

FOR LIGHT YEARS

A SCI-FI FOUR KINGDOMS VARIATION

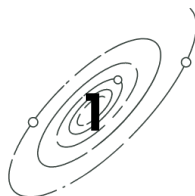


THIS IS A SCIENCE FICTION SUPPLEMENT FOR FOUR KINGDOMS. IN THIS VERSION OF THE GAME, YOU ARE PLAYING AS FOUR SPECIES OF ALIENS EXPLORING A GALAXY. DRAWN TO A SIGNAL FROM AN ANOMALY AT THE GALACTIC CENTER, YOU CRASH-LAND ON A NEW PLANET. HERE, YOU ARE FORCED TO START AGAIN. WHILE TRYING TO SOLVE WHAT THE ANOMALY IS, YOU WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH OTHER SPECIES DRAWN TO THE SAME MYSTERY AS YOU.

WILL YOU HOLD ON TO THE SOCIETY AND CULTURE YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU, OR WILL YOU CHANGE AND BE CHANGED BY YOUR NEW SURROUNDINGS AND DISCOVERIES?

TO PLAY, REPLACE THE TEXT ON THE PAGES STATED IN THE FOUR KINGDOMS CORE BOOK WITH THE TEXT BELOW.

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PAGE 7: REPLACE - I: THE OLD WORLD



WITH

I: THE GALACTIC CENTER

'WHEN WE SAW WHAT WAS THERE, WE COULDN'T BELIEVE OUR EYES.'

ALL PLAYERS SHOULD DISCUSS AND THEN DRAW SOME 'ANOMALY' IN THE CENTER OF THE GALAXY.

(EXAMPLES: A DERELICT SPACESHIP, AN EXOPLANET FULL OF SUIT-WEARING CATS, A CLOWN NEBULA, SOME SPACE CREATURE LAYING EGGS OR FEEDING ON A STAR).

AND

A DISTANT CALL

'LOG ENTRY # (SAY A RIDICULOUS NUMBER). WE WERE FROM THE PLANET (NAME), A (ADJECTIVE/BIOME/ IDEOLOGY) PLANET IN A SECTOR OF THE (NAME) STAR CLUSTER. WE ARE A GROUP OF (DESCRIBE AND DRAW YOUR ALIEN RACE) AND HAVE LONG SINCE DISCOVERED FASTER-THAN-LIGHT TRAVEL AND THE VAST ARRAY OF LIFE OUT IN THE UNIVERSE. THIS IS OUR STORY. THE STORY ABOUT THE DAY WE RECEIVED A SIGNAL FROM THE GALACTIC CENTER AND WENT TO INVESTIGATE.'

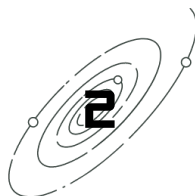
PAGE 8: REPLACE - II: FOUNDATIONS



WITH

II: CRASH LAND

'AS WE APPROACHED THE CENTER OF THE GALAXY, SOMETHING INTERFERED WITH OUR NAVIGATIONAL DEVICES, AND WE WERE FORCED TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING. OUR SHIP CAME DOWN ON A (ADJECTIVE/BIOME) PLANET FULL OF (ADJECTIVE) (NOUN). (DRAW LOCATION OF CRASHED SHIP AND PLANET LOCATION). LUCKILY, WE STILL HAVE SOME WORKING TECH AND COMMS, BUT WE LOST MANY CREW MEMBERS IN THE CRASH. IT IS TIME TO SALVAGE WHAT WE HAVE LEFT, EXPLORE, AND REBUILD. THIS WILL BE OUR NEW HOME.'



PAGE 9: REPLACE - III: LEADERSHIP

WITH

III: INITIAL DISCOVERIES

'WE THEN BEGAN TO EXPLORE OUR LOCAL CLUSTER. WE CHARTED MANY THINGS.'

DESCRIBE ANY LOCATIONS (NEBULAS, BLACK HOLES, ASTEROID FIELDS, DERELICT SPACESHIPS, EXOPLANETS) AND DRAW THEM AROUND YOUR SECTOR OF SPACE.

PAGE 10: REPLACE - IV: GROWTH

WITH

IV: CONTACT

'AFTER THE FIRST FEW MONTHS, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE OTHER LIFE FORMS NEARBY.'

ESTABLISH SHIPPING LINES AND THE VESSELS GOING BETWEEN PLAYERS' PLANETS AND SECTORS. ESTABLISH WHAT THESE LINES MEAN.

EXAMPLES: RESEARCH/DIPLOMATIC/TRADE EXCHANGES, TELEPORTATION/MIXING OF POPULATIONS, RIVALRIES (SUCH AS OPEN HOSTILITY, PIRACY, RAIDS).

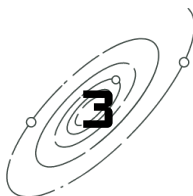
PAGE 10: REPLACE - V: A MYSTERIOUS OBJECT

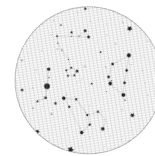
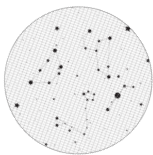
WITH

V: THE ARTIFACT AT THE CENTER OF THE GALAXY

'IT WAS THEN THAT THE SOURCE OF THE SIGNAL IN THE ANOMALY WAS UNCOVERED. OUR SCANNERS DETERMINED THE ARTIFACT (A BEACON ABOARD A LONG-LOST SHIP, AN ALIEN EGG, YOURSELF FROM THE PAST, A TEACUP, ETC.) THAT WAS CALLING TO US.'

DRAW THIS ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER OR SMALL CARD. ONE OF OUR NATIONS MANAGED TO OBTAIN IT. CHOOSE A PLAYER AND GIVE THEM THE PAPER WITH THE DRAWING ON IT.

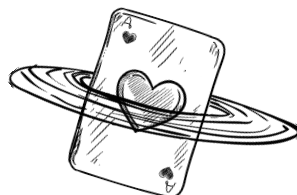




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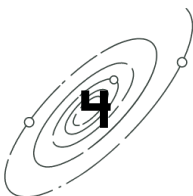
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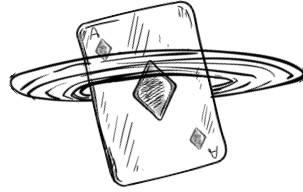
THESE NEW PROMPTS REPLACE THE PROMPTS ON PAGES 17 THROUGH 20 IN THE BOOK.



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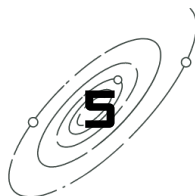
- A** SEE ACT BREAK TABLE
- K** A NEW RELIGIOUS SECT/CULT IS FORMED. WHAT DO THEY WORSHIP?
- Q** A CHARISMATIC LEADER/FAMOUS STARSHIP ENTERS THE ORBIT OF YOUR PLANET FROM YOUR HOMEWORLD.
- J** COMMUNICATIVE ATTEMPTS WITH THE ANOMALY REVEALS SOMETHING NEW.
- 10** A MAJOR COSMIC EVENT SHAKES A CORNER OF THE GALAXY.
- 9** A COMMUNICATION BREAKDOWN LEADS TO CONFLICT.
- 8** ONE FACTION/PLAYER RAIDS ANOTHER. WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES OF THIS RAID?
- 7** TWO THINGS, SEEMINGLY UNCONNECTED, ARE FOUND TO HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT CONNECTION.
- 6** OUR PLANET BELIEVES X IS SACRED AND Y IS PROFANE BECAUSE OF THE LAST CARD DRAWN.
- 5** A SUMMIT AT A NEUTRAL LOCATION. WHAT IS DISCUSSED? HOW DO THESE TALKS GO?
- 4** A COMET BRINGS WITH IT A GOOD/BAD OMEN TO OUR PEOPLE. WHAT DO THE RELIGIOUS PEOPLE OF YOUR PLANET BELIEVE?
- 3** TWO PLAYERS GET A VISION OF THE FUTURE FROM THE ANOMALY. DISCUSS WHAT IT IS TOGETHER. THIS WILL HAPPEN AFTER THE NEXT CARD DRAW.
- 2** A FIFTH PLANETARY SOCIETY ENTERS THE RACE FOR THE ARTIFACT.

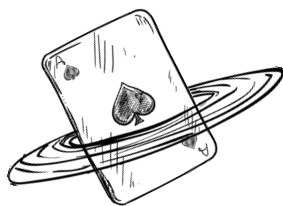




THE ANOMALY AT THE GALACTIC CENTER

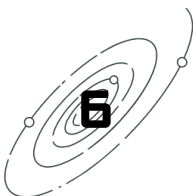
- A** SEE ACT BREAK TABLE
- K** STRANGE SYMBOLS BEGIN TO APPEAR (ON SURFACES/IN DREAMS/IN YOUR PLANET'S MATH) AND ACROSS THE GALAXY. DRAW A UNIQUE SYMBOL. EACH PLAYER CREATES A POSSIBLE MEANING TO IT.
- Q** THE ANOMALY (OR ARTIFACT) VANISHES. IT WILL RETURN AS A RESULT OF THE NEXT CARD.
- J** THE ANOMALY/ARTIFACT DESTROYS/CREATES SOMETHING.
- 10** THE ANOMALY CREATES A PROFOUND CHANGE ON THE DRAWING FACTION'S HOMEWORLD.
- 9** THE DRAWING FACTION BEGINS TO BELIEVE THAT THE ANOMALY CAN ANSWER SOME MYSTERY OF THE UNIVERSE. WHAT?
- 8** A WORMHOLE OPENS. TO WHERE? / FROM WHERE? / DOES ANYTHING EMERGE FROM IT?
- 7** METEOR SHOWERS, NEBULAS, AND/OR SPACE STUFF? THINGS MOVE ABOUT.
- 6** OUR FACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE ANOMALY. WE WILL DO ANYTHING TO PROTECT IT.
- 5** OUR FACTION HAS SUCCUMBED TO SPACE MADNESS. WE MUST DESTROY THE ANOMALY AT ALL COSTS.
- 4** TIME IS AFFECTED BY THE ANOMALY. ADVANCE OR REWIND TIME X NUMBER OF YEARS/GENERATIONS.
- 3** THE ANOMALY CREATES A BLACK HOLE SOMEWHERE ON THE MAP. SHUFFLE ALL FOUR PAPERS RANDOMLY. POKE A HOLE THROUGH THE BACK OF ONE WITH A PENCIL. DESTROY OR ERASE EVERYTHING WITHIN AN INCH OF THE HOLE.
- 2** THE POWER OF THE ANOMALY EXTENDS BEYOND OUR PLANE OF EXISTENCE. ALL PLAYERS MAY ONLY DRAW WITH THE NON-PREDOMINANT HAND FOR THE NEXT TWO CARDS. (OR AS AN ALTERNATIVE, A PLAYER MAY WISH TO CREATE THEIR OWN UNIQUE RULE TO CHANGE THE GAME STATE MOMENTARILY.)

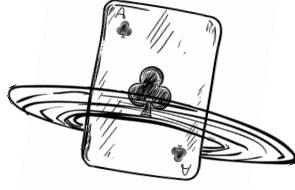




DISCOVERIES & STRANGE PHENOMENA

- A** SEE ACT BREAK TABLE
- K** A NEW FORM OF INTELLIGENT LIFE IS FOUND
- Q** A ROGUE FACTION BEGINS TO APPEAR IN CORNERS OF THE GALAXY. WHAT COULD THEY WANT?
- J** A STRANGE NEW FORM OF PLANT LIFE IS DISCOVERED. WHERE? WHAT DOES IT DO/LOOK LIKE?
- 10** A STRANGE NEW ANIMAL LIFEFORM IS DISCOVERED. WHERE? IS IT FRIENDLY/HOSTILE?
- 9** TWO PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED PROMPTS COMBINE TO CREATE AN UNEXPECTED NEW PHENOMENON.
- 8** DRAW A TRIANGLE ON THE MAP SOMEWHERE. THINGS BEGIN ACTING STRANGELY WITHIN IT.
- 7** GLOWING LIGHTS ARE OBSERVED IN A DISTANT QUADRANT OF THE GALAXY. WHAT COULD THEY MEAN?
- 6** OUR EXPLORERS MOVE ABOUT THE GALAXY.
- 5** A ONE-OF-A-KIND OR LAST-OF-ITS-TYPE (CREATURE/OBJECT) IS DISCOVERED AND NAMED.
- 4** SOMETHING FRIENDLY TURNS HOSTILE (AND/OR) SOMETHING HOSTILE TURNS FRIENDLY.
- 3** A FAINT SIGNAL IS PICKED UP FROM A PREVIOUSLY UNDISCOVERED PLANET. IT MAY BE WORTH INVESTIGATING.
- 2** SUPERNOVA! A STAR SOMEWHERE GOES SUPERNOVA. DRAW THE AREA OF EFFECT SHOWING WHAT IT WILL TAKE OUT WITH IT.





TECHNOLOGIES

- A** SEE ACT BREAK TABLE
- K** OUR SCIENTISTS HAVE CREATED A NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT CHANGES OUR BODIES IN SOME WAY.
- Q** OUR SCIENTISTS HAVE CREATED A NEW DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY.
- J** OUR SCIENTISTS HAVE CREATED A NEW OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY.
- 10** SOMETHING SHORT CIRCUITS OR EXPLODES.
- 9** A TECHNOLOGY/SHIP/THE ARTIFACT IS STOLEN BY ONE FACTION OR PLAYER.
- 8** A FORM OF ENERGY IS HARNESSSED AND THEN UTILIZED.
- 7** A MEGA-PROJECT IS STARTED. IT WILL FINISH WHEN THE NEXT DIAMOND IS DRAWN.
- 6** AI SYSTEMS GO HAYWIRE.
- 5** WE HAVE CREATED A NEW CHEMICAL ALLOY. NAME IT. DESCRIBE ITS POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS.
- 4** ROBOTS!
- 3** A FAMOUS SCIENTIST AMONG US HAS DISCOVERED WHAT THE ARTIFACT WANTS. CHOOSE ANOTHER PLAYER TO DRAW THE SCIENTIST AND MAKE A GALAXY-WIDE ANNOUNCEMENT.
- 2** CONTACT WITH A HOMEWORLD HAS BEEN RE-ESTABLISHED. THE DRAWING PLAYER SHOULD DRAW A HOME-WORLD PLANET ON A NEW CARD (WITH DETAILS). THEN MAKE A MAJOR CHANGE SOMEWHERE.

