

DUNGEON TWISTER

Card

Game

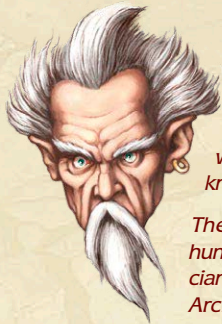


RULEBOOK



Ludically

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Targane is a magical world inhabited by countless creatures, each more amazing than the next. Dwarves, elves, dragons, gnomes, orks, trolls, humans, goblins, and many other races have developed in various ways in this world, each learning and mastering specific technologies, skills, and knowledge.

The most influential character (and likely the most powerful) is a human known as the Arch-Mage. Legends tell of this supreme magician as being the most powerful of all the sorcerers on Targane. The Arch-Mage spent his entire life striving to learn the art of magic to uncover its deepest secrets. After having mastered every spell known to this world, his quest for knowledge drove him to discover the ultimate power: immortality.

According to some elves, the Arch-Mage may now be as much as 3000 years old. This is a long life for someone who has already enjoyed all the pleasures of this world, discovered all its secrets, and mastered every power.

The Arch-Mage's wealth is certainly commensurate with his power. As he neared his thousandth year of existence, the Arch-Mage decided to create a kingdom for himself: a vast territory made up of multiple regions across the globe. Having already mastered the teleportation spell, he was thus able to travel to new places with ease whenever boredom fueled his desire to visit new landscapes.

A friend to some, but hated by others, he offered rich rewards for the construction of castles and fortresses dedicated to his personal use in every region he wished to visit. Once settled in a region, he systematically, and without remorse, took it over, employing money, diplomacy, or force. The Arch-Mage thus delayed boredom for a few more centuries, travelling among his various castles.

Still, 3000 years is a very long time... He needed to find a more radical solution to keep himself from dying of boredom. A very innovative idea, at least at the time, came to him...

He reignited the rather friendly relationship he had maintained over the centuries with the dwarves and gnomes. In the past, they had been handsomely paid to build his many estates and fortifications. In fact, dwarves were known throughout the world as the best architects around, and were particularly expert at underground gallery construction. Gnomes, on the other hand, were the masters of mechanical steam-powered devices and all related technology. They managed to build the craziest devices and mechanisms, using steam as the only source of energy, heat, and propulsion.

So he enlisted the dwarves and the gnomes to dig and build labyrinths, equipped with mechanical rooms, in the catacombs of his many castles throughout the world. Each labyrinth took several years to build, so he started several projects in parallel. The dwarves designed the underground architecture and dug the galleries. The gnomes were in charge of the rooms' mechanical devices, in particular the rotation system, bringing steam power everywhere, and creating deadly mechanical traps. Thus were born the underground labyrinths: the Dungeon Twisters, smelling of blood, steam, and sweat.



Once the labyrinths were completed, the Arch-Mage placed small magical crystal orbs at every angle of the hallways. And in the grandest, most opulent room of his estate, he covered the walls with magical mirrors. Each of these mirrors showed an image of what was happening in the corresponding hallway. The Arch-Mage, once comfortably settled in the center of the room, could observe every corner of the labyrinth.

Bursting with magical energy, he used his powers of teleportation to bring the combatants of his choice into the arena, regardless of race, trade, or gender... They were living beings that he picked more or less on a whim, either locally or in neighboring regions. These unsuspecting characters, creatures, adventurers, or animals suddenly found themselves separated from their natural environment and thrown into an incomprehensible nightmare. They had to dodge traps, fight, understand the labyrinth, and find a way out.

All this occurred under the watchful eye of the Arch-Mage. Unbeknownst to them, these unfortunate victims were now actors in a bloody spectacle that served as entertainment for their new Lord. And worst of all, even if they succeeded, whether through violence or unexpected escape, none of the victorious creatures would ever hear the Arch-Mage's applause...



Decades went by, then centuries, as the Arch-Mage's passion for his hobby grew insatiable. He built Dungeon Twisters all over Targane and recruited all manners of creatures from the weak but clever Telepath to the large and terrifying Red Dragon!

Over the years, he collected a roster of his favorite heroes for his personal enjoyment, even growing attached to some of them. His passion became an addiction, constantly requiring new blood, thrills and wonders. Each new encounter in the labyrinth delighted him with surprising twists and heroic escapes. But freedom for these poor souls proved elusive as the Arch-Mage's twisted mind concocted their next adventure...

Welcome to Dungeon Twister The Card Game...





Game components

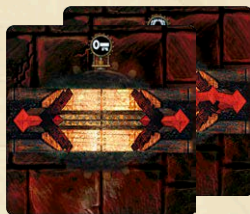
This rulebook and 128 cards, including:



3 Scenario cards,
double-sided,
5 scenarios in total

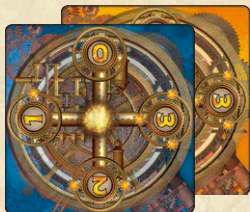


12 Room cards:
6 pairs of rooms,
each room containing 4 zones



9 Open/Broken
portcullis cards,
double-sided

For each player:



1 Action wheel card:
0-3 actions on one side,
4-7 actions on the other side*



25 Character cards



13 Object cards

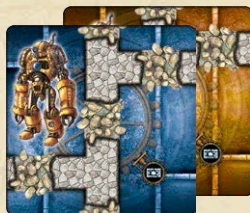
**Reaching 7 actions is impossible with the current game (reserved for future use).*



9 Combat cards



3 Jump cards



1 Broken wall card



Introduction

You control a group of adventurers entrapped by the Arch-Mage in his Dungeon. They were teleported into his catacombs to amuse him as he watches them struggle to escape his diabolical mechanical maze. But they will also need to fight for survival against your opponent's characters who are competing with them to exit the labyrinth.

Tutorial 1



Use the following scenario:

Objective:

Earn 2 victory points (2VP)

Game
duration



2 pairs of rooms
(4 rooms total)

Initial placement:

1 object is placed in each room

2 characters
per player 2 objects per
player

Scenario card

*Game setup
(Tutorial 1)*

In this tutorial, you earn 1 victory point (1VP) whenever one of your characters escapes the labyrinth through your opponent's starting zone, so the winner is the first player who manages to have both his characters escape.



Game setup

The scenario specifies 2 pairs of rooms (4 rooms). For this tutorial, use the pairs of rooms with the blue and green circular arrows.

Shuffle the 4 Room cards and, without looking at them, place them facedown to assemble a square board consisting of 2 rooms by 2 rooms.

Each player chooses a color and places the action wheel of his color before him, with the 0-3 actions face showing, and the 0-side pointing towards the board.

Each player also takes the 3 Jump cards in his color. Do not use the Combat cards in this tutorial.

Character placement

For this tutorial, each player takes the following Character cards in his color: **Mechanork** and **Naga** (see **Characters**). Each player places his Character cards facedown in his starting zone, in the order of his choice.



Blue player's
action wheel



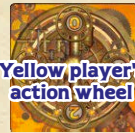
Blue player's
starting zone
(2 characters)



Rooms



Yellow player's
starting zone
(2 characters)



Yellow player's
action wheel



Object placement

For this tutorial, each player takes the following Object cards in his color: **Rope** and **Key** (see **Objects**).

Randomly determine who will go first in this phase. Starting with the first player, players take turns placing one of their Object cards facedown to the outer side of the room of their choice, indicating that the object will appear in the corresponding room when the room is revealed. Place one object per room, as indicated by the Scenario card. It is forbidden to look at previously placed objects, even your own.



Reveal the characters

Once all the objects have been placed, players simultaneously reveal their starting team by turning over the two Character cards placed in their respective starting zone, choosing their initial orientation as they wish.

Once again, randomly determine who will go first. Player turns alternate for the rest of the game.



Game turn

Each player's turn consists of the following 2 phases in this order:

- 1) **Earn action points**
- 2) **Use all or some of his actions**

The player currently playing his turn is called the active player. Once his turn is over, the other player then becomes the active player.

Phase 1: Earning action points

During the first turn, the first player adds 2 action points (**2AP**) to his action wheel, rotating his action wheel such that the number 2 points towards the board.

During the second player's turn and in each subsequent turn, **3AP** are added to the active player's action wheel. If the total number of action points exceeds 3, turn the action wheel to its 4-7 face and use it to show the total number of action points available to the player.

Example: Mike goes first and gets 2 action points on his action wheel. Allison goes next and gets 3 action points on her action wheel. At the beginning of Mike's next turn, he gets an additional 3 action points. If he only used 1 action point in his first turn, he now has 4 actions points available to him.

Phase 2: Using all or some of your actions

The active player may carry out as many actions as are indicated on his action wheel. He is not required to use all of them. Up to 3 unused actions can be saved for use in later turns. Therefore, at the end of the turn, the action wheel must be back on its 0-3 face.

To perform an action, rotate the action wheel down by **1AP** and perform the action. Action points can be split between different characters or all used on one character.

In this first tutorial, you can spend 1AP to:

- **Reveal a room**
- **Move a character**
- **Rotate a room**
- **Jump over a pit trap**
- **Use a character's special ability**





Room Zones

Zone icons

Each room contains 4 zones identified by the following zone icons:



triangle zone



square zone



circle zone



rotation gear zone



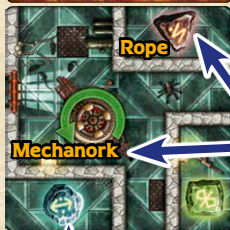
Room zone indication of characters and objects

To indicate in which zone of a room a character or object is located, place its card to the outer border of the room, orienting it so that the corresponding zone icon points towards the room.



The Rope is in the triangle zone.

The yellow Mechanork is in the rotation gear zone.



Facing a room from the starting zone

The blue Naga is in his starting zone, so he is not in any room yet. However, his card orientation indicates that he is facing the circle zone, ready to enter the room through that zone.

Entering the labyrinth

Once the blue Naga actually enters the room's circle zone, his card will move here, with its circle icon pointing left towards the room.





Revealing a room

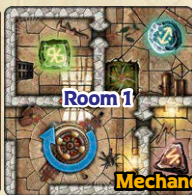
For **1AP**, a room can be revealed (turned face-up) if one of your characters has direct access to it before it is revealed. Each character in the starting zone has direct access to the room nearest to him and may therefore reveal it for **1AP** each. Once inside the labyrinth, to have direct access to an unrevealed room, a character must be in a zone adjacent to one of the room's edges, and not be separated from it by a wall, closed portcullis or even an arrow-slit.

Who can reveal a room?

The yellow Mechanork is in Room 1's triangle zone so he is adjacent to both Rooms 2 and 3 and can reveal either.



The yellow Naga is in his starting zone. He has direct access to Room 2 and can therefore reveal it.



The blue Naga is in Room 4's rotation gear zone, but he is not adjacent to Room 2 (no access through arrow-slit), so he cannot reveal it.



From the starting zone, the blue Mechanork cannot reveal any other room. He has direct access to Room 4, but that room is already revealed.



Note: Object cards are not shown to simplify presentation.

Adjacent zones

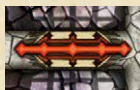
Two zones are said to be adjacent if they share a common edge and are not separated by a wall, arrow-slit, closed portcullis, or pit trap.



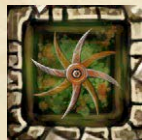
wall



arrow-slit



portcullis



pit trap



Before revealing



Revealing the room

Slide the room to the side from the board's structure and replace it in the structure face-up as shown.



Note: The character does not immediately enter the room. To enter the room, he will need to perform a separate movement action after the room reveal action.

After revealing



Revealing and placing the room's object

Reveal the object. If it is yellow, the blue player places it in the revealed room in a zone of his choice, and vice-versa if the object is blue.

Look at the revealed room and choose a zone in which to place the object, placing the Object card next to the revealed room, and orienting it so that the desired zone icon on the Object card points towards the room.

The blue player places the yellow Rope in the triangle zone.





Moving a character



Movement

Spend **1AP** to move one of your characters. The number in white next to the movement icon on the Character card shows how many zones this character can move through for **1AP** (for example, the Naga can move through 3 zones for **1AP**).

You are never obligated to use up all of your character's movement points. In addition, you may spend additional **AP** on a given character to allow him to move more than once, although one movement must be fully completed before starting any other action.

Golden rule: any action must be fully resolved before starting a new one.

During his movement, a character may:

- Move to an adjacent zone (see *Adjacent zones*)
- Move through an open portcullis
- Enter and move through a zone containing a friendly character
- Enter a zone containing an enemy character. However, he cannot move **through** that zone this turn. He can either stay in the zone for one turn and move through it in a later turn, or he can exit the zone through the same entrance he used to enter it.
- Move through the starting zone (see *Moving on the starting zone*)

A character may not:

- Move through a pit trap
- Move through a closed portcullis
- Move through a wall or an arrow-slit

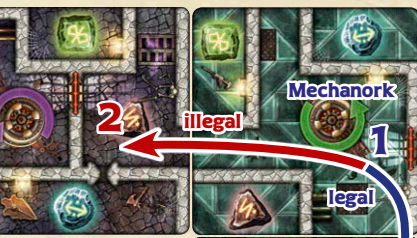
At the end of his movement:

Once a character arrives at his final destination room and zone, place the Character card next to the room, orienting it so that the appropriate zone icon on the Character card points towards the room (see **Room zones**).

Golden rule: at the end of any action, there can never be more than 3 characters* controlled by the same player in the same zone.

*Wounded characters (introduced in **Tutorial 2**) count towards this limit.





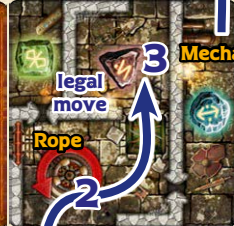
The blue Mechanork is in the green rotation gear zone.



The yellow Mechanork can enter the green rotation gear zone, but cannot move through it because that zone contains the blue Mechanork.



The blue Naga is in his starting zone, facing the inaccessible triangle zone.



The yellow Mechanork is in the circle zone.



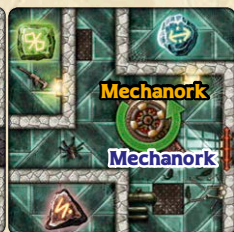
The Rope is in the red rotation gear zone.



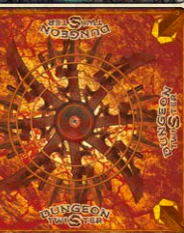
The blue Naga has 3 movement points:

1. Naga changes orientation to face the accessible rotation gear zone.
2. Naga enters the rotation gear zone and picks up the Rope (see **Using objects**), also located in the rotation gear zone.
3. Naga uses the Rope to cross the pit trap and enters the triangle zone.

Legal vs. illegal moves



Both Mechanorks are in the green rotation gear zone.



The blue Naga is in the triangle zone, carrying the Rope.

Note: The yellow Mechanork will be able to move through the green rotation gear zone next turn.

Moving on the starting zone

When a character on a starting zone reveals a room, the orientation of the Character card determines which zone of the revealed room he is facing (zone icon on the Character card that points towards the room). To be able to enter the room, the character must face an adjacent zone.

Before movement



Changing the facing on the starting zone

To change which zone the character is facing, use one of the character's movement points and change the orientation of the Character card so that the icon corresponding to the chosen zone points towards the room.

After movement



On the left, only the square zone is accessible. The rotation gear zone is accessible only if the portcullis can be opened. The other two zones are too far and inaccessible.



The character in the starting zone is facing the triangle zone, which is impossible, since the revealed room's triangle zone is not adjacent to the starting zone.

Spend one movement point and rotate the Character card so that its square zone icon points towards the room (shown on the right).

Moving to face other room on starting zone

For one movement point, a character may also move on the starting zone so that he faces the other room. Move the Character card below the other room and choose a zone to face by orienting the card so that the chosen zone icon points towards the room.

Before movement



After movement




The Naga moves to face the other room on the starting zone, pointing towards the adjacent square zone.





Using a character's special ability

Each character has one or more special abilities. Some are permanent and do not require spending any **AP** to use them; others require spending **AP**, as shown by the  next to their ability icon. Your first adventure starts with the Naga and the Mechanork (see the **Characters** section for details).



Using objects

A character can pick up an object from a zone during a movement action. This does not require the player to spend any **AP** as it is considered part of the character's movement. A character can also drop an object in a zone while carrying out a movement. This also does not require spending any **AP**. Characters may carry objects of either color.

Object cards are placed underneath the characters carrying them. At any time, any player may look at a card underneath any character, friend or foe.

During a movement action, if one of your characters moves through a zone containing another character of the same color, you can take, give, or trade objects as you wish between the two characters. This does not cost any **AP**. However, at the end of any action, the golden rules must be respected.



Picking up an object

Place the Naga card over the Rope card to indicate that the Naga is carrying the Rope.



Dropping an object

To drop the Rope, simply move the Naga card off the Rope card, while maintaining card orientation.

Golden rule: each character can carry at most one object or wounded character* at any given time.


Wounded character: to be introduced in **Tutorial 2**.

Trading objects

The blue Naga is carrying a Key. The blue Mechanork is carrying a Rope. The blue player spends **1AP** to move his Naga 3 zones. The Naga moves through the zone containing the blue Mechanork. As the Naga passes by, he can give the Mechanork the Key and take the Rope without spending any additional **AP**. These actions are considered part of his movement. The Naga then uses the Rope to cross over the pit trap.



Using an object's special ability

Some objects have permanent effects that do not require the player to spend **AP** to use them; others require spending **AP**, as shown by the  next to their ability icon. Some must be discarded after one use, while others may be kept and reused. Your first adventure uses the Key and the Rope (see the **Objects** section for details).



Rotating a room



Each room in the labyrinth is equipped with a complex system of wheels and gears allowing it to rotate around its center. The rotation gear which triggers this movement is represented by a colored spinning arrow.

For **1AP**, a character in a rotation gear zone can rotate the room $\frac{1}{4}$ of a turn in the arrow's direction. He can spend **2AP** to rotate it a $\frac{1}{2}$ turn, or **3AP** to rotate $\frac{3}{4}$ of a turn, etc. Simply rotate the Room card by the corresponding number of $\frac{1}{4}$ turns.

Rooms function in color pairs. If a character is in a rotation gear zone in one room, he may decide to rotate just this room, or alternatively the other room of the same color, or both rooms in turn, by spending **1AP** per each $\frac{1}{4}$ turn of any given room. **1AP** only allows you to rotate one room at a time! You cannot rotate two rooms with the same **1AP**.

Rooms in a pair turn in opposite directions from one another. Each targeted room will turn in the direction of the arrow printed on its own card, not necessarily the direction of the rotation gear in the zone where the character is located. So to know the direction of the rotation for a room, look at the direction of the arrow printed on that room.

When a player rotates the room, he is not allowed to change his mind if the new game situation is not to his liking. None of the Object or Character cards in the room change orientation during a rotation: they stay in the same icon zone.



Moving a character out of the labyrinth

As soon as one of your characters moves into your opponent's starting zone, he is teleported off the Dungeon Twister by the Arch-Mage. The Arch-Mage's applause earns you **1VP**. Place the Character card in front of you to symbolize this **VP**.

It is not possible to stay or move around on your opponent's starting zone. On the other hand, your characters may stay or move around on your own starting zone, and even return to it if they wish.

If a character exits the labyrinth while carrying an object, that object is discarded.

Blocking an exit

A character located on a starting zone blocks the exit corresponding to the zone he is facing.

The Naga is facing the triangle zone, therefore exit is blocked through that zone. However, characters can freely exit through the circle zone.



Jump cards

Play a Jump card on one of your characters to jump over a pit trap. That character may then land in any zone adjacent to the pit trap, **as long as that zone is free of any unwounded enemy characters**. Playing a Jump card costs **1AP**. Played Jump cards are removed from the game.



Legal vs. illegal jumps



Jump card



Finishing the game

The game is over as soon as one player has moved both his characters out the labyrinth through the opponent's starting zone. That player scores **2VP** and is declared the winner.

Tutorial 2



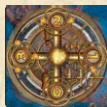
Use the following scenario:



Objective: Earn 3 victory points (**BVP**)

Game setup: 3 pairs of rooms (6 rooms total), 4 characters per player, 2 objects per player

Initial placement: 1 or 2 Object and/or Character cards per room as shown on Scenario card



*Game setup
(Tutorial 2)*



Game setup

Choose 3 room pairs at random. Make sure that if a room is chosen, its twin room of the same color is also chosen.

Shuffle the 6 Room cards and, without looking at them, place them facedown so as to assemble a rectangular board consisting of 3 rooms by 2 rooms.



Each player selects a color and takes the following 4 Character cards in his color: **Naga**, **Warrior**, **Colossus**, and **Backstabber**.

Each player also takes the following 2 Object cards in his color: **Rope** and **Key**.

Finally, each player takes the action wheel, with the 0-side pointing towards the board, as well as the Jump cards and Combat cards of his color.



Starting positions

Both players choose and simultaneously place 2 of their Character cards facedown in their starting zone, in the order of their choice.

Placing the remaining cards

Place the Object cards and remaining Character cards in the rooms using the same method as in **Tutorial 1's Object placement**, except that now there are Character cards to place as well as Object cards, and some rooms will contain two cards.

When every room contains the maximum number of cards allowed, setup is completed. Players simultaneously reveal their starting team by turning over the two Character cards placed in their respective starting zone, **choosing their initial orientation as they wish to indicate the zone they will be facing when the room in front of them is revealed.**

Randomly select the first player to start the game and proceed with the game as before.

In this tutorial, the following action now becomes available for 1AP:

- **Initiate close combat**



Revealing a room

When the active player reveals a room, it may now contain Character cards as well as objects. Object and Character cards in the room are revealed. The active player decides in which zone to place each character and object, **with the exception of the objects of his own color.** Objects of his color are placed by the opponent, after all other cards have been placed. Place at most one card per zone whether it is an object or a character. Use the card's orientation to indicate its zone placement as before when placing objects (see *Revealing and placing the room's object*).



Initiating close combat



A character can initiate close combat against any enemy character in the same zone, by spending **1AP**.

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Combat

Each player selects a Combat card from his hand and places it facedown in front of him. Both cards are then revealed simultaneously. Each player adds his Combat card's value to his character's combat value (the red number next to the sword icon on the Character card).

The player with the highest total wins the combat and the opponent's character becomes wounded. **The wounded character's card is flipped over to its backside to symbolize its wounded status. Make sure to correctly orient the backside of the card to show the zone in which the wounded character is located.**

In case of a tie, nothing happens. The active player may spend an additional **1AP** to initiate another combat if he so wishes.

With the exception of the "Combat +0" card, all other Combat cards are discarded once used. Place them in a single face-down pile. Players are not allowed to look back at these cards. The "Combat +0" card returns to its owner's hand after use.

The active player cannot initiate combat against a character that just became wounded in the current turn, regardless of how he was wounded.

You may initiate combat against an enemy character located in his starting zone, as long as your attacking character is still in a room and has not left the labyrinth (see **Combat in a starting zone**).



Wounded characters

A wounded character loses his special abilities, unless otherwise specified, and may not perform any action. Most importantly, he cannot initiate combat. He can only defend if attacked directly. His combat value is 0, but he still must play a Combat card whenever attacked.

Eliminating a wounded character

If a wounded character loses a combat, he is eliminated. His card is given to the player who won the combat to symbolize **1VP** earned. If a wounded character wins a combat, his attacker becomes wounded.

At any time, any player may look at a wounded character's card to be reminded of which character it is. Make sure not to change the orientation of the card while doing so.

Objects

When a character becomes wounded, he keeps any object he was carrying. Any character, whether friend or foe, passing through that zone during a movement action, may take the object carried by the wounded character, or exchange objects with him without asking permission from his owner!

When a wounded character is killed, any object he was carrying remains in the same zone.

Moving through zones with wounded characters

A character may move in or out of a zone containing a wounded character, whether friendly or enemy.

A character may exit the labyrinth through a starting zone containing a wounded enemy character.

Carrying the wounded

Wounded characters may be carried like objects by friendly characters. All rules applicable to objects are also applicable to wounded characters, unless otherwise specified. If a character carrying a wounded character loses a combat, the wounded character is eliminated and the character that was carrying him, in turn, becomes wounded.



Group combat

Group combat is combat that involves 3 or more characters.

If a blue character initiates combat against a yellow character (whether wounded or not), then all blue characters and all yellow characters that are in the same zone must participate in the combat. All involved blue characters are considered attackers and all involved yellow characters are considered defenders.

The attacker adds up the combat value of all his involved characters, and the defender does the same. Only one Combat card is played by each player. All of the loser's characters involved with the combat automatically become wounded.



Wounded characters in group combat

Wounded characters are only involved in group combat in which they are the initial target. They do not otherwise participate in group combat. However, if characters friendly to an attacked wounded character are in the same zone, they do help defend the wounded and participate in the group combat, following the standard rules outlined above.

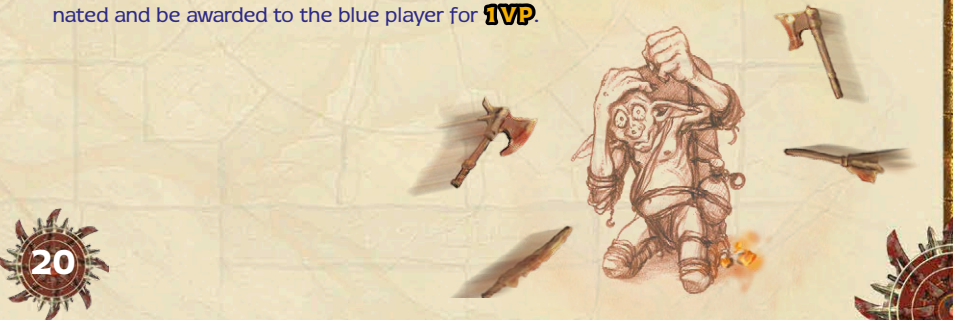
If a wounded character loses a group combat, he is eliminated, and his card is given to the player who won the combat; all defending characters become wounded. If he wins, his attackers all become wounded.

Group combat example



The blue player spends **1AP** and declares that his Naga is attacking the Colossus. Since the blue Backstabber is also in the same zone, she must also participate in the combat. Since there is group combat involving a friendly character, the Backstabber's special ability gives her +2 in combat value (see **Backstabber** in **Characters** section). The blue player adds up the combat values of his Naga and Backstabber (or $2+(2+2) = 6$). The blue Cleric cannot participate in the combat because he is in a different zone. Only the yellow player's Colossus can participate because his Mechanork is wounded. Yellow player's combat value = 5. The blue player, confident in his victory, plays a "Combat +3" card. The yellow player plays a "Combat +5" card. The yellow player wins with a score of 10 against 9. The blue player's Naga and Backstabber characters are wounded and their Character cards are flipped facedown.

If the blue Naga had instead attacked the yellow wounded Mechanork, the group combat would have involved both yellow characters, with the wounded bringing a combat value of zero. In this type of situation, it would often be in the blue player's interest to initiate combat against the wounded Mechanork. If the blue player were to win the combat, the yellow Colossus would then become wounded and the yellow Mechanork would be eliminated and be awarded to the blue player for **1VP**.





Combat in a starting zone

It is possible to initiate combat against an enemy character located in a starting zone. This is particularly useful if a character is blocking an exit. The character located in the starting zone must be facing the room zone containing the attacking character and must not be separated from him by a wall, arrow-slit, pit trap, or closed portcullis.

Similarly, a character in a starting zone can initiate combat against an enemy character located in the room zone he is facing.

Group combat in a starting zone

If more than one character is present in either zone, and if the characters on the starting zone are all facing the same room zone in the labyrinth, then all characters are involved in a group combat as if they were in the same zone. The special rule for **Wounded characters in group combat** also applies.



Additional Jump cards

If you are out of Jump cards, you may discard a Combat card other than "Combat +0" in lieu of playing a Jump card. Show the discarded card to your opponent. You still must pay the **1AP**.



Victory Points (VP)

Moving a character out of the labyrinth

As in **Tutorial 1**, any character that exits the labyrinth earns his owner **1VP**.

If a character exits the labyrinth while carrying a wounded, the wounded character is rescued (removed from the game) and therefore cannot be killed by the opponent, but he does not earn the player any **VP**.

As before, if a character exits the labyrinth while carrying an object, that object is discarded.

Eliminating an enemy character

If a wounded character loses a combat, he is eliminated. His card is given to the player who won the combat to symbolize **1VP** earned.



Finishing the game

As soon as a player has scored **3VP**, he is declared the winner and the game is over.



Tutorial 3



Use the following scenario:



Objective: As soon as a player has scored **4VP**, he is declared the winner and the game is over.

Game setup: 4 pairs of rooms (8 rooms total), 6 characters per player, 4 objects per player

Initial placement: 2 Object and/or Character cards per room as shown on Scenario card



Game setup

Choose 4 room pairs at random. Make sure that if a room is chosen, its twin room of the same color is also chosen.

Each player takes the following 6 Character cards: **Crossbowman, Wizard, Naga, Mechanork, Warrior, and Cleric.**

Each player also takes the following 4 Object cards of his color: **Rope, Key, Bow, and Large shield.**

Proceed with game setup, and play the game as before.

In this tutorial, the following additional action now becomes available for 1AP:

- **Initiate ranged combat**



Line of sight

A line of sight is a straight horizontal or vertical line between two zones (no diagonals). Choose the starting point in the first zone and the ending point in the target zone as you wish to get the best possible line of sight.

Lines of sight do not pass through walls, closed portcullises, or zones containing characters (wounded or not). Lines of sight do pass through zones containing objects, rotation gears, and pit traps. If a character is in a zone adjacent to an arrow-slit, his line of sight extends beyond the arrow-slit.



Examples of line of sight



The Crossbowman can see the Wizard over the pit trap, but he cannot see the Warrior because the Wizard is blocking his line of sight.

The Mechanork can see the Naga through the arrow-slit. The Rope does not obstruct his view. However, the Naga cannot see the Mechanork because he is not in the zone adjacent to the arrow-slit.

The Cleric and Warrior can see each other through the arrow-slit. But the Cleric cannot see the Naga because of the closed portcullis. Nor can he see the Naga over the pit trap because diagonals are not allowed.

Initiating ranged combat

The Crossbowman, as well as characters carrying a Bow, can initiate ranged combat. Spend **1AP** to initiate ranged combat as with normal combat. The attacking character is called the shooter. He targets a character located in a zone within line of sight, without any range limitation.

The combat is resolved with the usual rules, each player playing one Combat card face-down, except that the shooter may not become wounded as a result of the combat if he loses.

The combat value used for ranged combat is sometimes different from the normal combat value and is specified in the character or object's description. No modifiers may be applied to this combat value, whether because of a character's special ability, object, or floor element. Special abilities applicable to close combat are not applicable in the case of ranged combat (for example, the Telepath's ability does not apply).

A character cannot initiate ranged combat if he is in the same zone as his target or any enemy character.

Ranged combat is otherwise regulated by the same rules as close combat. In particular, you may not shoot at a character that was wounded in the same turn, whether by another ranged combat or through close combat.

Group combat

The following characters join in the combat:

- characters on the attacking side in the same zone as the target and, if there are any such attackers, other defending characters in that zone
- other shooters on the attacking side with line of sight to the target

The following characters may not join in the combat:

- shooters on the defensive side
- other characters on the defensive side if there are no attacking characters in the same zone

The cost for the group combat is still **1AP** overall, including the participation of the shooter or shooters, who are counted as part of the group combat. Each player adds up the combat value of his participating characters, using the ranged combat value in the case of the shooter(s), then plays a Combat card.

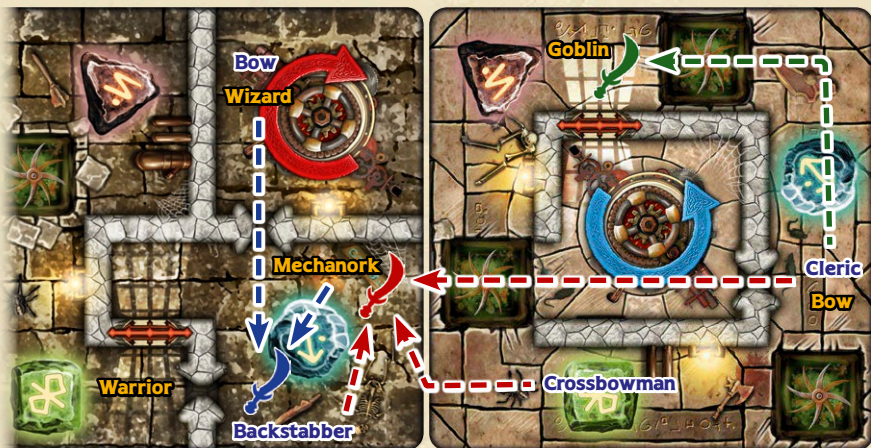
Note: *The Crossbowman and characters carrying a Bow can be involved in close combat. In this case: close combat rules apply; their normal combat value is used; they are not considered shooters.*

Ranged combat on a starting zone


It is possible to initiate ranged combat against an enemy character located in a starting zone. The character located in the starting zone must be facing a zone that has line of sight to the attacking character.




Examples of ranged combat




During the blue player's turn:

 The blue Crossbowman can shoot at the yellow Mechanork, which will trigger group combat involving the blue Backstabber. The blue Cleric, who is carrying a Bow, also has line of sight to the Mechanork through the arrow-slit and so can participate in the group combat, being on the attacking side. The yellow Wizard has line of sight but may not participate in the group combat because he is on the defensive side. The yellow Warrior cannot participate in the group combat because he is in a different zone from the Mechanork (blue combat value = $3+(2+2)+1 = 8$, yellow combat value = 2)

 For another **AP**, the blue Cleric can shoot at the yellow Goblin. However, he cannot shoot at the yellow Wizard, since the Goblin is blocking the line of sight.

During the yellow player's turn:

 The yellow Wizard can shoot at the blue Backstabber through the arrow-slit, thus triggering group combat involving the Mechanork in close combat (yellow combat value = 3 against a combat value of 2 for the blue Backstabber). The blue Cleric, who is carrying a Bow, and the blue Crossbowman cannot participate in the group combat, because they are on the defensive side.



Full Game



At the beginning of each game, players choose a Scenario card that determines the objective, game setup and initial placement.



standard full game

Examples of scenarios

As soon as a player has scored the number of **VP** specified in the scenario, he is declared the winner and the game is over.



advanced scenario



Game setup

Pick, at random, the number of room pairs specified by the scenario. Then select a color, take the cards in that color, and make a selection using one of the following three game modes. When done, return all unused cards back to the box, proceed with the remaining steps of game setup, and play the game as before.

Mutual choice (equal forces)

Randomly select the first player. The first player chooses one of his Character cards and places it before him so that his opponent can see it. The opponent must take the same Character card from his deck of Character cards and place it before him. He then selects another Character card and places it. The first player must then select the matching Character card from his deck.

Players continue taking turns selecting characters in this way until both players have the number of characters specified by the scenario.

Switch the first player and proceed in the same way to select the objects.

Full frontal (secret forces)

Players secretly select the Character and Object cards which they will use for the game.

Draft

Players lay out all their Character cards on the table. Randomly select the first player. Each player in turn, starting with the first player, selects one of his characters from the table and adds him to his team. For every character selected, he removes the same character in his opponent's color. This means that if the blue player has selected the Colossus, the yellow player will no longer have access to his Colossus.

Switch the first player and proceed in the same way to select the objects.



Playing with a timer

Each game of Dungeon Twister offers tremendous combinations of choices and possibilities. Luck is practically non-existent. Therefore, some players like to spend a great deal of time thinking through their options and optimizing their strategy each turn.

After a few games, we strongly advise that you limit play time to 2 minutes per turn. In organized play, Dungeon Twister tournaments generally impose this time limit. When the timer runs out, any unused actions above 3 are lost.

When revealing a room, once you have placed all the characters and objects you are required to place in this room, your opponent has a maximum of 5 seconds to place the objects of your color. After five seconds, you may place the objects yourself if your opponent has not done so.

In combat, once you have played your Combat card facedown, your opponent has a maximum of 5 seconds to play his own card. If he has not played a card within the 5 seconds, the combat is resolved as if he had played his "Combat +0" card.



Secret objects

In this variant, players cannot look at an Object card carried by an enemy character, and cannot flip over an enemy wounded Character card to be reminded of which character it is.



Handicap play

Since Dungeon Twister is not a game based on luck, it can be truly difficult for a beginner to win against an experienced player. It is strongly recommended that the more experienced player be given a handicap, as is often done in the game of Go (see *Handicap Table*). Handicap play is only possible when playing a scenario with an objective of at least **5VP**.

Character handicap

The more experienced player's handicap may consist of playing with fewer characters, depending on the estimated skill difference between the two players.

In this case, game setup still requires the placement of 2 characters in the starting zone. However, it is possible for some of the rooms not to reach their maximum card capacity.

Combat handicap

For a greater handicap, you may need to remove some of the higher value Combat cards from the more experienced player's initial hand.

Game modes

Any of the available game modes can be played with a handicap. The player with the handicap secretly removes the appropriate number of Character cards from his team after selection. So his opponent does not know which characters will be absent from his team.

Handicap Table



Player levels	Number of characters removed	Combat cards removed
Very experienced player against:		
experienced player	2	—
good player	3	—
beginner	2	+5 and +6
newbie	3	+5 and +6
Experienced player against:		
good player	2	—
beginner	3	+6
newbie	4	+6
Good player against:		
beginner	2	—
newbie	2	+6

Example: Lisa, an experienced player, plays with her friend John, a beginner. In the 'experienced player against' section, look up the 'beginner' row: Lisa will remove 3 characters from her team and her "Combat +6" card. John will play with the number of characters specified in the scenario and with all his Combat cards.



 = cost **1AP**

Assassin

Movement = 2

Combat = 2



Fatal blow

If the Assassin wins a close combat, whether one-on-one combat or group combat, every enemy character involved in the combat and located in the same zone is instantly killed, bypassing the wounded state entirely.



Backstabber

Movement = 2

Combat = 2



Stab

The Backstabber has a +2 bonus in combat value in attack and defense if she is engaged in close group combat involving at least one other friendly character.



Lock-picking

The Backstabber can open or close an adjacent portcullis for **1AP** as if carrying a Key (see **Key** in **Objects** section).

Berserker

Movement = 2

Combat = 3



Killer rage

When attacking in a one-on-one close combat, the Berserker can play two Combat cards. Both cards are discarded after combat, except for the "Combat +0" card, which she keeps as usual. The player must announce first how many cards he wishes to play before his opponent chooses his own Combat card.

One-on-one combat: combat that involves only the attacking character and a single enemy character, as opposed to group combat which involves at least three characters.

This ability cannot be used when defending, in group combat, or in ranged combat. When facing a Weapon Master, the Berserker must show both Combat cards.



Cleric

Movement = 2

Combat = 2



Healing

The Cleric can heal a wounded in the same zone for **1AP**. Flip over the wounded character's card to show he is no longer wounded, making sure to correctly orient the card to show in which zone the character is located. The healed character cannot do anything else during this turn. The Cleric cannot heal himself. Also, he cannot heal any wounded he may be carrying: he must first drop the wounded in the zone where he is located, during a movement action, before being able to heal him. The Cleric cannot heal a wounded through a closed portcullis or an arrow-slit.

Colossus

Movement = 1
Combat = 5



Breaks portcullis

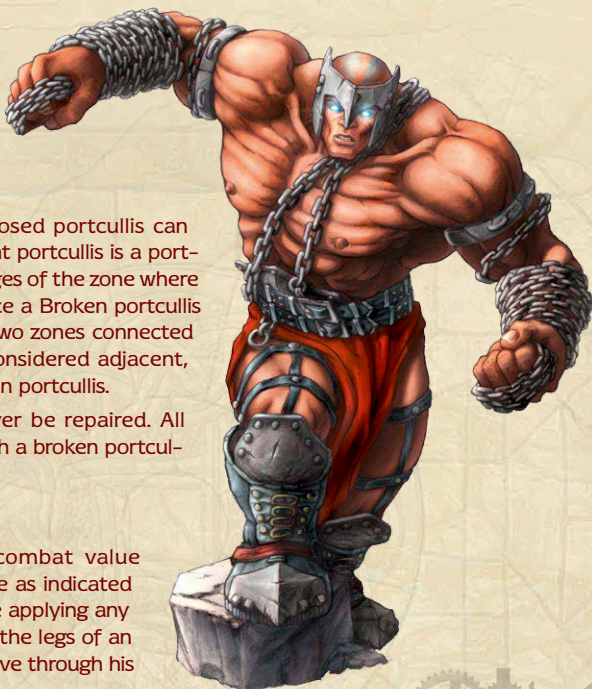
A Colossus adjacent to a closed portcullis can break it for **1AP**. An adjacent portcullis is a portcullis sitting on one of the edges of the zone where the character is located. Place a Broken portcullis card next to the room. The two zones connected by the portcullis are now considered adjacent, just like in the case of an open portcullis.

A broken portcullis can never be repaired. All characters may move through a broken portcullis during their movement.



Giant

Characters with a combat value equal to or less than 1 (value as indicated on the Character card before applying any modifier) may pass between the legs of an enemy Colossus and thus move through his zone during their movement.



Crossbowman

Movement = 2
Combat = 3



Ranged combat

The Crossbowman can initiate ranged combat. He can only fire his crossbow once per turn (reloading a steam-crossbow takes time). The crossbow's combat value is 3.

Dark angel

Movement = 3

Combat = 2



Flying

The Dark angel has the permanent special ability to fly, which allows her to move through zones containing enemy characters and across pit traps during her movement, for no additional cost. She must still obey the 3-character-maximum golden rule.



Undead

The Dark Angel is an undead character.



Elf scout

Movement = 4

Combat = 1



Acrobatics

The Elf Scout can move over pit traps during his movement.



General

Movement = 2

Combat = 2



Charismatic

All friendly characters located in the same room as the General get a +1 bonus in combat in both attack and defense. Wounded characters also get this bonus. This bonus is not applicable to ranged combat. The General himself doesn't get this bonus. This ability is not applicable if the General is wounded or if he is in the starting zone (since it is not a room).



Ghost

Movement = 2

Combat = 0



Incorporeal

During his movement, the Ghost can pass through any obstacle of any kind: wall, pit trap, zone containing enemy characters, etc. He must end his movement within a zone and is subject to the 3-character-maximum golden rule. He can activate rotation gears for **1AP** per $\frac{1}{4}$ turn.



No transport

The Ghost cannot transport or use any objects (he cannot carry wounded characters either).



Undead

The Ghost is an undead character.



Goblin

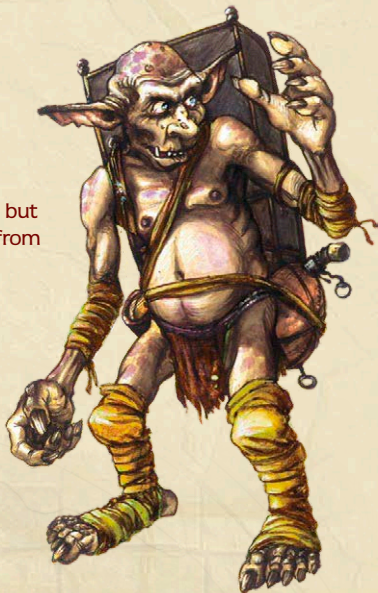
Movement = 2

Combat = 1



Underdog

The Goblin does not have any special ability, but he is worth **2VP** for his owner when he escapes from the labyrinth.



Golem

Movement = 1

Combat = 4



Breaks walls

The Golem can break all the walls in the room where it is located for **1AP**. Place the Broken wall card next to the room to indicate that all the walls in the room are broken. The portcullis in the room is also considered broken since it is no longer attached to any wall.

Broken walls are treated like open or broken portcullises for purposes of movement and line of sight.



The Golem can use its special ability only once during the entire game.



Mechanork

Movement = 2

Combat = 2



Craftsmanship

A Mechanork in a rotation gear zone can rotate the room **in either direction** by using **1AP** per $\frac{1}{4}$ of a turn. For **1AP**, he can also rotate **the twin room** (same color) **in either direction**. The Mechanork only takes into account room colors. He may choose to ignore the direction of the arrows printed on the rooms.

Naga

Movement = 3

Combat = 2



Contortionist

The Naga can pass through arrow-slits during his movement, even while carrying an object or a wounded character. He may not, however, reveal a room through an arrow-slit.



Paladin

Movement = 2

Combat = 3



Strong

The Paladin can carry 2 objects. It is an exception to the golden rule limiting the transport of objects. He can carry 1 object and 1 wounded character, 2 objects, or 2 wounded characters. If a Paladin is killed while carrying 2 objects, the 2 objects are left in the zone where he was killed. If a Paladin is wounded while carrying 2 wounded, the wounded are eliminated and the opponent earns **2VP**. A Paladin carrying two identical objects combines their effect. The Paladin does not lose his special ability when wounded.



Undead hunter

The Paladin earns **1 extra VP** whenever he eliminates an undead character. This ability also applies in group or ranged combat as long as the Paladin is involved in the combat.



Pickpocket

Movement = 3

Combat = 2



Lifter

The Pickpocket can steal an object from an enemy character located in the same zone for **1AP**. Take the stolen object and place it underneath the Pickpocket.

In accordance with the golden rules, if the Pickpocket is already carrying an object, he must first drop it in the zone where he is located, during a movement action, before being able to steal another object.

A wounded character is not an object, therefore the Pickpocket cannot steal a wounded character being carried by an enemy character.



Samurai

Movement = 2

Combat = 3



Expert fighter

Once per turn, the Samurai can initiate close combat for **OAP**. This ability is also applicable to group combat, but not to ranged combat.



Wizard

Movement = 2

Combat = 1



Levitation

The Wizard has the permanent special ability to levitate, which allows him to move through zones containing enemy characters and across pit traps during his movement, for no additional cost. He must still obey the 3-character-maximum golden rule.

This magical ability makes him a flying character.



Magic user

The Wizard can use scroll objects restricted to magic users, as indicated by the **M** icon on the Object card.

Example: the Fireball scroll.

Telekineticist

Movement = 3

Combat = 1

 **Psychokinesis**

For **1AP**, the Telekineticist can remotely move an object. She can target any object located in any zone of the room where she is located. She can also target an object she is carrying, but not an object carried by another character.

The object can be moved up to 3 zones as if the object were levitating. This means that the object can pass over pit traps, through zones containing characters, and through any obstacles that a flying character could normally fly over.

The Telekineticist drops the object in the destination zone. If there are friendly or enemy characters in that zone, she may choose to give the object to one of them, provided that character is not already carrying an object or wounded.

The object can end its movement in another room, out of the Telekineticist's reach. In this case, the Telekineticist cannot move the object again unless she enters that room.

The Telekineticist cannot levitate a wounded character since it is not an object.

A levitating object can pass over or stop on the starting zone, using the same rules as characters moving on the starting zone (see **Moving on the starting zone**).

 **Magic user**

The Telekineticist can use scroll objects restricted to magic users, as indicated by the  icon on the Object card.

Example: the Fireball scroll.



Telepath

Movement = 2

Combat = 0



Mind control

When engaged in one-on-one close combat, the Telepath can announce a Combat card other than +0 and force the opponent to play it if he has it in his hand.

If the opponent no longer has that card in his hand, he must show his remaining Combat cards to the player controlling the Telepath. Then, he is free to play secretly the Combat card of his choice, having trumped the Telepath's attempt at mind control.

***One-on-one combat:** combat that involves only the attacking character and a single enemy character, as opposed to group combat which involves at least three characters.*

The Telepath's special ability does not apply in group combat or ranged combat.

If two Telepaths are engaged in combat, their abilities cancel one another. Each player plays his Combat card using the normal rules.



Thief

Movement = 3

Combat = 2



Acrobatics

The Thief can move over pit traps during her movement.



Lock-picking

The Thief can open or close an adjacent portcullis for **1AP** as if carrying a Key (see **Key** in **Objects** section).



Troll

Movement = 1
Combat = 4

  **Regeneration**
When wounded, the Troll can regenerate for **1AP**. Flip his card faceup. A Troll cannot regenerate during the turn he was wounded. During the turn he regenerates, the Troll cannot carry out any additional action.

Note: The Fireball scroll immediately destroys the Troll, wounded or not.



Wall-walker

Movement = 2
Combat = 1

  **Walks through walls**

The Wall-walker can walk through a wall for **1AP**, reappearing in the zone on the other side of the wall from the zone where she was initially located. This does not count as a movement, but is considered a separate action. This special ability does not allow her to reveal a new room from the other side of a wall. Nor does it allow her to cross a closed portcullis.

The Wall-walker can pick up, drop or exchange an object or wounded before and/or after crossing a wall. She can also cross a wall while carrying a wounded or object.

A double wall separating two zones is treated as a single wall and can be crossed using the Wall-walker's special ability for **1AP**.



Warrior

Movement = 2

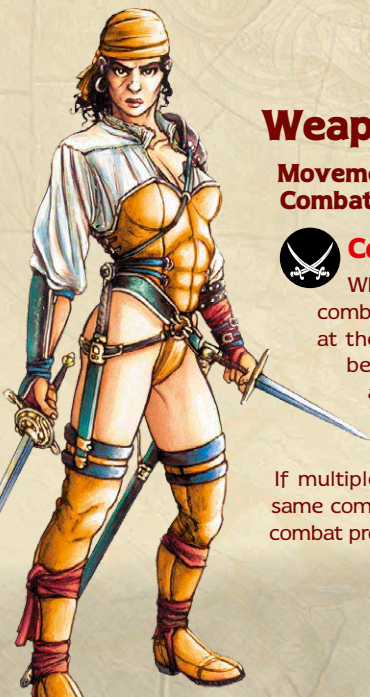
Combat = 3



Breaks portcullis

A Warrior adjacent to a closed portcullis can break it for **1AP**. An adjacent portcullis is a portcullis sitting on one of the edges of the zone where the character is located. Place a Broken portcullis card next to the room. The two zones connected by the portcullis are now considered adjacent, just like in the case of an open portcullis.

A broken portcullis can never be repaired. All characters may move through a broken portcullis during their movement.



Weapon master

Movement = 2

Combat = 3



Combat skills

When the Weapon master is engaged in a combat, the player who controls her can look at the Combat card played by his opponent before playing his own Combat card. This ability also works when the Weapon master is engaged in a group combat, but not in a ranged combat.

If multiple Weapon masters are engaged in the same combat, their abilities cancel each other and combat proceeds as normal.



 = cost **1AP**



Armor

The combat value of a character wearing an Armor is increased by 1 point (for defense only). This means that he can only use this bonus when he is attacked. A wounded character that is wearing an Armor receives the bonus when attacked.

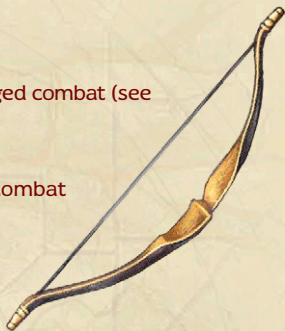
Bow



For **1AP**, a character carrying a Bow can initiate ranged combat (see **Ranged combat**).

The Bow can be used multiple times per turn.

The Bow's combat value is 1. The character's normal combat value is ignored.



Key



A character carrying a Key may open or close an adjacent portcullis for **1AP**. An adjacent portcullis is a portcullis sitting on one of the edges of the zone where the character is located. To indicate that the portcullis is now open, place an Open portcullis card next to the room where the portcullis is located. All characters may move through an open portcullis during their movement. To indicate that a portcullis is closed, simply remove the Open portcullis card from the room.



The same Key can be used over and over on different portcullises during the game.



Fireball scroll

For **1AP**, a magic user can use the Fireball scroll to shoot a fireball.

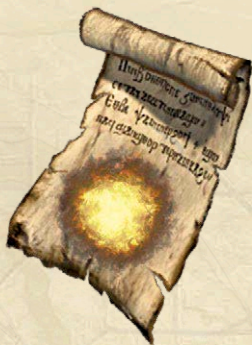
Target a character, friend or foe, within line of sight of the magic user (see **Line of sight**). That character is directly eliminated. Alternatively, the magic user can use the Fireball scroll to eliminate a character in his same zone.

The Fireball scroll is ineffective against objects. If it is fired at a character carrying a wounded, both are eliminated.

M A scroll can only be used by a magic user (a character possessing the magic user special ability); although it can be carried by other characters.

1 The scroll can only be used once, and is discarded after use.

🌀 The Fireball scroll is a magical object, as indicated by this magical rune.



Large shield

🚫 A character carrying a Large shield cannot be the target of ranged combat.

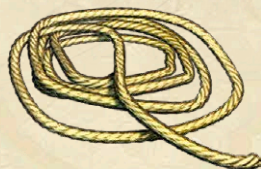
Note: The Large shield affords no protection against the Fireball scroll (not a ranged combat).

Rope

➡ A character carrying a Rope can move across a pit trap.

∞ The same Rope can be used over and over to move across different pit traps during the game.

*Note: Unlike in **Dungeon Twister the Board Game**, it is not possible for a character to stand on a pit trap or for a Rope to be left on a pit trap.*



Scroll of inversion

For **1AP**, a magic user can use the Scroll of inversion to switch the room where he is located with an adjacent room (no diagonals).

The rooms don't rotate. They simply switch places in the labyrinth. All Object, Character, and marker cards (Open/Broken portcullis, Broken wall) move with the rooms, staying in the same zone within the room.

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Sword

The combat value of a character carrying a Sword is increased by 1 point (for attack only). He cannot use this bonus when on the defending side.

Treasure

🏆 A Treasure earns a player **1 extra VP** if one of his characters is carrying it when he leaves the labyrinth. When he does, place the Treasure in front of the player to record this **VP**.



Telescoping spear

The character carrying the Telescoping spear can initiate close combat against a character in another zone if the two zones share a common edge and are not separated by a closed portcullis or a wall and if the character has line of sight to the other zone (no diagonals). In particular, the Telescoping spear can be used over a pit trap (no diagonals) or through an arrow-slit.

The character using the Telescoping spear is not affected by the outcome of the combat. However, in case of defeat, the Telescoping spear is broken and discarded.

In case of victory, the Telescoping spear remains intact and the enemy becomes wounded or, if it was already wounded, the enemy is eliminated, as in normal combat. In case of a tie, nothing happens.

The Telescoping spear may **not** be used to initiate close combat against characters in the same zone, or in defense. A character in the same zone as an enemy character may not use his Telescoping spear to attack another character in another zone.

However, if the Telescoping spear is used to attack a zone containing multiple characters, group combat ensues. The opponent adds up the combat values of all involved characters as in normal group combat, and the Telescoping spear is broken in case of defeat.

Example: The blue Colossus is using a Telescoping spear. He may attack the yellow Naga over the pit trap or the yellow Backstabber in an adjacent zone, but not both at once. However, he may not attack the yellow Wizard because he has no line of sight to him (diagonal).

The blue Cleric is also carrying a Telescoping spear. He can attack the yellow Naga through the arrow-slit. He cannot attack the Mechanork (closed portcullis).

The yellow Naga has no Telescoping spear, and thus cannot attack either the Cleric or the Colossus.

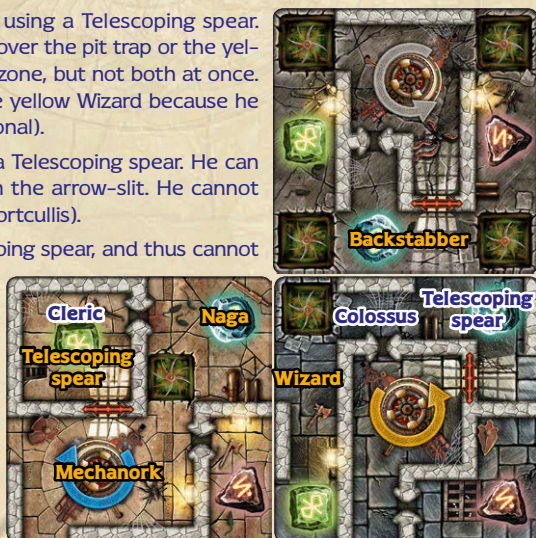




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Golden rule: any action must be fully resolved before starting a new one.

Golden rule: at the end of any action, there can never be more than 3 characters controlled by the same player in the same zone.

Golden rule: each character can carry at most one object or wounded character at any given time.



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Special abilities

-  Fatal blow
-  Stab
-  Lock-picking
-  Killer rage
-  Healing
-  Breaks portcullis
-  Giant
-  Ranged combat
-  Flying
-  Undead
-  Acrobatics
-  Charismatic
-  Incorporeal
-  No objects
-  Underdog
-  Breaks walls
-  Craftsmanship
-  Contortionist
-  Strong
-  Undead hunter
-  Lifter
-  Expert fighter
-  Levitation
-  Magic user
-  Psychokinesis
-  Mind control
-  Regeneration
-  Walks through walls
-  Combat skills
-  Unlimited use
-  Single use
-  No ranged combat
-  Magical object
-  VP bonus



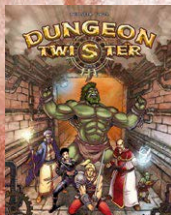
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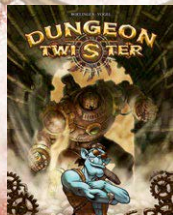
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