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VOODOO MAMBO ROLE GUIDE

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# VOODOO MAMBO

**T**he Voodoo Mambo builds up bonuses and abilities by devoting resources to the Rainbow Serpent, represented on the Role Board by Damballa, the white snake, and Aida Weddo, the dark snake. When fully devoted, the player can call on Baron Samedi for guaranteed healing. They can also make ingredient substitutions based on color.

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## SCORING

Cured Patients	5 victory points each
Faith	3 victory point each
Clout	2 victory points each
Money	1 victory points each

*The Voodoo Mambo leads the prayers to the ancestor spirits called loa, asking for healing, protection, and other blessings. She danced in Congo Square, singing for the Rainbow Serpent to lift the curse of The Haze from the people, and offered tribute at the altars to alleviate people of their misfortunes and despair. A Houngan, a priest assisting her, educated me on the matriarchal structure and history of Louisiana Voodoo, which I found fascinating to no end.*

– “Doc” Cheetum, T. (n.d.). *New Orleans Bound* (1st ed.). Brown Bottle Press.

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## STRATEGY

- Choose Patients with high Faith rewards.
- Devote colors for bonus rewards and increased chance of successful cure.
- Match devoted colors to patient needs.
- Save Baron Samedi’s Aid for later in the game.

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## SUBSTITUTION ACTIONS

### REVERE THE RAINBOW SERPENT (Suitable for Basic play)

You can substitute Ingredients based on color.

Pay 1 Clout and discard an Ingredient Card to substitute an Ingredient card with the correct color for one of the Ingredients required by a Patient. Tuck the card under the Patient and place a Fetish token on top as a reminder of the substitution.

You can only have 3 color substitutions active at a time, but you may use more than one on a single patient. Using color substitution is not an Exact Match.

*For example, if a patient needs Red Blood, you can substitute Red Valerian by paying 1 Clout and discarding any other Ingredient Card.*

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## BOARD ACTIONS

### CONSECRATE INGREDIENTS (Suitable for Intermediate play)

*They made offerings to the loa as a sign of their faith, and in return they were blessed with a great talent for healing.*

You can gain bonuses and activate special abilities by devoting Faith and Ingredient Cards to the paths of the Rainbow Serpent.

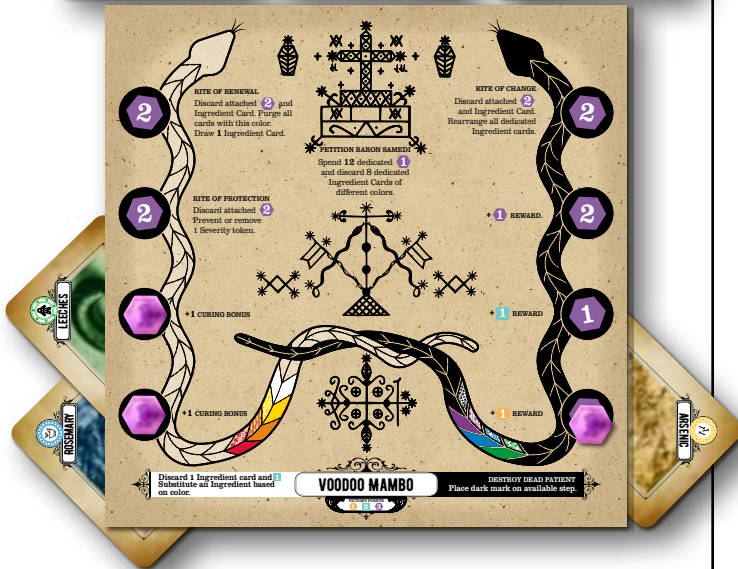
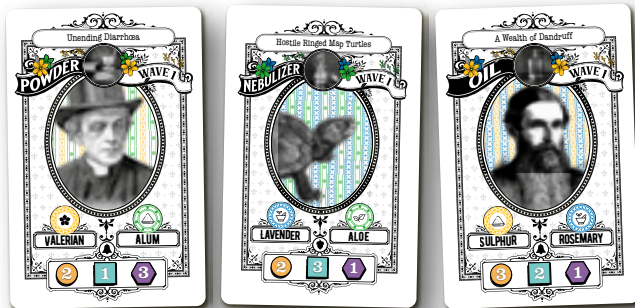
To activate a Rainbow Serpent ability on your Role board, place a Faith token on the corresponding step on the board and tuck an Ingredient card under the Role board, at an angle to show the selected color. The corresponding ability is now active.

Each tucked Ingredient card must show a different color, but any color can be tucked under any ability. The steps must be activated from bottom to top, but the two paths do not need to be built up equally. The top four steps require 2 Faith each instead of 1.

Abilities that provide a curing bonus or additional rewards are passive, and apply to any of your Patients with a requirement

matching the color of the tucked card. The other abilities require discarding the associated Faith tokens and Ingredient card to use.

**EXAMPLE:** *When curing the patient in the middle, you will get a +2 bonus to the roll because it requires blue and green ingredients. You only get a +1 bonus to the roll when curing the patients on the left and right, but if the cure is successful, you will get 1 extra Money from each as a reward because they both require yellow.*



*An offering and investiture of faith was given to their loa, and in return they were blessed with a talent for enhanced healing.*  
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## PERFORM SACRIFICIAL RITES *(Suitable for Intermediate Play)*

You use these abilities by discarding the dedicated Ingredients and/or Faith.

### RITE OF PROTECTION

Discard the 2 Faith on this step to prevent a Severity token from being added to one of the Patients in your Waiting Room. You can use this ability any time a Patient would gain a Severity token.

The Ingredient card tucked under this ability is not discarded, but you must use the Consecrate Ingredients action and replace the 2 Faith to reactivate this ability.

### RITE OF RENEWAL

Discard the 2 Faith and the tucked Ingredient card dedicated to this step to Purge all cards of that color from the Ingredients Row. Then draw 1 Ingredient card.

### RITE OF CHANGE

Discard the 2 Faith and the tucked Ingredient card dedicated to this step to rearrange the remaining tucked Ingredient cards.

### Border Colors and Patterns

White		Black	
Yellow		Purple	
Orange		Blue	
Red		Green	



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## CRAFTING ACTIONS

### PETITION BARON SAMEDI

*(Suitable for Advanced play)*

Once per game, if both Rainbow Serpent paths are fully devoted, you can call on Baron Samedi for a guaranteed cure of 2 patients.

To use this ability, both paths must have the appropriate number of Faith tokens devoted to each step, and 8 Ingredient Cards, one of each color, must be tucked. Discard all devoted Faith tokens and tucked Ingredient cards, then cure 2 patients in your waiting room. Selected patients do not need any of their Ingredients or Administrations, nor is a roll is required.

*Once sufficient tributes were paid, they petitioned this loa, who presides over life and death, to cure those afflicted, which he did instantly and effortlessly.*

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## DARK ACT

### GHOST BINDING

*(Suitable for Intermediate play)*

You can bind a dead patient’s spirit in the place of genuine faith.

Destroy a dead Patient Card in your Morgue or Graveyard (flip it face-down).

Place a Dark Mark token on one of the first 2 steps of either Rainbow Serpent path.

The step must already be devoted; discard the Faith token and the tucked card. Add 1 Severity to each Patient Card in your Waiting Room and in the Community.

The step no longer requires a Faith token or a tucked card. The Dark Mark acts as a wild card and counts as any one color that is not tucked elsewhere. When treating multiple patients at the same time, it must count as the same color for all of them. It is not removed when using Baron Samedi’s Aid. Multiple Dark Marks must be counted as different colors.

*Though I was not present, I could hear the soul-rending shrieks and wails coming from outside of town. I still tremble when I recall it.*

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