# **KTMFP**

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# Backstory

Just a few years earlier, the dictator of the Russian Federation colluded with the **GUP** political party (Gross Urchin Predators) in Mhurica to cut a nasty deal.

Then the Russian Federation deployed its GRU Unit 26165, also known as the "Нэгозз ов tнэ ЯзрцБлусаи Язволцtуои" at home, to rig the Mhurican national elections. They accomplished this terrible deed through grizzly cybercrimes, and also by placing ads on **Farcebuch** social media and the **Dumfux Newz** channel. Consequently, a horribly inept villain know as the **Orangefarbener Anführer** became installed by the GUP-cum-Russians as "Leader of the Free World", or something.

During its first 100 days in office, the Orangefarbener Anführer decreed that any and/or all unemployment checks for all Mhuricans could only be cashed at **pawn shops**, and moreover that the new law must be enforced by **Marines**.

An unprecedented **economic collapse** followed this disastrous lapse in policymaking, eventually called **"The Pawndumbic"** by most Mhurican residents. Several days later the Orangefarbener Anführer announced in an extremely tense press conference that the word "pawn" had only been intended as a metaphorical reference to playing chess, because people should have strategies in mind when cashing their unemployment checks. Just like playing chess.

Nonetheless, the stock market crashed *several times* and many people began to grow critically ill due to stress and malaise and other factors. Millions of Mhurican residents died suddenly.

In a string of unimaginably violent responses, the **Freedom Protesters**, promptly organized by GRU Unit 74455, smashed all pawn shops in Mhurica. Then, even more

inexplicably, the Orangefarbener Anführer furloughed all Marines serving Mhurica, resulting in lots of unemployed, pissed-off Marines.

Now the nation-state is in crisis. No one can cash their unemployment checks anymore. Nor can sell they their personal belongings at pawn shops to get money to buy meals at fast-food restaurants. Mhurican currency has become relatively worthless, and instead people barter using cryptocurrency.

After months of urgent research, chief scientists at the **Centers for Dismay Control** have determined that a geological anomaly called **The Swamp** is spreading toxins throughout **Capitolia**. These toxins cause decision-makers and consumers alike to believe **Fake News** thus losing most of their IQ points. Moreover, scientists fear that community transmission may soon spread this malady throughout the remainder of Mhurica, potentially injuring migrant farm workers which would ultimately destroy the fast-food restaurant business. Swift action must be taken to defend our sacred Mhurican way of life!

Elite paramilitary units known as **MANATEE Teams** (Mobile ANti-fascist Attack/ Termination/Exfiltration Engineers) have been commissioned by the **Deep State** to go drain The Swamp, once and for all. Communications for these paramilitary units are coordinated through podcasts from the **KTMFP Digital Radio** station, which located on the outskirts of Capitolia.

Congratulations, you have each volunteered to lead one of these Teams. Act quickly to execute an ULTRA HIGH PRIORITY counter-insurgency mission to save the Mhurican nation-state. Or at least keep playing until **The Election** finally happens. Let's see which of the Teams can accomplish their mission first.

# **Game Mechanics**

The game gets played on the hexagon map of **Capitolia**.

There are up to four (4) Teams playing:

- MANATEE Team #1
- MANATEE Team #2
- MANATEE Team #3
- MANATEE Team #4

Most of the time, the **Orangefarbener Anführer** lives in a large residence at 1500 Pennsyltucky Avenue. This is next door to an old and rather decrepit-looking dam that holds back the murky waters of **The Swamp**, preventing it from destroying all of Capitolia in an extreme weather event called a *megaflood*.

**Pawn Shops**: all of them have been smashed. All of them! Capitolia has many smashed pawn shops, some of *the best pawn shops*, enough to fill an entire hexagon map.

**Marines**: there are many unemployed, pissed-off Marines. You can hire them to perform work, such as running mortar crews, capturing political operatives, guarding detention centers, neutralizing protesters, administering thoughts and prayers, etc.

The **GUP** political party (Gross Urchin Predators) has many supporters, called **Guppies**. Its party leadership is based among the vile **GUP Senators**.

The **DOM** political party (Democracy Or Meditation) has many many more supporters than its opponents in the GUP. These supporters now include almost all of the Marines and even some of the migrant farm workers.

The alleged **Freedom Protesters** appear to be rabid GUP supporters, except that most speak Russian as their principal language and insist on drinking hot tea mixed with cheap Martini vermouth during afternoon breaks. Which, for Mhurican rednecks, seems rather curious wouldn't you say? Also, they carry placards that have bizarre misspellings – almost as if these had been printed in some other nation-state.

A mysterious pseudo-agency known as the **Decentralized Bank** hosts distributed ledgers for anonymous transactions of **Bit-Coin**, which is the cryptocurrency.

**KTMFP Digital Radio** produces podcasts for secret communications among the **Deep State** operatives. It also runs a web server that hosts the **Dork Web**, which is a secret and dangerous place where cryptocurrency transactions get coordinated through smart contracts, grizzly cyberattacks get planned by bad actors (e.g., Matt Damon), and nefarious media artifacts such as this instruction manual circulate anonymously.

The ginormous **Mal-Wart** conglomerate of nationwide retail outlets and fast-food restaurants controls most of the consumer economy, as well as supply chains for goods arriving from China. Executives at the firm also secretly run the Deep State.

True fact: **Mockba**, the capitol city of the Russian Federation, has more billionaires than any other city. Also, stray dogs have learned how to use the metro. Those are probably unrelated.

**The Election** occurs every four (4) years, unless the dictator of the Russian Federation decides otherwise. But if that happens you will not need to worry about it, comrade, because you will no longer be around. There are multiple **National Polls** of Mhurican residents leading up to The Election.

### **Preparations**

**Step 1:** Procure a D6 dice – just a plain, old, six-sided "normal" dice. In the military, these are officially called POSSND.

Step 2: Procure a small cup of some sort. Designate this as the Decentralized Bank.

Step 3: Procure 23 pennies.

- 1. pick up each penny individually
- 2. bite it
- 3. there, you have just blessed a "bit-coin"
- 4. pretend that it represents one (1) Bit-Coin cryptocurrency
- 5. place the coin into the Decentralized Bank

Note: use other coins if you do not have enough pennies immediately available. We do not tolerate denomination-shaming during this game.

**Step 4:** Search on Google for "orange dog stool" and click the "images" button, then select your favorite image and print it in an appropriate size. Use this as a game marker for the Orangefarbener Anführer by placing it at 1500 Pennsyltucky Avenue.

**Step 5:** Print these instructions and the hexagon map (game board), plus the cards and game pieces. You may want to glue the game board onto a piece of cardboard. Cut out the cards and game pieces.

**Step 6:** Invite your friends to play, which may be conducted over remote video conferencing (as long as it doesn't involve using *Zoom*, a noted GUP conspiracy).

**Step 7:** Spread the hexagon map of Capitolia on a flat surface, with each of the Teams playing from a different side, or from a variety of different screens if you and yours are still needing to shelter-in-place.

**Step 8:** Shuffle the deck of Playing Cards, and place them face-down somewhere near the hexagon map. Do the same for the Musing Slips. Then set a marker (improvise!) for National Polls to the "Start Game" position.

Step 9: PROFIT!!!

### **Each Turn**

At the start of each turn, the Team receives four (4) Bit-Coins from the Decentralized Bank (if these haven't run out already, which happens) and also draws one (1) Playing Card (if these haven't run out already, which happens).

The team may choose to use any number of their Playing Cards, following instructions printed on each card. All of the Playing Cards must be discarded after use.

During each turn the Team may execute up to four (4) of the following covert operations:

- hire unemployed, pissed-off Marines (pay 1 Bit-Coin to each)
  - Marines go into non-deployed status for the Team
  - 。 Bit-Coins return to the Decentralized Bank
- order your Marines to deploy to any hexagon adjacent to their current position, except never at 1500 Pennsyltucky Avenue or The Swamp
- assign your non-deployed Marines to guard duty at a Detention Center
- permit your other non-deployed Marines to Capture Guppies in their spare time to avoid becoming bored
- recall your Marines from deployment on any hexagon
- thoughts and prayers

As the last part of each turn, the Team may attempt to fire mortars from any or all hexagons into which they have deployed Marines.

# **Fire Mortars**

These standard-issue nonlethal M224A1 mortars can only fire special *smart munitions* which are fully biodegradable and have top secret nanoparticles in their warheads. Explosions from these weapons bear an uncanny resemblance to *cotton candy*. With 100% absolute certainty, the AIs which control the smart munitions are incapable of injuring humans. In fact, that is their least favorite thing to do; however, they can and will utterly destroy aging infrastructure such as roads, bridges, dams, etc.

When firing M224A1 mortars, there can be one (1) attempted launch of smart munitions for every two (2) Marines deployed in the hexagon.

Prior to each launch of smart munitions, the Marines must first attempt to calculate a *firing solution*. Roll a D6 dice:

- **1:** tragic explosion, all Marines in the hexagon are KIA by a substance that resembles cotton candy
- 2–5: missed, collateral damage report on Dumfux Newz
- 6: direct hit

A **direct hit** destroys the old and rather decrepit-looking dam that holds back the murky waters of The Swamp. With 100% absolute certainty, the Orangefarbener Anführer becomes yet another unfortunate victim of the resulting megaflood, and is never seen again. And so the Team firing mortars wins. Congratulations.

### GAME OVER.

If Marines from any Team attempted to fire a mortar from this hexagon during the previous round, then a hoard of Freedom Protesters arrives. Roll a D6 dice to confront them:

- 1: Marines get overrun and all of them on that hexagon are KIA
- **2–6:** Marines fire on the Freedom Protesters, dispersing them with extreme prejudice

*Hint:* so, like, maybe after firing a mortar you want to order those Marines to relocate their unit to some *other* hexagon?

# **Detention Centers**

Each of the Teams runs a Detention Center which can hold as many Guppies as can be captured.

# **Capture Guppies**

During a covert operation to Capture Guppies, the Team permits one or more of its otherwise non-deployed Marines to recreate. This is probably a very good idea, since the Marines are already pissed-off. Roll a D6 dice:

- 1: Marines get overrun, and all are KIA
- 2-3: operation failed, report on Dumfux Newz
- 4-5: capture one (1) Guppy per non-deployed Marine
- 6: capture one (1) GUP Senator (hurry, supplies are limited)

All of the captured Guppies (including GUP Senators) go immediately into the Detention Center run by the Team.

After processing for detention, if there are *twice as many captives as there are Marines* assigned to guard duty, a **Prison Revolt** may occur. Roll a D6 dice:

- 1: Marines get overrun as the captive Guppies escape, and all are KIA
- 2–5: prison revolt fails, report on Dumfux Newz
- **6:** prison revolt is squelched, with extreme prejudice, and half the captive Guppies perish for inexplicable reasons

### **Thoughts and Prayers**

During a **Thoughts and Prayers** covert operation, the captive Guppies in the Detention Center contract a rare disease known as the *SARS-CoVert–1000 novel virus* for reasons beyond anyone's control. Many may perish suddenly. Roll a D6 dice for each captive Guppy:

- 1–3: Guppy recovers fully after injecting Chlorhoax™
- **4–6:** Guppy gets placed on a ventilator, then perishes suddenly

*Hint:* you may want to conduct this kind of covert operation (code phrase: "genetically engineering a virus") so that the Detention Center does not become too crowded.

### **Press Briefings**

Press Briefings can be tricky. Especially when bad actors are conducting cyberattacks against the teleprompter from which you're reading. Nasty.

Due to the rampant dismay throughout the Mhurican nation-state, the Centers for Dismay Control have declared an emergency.

Each of the other Teams now draws five (5) of the Musing Slips. They each select three (3) of these slips to construct a haiku, sort of, which they pass face-down anonymously to the Team playing this card.

The Team playing this card reads each haiku aloud, then after careful deliberation selects their favorite haiku as the winner.

The Team that created the winning haiku and the Team playing this card both draw an additional Bit-Coin.

### **Allied Forces**

If a Team draws a special Playing Card, it may form an alliance... One or more Teams may join together to become an **Allied Force**. The first two teams to join an Allied Force pick its name. They mix/combine their resources: Marines, Bit-Coins, Detention Centers, captive Guppies, drawn Playing Cards, etc.

Once they've joined, each Team must continue to play via their Allied Force for the remainder of the game, and may no longer play individually.

Allied Forces take turns together as if they were a single unified Team. Bokay, suppose there are N teams in an Allied Force. During each turn the Allied Force receives N  $\times$  4 Bit-Coins, draws N Playing Cards, executes up to N  $\times$  4 covert operations, etc.

# **The Election**

After each round, a National Poll gets conducted. Neither the methodology nor the results matter. What matters is that someone (do we have a volunteer?) must advance the National Poll marker to its next position.

After five (5) of these National Polls are conducted, then the nation-state holds The Election.

Each of the Teams takes their turn at The Election, in the same order they have been playing.

For every GUP Senator they hold captive in a Detention Center, the Team rolls a D6 dice.

- 1-4: nothing happens, just like in actual politics
- **5–6:** DOM Party wins The Election, then the Orangefarbener Anführer perishes by drowning suddenly in The Swamp

Immediately after the inauguration, the DOM Party presents medals to the Team, which then wins. Congratulations.

### GAME OVER.

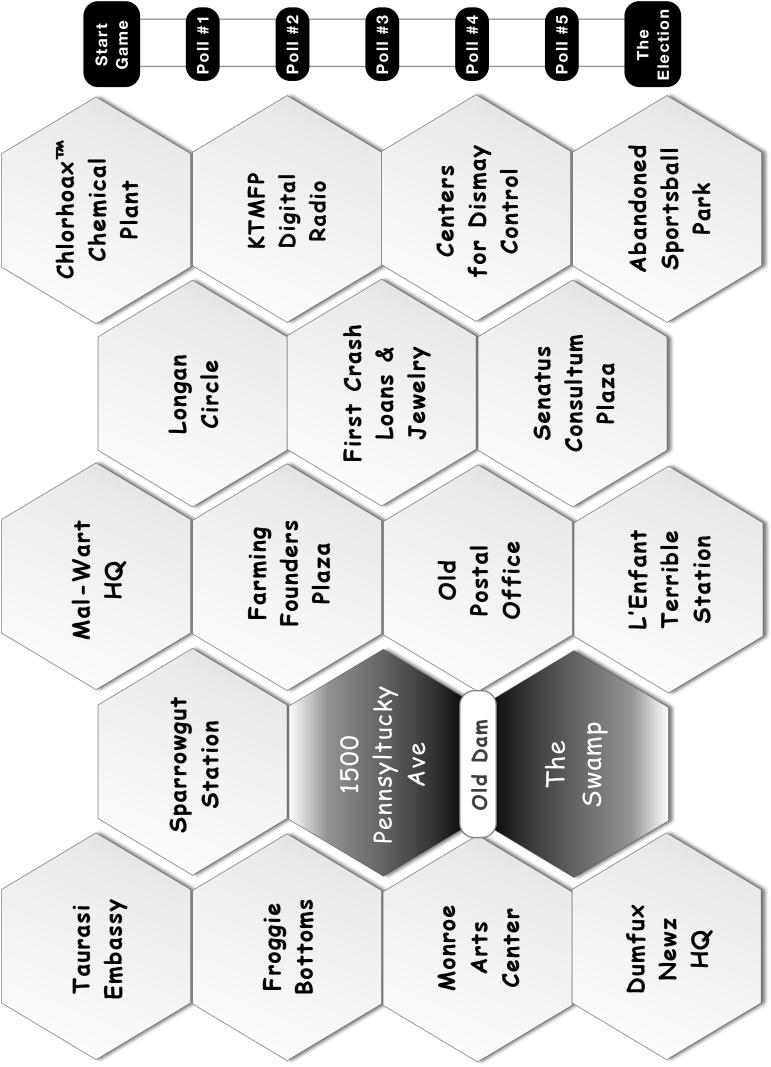
If none of the Teams receive medals, then the Orangefarbener Anführer demands that Freedom Protesters drown all Teams in The Swamp. **#sad**.

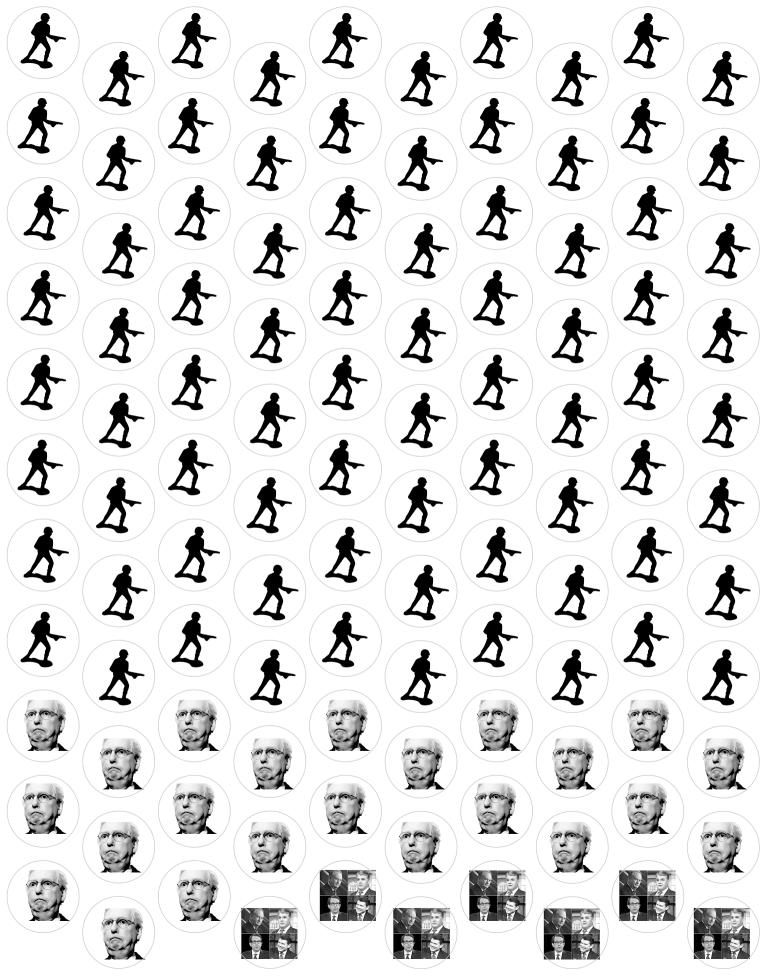
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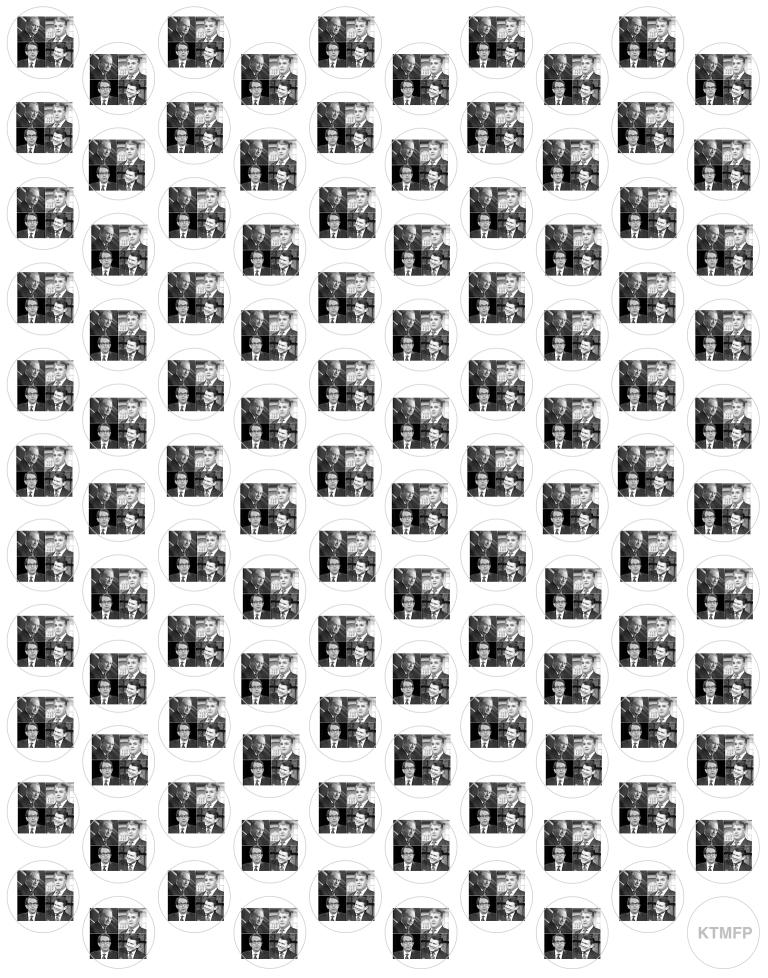
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#### **Playing Card:**

Allied Force (1 of 2)

Create an Allied Force, if you can convince any other teams (one or more) to join you.

Action: Follow the detailed instructions in the manual.

#### Playing Card:

Allied Force (2 of 2)

Create an Allied Force, if you can convince any other teams (one or more) to join you.

Action: Follow the detailed instructions in the manual.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Western States Pact

A declaration of independence by the Western States Pact as a sovereign nation-state sends ripples of fear throughout Mhurican political circles and Capitolia in particular.

**Effect:** Freedom Protesters no longer have any effect on the Marines on **any** Team for the remainder of the game.

#### Playing Card:

#### Pride Parade

Freedom Protesters mistake Pride Parades in Seattle, Portland, and SF for pro-GUP rallies. Since Russians have grown up in a nation-state with homophobic laws, the protestors gain sudden enlightenment that gender is a personalized expression on a nonbinary continuum, then permanently relocate to the Western States Pact and become organic farmers.

**Effect:** Freedom Protestors will not confront Marines in any way for the remainder of the game.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Neurolinkedin

The infamous Libertarian inventor Ellun Monk makes a hostile takeover of the website DuelDingo to integrate direct neuronic connection technology. Now people can learn languages instantly. Your entire Team temporarily speaks fluent Russian.

**Effect:** If you execute a Capture Guppies covert operation, your Marines automagically capture a GUP Senator (if those haven't run out already, which happens).

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Megapastors

Religious extremists among the GUP supporters have injected Chlorhoax<sup>™</sup> mixed with steroids. Some grow to the size of large-ish dinosaurs, and now urge their "flocks" to join the Freedom Protesters in attacks against Marines. However, few religious extremists speak Russian so the protests turn into chaos.

Action: Play this on behalf of any Team to nullify the effects of Freedom Protesters during that Team's turn. Then draw an additional Bit-Coin.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Jumpin' Joe

The presumptive nominee for the DOM party becomes the first politician to read the Mhurican Constitution. Abruptly, Jumpin' Joe submits an obscure IRS form 51502369 using the Dork Web, to accelerate schedule for The Election. The usually sluggish agency posts official confirmation within milliseconds.

Action: Advance the marker for National Polls ahead by one (1) position.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Inject Chlorhoax™

It turns out that Covfefe was an experimental drug which only GUP Senators could access. Unfortunately it has side-effects that interact with *Chlorhoax*™ injections causing victims to perish suddenly.

**Effect:** GUP Senators which have are not been captured and placed into Detention Centers perish suddenly.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Nationalist Russian Allies

A fringe group calling itself the "NRA" has aligned with GRU secret agents from the Russian Federation. But their secret plot to tamper with M224A1 mortars was detected by the smart munitions' Als, which then *reversed* the effects of the tampering.

**Effect:** For this turn only, the mortar fires by **any** Team do not result in explosions. Marines are good to go.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Twooter Feeds

GUP Senators tweet threats against the Western States Pact. Then the California governor tweets back '#srsly?' with a snarky emoji, which pushes Mhurica to the utter brink of civil war. Marines vow to give 110% effort.

Action: Advance the marker for National Polls ahead by one (1) position, then draw an additional Bit-Coin.

#### Playing Card:

Press Briefing (1 of 3)

Orangefarbener Anführer makes absurd statements at an unscheduled press briefing, ostensibly due to a cyberattack against a teleprompter, which cause rampant dismay throughout the Mhurican nation-state.

Action: Follow the detailed instructions in the manual.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Farcebuch Fiends

Executives at Farcebuch social network who experimented with recreational entheogens, inadvertently forwarded secret email between GUP Senators and the GRU Unit 74455 which organizes Freedom Protesters. Mhurican residents "detain" Freedom Protestors using duct tape and household disinfectants.

**Effect:** During this turn only, Freedom Protestors will not confront Marines in any way.

#### Playing Card:

#### Smart Contacts

Much like a bank run: cyberattacks originating from Mockba, the capitol city of the Russian Federation, hijack contract tracing apps to disrupt the Decentralized Bank. Using *smart contracts* they destroy all of the distributed ledgers. All of them!

Action: Divide the unused Bit-Coins evenly among the Teams and keep any extras.

#### **Playing Card:**

Press Briefing (2 of 3)

Orangefarbener Anführer makes absurd statements at an unscheduled press briefing, ostensibly due to a cyberattack against a teleprompter, which cause rampant dismay throughout the Mhurican nation-state.

Action: Follow the detailed instructions in the manual.

#### **Playing Card:**

Press Briefing (3 of 3)

Orangefarbener Anführer makes absurd statements at an unscheduled press briefing, ostensibly due to a cyberattack against a teleprompter, which cause rampant dismay throughout the Mhurican nation-state.

Action: Follow the detailed instructions in the manual.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### 5G towers are lit

Dumfux Newz reports conspiracy theories about 5G networks spreading viruses. Freedom Protesters light the 5G cell towers on fire. Consequently, the Freedom Protesters can no longer communicate with each other, since Russian smartphones rely on 5G. Marines, in contrast, use military radios.

**Effect:** During this turn only, Freedom Protestors will not confront Marines in any way.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Time Travel

GUP Senators share top-secret research with scientists in the Russian Federation, who nearly perfect time travel, which requires magnets the size of mountains. Oddly, this also requires Putin to ride shirtless on horseback. The operation can only be performed once before the magnets explode, creatingt active volcanoes surrounding Mockba.

Action: Revert the marker for National Polls back by one (1) position, an draw another Bit-Coin.

#### Playing Card:

#### Mockba Mitch Bitch

The glorious leader of GUP Senators, Mockba Mitch Bitch, declares on television that The Pawndumbic was entirely Fake News.

**Effect:** Each of the Teams for which Dumfux Newz aired a report during the previous round loses a Marine: select any one (1) Marine to become KIA.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Build the Wall

Orangefarbener Anführer suddenly orders servants to begin building a wall on top of the old dam that holds back the Swamp. This is probably not a good idea, at least not for either the GUP or The Swamp.

Action: If you belong to a Allied Force, you may fire mortars as an extra covert operation.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Intelligence Briefing (1 of 2)

Dumfux Newz accidentally leaks several top-secret intelligence briefings that show definitively how The Pawndumbic was planned in its entirety by GUP Senators.

Action: Take up to two (2) extra covert operations during your turn.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Intelligence Briefing (2 of 2)

Dumfux Newz accidentally leaks several top-secret intelligence briefings that show definitively how the Freedom Protesters motsly all have visas from the Russian Federation.

Action: Take up to two (2) extra covert operations during your turn.

#### Playing Card:

#### Бродячие собаки

Stray dogs conduct a military operation that seizes control of Mockba, while causing most of the GRU agents to perish suddenly in extremely grizzly ways.

Action: Advance the marker for National Polls ahead by one (1) position, then draw an additional Bit-Coin.

#### Playing Card:

#### La Migra

GUP Senators hurriedly pass an antiimmigration bill, which forces most migrant farm workers to be deported suddenly. All fast-food restaurant businesses collapse. Mal-Wart executives then assassinate the GUP Senators.

Action: Advance the marker for National Polls ahead to The Election, and follow instructions in the manual.

#### Playing Card:

#### Windmills cause ear cancer

Strangely, this turns out to be the case. Scientists are puzzled, since the phenomenon seems to be closely correlated with use of military radios.

Action: Select one hexagon (if any) on which your Marines are deployed. Unfortunately, all become KIA. Receive two (2) additional Bit-Coins as blood money.

#### Playing Card:

#### Liberturds

Conservative billionaire Chase Kockh funds a Libertarian candidate to disrupt The Election. Unforunately, a "senior economic advisor" (aka, tarot card reader) cites a line of Ayn Rand sideways moments before their press briefing. Kockh proclaims that his corp fully supports The Pawndumbic as means of ridding the nation-state of poor people, especially immigrants.

Action: Advance the marker for National Polls ahead to The Election, and follow instructions in the manual.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Centers for Dismay Controllée

GUP press briefings disclose that the NRA had successfully created a weaponized version of networked dissent. No one was quite sure what they meant, including several GUP Senators, but it was enough to get the Centers for Dismay Control to urge the passing of a \$300 trillion bailout bill.

Action: Roll a D6 dice, and if you get a four (4) or higher, then add another ten (10) Bit-Coins to the Decentralized Bank.

#### **Playing Card:**

#### Sub-Roman Britain

Western States Pact and Northeastia decide jointly that there's really no point to continuing Mhurica in its current condition. They become the world's #4 and #5 most powerful countries, respectively. Marines get rehired by those countries.

Action: Whichever Team has the most Marines deployed on hexagons now wins the game.

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do not fold, bend or mutilate

dry clean only

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easy travel to other planets

end call boxes

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floor slippery when wet

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for external use only

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hazmat burqa

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hold at an angle to view

i invented the word caravan

if only i could

if pain persists, consult physician

in spite of

it's like a magnet

keep away from heat

keep out of reach of children

kim jong-un's eyebrows

laughing

limit one coupon per visit

limited time offer

make deliveries in the rear

mind the gap

mueller collusion

mutilating

my right arm

never rock or tilt

nevertheless

new normal

no deposit, no return

non-transferable

not valid with any other offer

open other end

perfect phone call

please do not attempt to reply to this message

please rotate your device

please watch your step

positively no admission

powers of invisibility

quickly dividing the treasure is the best idea

quid pro quo

restrictions may apply

shake well before using

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shirtless putin on horseback

soccer would probably never make it here

some kind of a mental breakdown

souls of the damned

store in a cool, dry place

subject to change without notice

the chosen one

the crowned heads of europe

the greatest hoax

the power of flight

the shirt off my back

the void

then you'll eat it for breakfast

they're all nice in finland

this is going to hurt me more than it hurts you

time travel

true love

twisty little maze of passages

underwent

until somebody loses an eye

vexing

violators will be prosecuted

void where prohibited

wash warm, tumble dry

we agreed to meet at a hotel

we regret to tell you

what happens when

why do i feel dirty after ...

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