

Rule Book



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Lightning strikes a nearby tree. Fire! Your group of Neanderthals must now endure Mother Nature and work together to keep the fire going long enough to learn its mysterious powers and destructive capabilities. You have 14 days to learn how to start your own fire before a massive flood drowns the valley and extinguishes humanity's one chance at becoming the apex predator and escaping extinction.

Setup

Each player takes a character mat, selects a character card, and places the card on the left side of the mat. The game is balanced for 4 characters. For games with fewer than 4 players, divide 4 characters amongst the group as evenly as possible.

(For example, in a single player game, 1 player controls 4 characters, and in a 2 player game each player controls 2 characters.)

- Place markers on the character mat that correspond with each character's card to indicate current & max health & stamina.

The white disks go down first and mark your characters current max for each stat.

Starting
Health
Starting
Stamina
Item Slots
Character
Skills

Eating food

grants double HP

Re-roll anybodys Investigate Fire action,

once per day

(Except Kara), once per day

once per day

Gains 2 Stamina when

killing a Dangeri card

Can have two Weapon

items equipped

- If your character has any starting items, find the item card and place it on your character mat on either the Weapon or Tool slot. See top left of Item card for type.

Shuffle all Hunt, Gather, Forage, Harvest and Night Event decks (separately).
 Place them in the play area with the Fire Knowledge Tree, Fire Die, and Day Tracker.









 Sort Weapon, Tool, and Building items by the colored dot next to item name, place to the side. The Day Tracker is double sided, make sure you select the correct side you want to play before starting (Normal Or Hard)

This is optional and only used to add difficulty to the game.

Refresh up to max stam
 Trade items as desired.

Morning Phase









- Place the Current Day token



on Day 1 of the Day Tracker.

- Place



on the Fire Pit





Pick a character to be the first player and give them.



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You are now ready to play



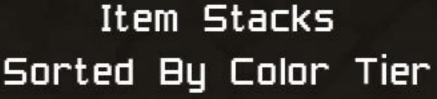




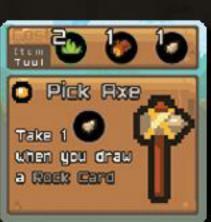




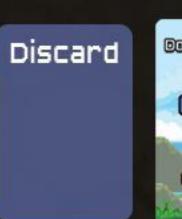










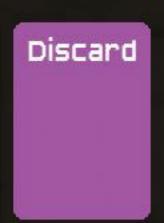
















Your Tribes
Collected
Resource and
FKP Tokens















Day Phase

- A character may end their turn with extra stamina, but they cannot use it on any actions once their turn ends.
- Free cost actions can be used at any time during the Day Phase.
- Once a resource has been used, it should be placed back in the general supply pile.
- When drawing a resource card, take the indicated amount of resource tokens or if
 a Danger! card was drawn, resolve combat as seen on page 6, then place the card
 face up on top of that decks discard pile.
- Resources are shared and once obtained may be used by any player.





Craft Item UNLOCKED ON FIRE KNOWLEDGE TREE

Note: Only ONE building can be crafted per game.

Once unlocked from the Fire Knowledge Tree you may spend

the required resource cost and 3 Stamina to Craft the Item.

(Weapons, Tools, or Buildings)



[Cost 3 Stamina]

Night Phase

- After all players have completed their Day Phase actions, draw a Night Event card.
- These cards create obstacles to interfere with your group's progress, including weather, predators, and rival tribes, and can drastically change your priorities for the next day.
- After drawing, read and follow the instructions on the card. Remember that all players' resources are pooled, so if, for example, a card requires you to discard half of any resource, that means half of the entire group's supply, both raw and cooked unless the card says otherwise. Always round up any situation that involves a fraction.
- If a night card is drawn and does not apply to your group, discard and ignore the event, then continue on to the morning phase.

Note: If a night event card causes you to discard wood from the fire pit, you may still add any available wood from your group's resource pool before the morning phase.



You awaken to a stampeding herd of mammoths as they race through the camp.

Each character rolls the Fire Die. On a blank, you don't react quickly enough and take 1 damage.





Morning Phase

After completing the Night Event, the Morning phase begins. Go through each of the below actions in order, then begin a new Day phase.

- 1. Remove (Wood Count) Wood from the fire pit.
- 2. Increase Day Counter by 1.
- 3. Everyone takes 1 damage from the night.
- 4. Everyone refills their Stamina to its max count. (Unless otherwise indicated by a night event card.)
- 5. You may freely trade Tools and Weapons between characters before the Day phase begins.
- 6. Pass the first player token to the left.

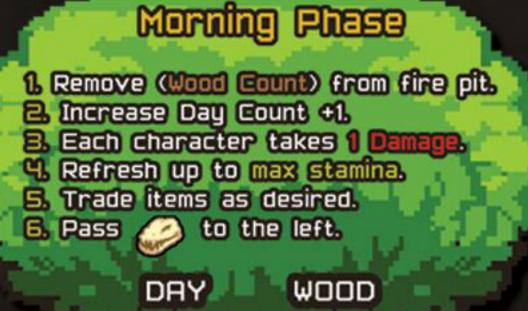


End Of Game

The game is played by repeating in order, the three phases previously explained. During these phases you will trigger winning or losing by the requirements listed below.

You WIN when you unlock the Fire Starter discovery on the Fire Knowledge Tree before night 14.

You LOSE when at <u>anytime</u> there's 0 wood in the fire pit, when all members die or when night phase 14 comes and you have not unlocked the Fire Starter discovery.







When Foraging, Hunting, Harvesting or Gathering you may encounter predators or other wild life attempting to kill you.

Below is a list of the Danger! cards you'll find in the decks.











After drawing a Danger! card, you must resolve the combat before taking any non combat related actions like Eating, Crafting, Tradeing, etc.

Resolve combat as follows (unless a skill or item says otherwise):

1. If you have no weapon OR you have a weapon but its Damage is less than the Danger! cards Life, you lose Health equivalent to the card's Damage.











2. If you have a weapon with 1 Range and its Damage is equal to or greater than the Danger! cards Life, you take 1 Damage and equivalent to the cards Life.







3. If you have a weapon with 2 Range and its Damage is equal to or greater than the Danger! cards Life, you take no damage and receive equivalent to the card's Life.









Items

- Weapons, Tools and Buildings are obtained by performing the Craft Item action for 3 Stamina plus the resource cost of the item, located in the top portion of the item token. After discarding the required resource tokens, take your selected item and choose to either equip it immediately by placing it face up on your character mat Damage: (1) or leave it un-equipped below your character mat.
- Even when not equipping the item yourself, you cannot trade the item with another tribe member until the next Morning phase.
- There are 2 of each item available. If an item gets destroyed or lost during the game, you may not re-craft that item.

At the start of the game the only item you can craft is a Club.

As you unlock Discoveries on the Fire Knowledge Tree you can unlock up to 3 different Crafting tiers, represented by the colored circles.

Crafting 1



Crafting 2 🔛 Crafting 3





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Each tier unlocks the ability to craft new items. Match the colored icons located at the top left of items with each tier to know what items you've unlocked.

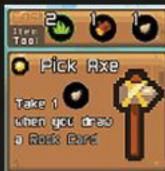
You can only have 1 Weapon and 1 Tool equipped at a time (unless a skill says otherwise).

You can only change your equipped Weapons and Tools, or trade them between players, during the Morning phase. (An exception is when crafting a new item. You may unequip your current item, and equip the newly crafted item. This only applies to the character performing the action.)

Tools will help in obtaining resources and allow you to draw cards from the

Harvest deck.















Weapons will help you survive encounters with Danger! cards, providing meat when killing them and preventing some, if not all, damage taken from skirmishes.



They also allow you to draw cards from the **Hunt** deck.

Note: If a character skill allows you to equip multiple weapons, you may choose to add the damage together and use the lowest Range of the two. or just use one weapon instead.

Buildings, while expensive, are special items that have beneficial effects for the whole group. Once unlocked from discovering Crafting 3, you may perform the Craft Item action as described above to craft the building of your choice. Place the building next to the fire pit.



IMPORTANT: The group may only build 1 building per game, so choose wisely!





Fire Knowledge Points

- Fire Knowledge Points (or FKP) (are earned by performing the Investigate Fire action to roll the Fire Die and taking that many tokens.
- During the day phase, any character can use a free action and spend FKP to unlock Discoveries. To do so, place any earned FKP tokens on a Discovery on the Fire Knowledge Tree. Once a Discovery has the required amount of FKP tokens. as indicated in the top right, it is unlocked. Stat changes are applied immediately.
- +X resource Discoveries are triggered from matching resource card draws only.

(Once a Discovery is unlocked, replace the stack of FKP tokens with an Unlocked token by flipping an FKP token over.)







- Before placing FKP tokens on a new Discovery, you must first unlock all discoveries leading to the new one, indicated by gold arrows. For example, at the beginning of the game, using the Normal Fire Knowledge Tree, the top left Warmth 1 Discovery is the only Discovery you may spend FKP tokens on. Once Warmth 1 is unlocked, you may start spending FKP tokens on Warmth 2 and Cooking 1.
- If a discovery has 2 arrows leading to it, like Fire Starter for example, both Discoveries must be unlocked prior to placing FKP tokens on the new one.
- You may keep your FKP tokens with your groups resource pile as they can be used for trading actions, you might also want to save them and use them later.
- There are 4 Fire Knowledge Trees included, Easy, Normal, Normal+ and Hard. Easy is recommended for your first game, but see if you can beat them all!

Discoveries affect the entire group! When increasing Max HP or Stamina, your current values do not change. Neither value can ever exceed its maximum.

- When a character reaches **D** HP, they are incapacitated and un-playable.
- Can only be brought back if the rest of the group spends 3 cooked meat to feed them. Incapacitated members retain all of their items (Equiped Weapons and Tools) but their Unequiped items are distributed amongst the rest of the group.
- Once revived, they start with 🛢 HP and return to play at the <u>end</u> of the next <u>Morning phase</u>.
- Revival mechanics override skills that restrict meat eating.





FAQ

- 1. Do I get any Meat if I kill an animal and die at the same time? No.
- Can I have more HP or Stamina than what fits on my character mat? No. you may only have up to 10 of each.
- E. Can I share resources? The entire group's resource pool is communal, so you can share resources between characters at any time during the day phase. You can only trade items, however, during the morning phase.
- H. How does eating food work? You can discard 3 Berries or 2 Meat to regain 1 HP, or discard 2 Cooked Berries or 1 Cooked Meat to regain 2 HP for yourself.
- 5. Are the resource decks done once they run out of cards? No. you take all the discarded cards, shuffle them and place them back as the new deck.
- E. Can I shuffle the remaining cards of a deck anytime? No. you may only shuffle the cards when the deck runs out.
- Can I eat even though it's not my turn? Yes! Any of the free actions can be used at any time during the day phase, regardless of whose turn it is. You can only use them during the day phase, however.
- 8. Do Thunk, Grub, and Tara get their bonus resource regardless of what card is drawn when doing the associated activity? Yes, whenever they spend stamina on the action from their skill, they receive 1 of the corresponding resource tokens.
- Can Tara gain her bonus stamina from eating just 1 berry? No. you must eat the same amount of berries as required to gain HP: 3 raw or 2 cooked.
- 10. Can character skills be used when it's not their turn? As long as the skill doesn't require spending stamina or taking damage to activate, then yes, their skill counts as a free action and may be used out of turn. But again, only during the day phase.
- 11. What happens if I run out of resource tokens? There are only 8 of each resource token. If you already have all 8, you can't have any more.
- 12. What are the black cubes for? They are used for you to keep track of various skills with the 'once per day' restriction.
- 13. Why don't 'Rival Tribe', Night Event cards specify cooked or raw? When drawing those cards, cooked and raw tokens are treated as the same when determining which ones get stolen, always remove cooked tokens before raw tokens.
- 14. When a max token moves does it affect the current value? Only if your max token is reduced, since you cannot have more of a stat than your max value. When your max token increases, your current value stays where it's at.
- 15. Do extra slot skills increase your total number of slots to 3? Yes.
- 16. How does Atouk's crafting ability work? He has to spend at least 2 resources when crafting an item. So he can use it on an item that costs 3, but it would only remove 1 cost, making the total cost 2. You pick which resources are ignored.
- 17. Can Ajax equip 2 of the same Tool? No. Ajax can only equip 2 <u>different</u> Tools.



Challenges

After mastering all of the Fire Knowledge Trees and beating the game multiple times, you may develop a big head, or inflated ego. These extremely hard challenges are here to put you back in your place and will offer experienced players more ways to play! Pick a challenge below and obey the special rules for a new game. Challenge rules override any conflicting base game rules. If you manage to beat a challenge, tweet a pic to @DontLetItDieBG with the hash tag #DontLetItDieChallenge showcasing your tribe selection, difficulty and prehistoric victory to the world!

Challenge 1 - "Fire, HOT!"

Tribe Members Allowed: Gronk, Atouk, Ayla, Yog, Grub.

Difficulties Allowed: Normal, Normal+, Hard

Special Rules: Your tribe members are not very smart, instead of

rolling the Fire Die, spend 3 Stamina to take 1 FKP.

Challenge 2 - "Uhhhhh, how did we not see this?"

Tribe Members Allowed: Any

Difficulties Allowed: Easy, Normal, Normal+, Hard

Special Rules: It took your tribe a while to realize the fire was

important, start the Day Tracker at day 5.

Challenge 3 - "Berries... Berries everywhere"

Tribe Members Allowed: Nibna, Tara, River, Grub

Difficulties Allowed: Normal, Normal+, Hard

Special Rules: Your tribe just migrated to this valley, the plants here break apart when touched, but, at least it makes gathering berries easier. All Fiber tokens are now treated only as Raw Berries and cannot be cooked.

You may NOT perform the "Trade with neighboring tribe" action.

Challenge 4 - "Mating Season"

Tribe Members NOT Allowed: Atouk

Difficulties Allowed: Normal, Normal+, Hard

Special Rules: The valley is teeming with predators this time of year.

After dealing with a Danger! card, place it face up on the top of the deck it was drawn from. It is drawn the next time someone spends stamina to draw from the deck. Discard as normal after second draw.



Challenges

Challenge 5 - "Ice Age"
Tribe Members Allowed: Any

Difficulties Allowed: Normal+, Hard

Special Rules: Extremely cold weather has descended upon the valley. All actions now cost +1 stamina. A tribe member takes 1 damage when Gathering, Foraging, Harvesting or Hunting, unless they have Hide or Bone armor equipped.

Challenge 6 - "Fast Food"

Tribe Members Allowed: Any

Difficulties Allowed: Normal, Normal+, Hard

Special Rules: Everyone is getting sick from the food they gathered yesterday. It seems there's something in the air making the food go bad. Your tribe must discard all Berry and Meat tokens during the morning phase.

Challenge 7 - "Rival Tribes"

Tribe Members Allowed: Any

Difficulties Allowed: Normal, Normal+, Hard

Special Rules: The local tribes in the area are at war! They have their eye on your fire and a firm grasp on their spears... The "Trade with Neighboring Tribe" action is not available. When you draw a 'Rival Tribe' Night Event card, everyone takes 2 damage.

Challenge 8 - "Fruitarianism"

Tribe Members NOT Allowed: Nanuk

Difficulties Allowed: Hard

Special Rules: The valley predators have migrated to new lands.

Remove all Danger! cards from the 4 resource decks. Everyone takes +1 damage during the morning phase due to the lack of protein.

Challenge 9 - "Die Hard"

Tribe Members Allowed: Any

Difficulties Allowed: Hard

Special Rules: Discovery text abilities are not available. Berry and Meat tokens may be used in place of Wood in the fire pit, but the amount of Wood they represent is based on how much HP they heal. For example, 3 Raw Berries would represent 1 Wood. Every Discovery must be unlocked before placing FKP on Fire Starter.

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- Liam (Lum)
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BULES

Box Contents

56 Resource Tokens



40 Fire Knowledge Point / Unlocked Tokens





37 Resource Cards



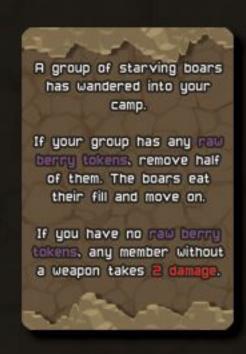






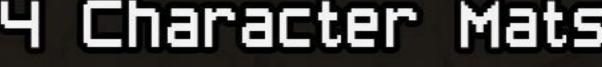
27 Night Event Cards





4 Character Mats













4 HP Markers



4 Stamina Markers



8 Max HP & Stamina Markers



8 Skill Used Markers





33 Item Cards



- 2 Double Sided Fire Knowledge Trees
- (Easy, Normal, Normal+, Hard)
- 1 Double Sided
 Day Tracker
- 1 Fire Die







1 Fire Pit Card



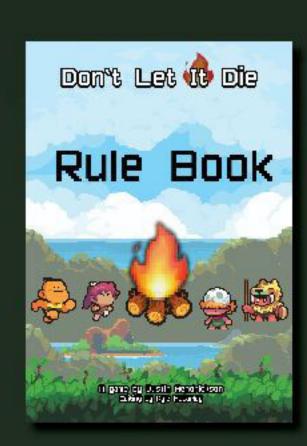
1 First Player Card

1 Current Day Marker





- 1 Player Helper Reference
- 1 14-Page Rulebook









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An Expansion by Dustin Handrickson

For as long as anyone can remember, the nearby mountains have been covered in a thick layer of ice, making it impossible to climb. So it comes as a suprise to the group when you see the ice has melted away, revealing the rocky exterior and unlocking the mountains precious resources for those brave enough to ascend its dangerous terrain.

The Hindrance expansion brings the following new features and content to the game. You can find the Hindrance logo on either the front or the back of the new content to help identify it.

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4 Unique characters, some with special items and tokens.

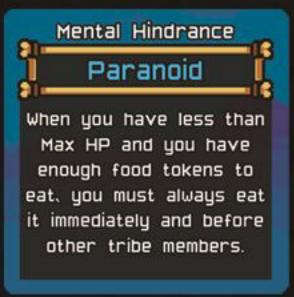








- 16 new Night Event cards.
- 24 Hindrance cards.





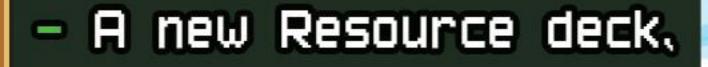
- 32 new Discoveries to modify the Fire Knowledge Tree.







3 new Resource types. ----> (Gemstones, Eggs and Herbs)









– 14 new Weapons, Tools and Buildings.

Setup

Setup like you normally would for the base game, with these changes.

- Add new "Draw a Hindrance", Gather and Harvest cards to their decks. When one of these come up, you must draw a Hindrance card.
- Shuffle and place the Explore deck by the other Resource decks.
- Shuffle Physical and Mental Hindrance decks seperately and place them both in an easily drawable location.
- Make sure your Night Event deck has all the new cards shuffled in.
- Place new Weapons, Tools and Buildings with their colored tiers.
- Place the new Resource tokens close to the other resources.
- Place the 2 Trap tokens and 3 Stew tokens aside.

Setup - New Discoveries

- Before picking your characters, you will shuffle the new Discovery tokens in the lid of the box and randomly draw 6 of them.
- You MUST place 4 for Easy, 5 for Normal or 6 for Hard, of these drawn Discoveries on the Fire Knowledge Tree.
- Each Discovery token chosen will be placed on on the Discovery Tracker card next to a number, you will then take the corresponding numbered token and place it on the Fire Knowledge Tree, this will REPLACE the Discovery it's covering up, removing it from play and bringing the new one into play, so choose their placement carefully!
- You may choose which side of the Discovery token to use.
- Arrows will always follow the base Fire Knowledge Tree board.
- You may not cover up the Fire Starter or Start discoveries.
- You can make changes to their placement after picking characters,
 but once the first turn starts, you may not move them anymore.



New Characters

Hindrance brings 4 new Tribe members into the family! They will help you tame these new mountain lands with their wide arrangement of skills.









Character Tokens and Items

- Some of the new Items these characters bring with them are their own unique item and can not be crafted normally. This includes the Fire Stick weapon and the Skull Shield tool. These items can still be traded during a morning phase and should be treated as a normal item.
- Tiku and Rex both have their own tokens, so when picking these characters make sure to take their tokens too.

Rex: 2



Trap Tokens:

Resource deck. When a Danger! card is drawn from that deck, roll the Fire Die, roll equal to or greater than a Danger! cards life to Trap it. Trap it: Remove the Trap token and the Danger! card from the game. If you fail to Trap it, the trap stays by that resource deck and whoever drew the Danger! card, must fight it as normal.

Tiku: 3



Stew Tokens:

Tiku may spend 1 Stamina, 1 raw berry, 1 raw meat and 1 medicinal herb to take 1 Stew token. Stew tokens may be eaten by each Tribe member, at most, once per day, to reuse a once-per day character skill that has been used already that day. These are not considered normal resources and may not be traded or traded for.



New Actions

During the Day Phase you'll have a few new actions available.

Explore: Costs 4 Stamina. Draw an Explore card.
 This deck contains new Danger! cards, Gemstones,
 Dino Eggs, Medicinal Herbs and more. There is no restrictions to draw from this deck other than stamina cost.



Prepare & Use Medicinal Herb: Costs 1 Stamina and 1 Medicinal Herb.
 Remove 1 Physical Hindrance from your character.

New Resources

Gemstones: This resource can be found in the Explore deck.

Trade value for these are 1:2 instead of 3:1.

You may not trade FOR Gemstones.

If you unlock the Discovery "Jewelry" you may craft a Gemstone into a Necklace, each Gemstone provides a unique bonus as a Necklace.

Jewelry: Once per day a tribe member may spend 3 Stamina, 1 Gemstone and 1 Fiber to craft a Necklace. Place the Gemstone on your character, depending on the color, it gives a unique bonus to the character. Jewelry cannot be traded, deconstructed or unequipped and the Gemstone token is no longer usable after crafting a Necklace.







Dino Egg: This food can be found in the Explore deck.

You can eat 2 Raw Dino Eggs to gain 1 HP and 1 Stamina or you can eat 2 Cooked Dino Eggs to gain 3 HP and 1 Stamina.

The Cooking Meat Discovery also unlocks cooking Dino Eggs.

Medicinal Herb: This resource can be found in the Explore deck. You may perform a Prepare & Use Medicinal Herb action to remove 1 Physical Hindrance from your character.



New Items

New item recipes have been discovered!

- Add all the new item cards to the base game's item cards, sorting them by colored crafting tier.
- Some items have special abilities listed on them, once equipped on your character the special ability becomes active. Follow the text from the ability to see how it works, some of them require you to spend stamina after using them, others give you passive buffs or activate after specific situations arise, make sure to read them!











Physical and Mental Hindrances

Tribe Members can now be affected by Hindrances, grouped into **Physical** and **Mental**.

- When taking any damage from a Danger! card or when certain cards from the Resource decks are drawn, you will draw
- 1 Physical Hindrance card and place it below your character.
- These will inflict temporary harmful effects on the character.
- If you are to draw a Physical Hindrance and your character already has 3 Physical Hindrances, you will instead, remove and discard all Physical Hindrance cards attached to the character and draw a Mental Hindrance card and place it below the

character.

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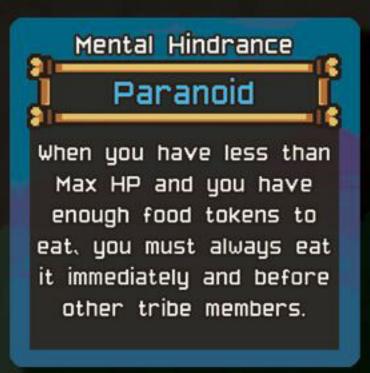
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the Investigate
Fire action.

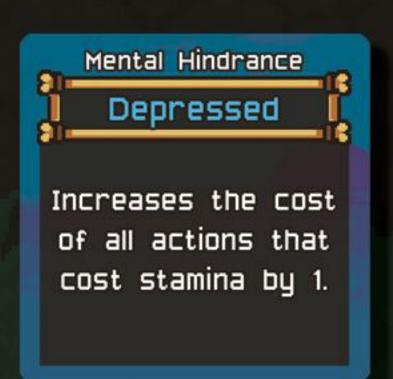
Twisted Ankle

Maximum Stamina
reduced by 1.



- Physical Hindrances can be removed by eating any food that heals you or with a Medicinal Herb and 1 Stamina. When eating food, you may choose to use the foods normal effects OR remove 1 Physical Hindrance card, not both.







- Mental Hindrances cannot be removed and are stuck to your character for the rest of the game.
- A character can only have 1 Mental Hindrance and 3 Physical Hindrances max, unless a skill or card says otherwise. If you are to draw a Physical Hindrance card when already having a Mental Hindrance and are at the max limit of Physical Hindrance cards, ignore drawing any.





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