

1. INTRODUCTION

The year is 2248 AD. The continuously expanding universe is on the brink of the most devastating war ever. The global clash cannot be avoided; the bloody reckoning has already started on some planets.

After the long, peaceful years of economic boom, the Earth-Mars Empire was torn apart by the conflict between humans and cyborgs. However, in the war that is scorching the formerly collaborative worlds, they are not the only ones opposing each other. From the galaxy's billions of nations, 4 factions ascended for the XXIII rd century: The Terran Empire, which wants to restore the unified galaxy ruled by humans; The Cyberian Collective, which is preparing for the final reckoning against humans; The Union of Trade Worlds, which wants to maintain its independence, and the outlaw Interstellar Nomads, who fight a guerilla-type warfare.

The war has already begun, and the armies are standing in line. Everyone is looking for or buying allies. The decision is yours: which faction will You join?





2. THE HISTORY OF FACTIONS

2.1. The Terran Empire



The Terran Empire has found its paragon in the former great civilizations; The Roman Empire, The Holy Roman Empire, and the cult of outstanding historical figures. The head of the state is the First Consul, general Ramius, who oversees the army personally, and who is accused of dictatorial intentions by his enemies. Probably not without a cause...

In the early times of the colonization, the Terran Empire was continuously economically and technologically superior due to the population of the Earth. Its only challenger was the technologically highly advanced Martians, who propagated the advent of a new, post human era. However, the technology of the portals temporarily ended the conflict of the two worlds. The two states wanted to exploit the opportunity of occupying the colonies together. As time went on, the newly colonized planets wanted more and more economic independence. Although Earth managed to keep its political role due to its military advantage, it fell behind the colonies in economic terms. The growing tension slowly tainted the Earth-Mars Alliance, which led to the annexation of Mars after the Luddite movement on Earth.

The Terran Empire is currently boosting its economy by military expenses and aims to retrieve as many colonies as possible and defeat the settling Martians – Cyberians with its growing military potential. The time is short, since the resources of the Earth are less and less sufficient for the maintenance of the former position of power.



Mars was the first chance for mankind to seize a new, giant planet. The first researchers of Mars were quickly followed by masses of adventurous people. The conflicts among people brought from Earth disappeared after the first few centuries, giving way to a new Martian identity, which defined itself as independent from Earth.

The Martians put more and more emphasis on cybernetics and robotics later on. Thanks to this resolution they became increasingly self-supplying and competitive with Earth. The Martians got their nickname at that time: "cyberians". The continuously growing conflict between Earth and Mars lead to a series of wars until the second half of the XX.th century, when their relationship was softened by the discovery of the portal technology. The two rivaling worlds exploited this opportunity together, ultimately leading to the takeover of the colonies.

However, the Earth-Mars relationship was never free of tensions, not even in the era of prosperity. The low point came in 2242, when the armies of Earth attacked Mars and wreaked carnage among the people as a result of the Luddite movement. Although Mars was swept away, the Cyberians and the Cyberian-loyal part of the fleet was not. The Martian resistance, led by lady Alita, is waiting for a counter-strike opportunity, which, according to their plans, will be the last attack on Earth.

2.3. Interstellar Nomads



The Nomads are descendants of the first wave of settlers, who lived peacefully until the explosive development of space technology. After the Earth-Mars Alliance advanced a great deal in terms of space travel, it could easily dominate the dwellers of the colony with its technological superiority. Many living on the colonies could not accept the direct domination, so they left the territories under the control of the Alliance. They started a nomad, pirate lifestyle on the verge of the known universe, while the Earth-Mars Alliance was continuously pursuing them. Through one and a half centuries, out of the discords of smaller factions and the pressure from the Alliance, the Interstellar Nomads were born.

When the era of bloody chaos arrived after the long-lasting dominance of the Earth-Mars Alliance, the Nomads realized that it was time for them to retrieve their ancient planets, and expand them with new ones. Their ambitious and fearless warlord, Temud Yin can count on tens of thousands of soldiers on this mission, who are willing to sacrifice their lives without thinking twice on his command.

2.4. The Union of Trade Worlds



The core of The Union of Trade Worlds consists of 3 highly advanced colonies, the population of which includes various people from the different waves of colonization. The 3 planets that provide the foundation of the union were originally territories of the Earth-Mars Alliance to conquer the colonies. Their role became increasingly more significant due to their advances and importance, fostering the seeds of a rebellion against the mother worlds. In addition, these colonies soon played a decisive role in the rapidly developing galactic trade.

These motives gave more and more latitude to the 3 planets. When the Earth-Mars Alliance has come to a bloody end, the 3 planets immediately declared their independence, and almost instantly formed an autonomous economic union, thanks to the careful background preparations. Today, the union is rapidly expanding, with a little financial or military persuasion of course... The Union of Trade Worlds wants to be seen as the protector of the independent colonies, for which they have enough money, and their gorgeous leader, Zoe Venetia.

3. THE GOAL OF THE GAME

In the game, you take on the role of interstellar faction warlords that fight for various planets. During the game, a battle is played out, which can be won by:

1. Building the formation that is needed to capture the planet.

- OR -

2. Having the only warlord on the board after all the enemy warlords are defeated during battle.





4.1. Game modes

Game difficulty: Before starting the game, the players may decide on which difficulty to play based on the chart below.

The **Sailor** difficulty is recommended for beginners to get to know the game.

Captain mode is the normal mode, could also be used for the first game; here the minor factions also come into play.

In **Admiral mode**, the players can also win the game by completing their own mission cards.

Difficulty	Normal units	Minor units	Mission
Sailor	12	0	1 common
Captain	9	3	1 common
Admiral	9	3	1 common and 1 own

Playing in pairs: Team members are seated diagonally across from each other. The smaller board is recommended for this mode, so the team can build the mission pattern together.

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4.2. Setup

- 1. Choose the first player: the person that last saw a sci-fi movie, or just draw random.
- 2. Each player chooses a faction in clockwise order, starting with the first player.

Each player gets the starting kit:

a faction and a warlord card, own units, the die indicating life strength of the warlord and the income and hexilum markers.

- 3. Set the **income level to 1** and the **hexilum to 0** on the faction board and place the units.
- 4. If the minor factions also take part in the game, take as many minor factions as the number of players plus one. The last player gets to choose first, then the one before last, etc. and lastly the first player. (For a description of minor factions, see 6.4.)
- 5. Shuffle the market deck and reveal **5 cards to form the market.**
- Draw a mission card and put it next to the board in its place. In admiral mode, the number of players +1 mission cards are revealed and each player selects a card in reverse order to become his/her secret mission card. The remaining card will be the common mission card. Building the formation on either of the mission cards (common or own secret) will count as a win.
- 7. Each player places their warlord life indicator dice with a value of 6 on the board in clockwise order, starting from the first player.



4.3. The game board

The board changes based on the number of players: One side of the board is used for 2-3 players, the other side for 4 players.

1 Board for 2 players:

Players can only place units on the normal transparent territories.

2 Board for 3-4 players:

Players can place units on the shaded territories on the edge as well.

3 Territories giving currency (hexilum):

Players obtain hexilum if they place or move their unit, or warlord there.

















4.4 The overview of a turn

The players take turns in sequential order until one of them is declared the winner. A player's turn is consists of 3 parts: income, action and market phase.

1. INCOME PHASE

During the **income phase**, the player gains income: he/she **increases their hexilum reserve** with the current income level.

2. ACTION PHASE

During the **action phase**, the player may **execute two actions** – even the same ones- in an arbitrary order. The following actions may be chosen:



Your warlord's life-force increases by 1.



Move your warlord to an adjacent territory: Your warlord takes one damage for movement/in return.

Use your warlord's special ability (See Faction descriptions): Your warlord takes one damage for using the ability.



3. MARKET PHASE

During the **market phase**, the player can **buy cards from the market:** You may always choose from the 5 cards on the market, you can buy any number with the available currency.

Important: Cards are always placed facing up in front of the players, so other players can see what they have.

New cards must be placed on the market after this phase, in order to fill the market up to exactly 5 cards again.

If the player finished the 3 phases of their turn, then the player to the left takes a turn.

This continues until someone wins the game.

4.5 Card abilities

Two types of cards can be bought: mercenary and action cards.

The **mercenaries** are characters that can be hired once by purchasing cards

The tokens with their pictures are placed on the empty tokens of the faction that purchased it, the token is placed on the board when the card is activated.

All mercenaries can use their abilities when coming into play, however, mercenaries with an orange recycle sign may reuse their abilities any turn in exchange for an action.



A reusable (left) and a normal (right) mercenary

Important: If a mercenary is removed from the board, the corresponding card must be discarded!

Action cards may be played only once, after that they are discarded. The icon system, detailed explanation and card descriptions can be seen in the Appendix, points 6.1-6.2.



4.6 Chain reactions

It may occur during a game that an action card or mercenary ability brings another card or unique mercenary into play that also executes a command. In this case the abilities are executed in a chain within a single action. Therefore, a chain reaction counts as a single special action, the smart use of which can easily decide the outcome of the game.

The different abilities are executed one after the other, the effects of the first cards must be fully completed, then you continue with the effects of the next card.



Example of a chain reaction

Step 1

We brought a C9 mercenary and a normal unit into play with the A17 card. We place the unit and the C9 mercenary on the board to the 2 designated territories.

Step 2

After we fully executed the abilities of the A17 card, we continue with the ability of the C9 card. We attack a territory with it –, where an enemy unit is destroyed and goes on the **Recovery Ship** - and we place a normal unit and a C5 mercenary.

Step 3

After the **C9** card, we execute the abilities of the **C5**. It places 2 normal units on the board. Since we did not play any other mercenaries with special abilities, the chain reaction ends.













5. VICTORY

The game ends immediately if a player **manages** to build the pattern on the mission card drawn at the beginning of the game.



The game continues until one of these conditions is achieved.

The other way for a player to achieve victory is to **destroy all the enemy warlords**, controlling the only remaining warlord on the board.



If a **player is defeated**, their units remain on the board until someone removes them, and their cards are immediately sent to the discard pile.







Attacking with a unit Sacrifice one of your units. You may attack an adjacent territory, and both units go on the Recovery Ship, mercenaries are removed from game.



Destruction The unit's ability is activated when it is sent to the Recovery Ship.

You cannot attack with these units.

Zombie ability The removed unit returns straight away to reserve.

Stealing



Stealing a mercenary card You may take one of your enemies' mercenary card. The mercenaries unit may remain on the board or may be taken back and played again at a later time.



Stealing an action card You may take one of your enemies' action cards.



Stealing currency You may take a certain amount of hexilum from one of your enemies.

Other symbols



Empty territory Empty territories are marked with a grey hexagon. They show the relative positions of various events taking place on the board.

Exchange

Exchange 2 units or move a unit to an empty territory. If the player executing the action moves from a territory without currency into a territory with currency they receive 1 hexilum. Other players do not receive currency in the same case.

Extra cards You may choose from a certain amount of extra cards during the market phase. These unbought cards are discarded after buying.

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minor units

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executing the action

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without currency into a

territory with currency, they receive 1 hexilum.



Receiving currency You receive the amount of hexilum marked on the icon.

Increasing income You may increase your income. You always

have to pay an amount equal to the level of income you want to reach.

Important: It is always obligatory to completely execute the ability of attacking a territory if it is written on the card, even against own units. However, placement is only an option, it is not necessary to execute every possible placement on a card.

6.2. The list of cards

In case of a conflict between a card and the normal rules, the card's ability overwrites the rules.

Mercenaries

C1 | Lowry



In exchange for an action:

Exchange it with another unit or move it to an empty territory.

C2 | Lorenzo Kroisos



In exchange for an action: Gain 2 hexilum.

C3 | Motoko



You may place 3 units according to the pattern.



You may place 3 units according to the pattern.

C5 | Phyton



You may place 2 units according to the pattern.

C6 | Strugatsky, the Scout



You may place a unit according to the pattern.

C7 | Steel Scythian



You may place 2 units according to the pattern.

C8 | Gabe Tyrell



You may place 3 units according to the pattern.









You must attack a territory and may place 2 units according to the pattern.

C10 | Maria Murdock



You must attack 2 territories and may place a unit according to the pattern.



C11 | Imam Keith

You may place 2 units according to the pattern.

C12 | Lilith



Attack 3 territories according to the pattern.

C13 Joseph Conrad Kroisos

You must attack 3 territories and may place 3 units according to the pattern.

C14 | Old Simleylesz



Attack 3 territories according to the pattern.





Attack 2 territories according to the pattern.

C16 J.H.O.N.5

Attack 2 territories according to the pattern.



C17 | Herbert



You must attack a territory and may place a unit according to the pattern.

C18 | Lady Cha'ni



In exchange for an action:

Take back 2 units from the Recovery Ship.



C19 | T.A.X. 1138



In exchange for an action:

Your warlord heals for 2.

C20 | Contessa Carmilla



In exchange for an action:

You may send a unit from a player's reserve to the Recovery Ship.

C21 | Westwood

In exchange for an action:

A unit is sent to the Recovery Ship from the board.

C22 | Forest Elf



In exchange for an action:

Exchange a unit with another unit or move a unit to an empty territory.

C23 | Heinlein's Squad



Gain 3 mercenary units. They may be placed on the board later with no special abilities.

C24 | Canaris Carmilla



When this card is placed, it deals 3 damage to an enemy player's warlord on an adjacent territory.

C25 | The Libarian



In the turn you played this card, you may choose from additional 5 cards in the market phase. You don't have to show these cards to any other player, and send them to the waste (used pile) after buying.

Action cards

A3 | Mobile Army Surgical Hospital

A1 | Ancient Sphere

Exchange 2 units or move a unit to an empty territory.

OR

Take back 3 units from the Recovery Ship.

A2 | Ancient Monolit



Exchange 2 units or move a unit to an empty territory.

OR

Heal your warlord for 3.

A4 | Xalielt merchan



Take back 2 units from the Recovery Ship.

OR Heal your warlord for 2.

Take back 2 units from the Recovery Ship. OR

Heal your warlord for 2.



Take back 5 units from the Recovery Ship. OR Heal your warlord for 5.

A6 | Ching Shih's Raiders



A8 | Space Truckers

Gain 6 hexilum.

OR

Take an action card from your enemy.

A7 | Cypher's Offer



Gain 6 hexilum.

OR

Take a mercenary from your opponent. If the mercenary was on the board, you may decide to leave it on the board or remove it and put it in front of you in order to play it later.



You may choose from additional 5 cards in the market phase.

OR

Take back 2 units from the Recovery Ship.





A9 | Corona Salvage Shuttle

A11 | Darkside of the moon



Take back a unit from the Recovery Ship which you may then put on the board immediately.

OR

OR

Heal your warlord for 2.

You may send 2 units

to the Recovery Ship.

Steal 2 hexilum from

one of your enemies.

from a player's reserve

A10 | Project 1502



You may send a unit from a player's reserve to the Recovery Ship.

OR

Destroy 3 hexilum from one of your enemies.

A12 | Strike of the Valkyrs



A14 Odin's Eye

from a player's reserve to the Recovery Ship. OR

You may send 2 units

Place 3 units on the board according to the pattern.

A13 Merle

You may choose from additional 5 cards in the market phase. OR

Take back a unit from the Recovery Ship then place this unit on the board.

Gain 2 hexilum. OR

You may choose from additional 5 cards in the market phase.



A15 | Salvagers

Gain 2 hexilum.

OR

Take back a unit from the Recovery Ship then place a unit on the board.



You may destroy a territory and place a unit there. OR

Deal 2 damage to an enemy warlord.



A17 Cheyen



Place 2 units according to the pattern. OR

You may destroy a territory and place a unit there.

A18 | Attack of the Shah's Guard



Place 2 units according to the pattern.

OR

Deal 2 damage to an enemy warlord.





A19 | Spider Tank



Attack 2 territories according to the pattern.

OR

Deal 3 damage to an enemy warlord.

A20 | Appachdropships



Attack 2 territories according to the pattern.

OR

Place 3 units according to the pattern.

A22 | Mobile Refinery



Attack 2 territories according to the pattern.

OR

Place 3 units according to the pattern.



Gain 4 hexilum. OR

Destroy an enemy's action card.

A23 Astralmech

You may send 3 units from a player's reserve to the Recovery Ship. OR

Attack 3 territories according to the pattern.

A24 | Icarus Attack Squadron



You may send 3 units from a player's reserve to the Recovery Ship. OR

Attack 3 territories according to the pattern.

A24 | Enola's Fireron



You may send 3 units from a player's reserve to the Recovery Ship. OR

Attack 3 territories according to the pattern.

6.3. Faction abilities and tactics

Terran Empire



Ability

You may destroy a unit and place an own unit on an occupied territory next to the warlord for an action and taking one damage on the warlord.

Tactical tips

The Terran Empire offers the most aggressive strategy out of the factions. Placing its warlord in a good position – the center of the board - , it can build its own formation and destroy the enemies' simultaneously. The faction's ability is powerful at all stages of the game.

The Terran player should be careful with their warlord's life points, because due to the effective use of their ability, they will mostly be in the conflict zone. The Terran Empire is most recommended for beginner players.

Cyberian Collective



Ability

You may place two units next to the warlord as seen in the picture for an action and taking one damage on the warlord.

Tactical tips

The Cyberian Collective is the fastest building faction, therefore it is the easiest to start building the formation with. The player commanding this faction should be aware that they can put up to 4 units on the board without using a single action or mercenary card. The ability is mostly effective in the first stage of the game, but it can be efficient later on with the combination of territory attacks.

A Cyberian player should pay attention to their number of tokens, because they can decrease quicker than other factions due to the fast placement, and life of their warlord can also diminish faster. The Cyberian Collective may also be a great choice for beginner players.

Interstellar Nomads



Ability

You may exchange two tokens (unit or mercenary) or you can move a token (unit or mercenary) to an empty territory for an action and taking one damage on the warlord.

Tactical tips

The Interstellar Nomads offers the most challenging gameplay out of the factions. The ability of exchanging allows the player commanding the faction to seize key territories without using valuable cards or units – whether on the board or from their reserve. Besides, in multiplayer mode they can trick their opponents by interfering with both players' formations. Furthermore, the faction ability can be well-utilized on any territory on the board, so it is not necessary to take their warlord into conflict zones.

The ability requires a tactical, political playstyle, so it is recommended for more experienced, more advanced players.





The Union of Trade Worlds



You receive 2 hexilum for an action and taking one damage on the warlord.

Ability

Tactical tips

The UTW is the wealthiest faction of the game. It has the opportunity to gain 4 hexilum even at the worst of times, when all sources of raw materials are occupied. Thanks to this, the UTW player can always buy from the market, easily creating their own, unique tactics. Furthermore, the faction ability can be well-utilized on any territory on the board, so it is not necessary to take their warlord into conflict zones.

The advantage of the UTW is the very same as its disadvantage. It has easy access to cards on the market, but this is not enough for victory; the cards also have to be used tactically. The UTW is recommended for more experienced, more advanced players.

6.4. Minor fractions

M1 Gorillz	Normal	
	Ability	Story
	Attacks 2 adjacent territories after placement, and also damages an enemy warlord by 1.	Gorillz is the result of an interesting experiment, in which gorillas' intelligence was highly increased so they could operate complex tools used by humans. Gorillz can be utilized for hard manual labor and military work.

M2 Cauldron-born

Normal

Ability	Story
If this token would be sent to the Recovery Ship for any reason, it goes back to your reserve instead.	In the "Project Plague" experiment, humans tried to expand the boundaries of regeneration. The result of this – besides the "Parasite virus" – was an almost indestructible creature, the "Cauldron-born". However, it is rarely used in action due to its high price, abominable look and low level of intelligence.

M3 Odin's Wolf

Normal

Ability



Attack an adjacent territory in exchange for an action. It is not removed from the board for the attack.

Story

Odin's Wolf was the elite army of the former empire's military planet, Valhalla. Now the military planet, which became independent during the chaos of the civil war, is looking for new allies.



M4 | Duvall's air cavalry

Reusable for one action

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Ability



Exchange 2 units or move a unit to an empty territory in exchange for an action.

Story

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The Duvall's air cavalry was an elite team formerly serving under the Terran Empire, for whom the military and space technology was provided by the Martian corporations. When the battle started, they didn't make an oath to either side, so they could maintain the independent mercenary status.

M5 | Resurrectors of Demetere



Ability When it comes into play, you may put a unit from the Recovery Ship next to it. It cannot bring another **M5** into play this

Normal

The planet Demetere is famous for its highly advanced healing arts. The planet's best healers are the Resurrectors, who do not know the meaning of impossible if dealing with injuries.

M6 Cymurai

Reusable for one action



When it comes into play, you must send a unit from an adjacent territory to the Recovery Ship. Your warlord then heals for 1.

Neo samurais, who come from the planet Neo-Kyoto, mostly inhabited by the Japanese. The team is famous on the planet and always ensures high prestige to the ruler of Neo-Kyoto and his allies.

M7 | Slave hunters of Neo-South

Normal

AbilityStoryWhen it comes into play, you must send
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Recovery Ship.Everything of
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You then gain 1 hexilum.

Story Everything comes at a price: spaceships, weapons, luxury items, robots and slaves, too. The price of the latter is usually.

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M8 | Xalielt body hunters



Ability

Normal

When it comes into play, you must send a unit from an adjacent territory to the Recovery Ship. Then you may take a unit back from the Recovery Ship.

Story

Xalielts are famous for their bodies' exceptional quality. However, they do not only make these bodies, they also strangely collect them, which the majority would find disgusting and dangerous.



	HEAPANSE	
M9 Ox miners	Normal	
	Ability	Story
	If you place it on a territory that gives hexilum, gain +2 hexilum.	Ox is an alien species kept in slavery, they are forced to do the most horrible jobs. Mining corporations gladly employ the Oxen due to their strong physique, rewarding them with great performance statistics.
M10 Lee's platoon	Fixed	
	Ability	Story
	If it is sent to the Recovery Ship, your warlord heals for 4.	Members of the former empirical guards, who lost their position after the downfall of the Earth-Mars Empire. Currently they support anyone, whom they see capable of resurrecting the past world.
M11 Prophet's Children	Fixed	
	Ability	Story
	If it is sent to the Recovery Ship, take back 4 units from the Recovery Ship.	The Prophet's Children are a group of preachers from the planet Kaaba, who spread their prophet Allah's words throughout the planet
M12 Guardians of the Halo	Normal	
	Ability	Story
	If it is sent to the Recovery Ship, gain 4 hexilum.	The highly trained scout unit of the planet Halo was always one of the best in the known world. Their jetpacks, which they use because of the high mountains of their own world always came in handy on other worlds, too. Their self-sacrifice and vigilance was always a huge asset for their generals.

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