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Rules

Story

The Nevada desert is a hot place, usually a hot place cooking up a whole mess of nothin'. But lately, lots of strange things goin' on in those wide open spaces. Didn't think nothin' about it 'til the men in suits came visitin' a couple days back. A few black trucks just hurtlin' in and out of town, stayin' just long enough to grab 'em a cup of coffee before headin' on down the road.
About that time the rumblin' started.

But it weren't no earthquake. No, it was them Worms burrowin' through the sands worse than Shep digging for a bone. W.O.R.M.s they call 'em: Weapons of Remote Massacre. Cross-breeds. Government experiments gone wrong. Some got these tentacles, poppin' up and clawin' at ya' outta nowhere. While others got these big, long suckers like an eighteen wheeler screamin' out of the flats: 'cept with centipede legs and slime.
A real mess. Kinda thing that'll make you change your drawers.

I don't wanna bore you with this old man's yammerin' on. Long story short, now those government men over at Area Fifty-somethin' want us to grab them Worm Eggs. Said they pay well. Real well. That's what Megan's been sayin' at least. Hell, if we can kill a few of them nasty buggers somehow, they might catch a hefty price too. If we don't die tryin'.
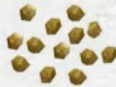
Components list

1 Game Board

3 Target tokens

16 Victory Point "VP" tokens
(12 - 1 VP tokens, 4 - 3 VP tokens)

50 Rubble pieces

28 Eggs (7 Eggs in 4 colors)

5 Player pawns (1 player pawn in 5 colors)

2 Dice (1 Red, 1 Blue)

5 W.O.R.M. standees

42 Bounty cards

24 Item cards

23 Weapon cards

37 W.O.R.M. cards

5 Player Aid cards


16 Character cards

54 Vehicle cards

Goal

The goal of Terror Below is to be the first player to score 20 Victory Points (VP) by collecting Worm Eggs and delivering them to Locations around town. Or alternatively, by hunting down and killing those vicious Worms.

During the game, your squad of unlikely heroes will visit Locations around the small desert town to find bounties, scavenge for weapons, and try to survive as you distract the Worms. Eventually, those Worms will attack. If you are in their path of destruction, you better be prepared for a fight!

Setup

1. Place the board in the center of the table with the Desert (without Canyon) side up.
2. Separately shuffle the Bounty deck, Weapon deck, Item deck, Character deck, and Vehicle deck.
3. Set aside the 4 starting Worm cards (black bordered Worm cards with no health or card limit numbers) and then shuffle the Worm deck, placing it near the Terror zone.
4. Place the Bounty deck near the Government Facility. Flip 4 cards face up to form the Bounty Line along the top of the board.
5. Place the Weapon deck near the State Police.
6. Place the Item deck near the General Store.
7. Place the Vehicle deck in reach of all players.
8. Place the 3 Target tokens in the Worm card slots on the Terror zone of the board.
9. Place all remaining tokens and pieces in separate piles next to the board. For added ambiance and terror, add any of the W.O.R.M. standees around the board or near the Terror zone.
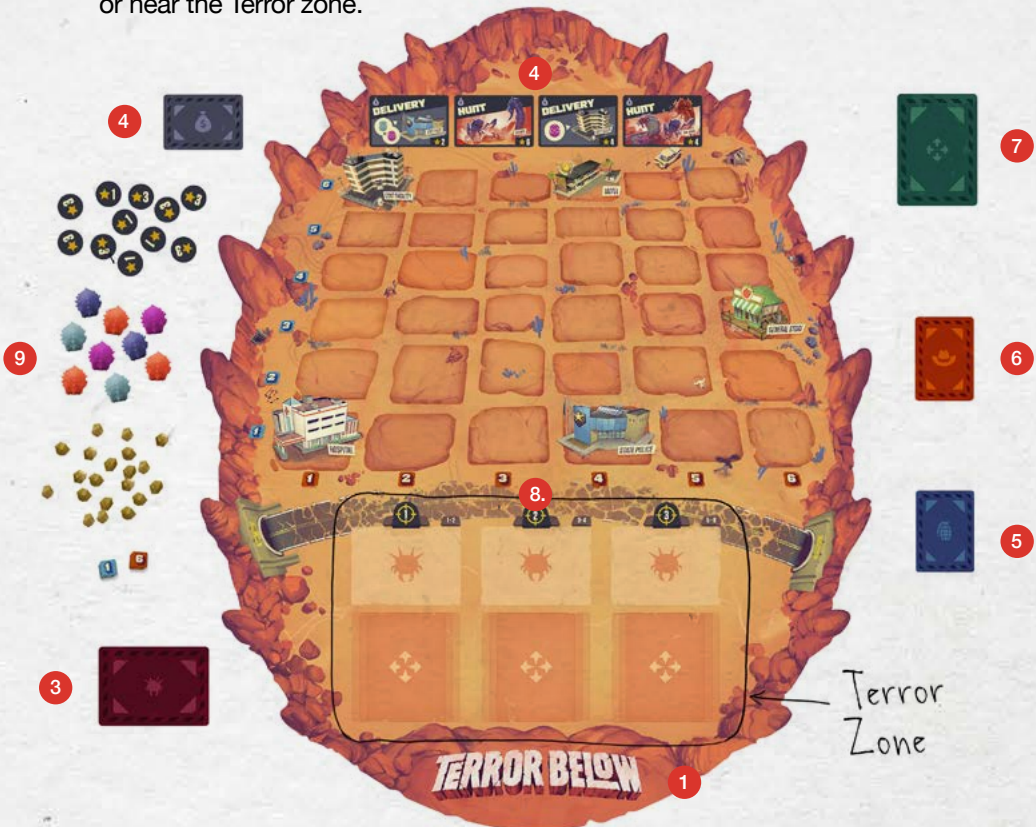
Player Setup

1. Give each player a pawn and player aid in their color.
2. Deal each player 1 Item card and 1 Weapon card. Item and Weapon cards are kept hidden from other players.
3. Each player draws 3 Vehicle cards to form their starting hand. A player's hand size limit is 3.
4. Each player draws 3 Character cards to form their squad. Look at and choose 1 Character to be your starting Leader. Place this Leader face up in front of you with the remaining characters face up underneath in any order. Place any unused Character cards back in the box.

Initial Worm, Egg, and Rubble Setup

Egg color
Worm type
Starting Coordinates
Attack Pattern Grid
Card Limit for Attack
Health

Worm Cards

Worm cards come in 5 different types and with 4 different Egg colors. They represent the different Worms that will attack players throughout the game. Each Worm card also displays starting coordinates that correlate to the grid on the game board.

An example of a Worm Attack.

When a Worm card is first revealed, it is placed into an open numbered spot in the Terror zone and the matching Target token is placed onto the board at the starting coordinates listed on the card. When a Worm eventually attacks, the Target Token represents the center space on the grid shown on the Worm card. Place an Egg that matches the color shown on the card into the space with the Target token. Then, place 1 piece of Rubble in each of the shaded spaces displayed on the card. If Rubble is already on that space, simply add another to it. **There is a maximum of 2 Rubble per space.**

However, Eggs and Rubble cannot be placed on a Location. A Location is one of the five spaces with named buildings on the game board. If Rubble would be placed on a Location, or off the edge of the playing field, simply do not place the Rubble. If an Egg would be placed on a Location, instead, after placing all Rubble, roll the coordinate dice and place the Egg in the resulting coordinates.

Egg and Rubble Setup

Now that you know how Worms attack, take the 4 Starting Worm cards and resolve an attack for each Worm using the starting coordinates on the Worm card. Be sure to add an Egg and the appropriate Rubble to the board. Since they are attacking, there is no need to place any Target tokens.

Standard board with all starting Rubble placed.

- For 3 players, draw 1 additional Worm from the Worm deck and resolve an attack.
- For 4 players, draw and resolve 2 additional Worm attacks.
- For 5 players, draw and resolve 3 additional Worm attacks.

Then, form a discard pile next to the Worms with any cards used to attack.

This includes a new dynamic action that each player performs at the end of their turn!

Worm Setup

Draw a Worm from the Worm deck and place it face up into the lowest-numbered slot in the Terror zone. Then, place the matching-numbered Target token on the board coordinates listed on the Worm card. Do this for all 3 slots in the Terror zone.

Advanced Setup:

Once you are familiar with the basic setup, you can choose to ignore the starting cards and create a random setup by drawing cards directly from the Worm deck: 2 players draw 4 Worms, 3 players draw 5 Worms, 4 players draw 6 Worms, 5 players draw 7 Worms. It is still recommended that you have at least 1 Egg of each color at the start of the game.

The player who most recently defeated a Worm in combat is the starting player. Beginning with the last player and continuing in reverse player order, each player places their pawn on a Location of their choice. Players cannot choose the same starting Location.

Turn Sequence

Beginning with the starting player, each player takes a turn by performing 3 steps in order—play a Vehicle card, resolve the played card, and then refill their hand. After completing their turn, check for a possible Worm Attack. Afterwards, play passes to the next player in clockwise order.

1. Play a Vehicle card

Play a Vehicle card from your hand face up on 1 of the 3 spots in the Terror zone below the Worm of your choice.

Each Worm card has a card limit displayed in the bottom right-hand corner, which represents the number of Vehicle cards that can be played on it. You can never play a card on a Worm that has already reached its card limit.
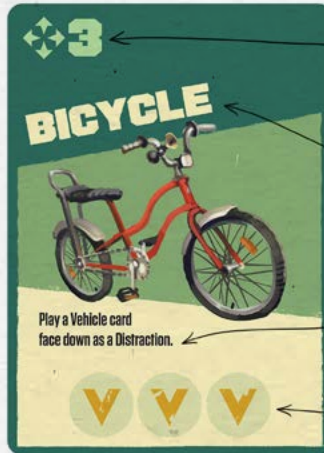
Action Points

Type of Vehicle

Ability

Distraction

2. Resolve the Played Card

Then resolve the played card in 3 steps—Distraction, Perform Actions, and Resolve Special Ability.

Distraction

At the bottom of each Vehicle card is a set of arrows that represents a Distraction. These are the directions a Worm's Target token moves after playing the card.

Resolving each arrow icon from left to right, move the Target token of the Worm you have Distracted this turn 1 space in each direction indicated. If this causes the Target token to exit the game board, ignore the movement and resolve the subsequent arrow. A Target token will never leave the playing field. Some Vehicle cards do not have any Distraction arrows, so the Target token of the Worm will not move when this card is played.

Perform Actions

You receive Action Points equal to the number shown on the card. Spend these Action Points to perform any of the actions listed below. You may take the same action multiple times if desired.

This step is complete when you have spent all of your Action Points or have performed the "Pick up all Eggs" action.

For 1 Action Point, you may:

- **Move 1 space orthogonally.** You may never move into a space containing Rubble. You can move into or through a space with another player's pawn, but you cannot end your movement on the same space as another player.
- **Ramp another player.** If another player's pawn is adjacent to yours, you may jump over their piece as long as there is an empty space adjacent to their piece. Your pawn may change direction while ramping another player.
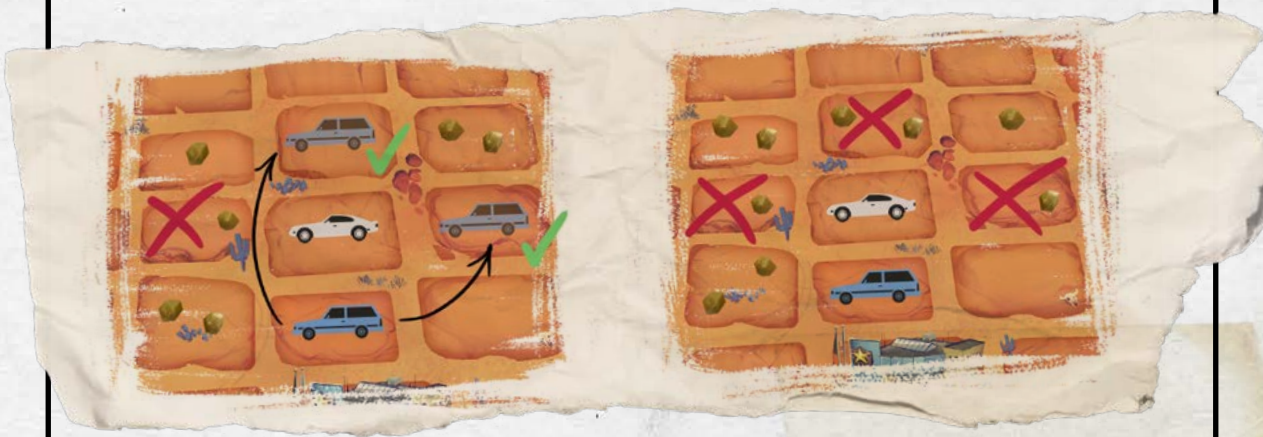
Example: For 1 Action Point, a player can ramp an adjacent player's piece, thereby moving 2 spaces for 1 action. To ramp, there must be at least 1 space without Rubble adjacent to the player, so that there is a legal space to land. As shown, players may ramp in a straight line or change direction mid-ramp, as long as there is an empty space adjacent to the ramped pawn.

- **Remove 1 Rubble from a space adjacent to your pawn.** Place the Rubble on your Leader. If you ever collect 3 Rubble, you must immediately discard them to the general supply. Then, draw a Weapon or Item card.
- **Pick up all Eggs in a space.** Place them on your Leader. You may carry any number of Eggs.

Note: After performing this action, you cannot perform any additional actions.

Deliver 1 Egg you are carrying. To deliver an Egg, you must have an Egg in your possession and be in a Location. If you deliver an Egg without a Bounty, you score 1 Victory Point. Take a VP token from the supply as a reward and discard the Egg to the supply.

- *However*, if you deliver an Egg that fulfills 1 of the 4 face-up Bounties in the Bounty Line displayed at the top of the board, or possibly a Hidden Bounty card you have in hand, you score even more points! Do not take a VP token. Instead, discard the delivered Egg and place the Bounty card under your Leader so only the point total is showing. Be sure to draw a new Bounty card to refill the Bounty Line to 4 cards. *Note: You may only complete 1 Bounty per Egg, even if 2 Bounties of the same type are displayed.*

Delivery Bonus

Whether you deliver an Egg with or without a Bounty, you receive a Bonus based on the Location to which you deliver it. No matter how many deliveries you complete in a turn, you only receive 1 Delivery Bonus per turn. Delivery bonuses are as follows:

General Store: Draw an Item card.

Motel: Gain 1 VP token.

State Police: Draw a Weapon card.

Government Facility: Draw a card from the Bounty Line or from the top of the Bounty deck and place it face down near your Leader card. This is now a Hidden Bounty. Then, if needed, draw a new Bounty card to refill the Bounty Line to 4 cards.
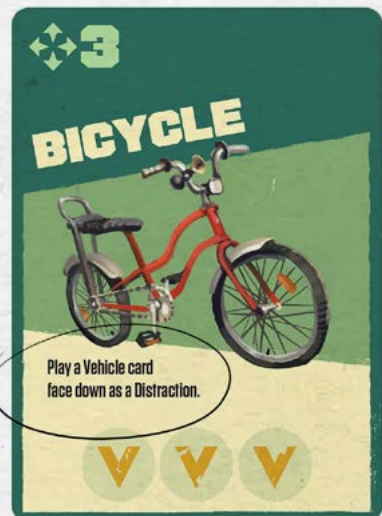- **Hidden Bounty** cards are Bounties that only you can complete. Remember: When a player delivers an Egg, they may fulfill the requirements on a Bounty on display or a Hidden Bounty card in their possession.

Hospital: Bring a dead character in your Squad back to life. Flip the card face up and place it underneath your current Leader card.

Resolve Special Abilities

Each Vehicle card has an ability that must be performed. Higher-numbered cards have negative abilities, while lower-numbered cards have positive abilities. Follow the instructions on the card to perform the ability.

> ✥ 3
> BICYCLE
> Play a Vehicle card face down as a Distraction.

SNOW PLOW

Card Name

GRENADE

Special Ability

On your turn, discard to move through spaces with Rubble. Gain 1VP.

During a Worm Attack, discard to roll a die. On a result of 1-3, nothing happens. On a result of 4-6, deal 7 damage.

Item and Weapon Cards

Whenever you collect 3 Rubble, you must immediately return the Rubble to the supply and draw the top card from the Item or Weapon deck. Items and Weapons may not be used on the turn they are acquired; however, Worms always attack between turns. This means that if a Worm attacks immediately after your turn is over, you may use any newly-acquired Weapons against that Worm.

Item and Weapon cards are kept hidden from other players until played from your hand. Be sure to read each card carefully, as it will tell you when and how the ability may be used. Item cards generally include special abilities that a player may use on their turn to break the rules—many times they will also give the player a VP for doing so. Weapon cards are generally used during a Worm Attack to hunt Worms.

3. Refill Hand to 3 Cards

When your turn is over, draw Vehicle cards until you have refilled your hand to 3.

If you are playing with 2-players, **see 2-player changes** which adds a new 4th phase to make the 2-player game more exciting! See page 16.

Before the next player takes their turn, check for a...

Worm Attack!

In the lower right-hand corner of each Worm card is their card limit. This number denotes how many Vehicle cards can be played on a Worm before it attacks. If there are Vehicle cards on a Worm **equal to the number shown,** it attacks before the next player takes their turn.

To Resolve a Worm Attack:

1. Check to see if there are any face-down cards on the Worm. If there are, flip them over and resolve them as you would during the Distraction step. If there are multiple face-down cards, resolve cards in the order they were played.

2. Place an Egg matching the color of the Attacking Worm on the space where the Target token is now located. *If this is The Queen, a Rubble is placed at center, and an Egg of each color is placed 1 space adjacent as shown on the card.*

3. Then, place 1 piece of Rubble in each shaded space displayed on the card. If Rubble is already on that space, add another to it. Remember, a maximum of 2 Rubble is allowed per space.

4. After the Worm Attack has been fully resolved, discard the Worm to the Worm discard pile.

Exception: Rubble and Eggs can never be placed on a Location. If an Egg would be placed on a Location, resolve all Rubble as normal. Roll both coordinate dice and place the Egg in the resulting space. If Rubble would be placed on a Location, it is not placed.

If a player's pawn is in any space where Rubble or Eggs are added, they are caught in the attack. That player's Leader might die unless the Worm can be defeated or an Item is used for protection. *Note: a player inside a Location cannot hunt, nor be attacked by a Worm, unless the Target token lands exactly on the Location.*
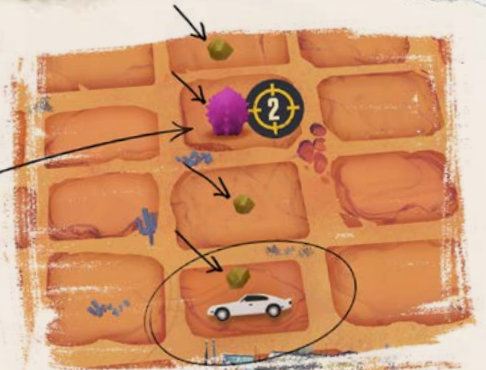
In the above example, because Rubble was placed into the space containing Veronica's truck, Veronica is caught in the Screamer's attack and must Hunt the Worm.

Hunting a Worm

If your pawn is caught in the Worm's attack, you have an opportunity to attack the Worm with any Weapons you have acquired. Follow the instructions on the Weapon or Item cards you use. However, if you are unsuccessful, your Leader dies (see Death on page 15).

Multiple players may be caught in the same Worm Attack. If this is the case, the last player to take a turn has an opportunity to attack the Worm first, followed by the next player in clockwise order, and so on.

Defeating a Worm

A Worm card shows the Worm's health total. If the combined total of damage dealt to the Worm by all players caught in the attack is equal to or higher than the Worm's health, you have defeated the Worm. Any players caught in the attack are safe. Rubble and Eggs are still placed as usual.

Veronica is now Hunting the Worm. The Worm's health is 7. She plays her Hunting Rifle card. This allows her to roll two dice and deal Damage equal to the higher result. It is a 5. She decides to then play a second card, a Pistol which allows her to deal an additional 2 Damage. With a combined attack value of 7, Veronica defeats the Worm. If there is a Hunting Bounty matching this Worm, she can immediately claim it from the Bounty line. If not, she gains 1 VP token for the killing blow. The Screamer is then discarded.

The player that deals the killing blow receives credit for defeating the Worm and receives 1 VP token.

However, if one of the Hunting Bounties in the Bounty Line matches the Worm type— or if you have a Hidden Bounty that matches—do not take a VP token. Instead, show this Bounty to all players and slide it under your Leader so that the points are visible. If this Bounty is taken from the Bounty Line, be sure to draw a new Bounty card to refill the Bounty Line to 4 cards. *Note: You may only complete 1 Bounty per kill, even if 2 Bounties of the same type are displayed.*

Death

If there are any players caught in the Worm's attack, and they cannot defeat it, their Leader is killed. Drop all Rubble and Eggs you are carrying onto your current space. If placing Rubble would exceed the maximum 2 pieces per space, any excess is returned to the supply. Any active Item or Weapon that is face up near your Leader is also discarded. Then, remove your player pawn from the board.

Flip your character to their deceased side and set it aside. Choose a new Leader from your remaining squad members and place it on top of your remaining characters. On your next turn, you will begin your turn by placing your pawn on an unoccupied Location of your choice and then performing your turn as normal.

Game End

The game ends immediately if a player reaches 20 Victory Points. That player is the winner!

But, if any player's entire squad is killed, they are eliminated from the game. All other players receive 1 final turn, and if they are still alive, the player with the most VP wins! If there is a tie, the player with the most completed Bounties wins. Otherwise, share your victory!

2-Player Changes

To allow for a more dynamic and exciting 2-player experience, between each player's turn they add a Vehicle card to a random Worm. This extra Distraction may cause a Worm to attack or potentially disrupt a player's perfect plans. Each turn will have a new 4th phase listed below:

4. Roll for a Worm

After you have completed your normal turn, and before resolving Worm attacks, roll 1 coordinate die. The Terror zone is marked with 3 sets of numbers that indicate which Worm is affected by the roll (1-2, 3-4, 5-6).

Draw a Vehicle card and place it face up on the rolled Worm. Immediately resolve the Distraction arrows at the top of the drawn card. Ignore all other information on the card.

Note: A newly-placed Distraction can be placed on a Worm that is already at its card limit. This is the only time this exception may occur.

Canyon Side of the Game Board

On the reverse side of the game board is a slightly different layout which includes a new feature, the Canyon. The Canyon board can be played with any player count, but is recommended for 4 & 5 player games and provides a larger area for players to maneuver.

Special Rules

No player token, Target token, or Rubble may ever be placed in a Canyon space. Players cannot end their movement on a Canyon space. When resolving Distraction arrows for Worm movement, the Target token ignores any Canyon spaces and moves until it reaches the next available desert space. If Rubble would be placed onto a Canyon space, it is not placed.

Ramping the Canyon

Yes, you can ramp over the Canyon. For 1 action, move your pawn forward in a straight line until you reach the next desert space. Depending on how many spaces you move, there will be a cost and the possibility of failure!

To ramp over a single Canyon space, discard a Vehicle card from your hand. If you land on any Rubble, immediately place the Rubble onto your Leader.

To ramp over more than one space of the Canyon, discard a 6 or 7 Vehicle card from your hand and roll a die. Whether you fail or succeed, you immediately gain 1 VP token for being a daredevil. On a result of 1, 2, or 3, your Leader is killed. Drop all Rubble and Eggs you are carrying onto the space where you would have landed. On a result of 4, 5, or 6, you land safely. If you land on any Rubble, immediately place the Rubble onto your Leader.

Appendix

Edge Cases:

Moving the Target token

Distraction arrows are always resolved from left to right. If a Distraction would ever cause the Target token to move off the edge of the board, ignore that arrow and continue resolving. If an Ability moves the Target Token and there is a choice as to which direction the Token will move, the player who is taking their turn always chooses the direction.

Attacking a Location

Locations are generally safe from Worm Attacks unless the Target token attacks the Location directly. If the Target token ever attacks a Location, all players inside that Location must fight the Worm or die.

Eggs are Always Placed; Rubble is Not

Eggs or Rubble cannot be placed on a Location. When a Worm attacks a Location, or a Queen attacks near the edge of the board, there may be no legal space to place an Egg. If this is the case, simply roll the 2 dice and place the Egg on the resulting coordinates (re-roll again if the result would place the egg onto a Location). The Worm does not attack this new space where the Egg lands. There is no limit to the amount of Eggs in a space.

If Rubble cannot be placed, it is not placed.

Common Card explanations:

Boots: When you play a Boots card, you may also play another Vehicle card from your hand. However, do not perform its special ability or add it as a Distraction. You gain the displayed number of additional Action Points and then discard the card. *Note: You cannot play a 7 card to receive the additional bonus.*

Bicycle: A Bicycle card allows you to play another card as a Distraction, face down. This card may be played on any Worm that has not reached its limit. Later, when the Worm attacks, any facedown cards are revealed and Distraction arrows are resolved. If multiple cards are facedown, reveal them in the order they were placed.

Motorcycle: A Motorcycle card will cause all Target tokens on the game board to move 1 space closer to you. If the Target token could be moved in multiple ways to become closer, you get to choose which direction the Target moves.

Hats: Hats are a special permanent and fashionable bonus that players can acquire from the Item deck. They are played face up near your Leader and are usable each turn once played. Hats are always discarded when your Leader dies (or if a player shoots it off with a Pistol). Your Leader can only wear 1 hat at a time. You may replace a hat your Leader is wearing by discarding your previous hat and playing a new one from your hand.

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