1985: THIEVES IN THE SHADOWS

30-45 MIN¹

2-5 PLAYERS:

¹ Estimated time



INTRODUCTION

It is the early hours of December twenty-fifth, nineteen eighty five, and the largest robbery of pre-Hispanic artifacts in mexican history is about to take place. You and your accomplice(s) must infiltrate the Mexica Museum and take home a milliondollar treasure... if you manage to escape the Museum's security guard and the supernatural forces that protect the mexica's legacy.

OBJECTIVES: In this scenario, two sides will face each other:

- THIEVES (1-3 players). Their objective is to steal a specific selection of ARTIFACTS from the museum, and flee before time runs out, without being eliminated.
- DEFENDERS (1-2 players). Their objective is to eliminate all the THIEVES.

GAME PREPARATION:

- 1. Place the BOARD.
- 2. Deal each player their CHARACTER CARDS and starting tokens:
 - THIEVES. Characters "2" (yellow), and "3" (blue). In a five player game, add character "4" (green).
 - DEFENDERS. Character "1" (red) and GHOST PRIEST.
- 3. For this scenario, character "1" starts the game with his initial *token* (the BATON) PLUS the PISTOL and four AMMO *tokens* (in a five player game, the GUARD starts with six AMMO *tokens*).
- 4. Set the GAME CLOCK at **12:00**.
- 5. Shuffle the ARTIFACTS deck (yellow back side) and deal 3 face down cards to every THIEF (regardless of the number of players). Players keep their hand secret from other players.
- 6. Choose the scenario's DIFFICULTY. The conditions are:
 - NORMAL. Time limit: 6:00 (36 rounds)
 - HARD. Time limit: **5:00** (30 rounds)
 - VERY HARD. Time limit: **4:00** (24 rounds)
- 7. Place tokens and player pieces according to the CHART:

	LOCATION		LOCATION		LOCATION
	J-12 J-13 L-12		A-4, A-7 E-1, M-6		O-15
	L-2 H-5	R	K-10, J-4		B-15
	G-10	R	B-5, D-1 D-10 M-2	J.	B-2
2	C-5	• ^{x3}			B-2
2	J-5	Ø	D-4		(If required) B-2
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Ñ-7	Ñ-1	4		L-13	Ñ-4

SCENARIO RULES:

- 1. The THIEVES OBJECTIVE is to steal two of three ARTIFACTS showned in their hand and escape the museum before time runs out (according to the difficulty setting).
- 2. When THIEVES steal an ARTIFACT they flip the matching card up, in order to show correspondance with their OBJECTIVES.
- 3. If a THIEF DIES, the remaining THIEVES take one random card from the dead player's hand and add it to their hand, while discarding one of their original ARTIFACT cards. This new ARTIFACT is now part of their OBJECTIVES and must also steal it to win the game.

SPECIAL RULE: the GUARD (character "1") is "possessed by the Museum's spirits" so despite being HUMAN, this player cannot be INJURED or attacked by the GHOST PRIEST, since they are on the same team (if the GUARD dies he become a GHOST SUBJECT as described in the BASE RULES).

NOTES:

- In a **1 vs 1** game, if a THIEF dies, his/ her GHOST is controlled by the opposing player.
- In games with more than two players, the original player controls his/ her character's GHOST when he/ she DIES.
- In a game with three THIEVES, the game ends and they automatically lose when two of them DIE.
- The EVENTS deck will not be normally used in this scenario.
- If you want to modify the DIFFICULTY for either side:
 - a) Increase the initial THIEF'S OBJECTIVE to 3 ARTIFACTS per player (greater challenge for THIEVES).
 - b) Greater challenge for DEFENDERS: reduce the THIEVES original OBJECTIVE to 1 ARTIFACT per player.
 - c) Add the use of EVENTS deck to the game. (Check the use of EVENTS deck in BASE RULES).