

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Protagonist: what are you trying to do?



DM: Is the conflict challenging? Do we care what happens?

If not, just narrate the outcome.



Protagonist: What will happen if you win?

DM: what will happen if he loses?



DM: what is the difficulty number?

DM: what stat applies?



Protagonist: play one card from your hand of three. Describe your action in full.

DM: draw and reveal one card.



DM: assign any bonus for appropriate action description.

Protagonist: spend disaster pool token(s) for a +1 bonus each (optional)

Protagonist: play any jack, queen or king for a +5 bonus (optional).

If any jack, queen or king is played, narrate consequences.



If Protagonist's stat + card value < DM's difficulty number + card value, Protagonist fails. Otherwise, Protagonist wins.

If Protagonist played an Ace, Protagonist fails but escapes failure outcome.

### Difficulty Numbers

In Act I: usually none. If needed, 5.

In Act II: 6

In Act III: 7

For an especially hard task: +1

### Stats (+0 to +2)

- **Clever.** Technical stuff.
- **Daring.** Feats of athleticism.
- **Fierce.** Fighting.
- **Inspiring.** Getting others to do stuff.

### Appropriate description bonus

+1 if your description matches the suit, +2 for spades. Increase by 1 if it's your trump suit.

- ♣ Execution. Talent, skill or luck.
- ♦ Preparation. A plan or other preparation.
- ♥ Creativity. Lateral thinking, inventiveness.
- ♠ Sacrifice. Actions that cost you.

### The disaster pool

1 token per Protagonist.

Add 1 when a Protagonist goes into danger. Remove 1 when a Protagonist plays a jack, queen, king or spade.

Any Protagonist may spend for bonuses or to use specials (if appropriate)

If the pool runs out, trump suits stop working and you skip straight to Act III.

### Consequences

DM chooses, unless it's the Protagonist's trump suit (then he chooses). Cannot overturn the test outcome.

Options include:

- Improve a success, or worsen a failure
- Success at a cost – or failure, with a saving grace.
- A further complication or challenge arises
- A dramatic event happens.