

Saboteur

THE LOST MINES



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Players: 3 to 9 🌿 Ages: 10 and up ⌚ Duration: about 45 minutes

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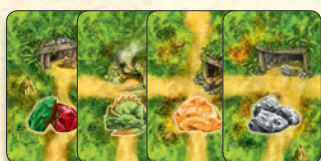
40 path cards



23 action cards



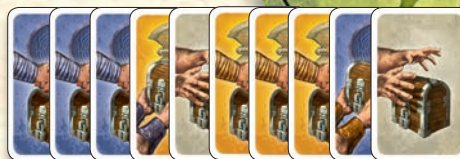
2 starting cards



4 mines



12 treasures



10 dwarf cards



10 dwarves (with bases)



10 dwarf tokens



32 victory point tokens



14 forest tokens



1 dragon token

1 game board

THE GOAL OF THE GAME

On the far side of the forest, there are old, long-forgotten mines—and you're determined to find them! You must gather your dwarf clan and head into the forest. Together, you can overcome obstacles, escape traps and trolls, and—most importantly—find valuable treasures! But watch out for the dragon, and always keep an eye on the other members of your clan: they may not have your best interests at heart!

Card by card, you work together to create a path through the forest. Along the way, trolls will block your path and traps will make you lose cards from your hands. In order to overcome the obstacles you will find, you'll need the right tools. Your goal is to move your dwarves along the paths until you reach the four mines so you can claim the treasures they contain. At the end of the round, you get to split the spoils: Each member of the clan gets their fair share—but one of the dwarves selfishly works only for themselves while another even works for the opposing clan!

The player who can collect the most valuable treasures (and the most victory points) over two rounds wins the game.

THE DWARF CLANS

In *Saboteur – The Lost Mines*, you are all members of two rival dwarf clans: the blue dwarves and the yellow dwarves. Up to five dwarves from each clan go looking for treasures, but not all of them work loyally for the benefit of their own team.



The Dwarf Clans

Loyal Dwarves From Both Clans

Up to three **loyal dwarves** will work for each clan unconditionally. Every treasure they find goes into the same pool at the end of the round and they rely on their companions for help.



Each team also has one **selfish dwarf**. They work only for themselves, and keep any treasure they find at the end of the round. However, they **don't** get a share of the treasures the other members of their clan collect.



There is also a **saboteur** on each team. They only pretend to work for their own clan, while secretly furthering the aims of the rival clan! Any treasures they find go into the other clan's pool—and they get their share from the other clan, too.

PREPARATION

- 1 Place the **game board** on the table.
- 2 Shuffle the **4 mines** and put them on the mine spaces on the board, **face down**.
- 3 Put the two **starting cards** on the start spaces on the board.
- 4 Shuffle the **treasures** and place a number of them equal to the number of players next to the edge of the game board, **face down**. Put the remaining treasures aside without looking at them: You won't need them for the rest of the round.

Setup for
6 players



- 5 Shuffle the **dwarf cards** and give one to each player. Take a good look at your card **without** revealing it to the other players, then put it face down in front of you. The other players are allowed to know which clan you belong to at all times (this is shown on the back of your card), but your true identity (the front of your card) **has to stay secret** until the end of the round. Put any remaining dwarf cards aside **without looking at them**.

Note: Prepare the **dwarf cards**. In a game with seven or more players you will use all of them, but in smaller games you need to remove certain dwarf cards before the game:

- ♣ If there are 5 or 6 players, remove **1 loyal dwarf card** from each clan.
- ♣ If there are 3 or 4 players, remove **2 loyal dwarf cards** from each clan.

- 6 Pick a **dwarf** from your clan and take the corresponding **dwarf token**. Place your dwarf on your clan's starting card and put the token in front of you where everyone can see it, so they'll know which dwarf is yours.
- 7 Shuffle all the **path** and **action cards** together. Take 10 cards from this pile and put them aside without looking at them: You won't use them in the current round. If there are 3–6 players, deal 5 face-down cards to each player for their starting hands, or 4 cards if there are 7–9 players. Put the remaining cards in a face-down draw pile next to the game board. Make sure to leave enough space for a (face-down) discard pile you're going to create over the course of the round.
- 8 Set the **forest tokens**, the **dragon token**, and the **victory point tokens** within easy reach.

HOW TO PLAY

The most adventurous player goes first, then play passes to the left. On your turn, you must carry out the following steps in this order:

1. Play 1 card or discard 1–2 cards (required)
2. Move your dwarf up to 3 cards (optional)
3. Draw 1 or 2 cards from the draw pile (required)

Then your turn is over and the next player's turn begins.

Important: If the draw pile runs out, skip over step 3 and don't draw any more cards. If you don't have any cards in your hand at the start of your turn, you must skip your turns for the rest of the round.

STEP 1. PLAY CARDS

At the start of your turn, you **have to** play 1 card or discard 1 or 2 cards from your hand. Choose one of the following options:

- A – Play 1 path card on the game board
- B – Play 1 action card
- C – or discard 1 or 2 cards



A – Play 1 path card on the game board

The path cards are used to build pathways from the starting cards to the mines on the game board. If you choose to play a path card, you have to place it next to one of the starting cards, a previously played path card, or a face-up mine (see page 5). All paths shown on the sides of the new card have to connect to any paths on previously played path cards on all sides where they touch. Also, every card you play has to extend an already existing path.

Note: The card you play does **not** necessarily have to connect to your own starting card or your own dwarf, as long as you follow the rules above.

Examples of incorrectly placed path cards: ❶ has not been placed next to an existing card; ❷ does not connect on all sides; ❸ does not extend an existing path.

Special Path Cards

Obstacles: Obstacles block the way. Dwarves can only move onto or past these path cards after someone has played the matching tool in order to overcome the obstacle. There are three types of obstacles: tree trunks, lakes, and ditches.



Rocks: Rocks are bottlenecks. Only 1 dwarf may stand on a card with a rock at any time, and an occupied rock cannot be passed by any other dwarf.



Campfire: If a dwarf starts their movement for the turn from a campfire card, they can move up to 5 cards that turn (instead of up to 3 cards—see page 5, “Step 2. Move Your Dwarf”).

B – Play 1 action card

Action cards allow you to overcome obstacles, gain secret information, set traps, attract trolls, or remove path cards and forest tokens from the game board.

Action Cards With Tools

Each of the three kinds of obstacles can be overcome with its own special tool. You can only play a tool if the corresponding obstacle has already been placed on the game board. When you play a tool, show the card to the other players then put it face down on the discard pile. Take the matching forest token from the supply and put it on top of the obstacle. That obstacle has been overcome, and the path card can be used by all dwarves from now on.



Axe → Tree Trunk



Boat → Lake



Rope → Ditch

Note: After an obstacle has been overcome, only 1 dwarf at a time can occupy that card, and an occupied obstacle card cannot be passed by any other dwarves (just like a rock card).



Action Cards That Gain Information

These action cards allow you to gain information about the mines, the treasures, or the other players. When you play one of these cards, show it to the other players then put it face down on the discard pile. Each card gives you **two options**: Pick **one** and carry it out. Keep the information you've gained to yourself and don't reveal it to the other players!



Secretly look at a **mine** that hasn't been revealed yet. Then put the mine back in its place, face down.



Secretly look at a **treasure** that hasn't been collected yet. Then put the treasure back in its place, face down.



Secretly look at another player's **dwarf card**. Then put the dwarf card back in its place, face down.

Action Cards With Events



When you play a **"trap"** action card, show it to the other players then put it face down on the discard pile. Take the corresponding **"trap"** forest token and place it ...

- on a path connecting two cards already on the game board or
- on the open end of a path (i.e., the path connecting a path card to the unused area of the game board).

Whenever a dwarf passes a trap, he **immediately** loses **one** card from his hand. His neighbor to the left draws a random card from his hand and puts it on the discard pile, face down, **without looking at it**. The player who lost a card has to get by with one less card **for the rest of the round**.



When you play a **"troll"** action card, place it in front of you, face up. Take the corresponding **"troll"** forest token and place it ...

- on a path connecting two cards already on the game board or
- on the open end of a path (i.e., the path connecting a path card to the unused area of the game board).

The troll blocks this section of the path for all dwarves until it's your turn again. At the start of your **next** turn, remove the troll and put the action card face down on the discard pile.



Some examples of the correct placement of traps and trolls.

Note: If a trap or a troll covers the open end of a path, you may still add path cards there in order to extend the path.



When you play a **"thunderstorm"** action card, show it to the other players then put it face down on the discard pile. Then, remove **any one path card that does not have a dwarf on it** from the game board. If there is a tool (axe, boat, or rope) on the card, remove it as well. Put the card you've removed on the discard pile, face down.

A trap or a troll token is removed as well, but only if it is now lying on two empty spaces of the game board (after you remove the path card).

Important: You **cannot** use a thunderstorm to remove a starting card or mine.

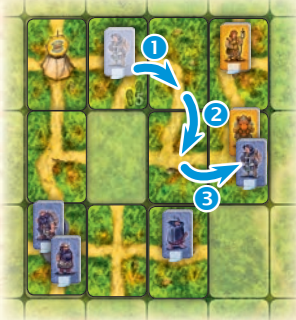
C – Discard 1 or 2 cards

If you can't play a card for action A or B, or if you **choose** not to, you **have to** discard **1 or 2 cards** from you hand instead. Put the discarded cards on the **discard pile**, face down.

STEP 2. MOVE YOUR DWARF

After you have played or discarded cards, you **may** move your dwarf **up to 3 cards**. You can only move your dwarf along existing pathways.

Example: After she has played a card, the player moves her blue dwarf 3 cards along the path.



These special cases can affect how you move your dwarf:

- If your dwarf begins their movement at a campfire, you may move them **up to 5 cards**.
- You can't land on or cross path cards with an obstacle that has not yet been overcome (with a tool).
- Rocks or obstacles that have been overcome can be occupied by only 1 dwarf at a time. A second dwarf may neither land on this card nor pass through it.
- A troll blocks the path it is on. You can't move onto or off of a card through the path connection the troll is on.
- If you move your dwarf over a trap, you **immediately** lose 1 card from your hand. The player to your left takes a random card from your hand and discards it without looking at it.

Note: If you don't have any cards in your hand at the **start** of your turn, you also can't move your dwarf, and you lose your entire turn.

Mines and Treasures

If you're the **first** player to move their dwarf onto a mine, turn over the card. Adjust it so it fits the existing network of paths at its location. **Stop** moving and put your dwarf on the mine.

Note: Sometimes, when you turn over a mine, it won't fit in the network of paths on all sides. In this case, adjust it so that it can be reached through the pathway you used to get there.

There are four different mines: three containing treasures and one that's guarded by the dragon. The symbols on the three treasure-filled mines match the symbols on the **back** of the treasure cards.



Gemstones



Gold



Silver



Dragon

If you **end** your movement on a mine, take **one** matching treasure card, if there are still any available. Place the treasure in front of you, face down. If you are still on the mine at the end of your next turn (because you haven't moved your dwarf) take another card with this type of treasure if there are any left. If another player moves his dwarf onto the now face-up mine in the meantime, he also gets to help himself to the treasure.



Example: One player moves his yellow dwarf onto a face-down mine. He turns it over and puts it back in its space. It's the gold mine, so he takes one golden treasure card and places it in front of him, face down.



The Dragon Mine

If you turn over the mine guarded by the dragon (because you were the first to get there) you **have to** take the **dragon token** and put it in front of you. At the end of the round, this will cost you 2 victory points.

After that, treat this mine card just like a regular path card: From now on, all players can move through this card without taking further damage.

STEP 3. DRAW CARDS

At the end of your turn, you **have to** draw cards if there are any left in the draw pile. If you played a path or action card this turn, draw 1 card from the draw pile. If you have discarded cards, draw as many cards as you discarded (1 or 2).

Note: If the draw pile runs out, don't draw any more cards for the rest of the round.

THE END OF A ROUND

The round ends **immediately** when one of the following occurs:

- The draw pile has run out and none of the players have any cards left; or
- All the treasures have been collected.

Note: As a group, you can all decide together that a round is finished if one or more mines can no longer be reached and its treasures can no longer be collected.

Handing Out the Gold

Once the round is over, turn over your dwarf cards and reveal your identities. Then, turn over your treasures, and divide them as follows:

- Selfish dwarves** get the value of any treasure they have collected themselves as victory points.
- All other players get together with their clans. If there are **saboteurs**, they join the **opposing** clan for the final tally. Add up the values of your clan's treasures and convert them into victory points.
- Divide the clan's victory points evenly between all (non-selfish) dwarves in that clan. If there are any victory points left over, give them to the player who collected the single most valuable treasure. If more than one player has collected the most valuable treasure, split the remaining victory points between those players evenly. If you still have victory points left over, no one gets them.
- Finally, the player who has the **dragon token** has to hand in two of his victory points from this round. If he only won one victory point or none at all this round, he only has to hand in one or none, respectively.

Example:

- The two loyal yellow dwarves have collected 8 victory points, which they now split evenly between themselves.
- The two loyal blue dwarves and the yellow saboteur have also collected 8 victory points that they split between themselves as evenly as possible (2 each). The 2 remaining victory points go to the yellow saboteur, because she contributed the single most valuable treasure, worth 4 points. However, one of the two loyal blue dwarves has also picked up the dragon token. He has to give his two victory points back.
- The blue clan's selfish dwarf keeps all of her treasures for herself, and wins 3 victory points.



A New Round Begins

Set up the second round just like the first: Re-shuffle the mines, redistribute the treasures, re-shuffle and deal out new dwarf cards and, if necessary, give a new dwarf to each player. Shuffle all the path and action cards together, set 10 of them aside, and finally deal 5 cards to each player (4 if there are 7-9 players).

The new round starts with the player to the left of the last player to play a card in the first round.

THE END OF THE GAME

The game ends after the second round. The player who has collected the most victory points wins the game. If there is a tie, all tied players are winners.

Note: Of course, you may decide to play three or more rounds if you like, in order to determine a clear winner. Each round extends the duration of the game by about 20 minutes.



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