects you use that round – have 1 subtracted from their total value, because that value is based on your (+1).

See **Actions** on page 26.

# CHOOSE IMPULSES

At the start of a Scenario, all players shuffle their Impulse decks and place them face down close beside their Character mats.

During the **Choose Impulses** phase of each round (immediately after resolving **Plot Points**), follow the Impulse sequence outlined below:

See **The round sequence** on page 9.

- 1. Draw the top two Impulse cards from your deck.
- 2. Choose one of the two cards you have drawn to be your Impulse for that round. Display your chosen card face-up:
  - If it is an , resolve it immediately, then add it face-down to the **discarded Impulses** pile at the upper-right of your Character Dashboard.
  - If it is an , retain the card face-up until you use its

effect as described, then add it face-down to the **discarded Impulses** pile.

- If it is a , keep the card displayed face-up for the duration of the round, then during the round cleanup phase add it to the **discarded Impulses** pile.
- 3. Set the second drawn card face-down above your Character Dashboard in the 'held Impulses' area: this card will not be available again until later in the Scenario.

Impulses added to the discarded Impulses pile cannot be chosen again during that Scenario – you only have one chance to apply each Impulse per Scenario.

Whenever you must choose Impulses but are unable to draw two Impulse cards, shuffle your held Impulses, along with any remaining card in your Impulse deck, to form a new Impulse deck and continue as normal

The Choose Impulses phase repeats each round until you have half your cards in your discarded Impulses pile and the other half in your held Impulses pile – in most Scenarios, this means 6 in each (short Scenarios have half the cards).

The next time you would choose Impulses, shuffle your held Impulses pile to form a new Impulse deck of 6 cards, and continue the process using these.

After a further three rounds you will have 3 held Impulses left. Shuffle these to form a new Impulse deck.

After the next round you will have 1 card in your Impulse deck and 1 in the held pile. Combine these to form a deck of 2 cards and choose one of these in the next round.

On the final round you will have only 1 available Impulse card, and must apply the effects of this in the usual way.

(For short Scenarios of six rounds, the same principal applies, but the number of starting Impulse cards is halved.)

You still draw, play and hold Impulse cards each round even if you are **floored**.

See Flooring Player Characters on page 30.

# **ITEMS**

No adventurer expects to last long in the Wildlands outfitted only with the shirt they woke up in and the rusted weapons they set out with. There are much more powerful items to be plundered from the tombs of antiquity and the bodies of fallen foes. These are divided into two categories: equipment and loot.

While a good piece of equipment might last the duration of the campaign, loot is consumed on using: it will aid you in a pinch, but is lost in the process.

Potions, herbs, fetishes, bones, scrolls, wands, icons, salts, tinctures, globes, candles; the variety of such objects is endless, their uses beyond counting

# **EQUIPMENT**



All items with the icon on their back must be equipped by a Character in order to be used, which mean that they have been assigned to an available equipment slot once gained and are displayed in your player area. Some have active effects which you either may or must use (according to their item effects text) when certain



conditions are met. Others have passive effects which will change the way your Character functions during a Scenario. items are not discarded after use.

Each Character enters the fray equipped with their weapon of choice. Over the campaign's course, you will gain access to additional cards, either by trading for them or gaining them during the level-up process.

See **The level up process** on page 21.

See **Trading** on page 23.

Characters can equip items in the following slots, providing those items carry the corresponding **slot icon**:

• **Hand** : each Character can equip up to two hand items. Most hand items are weapons, but some are shields or other strange artefacts left to posterity by long-dead aeons.

• **Armour** : each Character can equip up to one piece of armour.

An item carries some or all of the following attributes:

### 1. Equipment name

A description of the type of implement the card relates to.

#### 2. Character icon

If an equipment item carries the image of a Character, *only* that Character can equip the item. Other Characters can carry it in their pack, for example if they pick it up from the Scenario map, but it must stay in their pack until they sell or donate it.

#### 3. Slot icon

The slot that the item occupies when equipped, either



# 4. Coin price

This is the amount of **coin** you must pay to purchase the item. You may sell the item back to the supply for *half of this value*, whenever you have the opportunity to trade.

#### 5. Character level

If an item carries a **level** value, *only* Characters of an equal or higher Character level can equip the item. Any Character can carry it in their pack, for example if they receive it as a level-up benefit at a lower level, but it must stay in their pack until they reach the appropriate level or they sell or donate it.

### 6. Item effects

This text explains how to use the item in a Scenario, and any associated conditions or effects.

# FOOT



Items with the contains on their back must be stored in a Character's belt in order to be used. The belt contains two slots that can be occupied *only* by contains, and these should be displayed in your player area much like items.

items can be used at any point on your Character's turn to apply the effect described on the card, even if doing so interrupts another sequence (for example, they can even be used in between the actions of a Rampage). Used items are immediately discarded to the Loot deck discard pile.

Whenever the Loot deck is empty and you need to draw a card, shuffle the Loot deck discard pile to form a fresh Loot deck.

Characters do not start the campaign with any items but are able to buy them between Scenarios or during the quick start process before a Skirmish Scenario.

See **The level up process** on page 21.

See **Trading** on page 23.

A item carries some or all of the following attributes:

#### 1. Loot item name

A description of the type of implement the card relates to.

# 2. Coin price

This is the amount of you must pay to purchase the item. You may not sell items at any time. Note that cards in circulation at the start of the campaign (or any Skirmish Scenario) do not have a coin price.

### 3. Item effects

This text explains how to use the item in a Scenario, and any associated conditions or effects.

All item cards (cards with either Equipment or Loot icons on their back) exist in one of the following locations:

### THE SUPPLY

The supply is the available stock of all items that are not in player inventories, in circulation, or present on a Scenario map. By default, all items with a coin cost printed below the item name are present in the supply at the start of the campaign or a Skirmish Scenario (with the exception of any Character's starting weapon). You may look at the supply at any time.

Some items have no cost printed below the item name. These are still present in the supply, but cannot be obtained except through the level up process, nor can they be obtained again if discarded.

See **The level up process** on page 21.

Any item that is sold or discarded is returned to the supply and can be purchased again when you have the opportunity to trade.

### CHRCULATION

When a Character uses or discards a item during a Scenario, it is added to the Loot deck discard pile. But while that copy of the item is consumed, others may be found over the course of the campaign. To represent this, at the end of the Scenario, that item enters circulation. Any item used during Exploration immediately enters circulation.

Whenever a item enters circulation, add it to the circulation side of the supply/circulation divider.

All in circulation remains available to be added to the Loot deck during future Scenario setups for the remainder of the campaign. This applies both to in the starting Loot deck and any that has been purchased.

Only items enter circulation.

Although it is discarded when used, purchased is recoverable because it enters circulation – you need only find more of it on your journey!

See **Scenario setup** on page 6.

### CHARACTER INVENTORIES

Any item owned by a Character is considered to be part of their inventory. This includes equipped items, items stored in their belt, and any items held in their pack.

Whenever you gain a new or item card, choose one of the following free actions:

- 1. Assign that item to a corresponding empty slot in your inventory (i.e., hand, armour or belt) -if you meet all Character and level requirements.
- 2. Hold it in your pack (if space allows).
- 3. Move an item currently occupying the corresponding slot to your pack (if space allows) or:

discard an item currently occupying the corresponding slot, returning it to the supply (for ) or the Loot deck discard pile (for ), or:

use that item ( only), or:

sell that item as part of the same trade ( only),

then assign the new item to that slot -if you meet all Character and level requirements.

4. During a Scenario only: throw either the new item or an item currently occupying the corresponding slot (in the latter case add the new item in its place -if you meet all Character and level requirements).

You can throw an item to a hex within your **influence** (this may include the hex you currently occupy or one that another combatant occupies).

The thrown item card should be placed to one side of the Scenario Map. Add a **retrieval** (for example, ) token to the item card, and the matching token to the hex into which you have thrown it.

Any Character who finishes any type of voluntary or involuntary

move on a retrieval token may pick up any corresponding items as a free action, even if it is not their turn.

### PACK:S

Each Character can carry a number of items up to the value of their unmodified **potency** (the printed on their Character Dashboard for the relevant player count) in their pack. Pack items are still part of the Character inventory but should be stacked face-down in your player area, as they are considered inaccessible and cannot normally be used during a Scenario.

It is possible to retrieve pack items during the cleanup phase of a Scenario round, when Characters spend **brace** tokens. During Exploration, pack items and equipped items can be freely exchanged.

See **Brace** on page 28.

Player counts can vary over the course of a campaign, so if you ever add players between Scenarios (which reduces each Character's , make sure that you immediately sell, discard or donate any items that exceed your new pack limit.

## THE SCENARIO MAP

Items dropped or thrown onto hexes of the map during a Scenario can be picked up again but are returned to the supply (for or to circulation (for ) if they are still on the map at the end of the Scenario.



# CHARACTER LEVELS

Each Character in All's Well That Ends has seen their fair share of battles, skirmishes, and brawls, but none has plumbed the depths of the Western Wildlands, nor uncovered the full extent of the feats of which they're capable. As you play through the campaign, time passes, new skills are learned and existing talents developed. In later Scenarios, this manifests in your Characters levelling up, a process which takes place as part of the Scenario setup.

The recommended **level** for a Scenario is shown next to the Scenario name on the first page of its Scenario guide, next to the icon. If you are working through the campaign, this number will either be the same as the recommended for the previous Scenario, in which case you won't level up at that point, or one higher, in which case all Characters gain one for the gaining a follow the level up process as outlined below.

Skirmish Scenarios also represent a snapshot of the campaign, so it is strongly recommended that you follow the level up procedure during setup if you want to stand a reasonable chance of succeeding. In that case, assume your Characters start at 1 and level up once for each number above 1 up to and including the Scenario recommended (i.e., if you are attempting the Scenario Ungrbada, which has a recommended 1 of 3, follow the procedure twice for each Character). That said, confident players may wish to raise the difficulty of a Scenario by tackling it at a lower than recommended 1.

## THE LEVEL UP PROCESS

#### 1. Add new level token

Add a new token equal to your Character Dashboard equal to the Scenario's recommended . This is to help track your across the campaign and as a reminder when choosing equipment that has a requirement.

## 2. Choose level up benefits

When placed in its slot on a Character Dashboard, each Praxis card can be flipped to show three rows of Praxis/Character benefits to choose from during the level up process. Each time a Character levels up, choose one of the three rows available and gain that combination of benefits in any order.



The available benefit types are:

Action card: choose any one of your Character's action cards of your new or below from the supply. This card is now available to you for the remainder of the campaign and you may swap it in or out of your Action card deck in exchange for any other card immediately or during any Scenario setup phase. Any other card swapped out of your deck should be stored in your body bag and remains available to you in the same way.

Higher-level action cards may contain Character ability actions you have not used before. Your Character's Player Aid explains how to take these actions during a Scenario.

See **Abilities** on page 27.

**Coin**: gain the indicated amount of **coin** if from the supply.

Each Character and several Praxes have a signature piece of **equipment** that can only be obtained by choosing this benefit during the level up process. Take the indicated item from the supply – they have no cost and cannot be sold. They can however be given to an ally (from which point they own the item) during an Exploration phase or Scenario setup, thrown to a map hex during a Scenario, or permanently discarded at any time.

#### One-time benefits

The third row on each Praxis card is marked 'ONCE'. As indicated, the benefits from this row can only be chosen during a single level up process, after which you must choose benefits from either the first or second row.

The ONCE row gives access to powerful Praxis equipment items, so it might be tempting to choose these very early. However, most of these cannot be equipped until the Character reaches (2) 5, so are not necessarily the best options during the early stages of the campaign.

Mastering your Praxis (explained in a moment) will unlock a new-one time benefit, which you are free to choose during a later level up process.

Increase maximum health: add the indicated amount of **health**  $\longleftrightarrow$  to your Character's maximum  $\longleftrightarrow$  , and add a new token of the corresponding value to your Character Dashboard. This is a permanent upgrade, so the new token replacing any existing token and is retained in your Body Bag between play sessions. From this point on, during setup for each Scenario set your Health Dial to the value of the current token.

Impulse evolution: choose any one Impulse card from the supply. You must swap it for the card with the same number in your current Impulse deck. This will change the shape of your Impulse deck and the way that your Character functions in combat. Return the Impulse card you removed to the supply.

Note the difference between newly acquired Impulse cards (which you must swap into your Impulse deck) and Action cards (which you may swap in or out, immediately or during each Scenario setup phase!

All Characters follow the level up procedure simultaneously, so an Impulse card returned to the supply by one Character can be claimed by another Character during Impulse evolution at the same level.

**Loot**: gain the indicated number of **loot** items from the supply at no cost. If you do not have room on your belt or pack to store any more items, you may immediately donate this or another item to an ally to make room. You or an ally may use the item if able (or use another item to make room). If neither you nor an ally is able store or use an item, instead add it to the items in circulation.

🞧 **Trauma**: Discard the indicated number of **trauma** 🞧 tokens, or as many as you carry up to that amount.



Don't forget, many items can only be used by Characters of a specific level or above! See equipment on page 18.

### MASTERING YOUR PRAXIS

Whenever you gain any number of benefits and swap new Impulse cards into your deck, you reduce the proportion of your deck associated with your starting Praxis.

If your deck contains more Impulse cards from another Praxis than it contains from your current Praxis, you have mastered your current Praxis and from this point on will follow a new one. Return your Praxis card to the supply and take the Praxis card corresponding to the majority of Impulses in your deck (assuming it is available in the supply. If another player has already claimed that Praxis, you retain your existing one). Your new Praxis comes with a new trait to assist you during Scenarios and access to a new range of benefits when levelling up.

Each Praxis can only be followed by one Character at a time. While unlikely, it is possible that multiple Characters will be eligible to gain the same new Praxis during a single level up process. If this happens, eligible players choose between them who will follow the new Praxis and who must keep their existing one. If they cannot decide, the eligible player with the fewest tokens may choose. If players have equal (1), the one with the most chooses.

## CHANGING CHARACTERS

During the campaign, any player may prefer to take on a Character that has not been used before in place of their existing Character. Do this during the Character setup step of Scenario setup. When you choose a new Character, first give them the amount of suggested in the quick start guide. They may immediately spend it on items available in the supply.

Choose an available Praxis for the new Character from the supply and take the matching Impulse deck. If other Characters have taken Impulse cards from that deck as part of their own levelling up, substitute an available Impulse to replace each missing card, counting each against the number of Impulse evolutions that Character receives when levelling up.

Then either follow the level up process until the new Character is equal to the recommended Scenario or, for a quicker result, follow the quick start guide.

In the rare event that a Character must substitute more Impulse cards than they would gain from Impulse evolutions when levelling up (for example, they must substitue 8 Impulse cards because 8 have been taken by other players, but they can only choose 6 new cards through Impulse evolutions to reach the recommended Scenario (), you must still evolve enough cards to complete a 12-card deck.

You may prefer to swap your Character for one that has been used in the campaign before. If you do, everything you need will be found in their Body Bag. Also take an amount of equal to the quick start 'Character Coin' value, minus the coin price of the and cards in their Body Bag. If the new Character's is lower than the recommended Scenario , either follow the level up process until their Character is equal to the recommended Scenario or, for a quicker result, follow the quick start guide.

### TRADING

Your Characters will need to acquire increasingly deadly items to deal with the escalating threats of the Wildlands. Sometimes they will strike lucky and find such artefacts on their adventures, but usually they will have to pay for them with their hard-earned — by trading.

You can exchange your for items (both and ) you can afford in the supply at any time during Scenario setup, and to hire Mercenaries. However, many items and all Mercenaries have a minimum Character requirement, and is sometimes gained during the level up process, so it is often best to trade after your Characters level up.

To trade for an item or to hire a Mercenary, return the amount of printed on the item's card to the supply, and add the item card to your inventory. If you don't have enough to afford an item you'd like to purchase, feel free to persuade, beg or threaten other players into giving you some of theirs. and items can be freely exchanged during Scenario setup and Explorations.

#### See Character inventories on page 20.

You may also sell tiems (but *not* items) while trading. You may sell to other Characters for any value or service you agree on, or you may sell them back to the supply in exchange for half of the coin price printed on the item's card. Take that much from the supply and return the item card. If there is no printed on the card, the item cannot be sold (it can be discarded, and returned to the supply, but since it has no cost you will need to find another way to acquire it again!).

# CHARACTER TURNS

When resolving turns during the Trigger Sequence, sooner or later your Character's Trigger token will be next in line. The din of battle recedes, and clarity – or blind rage – descends. You must do what you can to swing the tide in your facour using the limited options available. For that brief moment, everything is down to you.

### TYPES OF TURN

When your Character's **Trigger** token is revealed (in the first round of a Scenario) or is next the resolve in the Trigger Sequence, first choose which type of turn you will take:

- Standard Turn: take any two actions from one Action card in your hand, in any order. At the end of the turn, discard the Action card played.
- Rampage: take a combination of actions that complete a **Rampage** icon from any Action cards in your hand. At the end of the turn, discard the Action card carrying the **closing** icon from among those played.

Unlike most other card types, discarded Action cards are not recovered when you run out of cards to play – you can only play each card once in any Scenario or Exploration!

#### Standard Turn

In a Standard Turn, take the following steps:

Choose whether to apply the Character or Mercenary actions from your chosen Action card first.

If playing the Character actions first, choose two of the three actions from the top of the card and take them in any order. You may forgo an action to gain 1 **brace** token, or both actions to gain 2 tokens. Then, if you have hired a Mercenary, move to the Mercenary actions on the bottom of the card and resolve either one, both, or none of them in any order.

If you have a Mercenary you may choose to play the Mercenary actions first: resolve either one, both, or none of the Mercenary actions from the bottom of the card in any order, then take two Character actions on the top of the card as described above.

### Surging

If the two actions connected by the **surge** icon are taken in the sequence indicated by the icon's arrow on a Standard Turn, any additional modifiers or effects indicated by the **bonus** icon will apply to the corresponding action. If an action's modifier is followed by an **upgrade** icon, then the action's modifier is instead changed to the one that appears after the icon. This may influence the order in which you choose to take actions.

You are free to take actions that carry or or icons even if you do not use them to or or you simply don't gain any additional bonus or upgrade to the action.

See **Surging** on page 24.

## Rampage

In order to take a Rampage turn you must have two or more actions marked with different sections of the icon, each on a different Action card, in your hand. You must be able to connect these to form a *complete* icon.



A complete consists of 1 opening action, any number of sustain actions (even 0) and 1 closing action. No other combination allows you to perform a Rampage. These actions must be taken in that sequence, and you cannot skip any actions. For example, if you are able to take **move** actions as opening and sustain actions in a Rampage, but would still end those actions out of **range** for the **attack** of your closing action, you cannot Rampage and must instead take a Standard Turn.

While you must be able to choose a valid target (within /influence i) for each action, you do not need to achieve anything with that action in order to take it — Marica might take an opening action but choose to stay in the same hex, then an adjacent Enemy but deal no damage due to negative modifiers as a sustain action, then use her heal ability on herself for her closing action despite being at maximum health . Of course, she would gain little from such a Rampage, but she could do it.

A Rampage allows you to take more actions than a Standard Turn and offers different action combinations. In addition, when you Rampage any additional modifiers or effects indicated by the icon will apply to the corresponding Rampage actions.

Although sustain actions are optional, they add to the efficiency of the Rampage by allowing you to take a third (or fourth, or fifth...) action. If you have multiple sustain actions you may integrate them into the Rampage in any order. If you should draw additional sustain actions after taking opening or sustain actions, you may integrate them into the Rampage at any point before you take the closing action.

If an action's modifier is followed by an icon, then the action's modifier is instead changed to the one that appears after the icon.

A Character's starting Action deck contains only a small number of Rampage actions. As you level up, you will be able to expand your range of available Rampage actions by adding appropriate cards to your deck.

If a Rampaging Character has any Mercenaries, they use the Mercenary actions available on the closing card. They may do this either before or after the rampaging Character actions, as with a Standard Turn.

In rare circumstances, a Standard Turn might become a Rampage. This tends to happen if a player begins a Standard Turn by taking an action that carries the Opener icon, and then draws a card that enables them to complete a icon before their second action. For example, an action or an item might enable you to draw a card that contains a Closer action. In such cases, providing you have only taken one action, you may change your Standard Turn into a Rampage!



# **ACTIONS**

The main actions a combatant may take fall into one of four types. The first three are **basic actions**: **move**, **attack** and **defend**. The fourth action type is **abilities**. In general, these actions follow similar steps no matter who is taking them, whether Characters, Mercenaries, Enemies or anyone else, but exceptions are highlighted below.

# MOVE **(**

The combatant moves a number of hexes up to the value printed on the action (in the case of Characters) or the default **move** value (for Mercenaries and Enemies), also accounting for any additional modifiers.

A combatant may take a action even if they 'move' to the hex they currently occupy (i.e., they stand still).

Combatants can move through their allies but can never finish a action (or any other form of movement) in a hex that is occupied by another combatant.

Other than restrictions of the action's value, Scenario terrain and movement through combatants, you are free to move Characters and Mercenaries as you wish. Enemy movement, on the other hand, is predetermined as follows.

# **Enemy movement**

Whenever an Enemy takes a voluntary action, they move the minimum distance necessary to bring themselves within range of their target. If this is not possible, they move so as to reduce the remaining distance necessary to bring themselves within of their target to as low a value as possible.

See **Enemy targets** on page 35.

Ordinarily an Enemy will stop its action once it has entered of its target and will advance no further. However, if they have any further movement available to them as part of the action, that Enemy will continue to move only if it will take an affliction action that turn and doing so would bring more Characters within the of that action. If this is true, then the Enemy will use its remaining such that it can affect as many Characters as possible with its action.

#### Line of sight

Combatants must be able to draw line of sight from the hex they occupy to the hex occupied by the target of any actions, abilities or other effects they wish to use.

Combatants are able to draw line of sight if it is possible to draw a straight line between any point on the hex they occupy to any point on hex their target occupies without crossing a blocked terrain hex side.

# ATTACK (

The combatant deals **damage** equal to their **potency** to an eligible target within their **range** .

Characters will generally target Enemies, but all combatants are eligible targets. When a Player Character (not a Mercenary or Enemy) takes an action, they first discard any **defend** tokens they are carrying.

For Enemies, eligible targets include any Characters (whether Player Characters or Mercenaries) and are chosen according to the rules for Enemy targets.

If no eligible target is within the attacking combatant's , they may not take the action.

If a combatant attempts to take an action but their target moves beyond their in response – for example by using an Impulse card effect – the action cannot be taken and is wasted. Do not target another combatant with that action.

See **Damage** on page 29.

# DEFEND 🕡

The combatant gains a 😭 token equal to their 🌍 .

For Player Characters this takes the form of an augment token of that value which is placed over the number value on their Health Dial, so that their current **health** is no longer visible.

For Enemies and Mercenaries, flip their condition token to the side showing a picon (if they don't have a condition token place a green token next to their standee). The value of the token is always equal to that Enemy type's current .

tokens reduce the dealt to the token's holder, from any source, by the token's value, to a minimum of 0.

- If value of the token is greater than the dealt, the target suffers no and the token remains in play. If the source was a combatant's action, that action is still considered to have been taken.
- If the value of the token is less than or equal to the dealt by the source, reduce the dealt by the value of the token, then discard (for Player Characters) or flip (for Enemies and Mercenaries) the token. Resolve any remaining dealt as usual.

Don't forget, when a Player Character (not a Mercenary or Enemy) takes an Action, they first discard any tokens they are carrying.

## ABILITIES

Every combatant, whether Player Character, Mercenary or Enemy type, has a number of unique **abilities**. For Enemies and Mercenaries these abilities are further divided into **augments** and **afflictions**, representing defensive/evasive actions and offensive actions respectively.

Character abilities are more diverse, but they still refer to augment and affliction tokens depending on the general effects of the ability. Augment-style actions tend to have icons with green backgrounds, while affliction-style action icons have red backgrounds.

### **Player Characters**

Player Character abilities are listed on the relevant Character Player Aid. Your first three abilities are available from the start of the campaign and at Character **level** 1. You start with several ability actions in your starting Action card deck and they can be used in any Scenario or Exploration.

The remaining abilities listed on the Player Aid are not available until you gain access to higher-level Action cards containing the icons of those abilities. Choosing those cards when you level up and adding them to your deck will allow you to access the abilities in a Scenario or Exploration.

When you choose to take an ability action from one of your Action cards, use the action icon to locate the corresponding entry on your ability list and follow the directions there to resolve the ability. The following are general principles for using abilities, though specific ability instructions always take precedence over general principles:

**Potency**: the efficacy of most abilities relates to your in some form. As with and actions, all modifiers and bonuses that relate directly to should be applied to the ability action.

**Influence**: many abilities can target Enemies within a Character's **influence** , giving them greater range than most attack actions. Unless specified, an ability of this type requires the user to draw line of sight to the target.

**Tokens**: abilities that require you to place augment or affliction tokens use the pool of numbered tokens bearing your Character's image. The sunburst side is your augment token, while the bloody side is your affliction token.

### Mercenaries and Enemies

Mercenaries and Enemies each have one and one action printed on their Hired card or Enemy card respectively.

When a Mercenary takes the action, choose *either* their or ability as described on the Hired card and follow the directions for that action in order to take it.

See **Mercenaries** on page 37.

An Enemy will take or actions when the Intent card drawn for their Enemy type directs them to, if they are able. Follow the directions on the Enemy card to take the action. If the effect of an or action is based on an attribute, such as use the Enemy's attribute of that type, accounting for any applicable modifiers.

If an Enemy's or action requires them to place a token, they use an or token respectively.

See **Enemy turns** on page 34.

# **ORDERS**

If the **order** icon is present next to any basic action icon on a Character's Action card, the corresponding action is an order action (in addition to the action type defined by the icon).

If you take that action, first resolve its effects as normal, after which you may issue an order. An order allows another Character or *your* Mercenary within your to immediately take the same type of action, as a free action, using your Action card modifier.

Other than using your Action card modifier, the ordered Character's modifiers apply, such as those from Impulse cards, augment or affliction tokens.

Normal action restrictions apply. A character can only follow an order to if a target enemy is within their , while a floored Character can only follow an order to , for example.

A Mercenary will only follow its employer's orders, never another Character's.

### ADDITIONAL ACTIONS

## Brace



As part of a Standard Turn you may choose for your Player Character to **brace** instead of taking one or both of their Action card actions that turn.

When bracing, take one token for each action you are forgoing, and put them on top of your token once you have moved it to the Spent track of the Trigger Sequence.

During the cleanup phase of the round, you will spend your

tokens. Each token spent allows you to do up to two of the following, in any combination:

- Move your token one space to the left or right in the Trigger Sequence so moving your turn ahead of the token to your Characters' left or behind the one to your right in the next round.
- Retrieve any one item from your pack, either adding it to an empty eligible item slot or swapping it with an item currently equipped to a corresponding eligible slot.

Then discard all (b) tokens, whether you have spent them or not.

# Hold



The combatant takes no actions on its turn this round. This action is found on some Enemy Intent cards.

See **Intent cards** on page 33.

# Flee



The combatant takes an involuntary action, except that each hex it moves into must be more distant from its target than the last. If it is not possible for the combatant to increase its distance from its target, it does not move any further.

If two or more hexes are equally valid to move into, players choose the destination hex, with the exception that a combatant taking a action will only move into deadly terrain if it has no other valid hex to move into.

See **Difficult terrain** on page 10.

# DAMAGE

For better or worse, your success in the Western Wildlands will depend on your ability to inflict bodily harm on the myriad hostile forces arrayed against you there, and to withstand the many wounds that they would deal to you.

# DEALING AND SUFFERING DAMAGE

**Damage** is represented in different ways for different types of combatant. But one vital distinction is common to all: *dealt* refers to the raw output of any source of , i.e., the value of that source of before any mitigation such as reduction by **defend** tokens or moving out of range occurs.

Sometimes you will be instructed to deal to your own Player Characters or Mercenaries, for example by a **Plot Point** . When this happens, try not to feel bad, it's not *really* you hurting them, it's the game!

suffered, conversely, always refers to the amount of dealt that is not mitigated – and that goes on to affect the game state – whether that means reducing the **health** of a Character or the condition of an Enemy or Mercenary.

# DAMAGING ENEMIES AND MERCENARIES

Enemies and Mercenaries treat in the same way. The following rules refer to Enemies but apply equally to both.

Each Enemy type has a Condition Track at the top of its card. This consists of coloured icons representing the possible conditions connected by thresholds: red arrows containing numerical values specific to that Enemy type.



The condition of individual Enemies is tracked with condition tokens placed next to their standees on the Scenario Map. An Enemy can carry only a single condition token at a time. Condition tokens should always be moved together with Enemy standees.

The possible Enemy conditions are:

**Healthy**: Enemies begin a Scenario in a healthy condition unless Scenario setup instructions say otherwise. Healthy enemies usually carry no token but may gain a green token if they take a action. There is no healthy icon on Enemy cards. When a healthy Enemy suffers , their condition degrades to **rattled**.

**Rattled**: rattled enemies carry a yellow token, which is flipped to its side when defending. When a rattled Enemy suffers, their condition degrades to **wounded**.

**Wounded**: wounded enemies carry a red token, which is flipped to its side when defending. When a wounded Enemy suffers , their condition degrades to **dead** .

**Dead**: a dead enemy is removed from the Scenario Map, sometimes after resolving a Death Throes card.

See **Death Throes** on page 30.

When any one action, ability, item or other source deals an amount of to an Enemy, check that Enemy's current condition token.

Then consult the Condition Track on that Enemy type's card, checking the value of the threshold that connects their current condition with the one to its right (following the arrow). This shows how much they must be *dealt* from one source in order to *suffer*.

If the total dealt, after all modifiers are applied, equals or exceeds the threshold value, that enemy suffers equal to the threshold value, and their condition degrades.

An enemy with no condition token or a is healthy. This means they must suffer an amount of equal to the first value (printed beneath the Enemy image on the Enemy card) in order tfor their condition to degrade.

A single source might deal so much that it meets or exceeds the combined value of more than one threshold. If so, degrade the Enemy's condition once for each threshold met.

Any dealt that fails to meet a target Enemy's next threshold is wasted, so there is little point dealing an amount of less than the Enemy's next threshold. If an Enemy is dealt more than enough to degrade its condition once (to , for example), but not enough to degrade it a second time (in this case to ) the Enemy only *suffers* equal to the first threshold, their condition degrades once (to ) and all excess is wasted.

Remember that tokens reduce the damage *dealt* by a source. If an Enemy's condition token is showing its side, you must first deal enough to remove the token before dealing any remaining.

When an Enemy's condition degrades, swap the current condition token assigned to the enemy for the appropriate new token.

Some effects may cause an Enemy's condition to improve. If this happens, replace the condition token on that Enemy's standee with the one indicated by the ability. If it simply states that their condition improves, the hierarchy is always:

# Killing Enemies and Mercenaries

Whenever an Enemy's or Mercenary's condition degrades to , they are killed or wounded beyond their ability to continue fighting. In most circumstances, immediately remove their standee and any tokens assigned to them from the Scenario Map.

### **Death Throes**

If your Character is *adjacent* to an Enemy when they cause their condition to degrade to , immediately draw the top card from the Death Throes deck. Read the narrative on the top half of the card and then follow all instructions on the bottom half in order.

While some Death Throes cards carry nasty surprises, many represent the Characters looting their opponents' remains for **coin** or useful items. Coin in particular is very scarce in the Western Wildlands and is difficult to acquire by other means.

If the Death Throes deck is empty and you need to draw a Death Throes card, shuffle the Death Throes discard pile to form a fresh deck.

## DAMAGING PLAYER CHARACTERS

Each time any effect – most commonly an Enemy's or action – deals to a Player Character, first check whether the target Character carries a token or has any other means of reducing dealt to them.

After reducing , the Character suffers equal to the remaining dealt. Reduce their current **health** (the number shown on the target Character's Health Dial) by the amount of suffered. If a Character suffers so much that their Health Dial must be moved to 0, they are immediately **floored** . Ignore any further from that source.

### Flooring Player Characters

A Player Character whose Health Dial is reduced to 0 becomes **floored**. They are dazed, reeling, bleeding out or otherwise on the edge of incapacitation. But they're not yet done. They still have a very limited part to play in the remainder of the Scenario.

Assign a floored token to the Character's miniature.

So long as you have Action cards remaining in your Action card deck and/or hand, you will continue to play one on each of your turns while . However, you must take Standard Turns only and the only options that remain available to you are:

- Take actions on the Action card played.
- Brace by forgoing one or more actions in the usual way.
- Use items.

You may not take any other type of action.

**Plot Point** and **Plot Armour** effects apply to Characters as normal.

You continue to choose and apply an Impulse card at the start of each round, as normal.

A Character can still interact with any **interactive** or or **loot** hex in which they end a ction. So even slashed,

pierced and burned, if they can crawl to a chest they might find a healing item. Should you be so fortunate, you can immediately use it and return your Character to action.

While a Character carries the stoken, they are no longer an eligible target for Enemy actions. If the Enemy that floored that Character has further actions to take on their turn, they will not target the same Character with any form of those actions. Any other Enemies that trigger later in the round will ignore Characters for all purposes.

However, a Character can make themselves easy prey for Enemies, if they are not careful. If such a Character takes a action, flip the 🛜 token to its 😝 side immediately afterwards. A Character with a 😝 token is targeted by Enemies as usual.

During the Cleanup phase of each round, flip all 😝 tokens back to their side. Enemies assume those Characters have succumbed to their wounds and will again not target them until they next take a action.

It is possible for Characters to move around the Scenario Map in other ways than taking actions and so retain their ( token.

While floored, regardless of whether their token is on its 😭 or side, each time the Character would suffer any amount of damage from any source they instead lose one (77) (regardless of how much would have been suffered in that instance).

If a floored Character regains any amount of , change their Health Dial to the new value and immediately remove their or 😝 token. From that point on they act as normal and can be targeted by Enemy actions as normal.

A Standard Turn can become a Rampage if you sequence your action correctly. This can apply to floored Characters if their first action on a Standard Turn contains an opening Rampage icon and causes them to regain

Regaining health does not affect any (1) lost while floored – that remains lost until you find another means to recover it.

Some Characters have traits or other rules that change the actions available to them when floored. Such rules take precedence over the general rules for floored Characters.

### Collapse

While Player Characters don't die during the course of a Scenario, they can come very close, suffering collapse.

If your Character's (7) is ever reduced to 0, they suffer collapse. They have been crushed in both body and spirit, far beyond their ability to fight on. Remove their miniature from the Scenario Map and remove their **Trigger** (1) token from the Trigger Sequence. Their augment and affliction tokens remain in play at their current location and continue to function as normal.

A Character who suffers collapse gains one **trauma** token.



Trauma is only relevant to the campaign, and can be ignored during Skirmish Scenarios.

If all Characters participating in a Scenario have suffered collapse, the Scenario immediately ends with a failure outcome. If you are playing a Skirmish Scenario, you may choose whether or not to attempt the Scenario again. If you are playing as part of the campaign, follow the rules for Scenario outcomes.

See **Scenario outcomes** on page 40.

#### Trauma

More significant than bodily damage or weakened resolve, Characters suffer significant traumas over the course of their exploits in the Western Wildlands.

Each time a Character gains trauma by any means, take a token from the supply and add it to your Character's Body Bag. At the campaign's conclusion, Characters' ( are used to determine their ending narrative, and, ultimately, their fates.

See All's Well That Ends on page 48.

# ENEMIES

Each Scenario sees a motley assortment of Enemies – human, monstrous and bizarre – pitched against your Characters in a perilous struggle for survival. Each Enemy type comes with an Enemy card that details its attributes and abilities, as well as a number of standees representing individual combatants. The actions Enemies take are determined by a combination of Intent cards drawn at the start of each Enemy type turn and the condition of individual Enemies of that type.

### ENEMY CARDS



### 1. Enemy type icon

Who, or what, these Enemies are. The Enemy types present in a Scenario are listed in the Scenario Guide.

See **Scenario setup** on page 6.

# 2. Coin

This is the amount of **coin** a typical Enemy of this type carries, indicating what you might expect to earn for killing one (most commonly by drawing a Death Throes card).

See **Death Throes** on page 30.

## 3. Condition track

An Enemy's condition determines how much **damage** it must suffer for its condition to degrade (and ultimately before it dies) and also the actions it will take when an Intent card for that Enemy type is drawn.

See **Damaging Enemies and Mercenaries** on page 29.

See Intent cards on page 33.

# 4. Augment ability

The action an Enemy will take if the Intent card drawn for that Enemy type indicates that it will take an **augment** action.

# 5. Affliction ability

The action an Enemy will take if the Intent card drawn for that Enemy type indicates that it will take an **affliction** action.

Enemy and actions may have a range that is greater than the Enemy type's default **range** value. If this is the case, the ability's range will be specified by a value following a icon within the ability box.

# 6. Move

The maximum number of hexes an Enemy can cover in their **move** action.

See **Enemy movement** on page 26.

# 7. Potency

As with Characters, **potency** determines the default an Enemy **attack** action will deal and the value of their **defend** tokens. In many cases it also determines the effectiveness of their and actions.

# 8. Range

The distance, measured in adjoining hexes, within which the Enemy is able to target Characters when taking an action.

See Attack on page 26.

Enemy (a), and attributes may be modified, often by **Plot Points** or other Enemy abilities. When this happens, add a modifier token of the appropriate value beneath the attribute on the Enemy card. The modified value applies to all Enemies of that type for the duration of the Scenario, unless an effect further modifies or removes the token.

### INTENT CARDS

#### 1. Intent card number

The Intent deck consists of 18 numbered cards, each of which contains a different combination of Enemy actions. Generally, the higher the Intent card number, the more powerful the actions Enemies will take on the turn in which the card is drawn.



#### 2. Fast/slow icon

Once all Enemies of the relevant type have taken a turn, this icon determines whether their **Trigger** token moves to the first available slot on the **fast** or **slow** end of the Spent track, determining that Enemy type's place in the Trigger Sequence for the next round.

#### 3. States

Reading top to bottom, use this to determine which of the available states an individual Enemy is in at the point it starts its turn, and so which actions it will attempt.

See **Enemy turns** on page 34.

#### 4. Actions

The type of actions an Enemy in the corresponding state will attempt when it starts its turn.

The cruel frontier landscape of *All's Well That Ends* brings many of its travellers close to the fringes of sanity. By day the sun pounds at their scalps and their nerves, parching throats raw, setting distant mirages in memory of everything they have left so far behind. By night, forsaken howls roll off the Hot Flats, and the distant whorls of the Ichoranda war with the dark. At any time dread beasts, merciless raiders or tortured abominations might fall upon them, dashing their dreams to the dust. Even a cold-blooded killer comes to flinch at every rustle of leaves, to stab instinctively at his own shadow, and to weep, laughing, into his gruel when he knows the gods, or all manner of unknown higher powers, have taken umbrage at his deeds.



# ENEMY TURNS

When an Enemy Trigger token must be resolved in the Trigger Sequence, all Enemies of that type will take a turn. To determine what each Enemy of that type will do, draw an Intent card: note that you draw exactly one Intent card per Enemy Trigger token – its contents are applied to all Enemies of that type.

Starting with the Enemy of that type that is closest to a Character (players decide any ties), each Enemy follows steps 1 to 3 below. After the first eligible Enemy has completed these steps, move on to the next closest Enemy of the same type, beginning at step 1.

If an Enemy **Trigger** token must be resolved and there are no Enemies of that type remaining on the Scenario Map, instead remove the token from play and place it on the Enemy card for that type of Enemt. Do not remove the card, as it is always possible more Enemies of that type may spawn later in the Scenario (see Spawning Enemies below).

### 1. Establish the Enemy's state

The Enemy's *state* is a combination of its condition and its location on the Scenario Map that determines the actions it will attempt to take on its turn. Conditions take priority, so first check whether the Enemy has suffered **damage** — if it has it will have a **wounded** — or **rattled** — condition token assigned to it. Whether such tokens are showing their — side or not makes no difference.

See **Damaging Enemies and Mercenaries** on page 29.

The Enemy states (in descending order of priority) are:



**Wounded**: any Enemy that carries a condition token.





**Rattled**: any Enemy that carries a condition token.









**Closing**: any Enemy that meets none of the criteria above.

# 2. Consult the Intent card to determine the Enemy's actions

Reading top to bottom from the conditions list on the Intent card drawn for that Enemy type, find the first state that applies to that Enemy. *They will attempt to take all actions associated with the first state that applies to them.* For example, if a Enemy is also engaged, it will attempt to take all actions, then will end its turn. It will not also attempt to take engaged actions.

If the Intent deck is empty and you need to draw an Intent card, shuffle the Intent discard pile to form a fresh deck.

# 3. The Enemy attempts to take all actions associated with its state

Reading left-to-right from the Enemy actions associated with the state identified, the Enemy takes as many of the actions as they are able, in the order they are presented. If any actions cannot be completed at that time (for example, if an Enemy is out of when its Intent card would cause it to take an **attack** action), it does not take that action but attempts the next action to the right of that result, if there is one.

# 4. Other Enemies of the same type take their turns

Find the Enemy of the same type who is next closest to any Character and has not yet taken a turn during this Enemy type turn. Follow steps 1 to 3 above for that Enemy. Continue this process until all Enemies of that type have taken a turn.

# 5. Move the Trigger token

Once all Enemies of that type have take a turn, move their token to the most central space of either the **fast** or **slow** end of the Spent track on the bottom of the Round Tracker card, according to the or icon on the Intent card, placing it face up. Then discard the Intent card.

### SPAWNING ENEMIES

If you are instructed to *spawn* Enemies during a Scenario, you will need add Enemy standees to the Scenario Map. You will generally be required to Spawn Enemies at either Enemy starting locations or at **dormant** Enemy locations. Either way, only spawn Enemies of the type directed at those locations specified.

Only ever spawn enemies at unoccupied hexes, with the exception of Overlords, which spawn in the closest empty hex if their assigned hex is occupied (Overloards are covered shortly).

When spawning Enemies, add a standee of that Enemy type at each location specified. If there is more than one instance of the specified location – the specified location is and there are three hexes on the Scenario Map, for example – spawn a standee at every location of that type. If there are not enough standees of that Enemy type in reserve, spawn only as many as you have, spawning in the hex closest to a Character first and then working back, with players deciding any ties.

Spawned Enemies behave in exactly the same way as other Enemies of that type: unless you are instructed otherwise, they enter the Scenario healthy and take their turns when their Enemy type triggers as normal.

If there is no token for the spawned Enemy type in play add one to the next slot on the Ready track of the Round Tracker card. This means that Enemies with no token in play that spawn at the start of a round, for example that are spawned by a **Plot Point**, will always trigger first. If Enemies with no token spawn during another combatant's turn, make space in the Trigger Sequence to add the spawned Enemy's token immediately after the currently active token.

## ENEMY TARGETS

For any Enemy actions (and for any other effects that require you to establish their target) an Enemy's target is one of the following, listed in priority order:

- 1. The Player Character within their with the least current **health**.
- 2. The Mercenary within their whose condition has

degraded the furthest.

3. The Character that they can bring within their by using the lowest possible value action (or actions).

If the above priorities result in a tie, players decide the Enemy's target from among the tied options.

For the purposes of determining an Enemy's targets and choosing your own targets, the term 'Character' always includes Player Characters, Solo Allies and Mercenaries.

Enemies will treat hexes occupied by other Enemies that prevent them entering of a target as if they were blocked hexes, so will attempt to find a route to another, eligible target, even if that target is proximally more distant.

Determine an Enemy's target before it attempts to take its actions. It then takes actions in the normal way.

An Enemy's target might change *between* actions but cannot change *midway through* an action. This is most relevant if the Enemy flees—it continues to flee from its initial target even if that brings it closer to another Character.

See **Flee** on page 28.

In the rare event an Enemy cannot establish a target, it will instead of taking any actions.

# ENEMY ACTIONS

Intent cards contain combinations of the basic actions found on Action cards, with the addition of the **augment**, **affliction**, **flee** and **hold** actions. These are presented followed by any modifier that should be applied. Modifiers are applied in the same way as they are to Characters, with the exception that an Enemy's default **move** value is printed on its Enemy card, not on the Intent card.

See **Actions** on page 26.

### **OVERLORDS**

In some Scenarios you will be faced with an Overlord – a unique boss-level Enemy – as well as its weaker minions. Overlord cards come in two parts. While Overlord cards and actions contain many elements similar to those of regular Enemies, they do have a few notable differences.

#### Additional Overlord attributes

### 1. Overlord Enemy type icon

Overlord images are inset into a different Enemy type icon to differentiate them from standard Enemies.



## 2. Special rules

Each Overlord has one or more special rules that will affect how you interact with them over the course of the Scenario. These are generally passive effects, so you should make sure you're familiar with them before beginning the Scenario.

#### 3. Overlord condition track and bonuses

An Overlord's condition track works much like a regular Enemy's but has several more stages. Overlords begin a Scenario with a **healthy** token on the first green space of the track. With each threshold met, move the token to the next icon to mark your progress through the Overlord's condition stages. Change the token to the relevant colour when the Overlord becomes or , and flip it if the Overlord gains a token.

Whenever an Overlord's condition degrades to a point where its token enters a stage bearing a bonus icon, the boss will gain that bonus (which often means taking an action). This happens after the action that damaged it has been fully resolved. If any other actions or effects are contingent on the damaging action

being taken (for example, an Impulse effect that happens after you take an action), you choose the order in which these effects are resolved.

An Overlord only gains a bonus when their condition *degrades* to the indicated level, never when it *improves* to that level. However, they may gain the same bonus multiple times if their condition improves after they first gain a bonus and then degrades *again* to that level.

#### 4. Defeat text and outcomes

Not all Overlords must (or can) be killed, but all will have a means of defeating them. If you manage to kill or otherwise defeat the

Overlord, do not draw a **Death Throes** card, instead read the text here and gain any rewards or other consequences indicated.

# MERCENARIES

Though beset by terrible odds, the protagonists of All's Well That Ends can call upon the aid of other adventurers, if they can scrounge enough coin to afford it. Several Mercenaries are available to hire before Scenarios, each one offering a set of hard-earned combat skills.

Mercenaries are hired during Scenario setup. Each Mercenary is represented by a Hired card. To hire a Mercenary, choose a Hired card from the supply. You may only hire a Mercenary whose **level** value (displayed next to their *Mercenary title* on the hired card) is equal to or below your Character's . You must also pay **coin** equal to the hire price for that Mercenary. Take that Hired card and a Mercenary standee.

For the price you have paid, that Mercenary will work for you for the duration of exactly one Scenario. The Mercenary is yours to control for that Scenario (or until you collapse or they die), and your Character becomes their *employer* Character.

See **Trading** on page 23.

Only one Mercenary of a given type may be recruited at any time, so no other Character can employ that Mercenary type while it is working for you. Each Character can employ one Mercenary at any time.

### HIRED CARD



### 1. Mercenary title

While few Mercenaries work with you (or survive) for long enough for you to commit their names to memory, they generally fit into a combat archetype, identified by their Mercenary title. Of course, you may prefer to name your Mercenaries. Just try not to get too attached.

#### 2. Level

The minimum at which a Character is able to hire this Mercenary.

### 3. Hire price

The amount of a prospective employer must pay to hire this Mercenary.

### 4. Damage threshold

The amount of **damage** that must be dealt to degrade the Mercenary's condition (and the amount of **health** that must be regained to improve it).

See **Damaging Enemies and Mercenaries** on page 29.

# 5. Augment ability

The augment option that can be chosen when a Mercenary takes the action on an employer's Action card. Usually a more defensive ability.

# 6. Affliction ability

The affliction option that can be chosen when a Mercenary takes the action on an employer's Action card. Usually a more offensive ability.

# Move

The default number of hexes the Mercenary can cover as part of a **move** action.

See **Move** on page 26.

#### 8. Potency

The relative physical, mental, and (where relevant) spiritual power of the Mercenary. **Potency** determines the following key Mercenary characteristics:

- The default damage dealt by their attack ( actions.
- The value of their **defend** tokens.
- The power of their **abilities** .

# Range

The distance, measured in adjoining hexes, within which the Mercenary is able to target Enemies when taking an action.

See **Attack** on page 26.

## MERCENARIES IN COMBAT

During the Mercenaries step of Scenario setup, each Mercenary hired to participate is deployed in an unoccupied hex adjacent to their employer Character. The player controlling the employer keeps that Mercenary's Hired card in their play area.

See **Scenario setup** on page 6.

Each round, when you would take a Character turn, choose for your Mercenary to take a turn either immediately before or immediately after your Character.

If a Mercenary begins their turn outside their employer's **influence** , they take no actions. Instead move the Mercenary any number of hexes (by a viable route), to place them in an eligible hex within their employer's (1). If no viable route exists, place them as close as possible to their employer's (they still take to actions on that turn).

Assuming they begin their turn within their employer's (),



a Mercenary's turn consists of them taking either one, both or neither of the actions on the Mercenaries section at the bottom of the Action card their employer has discarded (or will discard, if the Mercenary's turn is first) that round, in any order.

If your Mercenary takes a turn before their employer, you must play and discard the same Action card from which they took their actions on your Character turn. This may take the form of a Rampage action only if the Mercenary took their actions from the card with the Rampage's closing action.

Mercenaries' actions are not affected by active Impulses, but any modifiers on the Mercenary half of the Action card are applied to the attributes on the corresponding Mercenary Hired card.

themselves were a Character, with the following exceptions:

- When taking a action, a Mercenary may not deliberately move beyond their employer's (1), and cannot end any form of movement on top of **interactive** or **loot** hexes.
- When a Mercenary causes an adjacent Enemy's condition to degrade to **dead** , do not draw a Death Throes card. Remove the Enemy standee from the map as if they had not been adjacent.
- Mercenaries in the same way as Enemies (which means they do not lose their tokens when they
- Mercenaries cannot carry any items or .
- When a Mercenary takes the action, choose either their or ability described on the Hired card.

A Player Character may 🎑 on their turn such that their Mercenary is no longer with their (i), if they wish.

When is dealt to a Mercenary, check the threshold required for them to suffer in , just like you would when dealing to an Enemy. When they do suffer in , degrade their condition and assign the appropriate condition token to their standee.

See **Damaging Enemies and Mercenaries** on page 29.

When a Mercenary's condition reaches , that Mercenary is killed and takes no further part in the Scenario. Return their Hired card and standee to the supply. A Mercenary of the same type can be hired the next time players have the opportunity to trade.

See **Trading** on page 23.

If any effect causes a Mercenary to regain **health** , the healing effect must equal or exceed the threshold needed to improve their condition in order to have any effect. If it does, replace the condition token on that Enemy's standee, following the hierarchy:

A single healing effect may improve a Mercenary's condition by more than one level, if it causes them to regain sufficient.

A Mercenary will keep fighting even if their employer is **floored** , but if a Mercenary's employer suffers collapse, the Mercenary is removed from the Scenario along with them. Return their Hired card and standee to the supply.

See Collapse on page 31.

Mercenaries can be the target of and abilities in the same way that Characters can. Similarly, they may only carry one and one token at a time (choose to either keep these on the Hired card or beside the Mercenary standee, as you prefer).

Remember that Enemies consider Mercenaries to be Characters when taking actions.



# SCENARIO OUTCOMES

Whether playing a Skirmish Scenario or in order to progress the campaign, each Scenario must be completed and must have an outcome. Things might not end as you would wish them to, but you can be sure that they will end.

A Scenario is completed in one of the following two ways:

## SUCCESS

A Scenario is considered a success when the Scenario *victory condition* has been completed. Once these conditions are met the Scenario is completed immediately. Do not resolve any further rounds, turns, actions or even effects.

Some Scenarios have *secondary conditions* that are not considered when determining whether a Scenario is completed but might change the overall outcome.

## FAILURE

A Scenario is failed and ends immediately if any of the following apply:

- All Characters participating in the Scenario have suffered collapse.
- The Scenario victory conditions have not been met and there is no remaining numbered slot to which you can move the Round Tracker token at the start of a round.
- It is no longer possible to complete the Scenario victory conditions.
- Players choose to surrender, ending the Scenario before completing its victory conditions.

## **OUTCOMES**

Once a Scenario is completed, consult the Scenario Outcomes for that page. This will generally instruct you to draw a **Location** card with which to start the next Exploration Phase. The card number drawn is often determined by your success or failure in the Scenario.

See **Part Two: Exploration** on page 41.

The Location card can be read, and the corresponding Exploration Phase played, either straight away or in a later session. If you choose to play it at a later point, simply add the Location card indicated to your Body Bag.

# PART TWO: EXPLORATION

After completing a Scenario, you will be directed to read the corresponding Aftermath text in the Campaign Book's Scenario Guide. This will determine the balance of rewards and forfeits you receive, depending on your success or failure in the Scenario. From there, you will begin a new chapter in the narrative. This begins with drawing a specific Location card and following it inexorably deeper into the Wildlands.

### **LOCATION CARDS**

Each Exploration is played using a deck of square **Location cards**. All Location cards should be stored in numerical order in the game box on the 'Undiscovered' side of the Location card divider. When instructed by the Scenario Aftermath text, locate the numbered card required to begin that Exploration (for example, ① ). The top of the Location card will state whether the upcoming Exploration is *short* or *long*.

## PREPARING FOR EXPLORATION

Remove all **Plot Armour** tokens from the Round Tracker card and return them to the supply. Turn the card to its 12-round side for a full Exploration or its 6-round side for a short Exploration. Add the Round Tracker token to the slot indicated according to the number of players. Create a randomised Trigger Sequence using the face-up **Trigger** token for each Character taking part, along the **fast** and of the Ready track.

Clear your play area of the following components, returning the mto the game box/ Character Body Bags:

- The Book of Maps and Supplemental Maps.
- Enemy standees and cards
- Mercenary standees and Hired cards
- Intent cards
- Death Throes cards
- Enemy Trigger tokens
- Enemy affliction/augment tokens
- Condition tokens
- Modifier tokens
- Loot tokens
- Brace/void tokens
- Praxis cards
- Impulse cards
- All miniatures

This will leave you with the following components accessible for the Exploration:

- Character Dashboards and overlaid tokens
- Character items
- Character Action cards
- Character coin
- Character tokens
- Character Trigger tokens
- The Loot deck
- The Round Tracker card and token
- Trauma tokens

Set each Character's Health Dial to their maximum **health** value and retrieve their Action cards. Locate the party standee. You will also need access to the and access to the supplies and the Exploration tokens numbered 1–18.

Remove all **Plot Armour** tokens from the Round Tracker card and return them to the supply. Turn the card to its 12-round side for a full Exploration or its 6-round side for a short Exploration. Add the Round Tracker token to the slot indicated according to the number of players. Create a randomised Trigger Sequence using the face-up **Trigger** token for each Character taking part, along the **fast** and of the Ready track.

Create an Action card deck for each Character, containing a number of cards equal to the number of rounds on the Round Tracker card.

> Read the narrative text on the Location card, then flip it to show the art on its back and place it in the centre of the play area to enter the region in which the Exploration will take place. Add the party standee to the card. You have now entered the location.



## EXPLORATION ROUNDS

The party will need to scout out and explore their surroundings if they are ever to achieve their goals in the Wildlands. As they push deeper into the local environment, they will test their values and abilities against interactions with the local populace, strange artefacts and otherworldly terrain.

An Exploration takes place over a number of rounds, during which you have the opportunity to scout your surroundings, interact with the locals or other entities you find there, rest and find clues to determine your next steps.

As with Scenarios, the Round Tracker determines how much time remains for you to complete your Exploration. If the tracker ever reaches the last number on the track and you would need to advance it further, you run out of time: immediately read the final quest point for that chapter, marked .

Each Character will take a turn during the round, beginning with the Character whose **Trigger** token is in the leftmost position of the Trigger Sequence. That player will either **scout**, **quest**, or **rest** on their turn. Once they have completed their turn, they move their turn token down to the Spent track of the Round Tracker, just as in a Scenario. Whether they move to the **fast** or **slow** end of the sequence is determined by the icon printed on the Action card they play.

The player whose token is now in the leftmost position of the Ready track then takes their turn, until all players have moved their tokens to the Spent track. Once all players have taken a turn advance the Round Tracker to the next numbered space, slide tokens up to the Ready track and begin the next round.

### EXPLORATION ACTIONS

#### Scout

The scout action allows you to attempt to reveal a Location card that is adjacent to the card the party currently occupies and is indicated by a **travel** icon. You may also move the party to the revealed location

If the icon is not attached to an icon box containing a **move** icon and value (as is usually the case), then providing you

draw at least one card containing a action of any value, you have succeeded in the scout action.

Choose and discard any one of your drawn cards containing a action. You may then choose one of the remaining cards in your hand to place face-down on the top of your Action card deck. Place any remaining cards face-down in any order on the bottom of the deck.

If the icon is attached to an icon box containing a icon and value, then you must choose and discard one of your drawn cards containing actions that, when combined, are equal or greater than the icon box value in order to succeed.

If you draw cards containing no actions or cannot equal the value of the in the icon box, you have failed the scout action: reveal no new Location card and do not move the party. Choose any one card to discard. You may still choose one of the remaining cards in your hand to place face-down on the top of your Action card deck. Place any remaining cards face-down in any order on the bottom of the deck.

If you succeeded, draw the numbered Location card indicated by the and read the descriptive text on its front (numbered) side. If the text is followed by any instructions to gain rewards or suffer penalties, do so now. Then flip that card to its location art side and add it to the play area, adjoining the icon through which you have travelled, to form a contiguous Location Map.

You may immediately move the Character standee representing the party onto the newly revealed Location card. Or you may prefer to wait where you are, but if you do so, you or another player must take a successful scout action in the future to move onto the revealed Location card.

Whether you succeeded or failed, move your to token down to the Spent track of the Trigger Sequence according to the or icon on the card you played, then end your turn.

#### Quest

You may quest as your action for your turn whenever there is an uncovered blue **quest** icon on the Location card the party currently occupies. If all icons on that card have been covered by Character tokens, you must instead scout or rest.

An uncovered icon contains a unique number and is attached to one or more icons that indicate the type of quest available and the requirements for success. You must decide based on these indicators whether you will attempt the quest action — before learning the potential rewards for success or forfeits for failure. Sometimes, for example, you will realise that another Character's chances of success are much higher than your own, in which case you may prefer to scout or rest instead.

If you choose to attempt the quest, consult the *quests* section of the Scenario Guide for the current chapter. Find the entry corresponding to the number on the icon. A second narrating player (ideally not the one attempting the quest, unless playing solo) should first read the descriptive text to you.

You then attempt the quest, which will take one of two forms:

### Investigation

An investigation is marked only by the **investigation** con.



An investigation requires you to make a decision on behalf of your Character. To take the action, have the narrating player read the two options that follow the descriptive text, after which you pick one of those options to represent your Character's response. The narrating player then reads the linked text for the option chosen, and you gain any rewards and suffers any forfeits associated with your choice.

Draw a number of Action cards from your deck equal to your Character's (7). Choose and discard any one of those cards. You may then choose one of the remaining cards in your hand to place face-down on the top of your Action card deck. Place any remaining cards in any order on the bottom of the deck.

Add any one of your Character augment tokens to the corresponding icon on the Location card (an augment token indicates successful completion of a quest, and an investigation is always considered to have been successfully completed).

Move your token to the side of the Spent track that corresponds to the or icon on the card you discarded, then end your turn.

Note that some Characters are inflexible when faced with certain ethical or practical decisions: if your Character's icon is present next to an investigation option, you *must* choose that option.

#### Challenge

A challenge is marked by an *action icon box* containing a success value and a number of action icons.

Challenges require you to meet criteria in order to gain a benefit, such as items, allies or information. The criteria are conveyed by the action icon box. You must meet or exceed the criteria of an action icon box using your Action card deck.

To attempt the challenge, draw a number of action cards equal to your Character's . If you draw at least one card that meets or exceeds the criteria using any combination of Character actions, you have succeeded in the challenge. If none of your drawn cards meet or exceed the criteria using any combination of Character actions, you have failed.

### Challenge criteria



• Success value (e.g., 5): This is the total value of the specified actions and abilities that you must meet or exceed from the actions on a single Action card in order to succeed in the

challenge. Calculate the value based on your Character actions and abilities of the matching type/s, adding together all eligible instances on the card you choose to use.

- Speed (e.g., : If an icon is shown here, only actions and abilities from an Action card of that speed will count towards success. If neither icon is shown, either a or card can be used.
- Actions and abilities (e.g., , tresspass ):
  Only icons visible here will count towards success. Action card modifiers are applied when calculating the value of actions. If the potency icon is displayed here, any attack, defend or ability actions will contribute towards success.

All icons related to Rampage and Surge actions, including additional bonuses and modifiers, are ignored for the purposes of a challenge.

For example, the challenge icon box shown has a success value of 5. That value must be met by a combination of and actions found on a single acrd.

Action cards with a total value of 5 or more are not common (hint: each Character starts the campaign with two), but as Knowman knows the ability, he can also add the value of any actions on a card that he plays (i.e., his modified for that action). This makes Knowman a more viable Character to attempt this challenge.

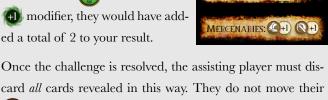
#### Assisting a challenge

If you attempt a challenge but fail to meet or exceed the criteria, up to one other player whose Character knows any abilities (*not* basic actions) represented in the action icon box may choose to assist you. If they do, they reveal Action cards from the top of their deck, one at a time, until they have revealed a number of their choosing less than or equal to their

For each matching ability icon revealed, add one to the result of your challenge. Also add the value of any modifiers to those abilities. The or icons of the card/s drawn are ignored during an assist.

For example, if another player used the Action card shown to assist in the example challenge, they would add 1 to your result due to the icon, but the icon would be ignored. If the had also had a modifier, they would have added a total of 2 to your result.

🗱 token during an assist.



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After comparing the values of your drawn cards with the challenge criteria, follow one of the processes below, according to whether you succeed or fail to meet or exceed the criteria:

#### Success

- Choose and discard one of the Action cards that meets the action icon box criteria.
- You may then choose one of the remaining cards in your hand to place face-down on the top of your action card deck.
- Place any remaining cards face-down in any order on the bottom of the deck.
- The narrating player reads the *success* text for the quest.
- Gain any rewards listed in the success text (and suffer any associated forfeits).
- Add any one of your Character augment tokens to the corresponding icon on the Location card (an augment token represents success in a quest).
- Move your token to the side of the Spent trackthat corresponds to the or icon on the card you discarded, then end your turn.

#### **Failure**

- Choose and discard any one of your drawn Action cards.
- You may then choose one of the remaining cards in your hand to place face-down on the top of your Action card deck.
- Place any remaining cards face-down in any order on the bottom of the deck.
- The narrating player reads the *failure* text for the quest.
- Suffer any forfeits listed in the failure text (and occasionally, gain any rewards).
- Add any one of your Character affliction tokens to the corresponding icon on the Location card (an affliction token represents failure in a quest).
- Move your token to the side of the Spent trackthat corresponds to the or icon on the card you discarded, then end your turn.

#### **Exploration** rewards

Any item rewards gained during an Exploration are treated just as if they had been gained during a Scenario, with the exception that they may be given to or exchanged with another player at any time, providing neither player's Character has suffered collapse.

See **Loot** on page 19.

Some rewards instruct you to 'Add **Plot Armour** at +X. This represents your positive influence in the world as it shapes the challenges ahead. Retrieve the corresponding numbered token. At the start of the next Scenario, this is added to the Round Tracker on top of the corresponding **Plot Point** icon.

See **Scenario setup** on page 6.

If you gain a numbered **Exploration** (X) token as a reward, find that token in the supply and keep it in your play area during Explorations and Scenarios and in your Body Bag between sessions. (X) tokens sometimes change the quest options available to you during Explorations or even the outcomes of Scenarios. An event that changes based on a token does so if *any* player carries the token (not just if the player whose turn it is carries it). If you are ever instructed to discard a (X) token, return it to the supply (ignore the instruction if no one carries that token).

#### Collapse

Just like in Scenarios, Characters can overexert themselves during Explorations. A Character who has no remaining cards in their Action card deck (an unlikely situation, but possible if a Character is too generous with assisting in challenges) suffers collapse at the end of the action that reduces their deck to zero.

Remove the collapsed Character's token from the Round Tracker. They immediately suffer one **trauma** and take no further part in the Exploration.

Unlike a Scenario, during Exploration a Character who has zero  $\mathfrak{P}$  at any time on their turn does not immediately suffer collapse. They may *rest* on their turn to regain  $\mathfrak{P}$ .

#### Rest

You may choose the rest action on your turn. Resting is useful if no available quests appeal and you are unable or unwilling to scout, or if you are low on 77.

To take the rest action, first regain one \( \begin{align\*} \text{.} \text{ Then draw a number} \) of action cards from your deck, up to the value of your current \( \begin{align\*} \text{.} \text{ Choose} \) and discard any one of those cards. You may then choose one of the remaining cards in your hand to place facedown on the top of your Action card deck. Place any remaining cards face-down in any order on the bottom of the deck.

Move your token to the side of the Spent track that corresponds to the or icon on the card you discarded, then end your turn.

#### ENDING AN EXPLORATION

The Exploration phase ends in one of two ways:

- 1. At any time that a quest instructs you to progress to the next Scenario.
- 2. When the Round Tracker is in the final slot of the Round Tracker card and you would need to advance it further. In this case you run out of time and will read the chapter's text.

When the Exploration ends, add up the number of augment and affliction tokens each player has added to icons on the Location Map. Each Character with *more* affliction tokens than augment tokens in total – including Characters who suffered collapse during the Exploration – suffers one **trauma**.

Each Character currently suffering collapse regains one (77).



Then return any affliction and augment tokens to their owning players. Clear away all Location cards, adding them to the *discovered* side of the Location card divider in the game box. Also return the party standee to the box.

You are then ready to either proceed to the next Scenario, or to pause the campaign.

See **Pausing the campaign** on page 46.

# PAUSING THE CAMPAIGN

The story of All's Well That Ends takes place over many months, and it is likely that your campaign will too: certainly it is impossible to complete it in one sitting. You will likely have to pause the campaign between gaming sessions, in which case you will need to record your progress.

## RECORDING CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

You may pause the campaign at the end of any Scenario or Exploration.

If you pause after completing a Scenario, read the Scenario Outcome then add the first Location card for the following Exploration phase to the Body Bag of any one Character participating in that campaign. Resume the campaign in a future session by reading and laying out that Location card.

If you pause at the end of an Exploration, add any **Plot Armour** tokens you obtained to the Body Bag of any one Character participating in the campaign, and simply keep your Campaign Book open on the first page of the next linked Scenario (as instructed at the end of the Exploration), or use a bookmark. Resume that campaign in a future session by reading the introductory text to that Scenario.

## RECORDING CHARACTER PROGRESS

Your Character progress is simply a collection of the various cards and tokens you have accrued on your journey. These are stored along with the Character dashboard in Body Bags. The components you should store between sessions are:

- Character Dashboard
- Player Aid
- Health Dial
- All Character augment/affliction tokens
- All starting and acquired Action cards
- · Praxis card
- Impulse deck

- Level Ptoken
- **Health** 🙌 token
- Resolve (7) token
- Equipment acards
- Loot Cards
- Coin tokens

When you resume the campaign, simply retrieve these components and add them to your player area, ready to return to the fray.

All other components can be stored away between sessions. Use the divider provided to separate items in circulation from those in the supply.

# SOŁO PŁAY

If you wish to play All's Well That Ends on your own, you will take control not only of your Player Character but also of a Solo Ally, an adaptation of a Player Character than operates in a more limited capacity to support you in your quest. To choose a Solo Ally, simply flip the Character Dashboard for any Player Character other than your own onto its Solo Ally Dashboard side, and add it to your player area. Solo Allies and solo play operate very much like the multiplayer game (with you making all decisions for them), with the following exceptions.

## SOŁO AŁŁIES

Your Solo Ally does not use Action or Impulse cards. They start with no **equipment** items and cannot equip them, but they may carry up to two **loot** items and use them as if they were a Player Character. They may carry items in their pack as usual.

Your Solo Ally's maximum **health** is determined by your Player Character's current **level** and is shown on the track at the bottom of the Solo Ally Dashboard. Use the Solo Ally Character's Health Dial to track their current.

#### Solo Allies in Scenarios

During Scenario Setup, add the Solo Ally's character tokens to each of the tracks representing their abilities, and one to the **defend** track. On each track, place the token on the rightmost number that is less than or equal to your . If the track has no number less than or equal to your level, you have yet to unlock the ability – add a **void** token to that ability's icon.

Your Solo Ally has their **Trigger** token added to the Trigger Sequence just like a Player Character's. However, on their turn their actions are chosen from the Mercenaries section of your Player Character's Action cards, in a similar way to a Mercenary's actions. Importantly, you may choose the Mercenaries actions from any one Action card in your hand, not just the card you are playing or have played on your turn during that round. If you have no cards in hand (for example, you have played your final Action card earlier in the round), they must choose actions from the last Action card you discarded.

When your Solo Ally takes the action, you must choose a or ability action on their Dashboard that is not covered by a token. They take that action exactly as if they were a Player Character (see that Character's Player Aid for help with their abilities). Then move the token for that action one slot to the left. If there are no numbered slots remaining, remove the token from that track and place a token on that action's icon. If all tracks have tokens, choose to either or attack.

At the end of your Solo Ally's turn, move their token to the fast end of the Spent track of the Round Tracker if the Action card their Mercenaries actions came from was a card, or the slow end of the Spent track of the Round Tracker if the card their actions came from was a card. If they took the card their actions came from was a card. If they took action and the action slot you moved their token onto had a or icon, instead move them to the end of the Spent track that matches that icon.

Your Solo Ally cannot employ a Mercenary, meaning you will only ever have one Mercenary in play. All a Solo Ally would gain goes to your Player Character.

### Solo Allies in Explorations

Set up your Solo Ally Dashboard as for a Scenario. As with Scenarios, your Solo Ally uses your Mercenaries actions during Exploration. Whenever you would normally draw Action cards to determine the success or failure of your Solo Ally's action on their turn, instead draw a number equal to your Solo Ally's current **resolve** from your own Action card deck. If you do not have enough Action cards remaining in your deck, make up the deficit by using cards from the top of your discard pile.

Do not discard your Action cards once your Solo Ally has taken their turn (unless they used any number of cards from the top of your discard pile, in which case those cards return there). You may return one card to the top of your deck and must place any remaining cards on the bottom, in any order.

When attempting to move the party to a location with an icon box containing a cicon and value attached, count the value of any of the Solo Ally's cations as equal to their **potency**.

A Solo Ally can assist a Player Character in a quest if the required ability is on their Solo Ally Dashboard and is not covered by a token. If they do, they move the token for that ability one or more slots to the left, adding one to the result of your challenge for each slot that the token moves.

# ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS

Many months and countless leagues from where you began, your story will reach its inevitable end. After the dust and blood of the final Scenario has settled, still you must make harrowing decisions before you can know any kind of rest.

The Campaign Book will guide you through the closing narrative of the campaign, but just as important as the impact you make upon the world is the toll the world takes on you.

Once you have completed the campaign narrative, add up the **trauma** tokens in the possession of each Character. In any Character order, consult the epilogues at the back of the Campaign Book, reading only the outcome that corresponds to the number of that Character's possession.

If you accumulate enough trauma, your Character's fate might not be to your liking. But you can always come back for another turn on the wheel, and strive for a better outcome in your next life

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