

RULE BOOK

SUMMARY

Things have gotten ugly. Rumrunners, muggers, and other lowlifes like you have staked a claim to this city, and "The Law" is here to remind everyone who makes the rules: The Cops do. The Police take to the streets to enforce the full extent of the law, either ruling a section of town, or forming a task force to tackle the usual suspects, vices, or haunts.

YOU CAN CLEVERLY DISPATCH OFFICERS WITH AN ANONYMOUS TIP TO PLAGUE THE MOVERS AND SHAKERS WHO WORK AGAINST YOU, BUT BEWARE, BECAUSE THEIR LAWS APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL! AS CIRCUMSTANCES SHIFT, YOU MAY BE JUST AS LIKELY TO RUN AFOUL OF A PATROL AND SUFFER THE BITING STING OF THE RULES THEY ENFORCE. CONTROL OF THESE STREETS IS CONSTANTLY SHIFTING AND YOU STILL INTEND TO SEIZE THAT OPPORTUNITY, BUT THE ONE THING THAT IS IMMUTABLE IS THE LAW, SO YOU'D BETTER MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU!



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COMPONENT LISTS



CHARACTERS XI



INFORMANTS x1



AGENDAS X3

SCENE CARDS (x3)



WHO x1



WHAT x1



WHERE x1

NOIR CARDS (x20)



GOONS X7



LOOT X2



REACTION X2



PATROLS X9



ABOVE THE LAW ICON

NEW CARD TYPE: PATROL

A PATROL CARD REPRESENTS POLICE PRESENCE SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY. PATROLS ARE DIFFERENTIATED BY THE BADGE ICON IN THE TOP RIGHT. PATROLS HAVE A NAME AND EFFECT. TO PLAY A PATROL, CHOOSE A COLUMN OR ROW OF SCENE CARDS, AND PLACE IT ABOVE OR TO THE RIGHT OF THAT COLUMN/ROW RESPECTIVELY. THAT PATROL WILL AFFECT SCENE CHANGE ATTEMPTS MADE IN THAT COLUMN/ROW. SEE NEW MECHANICS BELOW FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.



NEW MECHANICS: PATROLS

In The Big Shuffle, WHO (, WHAT P, and WHERE IN SCENE CARDS ARE MOVED BETWEEN UPTOWN, DOWNTOWN, AND MIDTOWN. WITH "THE LAW" EXPANSION, PATROLS WILL BE PLAYED ABOVE A SCENE TYPE (WHO, WHAT, OR WHERE) OR NEXT TO A PART OF TOWN (UPTOWN, DOWNTOWN, OR MIDTOWN). PATROLS CONTRIBUTE THEIR EFFECT TO ALL SCENE CHANGE ATTEMPTS OF THAT TYPE.

Since Patrols can be played both above and to the right of the city, some scene change attempts will be subject to two different Patrols. For example, if The Feds are played above the WHERE and The Traffic Cops are played next to Midtown, a Midtown WHERE as scene change attempt will be subject to both the effects of The Feds and The Traffic Cops.



Some effects can move a Patrol. To move a Patrol, pick a column/row that Patrol isn't already played on, and move it to the new column/row. This doesn't count as playing a Patrol.

There can only be one Patrol played on each column/row.

If a character ever plays a Patrol on, or moves a Patrol
to a column/row that already has a Patrol on it, discard
the Patrol that was there first.

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IF I PLAYED NOT ON MY WATCH! ON A SCENE, CAN A CHARACTER ATTEMPT TO CHANGE A SCENE FROM UPTOWN OR DOWNTOWN THAT WOULD COVER THAT SCENE?

YES. CHARACTERS MAY STILL ATTEMPT SUCH A SCENE CHANGE AND MAY EVEN SUCCEED, SINCE THE DEFINITION OF A SUCCESSFUL SCENE CHANGE IS ONE WHICH THE CHARACTER'S MODIFIED INFLUENCE IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE DIFFICULTY."

HOWEVER, IF THE SCENE CHANGE IS SUCCESSFUL, IT WILL NOT BE MOVED, SINCE THAT WOULD CAUSE THE SCENE WITH NOT ON MY WATCH! TO HAVE ANOTHER SCENE MOVED ON TOP OF IT.

IF I PLAYED NOT ON MY WATCH! ON A SCENE, CAN THE CAR CHASE OR THE SERIAL KILLING SPREE STILL MOVE THAT SCENE TO THE BOTTOM OF ITS DECK?

YES. NOT ON MY WATCH ONLY PREVENTS SCENE CHANGES ON THAT SCENE OF SCENE CHANGES FROM MOVING OTHER SCENES ON TOP OF IT. SINCE THE CAR CHASE AND THE SERIAL KILLING SPREE DON'T CAUSE SCENE CHANGES, THEY WILL CIRCUMVENT NOT ON MY WATCH.

IF I HIRED THE +3/-3 GOON FROM 'THE LAW" EXPANSION DURING ANOTHER CHARACTER'S TURN AND I HAVE THE CRUSIER LOOT, CAN I CHANGE A SCENE DURING THAT CHARACTER'S TURN?

No. You may never attempt a scene change during another character's turn.

IF I START A SCENE CHANGE WHERE THE VICE SQUAD IS PATROLLING WHILE I HAVE MORE THAN FOUR CARDS IN MY HAND, BUT DURING THE SCENE CHANGE I PLAY CARDS OR DISCARD CARDS AND END UP WITH LESS THAN FOUR CARDS, DO I GET +2 INFLUENCE?

Yes. The final check for having four or fewer cards in hand will occur during the 'Determine Success" part of the scene change attempt. If you have four or fewer cards by that point, The Vice Squad will grant you +2 influence.

IF I CHANGE A SCENE WHERE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS PATROLLING, CAN I CHOOSE MYSELF TO DRAW THE CARD?

YES. THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CAN HELP YOU OUT. THAT SAID, YOU COULD ALSO BARGAIN AWAY THE HELP OFFERED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AS AN INCENTIVE FOR ANOTHER CHARACTER TO HELP YOU CHANGE A SCENE. ONLY THE SAVVY COME OUT ON TOP, AND IF IT MEANS USING YOUR NEIGHBORS, SO BE IT.

IF I USE THE VIGILANTE'S ABILITY TO GIVE ANOTHER CHARACTER +1 INFLUENCE DURING THEIR SCENE CHANGE AND MY INFORMANT IS THE PHILANTHROPIST, WILL I DRAW A CARD BECAUSE OF THE PHILANTHROPIST'S EFFECT?

YES. THE VIGILANTE'S ABILITY COUNTS AS HIRING A GOON. YA KNOW, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THAT PHILANTHROPIST DOES

