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"BUT AFTERWARDS THERE OCCURRED VIOLENT EARTHQUAKES AND FLOODS; AND IN A SINGLE DAY AND NICHT OF MISFORTUNE ... THE ISLAND OF ATLANTIS ... DISAPPEARED IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA."

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# CAN YOU SAVE THE ISLAND OF ATLANTIS?

**ATLANTIS RISING** is a cooperative game, where players must work together as a team in order to win. You and your fellow players portray the leading citizens of Atlantis on the eve of its destruction. Send your faithful followers out to various places around the island to gather material resources and mystic energy or to use advanced Atlantean technology and mysterious ancient artifacts.

Using these resources and actions, you must work together to construct a Cosmic Gate capable of transporting the remaining population of the island to safety, before your civilization is lost forever to the sea.





37 Island Board Tiles



1 Cosmic Gate Board



20 Cosmic Gate Component Tiles and I Power Core Tile



10 Councilor Player Boards Each of the councilors of Atlantis has a different councilor ability, explained at the top of a player's councilor board.



I Wrath of the Gods Round Track and Wrath Counter



**6 Mystic Barriers** and Plastic Stands



2 Dice



67 Misfortune Cards



36 Basic Misfortune

9 Calm Seas



13 Special Misfortune

9 Controlled

Floods



33 Library Cards



13 Basic



11 Artifact



I Leader, 4 Followers, I Player Marker in green, orange, purple, & navy



1 Leader, 7 Followers, 1 Player Marker in red, blue, and yellow



Volunteers are faithful Atlantean citizens who help the councilors for a short period of

8 Volunteers

Leaders are the representation of the councilor within the game, and are the large player pieces. Every councilor has their faithful followers. These are the smaller pieces in a player's color.



**I** Automaton



1 Hologram



24 Mystic Energy



12 Crystal, Meteoric Iron Ore, and Gold (acrylic gems)



time.

16 Atlantium Metal (resin bars)

These special Atlanteans are for optional use in 1 or 2-player games.

See pages 14-15.

# CAME SETUP

#### INTRODUCTORY GAME MODE

This setup is for playing with 4 to 7 people. If you'd like to know about the changes to setup for lower player counts, please refer to pages 14 and 15.

- 1 Set up the island of Atlantis by laying out its tiles as shown.
- Place the **mystic barriers** in their plastic stands. Place these, the **resources** (ore, Atlantium, gold, and crystal), **mystic energy**, and **dice** within easy reach of all players, near the game board.
- Shuffle the artifact cards separately from the other library cards and set aside 4 of them. Return all other artifact cards to the game box. Combine the set aside artifact cards with all other library cards and shuffle to create the library deck. Place this deck face down near the library peninsula of the Island.
- Collect the number of *Calm Seas* and *Controlled Flood* cards corresponding to the desired level of difficulty. We recommend 9 *Calm Seas* and 3 *Controlled Floods* for an introductory game. Shuffle them into the **misfortune deck** and place it near the board. Return any remaining cards to the box. Refer to page 15 for more challenging modes of play.
- 5 Place the Wrath of the Gods track near the misfortune deck and place the wrath token on the zero (0) space.
- From the **component tiles**, collect all 5 marked with the letter A, along with Mystic Siphon (B), Matter Converter (B), Numinous Beacon (C), and Entropy Drive (C). Place these tiles, and the Power Core, in a row near the board to form the **Blueprint**. Return all remaining component tiles to the box. Refer to page 15 for more challenging Blueprint setups.
- Collect the **councilor boards** (on your first few plays, assign one player to be the **Artificer**). All remaining players choose a councilor board. Alternatively, remaining players may distribute councilor boards randomly. Each player selects a player color and takes 2 **followers**, the **Leader**, and the **player token** of the corresponding color. The player token is an indicator of your player color and should remain visible to all players. Each player also takes 2 mystic energy.
- 8 Place 2 followers of each selected color as well as the volunteers in the supply area of the Wrath of the Gods track. Return any unused player pieces to the box.
- 9 Place the Cosmic Gate board near the Island board.
- The player who most recently went swimming becomes the starting player and takes the starting player marker.

Once everyone is comfortable with the game, you may increase the difficulty of the game by altering some or all of the setup. This includes changing the makeup of the Misfortune deck as well as different components for the Blueprint. To learn more about increasing the difficulty, refer to page 15.





### OBJECT OF PLAY

To win the game, collect resources and build all the Cosmic Gate components in the Blueprint before all 37 island tiles flood.

# RAME PHASES

The game is played over a series of rounds, with each round separated into 4 phases, as outlined below.

- 1. PLACE ATLANTEANS
- 2. SUFFER MISFORTUNES
- 3. TAKE ACTIONS
- 4. ENDURE THE WRATH OF THE GODS

#### I. PLACE ATLANTEANS

As the threat of crashing waves and plunging waters looms, Atlanteans of every station rush about the island at the direction of their councilor, preparing for tasks that must be done to save their civilization.

In this phase, players will place all Atlanteans from their **councilor's pool** onto empty spaces on the Island or Cosmic Gate board. There is no turn order among players. Players may place Atlanteans in whatever order they choose, potentially placing simultaneously or bouncing back and forth between players. If there is a dispute over placement, the starting player for the round determines how things are placed.

Each island tile, except the center tile, supports a limited number of Atlanteans as indicated by the number of spaces on the tile. With the exception of cities (*see page 9*), each space represents one opportunity to take the action of its corresponding tile. The center tile is the Mystic Power Source of Atlantis and may hold any number of Atlanteans.

The Cosmic Gate board contains special spaces, that can each hold any number of Atlanteans, for building components (see pages 11-12). Some components, once built, also feature additional action spaces.

#### 2. SUFFER MISFORTUNES

Even as the councilors work to save their home, myriad misfortunes plague Atlantis, flooding the island, inciting panic in the populace, and raining other maladies upon the land. Atlanteans who see the oncoming waves ready to crash into their assigned position will flee with their task unfulfilled.

Beginning with the starting player and proceeding clockwise, each player must draw and resolve one misfortune card. Fully resolve each misfortune card before proceeding to the next, in player order.

Some misfortunes are **special misfortunes**. Follow the instructions on these cards when one is drawn.

RED AND YELLOW share this top tile.

YELLOW will perform the action once, and RED will perform the action twice.



RED AND BLUE can share the next tile, but there is no third space for YELLOW.

If YELLOW wishes to take the action, they must move their Atlantean to another open space.

#### UP TO YOUR KNEES IN WATER?

Success depends on how you deal with flooding. Players will need to carefully manage mystic energy in order to place mystic barriers and unflood tiles, strategically slowing down how quickly the island disappears. Refer to page 8 for these crucial uses of mystic energy.

If a misfortune card requires a choice, all players may discuss the decision, but the player who drew the misfortune has final authority. When a player draws a *Calm Seas* card, nothing happens.

#### **Flooding**

Most misfortune cards are **basic misfortunes**. When a basic misfortune is drawn, the current player must flood the next available tile in the peninsula depicted on the card (e.g. Forests).

Whenever a misfortune card instructs a player to **flood** a tile, they must flip over the un-flooded tile that is farthest from the center on the indicated peninsula.

**Important:** Any Atlanteans on a flooded tile are returned to their pool and will not be able to perform their planned actions this round.

If a peninsula would flood but all of its tiles are already flooded, the current player must flood two tiles instead. These tiles may be from the same or two different peninsulas of the current player's choice. If there are no tiles remaining in peninsulas when a tile should be flooded, the current player must flood the center tile, and the players lose the game.

#### 3. TAKE ACTIONS

Reeling from recent misfortunes, the remaining Atlanteans suppress their fears and perform their tasks with diligence and efficiency, knowing there is so much more to do and so little time in which to do it.

All Atlanteans still remaining after the misfortunes now take the actions associated with their placement, described in detail in the next section of the rules.

Players should collectively decide in what order they should resolve the actions of their placed Atlanteans. If there is a dispute over which action to resolve next, the starting player decides.

Each player has a special Atlantean called a **Leader**, that represents the councilor on their councilor board.

Leaders take actions just like followers, but each also has a different special ability that can be used while performing actions. These abilities benefit nearby Atlanteans, including themselves, and are explained on the councilor boards.

Once all actions are resolved, return all Atlanteans to the councilor's pool of the corresponding player. To make it easier to know which actions have been performed, lay down each Atlantean after their action has been completed.

#### 4. ENDURE THE WRATH OF THE GODS

The gods are furious with the people of Atlantis, who have embraced technology and mysticism over worship of the divine. But the futile resistance of these mortals, who labor to save themselves, even as their home sinks beneath the waves, merely serves to enrage the gods further.

In the Endure the Wrath of the Gods phase, the players choose and **flood** island tiles (similarly to when Suffering Misfortunes, except in this phase players may freely choose which tiles to flip) equal to the number shown on the current level of the Wrath of the Gods track.

If the players cannot decide which tile(s) to flood, the starting player chooses. Then, the starting player moves the Wrath counter up one level. If the wrath counter is already in the final space of the track, it does not move.



At the end of this phase, the current game round is complete. Pass the starting player marker to the next player in clockwise order.

#### END GAME

If every tile, including the Mystic Power Source, floods before all 10 components of the Cosmic Gate are built, then you immediately lose. Your efforts are forgotten and Atlantis is lost forever beneath the waves, fading into myth and legend. When you build the 10th and final component, the Power Core, you immediately win. Now fully operational, the Cosmic Gate transports your people to safety!

# CAME ACTIONS

#### THE WILD PENINSULAS

#### Mountains, Hills, and Forests

Atlantis is rich in resources: gold in the hills' rivers, crystals hidden in forest deposits, and strange ore found in craters in the mountains.

While each of these resources have been more widely extracted near the center of the island, they are largely untapped near its edges.

Roll I die for each of your Atlanteans placed here; for each success, take one resource according to your Atlantean's location: Mountains – ore; Hills – gold; Forests – crystal.

The roll is successful if the rolled number is equal to or higher than the number shown below the action space.

**Important:** Regardless of how much higher the die value is, you still collect only I resource of that type.

Mystic energy guides the Atlantean follower, allowing them to find resources they may otherwise have missed.

After the die is rolled for an action taken in the Forests, Hills, or Mountains, you may spend mystic energy to add I to the result. A player may spend any number of mystic energy in this way, increasing the result by I for each mystic energy spent.

Only the player who rolled the die is able to spend mystic energy in this way.



BLUE TAKES THEIR ACTION, making a roll to find a crystal deposit in the forests. They roll a 6 and take 1 crystal from the supply, adding it to their reserve on their player board.

RED TAKES THEIR ACTION. They roll a 3, a failure. They need at least a value of 6 in order to successfully find crystal. If they wish, they may spend 3 mystic energy to add 3 to their roll, turning their failure into success, and receive 1 crystal from the supply.



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#### THE CIVILIZED PENINSULAS

#### Cities, Libraries, and Forges

#### Cities

The citizens of Atlantis are proud and logical – they are not easily convinced that the gods will actually destroy their island; it will take the testimony of several followers to recruit them to your cause. Yet those who dwell closer to the sea can more clearly see the oncoming waves, and may be more easily convinced to join the effort to save their civilization.

As destruction becomes more certain, and the wrath of the gods against Atlantis becomes more evident, Atlanteans will more readily join the cause of the resistance.

Players who use Cities spaces have an opportunity to recruit additional Atlanteans for use in future rounds. The Atlantean Cities tiles are marked by a double space, requiring two Atlanteans to activate:



These Atlanteans may be from the same or different players. Roll I die for each Atlantean present. If multiple players share the space, they should each roll I die. Then, add the current value of the Wrath of the Gods track to the total of your die rolls. As in the Wild Peninsulas, you may spend mystic energy to increase your die's result.

If the result is equal to or higher than the target number for the tile, you successfully recruit **one** new follower.

The new follower must be the same color as one of the Atlanteans used to activate the space.

If two players share the space, they must decide which of them receives the new follower. That player takes an Atlantean of their color from the supply next to the Wrath of the Gods track. If all followers of their color have been recruited, they may not recruit more.

RED AND BLUE each roll a die for their Atlantean. Both roll a 3, for a total roll of 6. They need at least an 8 to succeed on this Cities tile.



THE WRATH OF THE GODS TRACK is currently at 1. This number is added to the die result, giving a total value of 7.



BLUE HAS MYSTIC ENERGY in their supply and decides to spend it to raise their total to 8, making their action successful.

The players decide that BLUE will receive the new Atlantean from the supply and BLUE places it in their pool.



#### Libraries

The libraries of Atlantis are the very best in the world, containing the wisdom of an advanced civilization (and some of its most powerful artifacts as well!).

While some may believe it folly to retreat into these stacks of books and scrolls when the island is sinking around them, wise councilors recognize the true value of knowledge.

For each Atlantean placed here, draw 2 (1) library cards (see page 13), then keep cards corresponding to the icon on the tile:



Keep both cards



Keep I card and:



discard the other



place the other card on the bottom of the deck



Reminder: You may spend I mystic energy to keep the second card instead of placing it in the discard pile or on the bottom of the deck.

If you would draw from the library deck, and there are no available cards, do not reshuffle to create a new library deck. Some effects may allow you to create a new library deck.

Players have a maximum hand limit of four library cards. If you have more than four library cards in your hand at any time you must either immediately play a card or discard until you reach your hand limit.

You may play library cards at any time, but they may not be played to interrupt another effect or action.

#### **Artifacts**

After drawing cards, if you keep an artifact, instead of adding it to your hand, place it on the table in front of you. Each artifact provides a permanent, ongoing benefit for as long as your control that artifact. Otherwise, artifacts are treated like other library cards, including counting against your hand limit.

#### **Forges**

The forges of Atlantis are legendary. Only here can the precious alloy Atlantium be refined from the ore found in the mountains. While simple ore is useless for building the components of the Cosmic Gate, Atlantium is critical to the advanced technology of Atlantis. The smiths at the island's center are already overworked, but those who brave the waves can command the full attention of the smiths who dwell near the island's edge.

For each Atlantean placed here, exchange one ore for one or more Atlantium. You may convert ore to Atlantium at the rate shown on the corresponding tile. Each Atlantean placed here may convert only one ore into Atlantium (a player with multiple Atlanteans on a Forges tile may convert multiple ore into Atlantium, one for each Atlantean present).

RED IS ABLE TO TURN 1 ORE into 2 Atlantium.

With 2 Atlanteans on this tile, they may convert ore twice. They turn in 2 ore and receive 4 Atlantium.

THIS TILE ALLOWS A PLAYER to turn 1 ore into 3 Atlantium. YELLOW has placed the 1 Atlantean allowed and converts 1 ore into 3 Atlantium.

Remember, action spaces are resolved in any order players choose. Be sure to gather everything you need before building a component!

#### MYSTIC POWER SOURCE

#### Center Tile

The Mystic Power Source is the key to the Atlanteans' advanced technology. Unlike other cultures, who would war amongst themselves for the right to control such a potent force, the Atlanteans have always granted free access to all citizens.

Players take I mystic energy for each of their Atlanteans placed here.

#### **Mystic Energy**

The power of mystic energy can guide followers to the resources they seek, turn back the oncoming waves, or even raise the land from the ocean.

Mystic energy may be used in a number of different ways.

- Add 1 to a die you just rolled (per 1 energy)
- Keep I additional library card after drawing (per I energy)
- Place a mystic barrier during the Place
  Atlanteans or Take Actions phase (4 energy)
- Unflood a flooded tile (5 energy)

Multiple players may simultaneously contribute mystic energy towards placing a mystic barrier or unflooding a flooded tile. Players may not contribute mystic energy to increase another player's die roll or allow them to keep additional library cards.

Unless indicated by the ability, card, or effect, nothing may interrupt the resolution of anything else. For example, mystic energy may not be spent to unflood a tile while resolving a misfortune card.

#### **Mystic Barriers**

The tangible manifestation of the power of mystic energy, mystic barriers can protect localized areas of the island from destruction.

During the course of the game, players may gain access to mystic barrier tokens. Mystic barriers are usually purchased using mystic energy, but some cards or effects may award them.

Once gained, a mystic barrier token must be placed next to any island peninsula. Each peninsula may only support one mystic barrier token at a time and only if there is still at least one tile remaining in that peninsula.

If a tile in a peninsula would be flooded, instead discard the barrier on that peninsula. Using a mystic barrier is not optional.

Remember, Controlled Flood misfortune cards overpower mystic barriers.

When one is drawn, first remove the barrier, then flood the chosen tile.

#### Unflooding

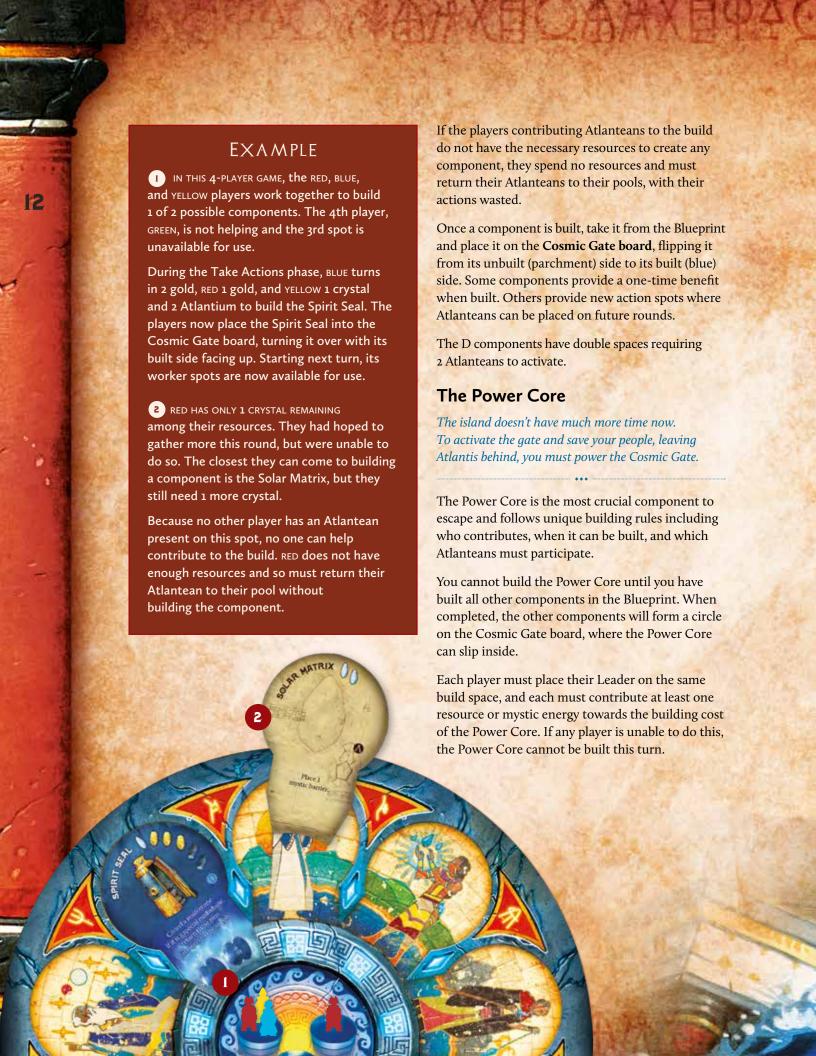
To unflood a tile, first select a peninsula then flip the flooded tile closest to the center of the island.

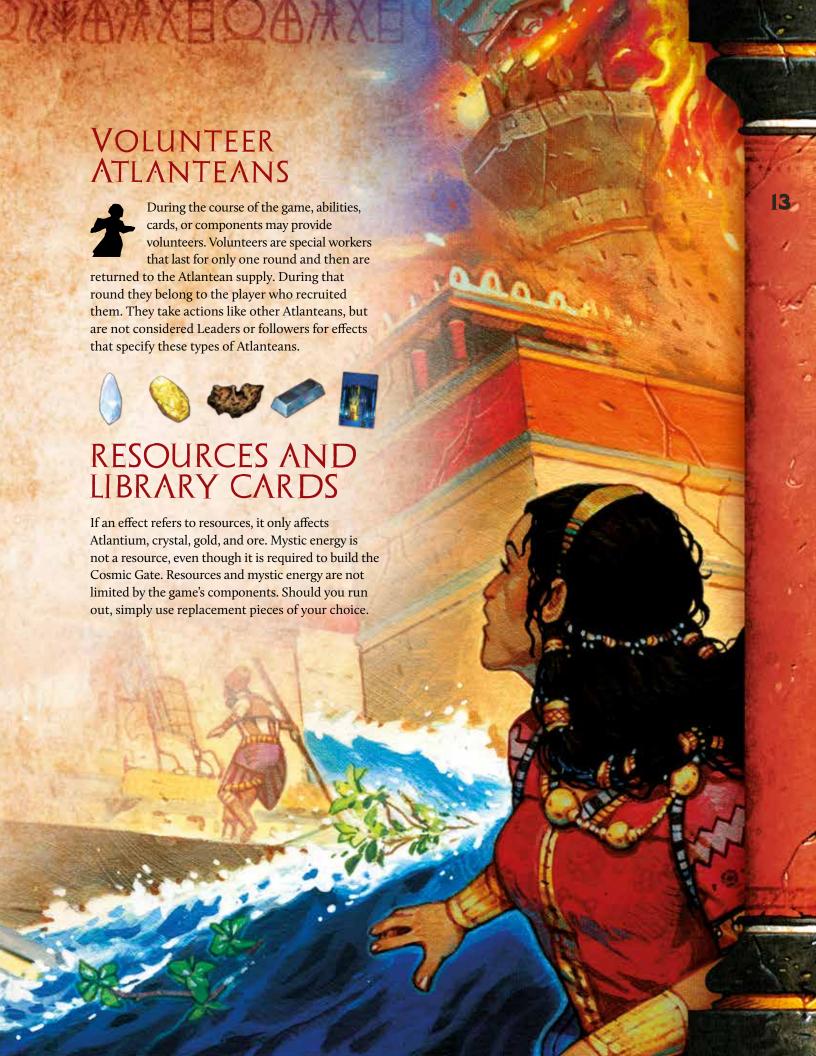
#### COSMIC GATE BOARD

#### **Build Components**

To build a gate component, players must have placed one or more Atlanteans on one of the spaces in the center of the **Cosmic Gate board**. One space on this board, and several on completed components, are marked with a '5+'. This means these spaces are only available when playing with 5 or more players. You may not place Atlanteans on them, or interact with them in any way, when playing with 1 to 4 players.

When resolving a space on the Cosmic Gate board, each player with an Atlantean on the same space may contribute one or more resources to build the same, single component. All then return their Atlanteans to their pools.





### ADVANCED PLAY

#### PLAYING AT VARIOUS PLAYER COUNTS

#### 4-7 players

No changes to setup or gameplay.

#### 3 players

For a three-player game, adjust the setup and gameplay as follows: during setup, each player receives four Atlanteans of their color (3 followers and 1 Leader), and sets another three into the Atlantean supply. Players may control up to six total followers.

During the Suffer Misfortunes phase, after each player has drawn and resolved a misfortune, the starting player draws and resolves an additional misfortune.

#### 2 players

For a two-player game, vary the setup and gameplay as follows: during setup, each player receives five Atlanteans of their color (4 followers and 1 Leader), and sets another three into the Atlantean supply. Players may control up to seven total followers.

During setup, the starting player takes the **Hologram** piece in addition to their starting followers. See below for rules for the Hologram.

During the Suffer Misfortunes phase, the first player draws and resolves two misfortunes, one at a time, then the second player does the same.

Not all colors of player marker are available in all player counts. If playing a 1-3 player game, only RED, BLUE, and YELLOW may be chosen as player colors.

#### THE HOLOGRAM



During setup, shuffle and create a stack of the unused councilor boards, called the councilor stack. Each round the starting player will receive the Hologram.

The Hologram is a special Leader that also counts as your Atlantean for the round. To determine the Hologram's power for the round, the starting player reveals the top two boards of the councilor stack, chooses one to use, and discards the other, creating the councilor discard pile. At the end of the round, place the Hologram's councilor board into the councilor discard pile. If the councilor stack ever runs out, reshuffle the councilor discard pile to form a new stack.

The Hologram takes actions as normal, and has the special ability of the chosen councilor (but not of your own councilor).

If the Hologram collects resources, mystic energy, or library cards, they are taken by the player controlling the Hologram and placed into their reserve.

#### SOLO VARIANT

For a one-player game, vary the setup and gameplay as follows:

During setup, take five Atlanteans of one color (4 followers and I Leader), and set another three into the Atlantean supply. You may control up to seven total Atlantean followers.

Take the **Hologram** and **Automaton** pieces and place them with the rest of your starting Atlanteans. Use the above rules for the Hologram. See the next page for rules for the Automaton.

At the beginning of each turn (including the first), take one mystic energy. Place these on the rounds spaces of the Wrath of the Gods track as a reminder.

During the Suffer Misfortunes phase, draw and resolve four misfortunes, one at a time.

#### THE AUTOMATON



The Automaton is a special worker that counts as one of your Atlanteans, but not as a follower. Unlike other Atlanteans, it does not take actions, and thus never collects

resources, mystic energy, or library cards. Instead, it has the special ability of granting a +2 to the die rolls of other Atlanteans placed with it.

The Automaton may never be placed on a tile by itself, but must always accompany at least one other Atlantean. It may be used to activate a double space, helping the other Atlantean take the action (still rolling two dice in the Cities).



#### ADJUSTING DIFFICULTY

To adjust the difficulty of the game, players can vary setup as shown below.

Select or randomly choose components from each of the indicated types, in addition to the Power Core. For your first game, refer to step 6 of Game Setup on page 4. More experienced gamers may wish to start at a higher difficulty level.

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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Component Type Component Quantity	A B C D 5 2 2 0	A B C D 3 3 3 0	A B C D 3 3 0 3	A B C D 3 0 3 3	A B C D 0 3 3 3
Calm Seas	9	9	6	3	0
Controlled Flood	3	6	6	9	9
Starting Mystic Energy	2 per player	ı per player	ı per player	ı per player	None

# REQUENTLY OUESTIONS

### Q: How do effects like Ancient Atlas, Earthquake, and the Explorer's special ability interact?

**A.** Apply the effects in the order they occur. The Explorer's special ability is applied at the time of the dice roll. Regarding Earthquake, note that it is possible for a target number to be raised above 6. If this happens, you will need to spend mystic energy or find another way to increase the value of the die roll. If a target number is reduced to below I, your Atlantean automatically succeeds.

#### Q: How do the cards Cipher of Expertise and Enigma of Alacrity work when a Leader is placed on a double space?

**A.** The Leader takes its action again, as does the Atlantean with whom it has been placed, essentially activating that spot one additional time.

#### Q. Spirit Seal and Soul Terraformer both refer to followers, rather than Atlanteans. Can I use volunteers or Leaders on these worker locations?

**A.** Spirit Seal can only be activated using Atlantean followers. Volunteers, Leaders, the Hologram, and the Automaton cannot activate this component. For Soul Terraformer, at least one of the two activating Atlanteans, the one removed from play, must be a follower. The other may be any type of Atlantean.

### Q: If I turn in resources at the Amplification Harbor, can I keep those that are returned?

A. Yes

## Q: Can I use the Prediction Module to remove misfortune cards from the draw deck and the discard pile?

**A.** Yes, you may remove misfortune cards from both those locations.

#### Q: How does the Priest work at the Cities?

**A.** If the Priest is present on a Cities tile and the action fails, the player controlling the Priest may

decide to have one or both dice rerolled, but may only attempt the action one additional time.

### Q: Can the Emissary allow a third worker at the Cities?

**A.** Yes, but only 2 dice are rolled. But, if three players are present in this situation, they may choose a new follower from among any of those three councilors.

#### Q: How does flooding work with the Seafarer/ Aquanaut?

A. When a tile in the peninsula in which you have placed this Leader floods, flip over the next unflooded tile in that peninsula as normal. Then, treat the tile your Leader is on as though it flooded too, which generally means Atlanteans on that tile lose their actions for the turn, and are returned to their pools.

### Q: What do I do if I choose the Scholar for the Hologram?

**A.** Draw two of the unused scholar artifact cards at random, and select one to assign to the Scholar for this round. If you use the Scholar for the Hologram again in a later round, you choose a new artifact each time from those not being used in the game (including any you used for the Hologram Scholar in previous rounds).

### Q: Where does the cultural imagery in Atlantis come from?

A. We imagined our Atlantis as an advanced civilization that fell at the dawn of the historic Bronze Age (circa 3300 BCE). Located in the Atlantic Ocean, people from all over the world came there to call it home. Throughout history, whenever a civilization falls, its culture often influences the civilizations that rise in its place. In the case of our Atlantis, we drew inspiration from the ancient Minoan civilization that many scholars suspect may have been the inspiration for Plato's Atlantis. Clothing, jewelry, art, and architecture are all largely inspired by the remains of this very real Bronze Age civilization.

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