# SCANDALOH!

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"Journalism is seeking the truth and telling it. Nothing else." (Ben Bradlee, executive editor of The Washington Post 1968-1991).



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# INTRODUCTION

# "Journalism is seeking the truth and telling it. Nothing else."

It sounds easy, right? Well, you'd better roll up your sleeves, 'cause putting it into practice won't be that simple. If you want to make a name for yourself in this business, you won't cut it with stories of desperate pet owners and their little kitty cats getting stuck in trees.

You're gonna have to dig up a real news story: a jaw-dropping scandal!

There is a lot of murky business going on out there. And you know who's behind it all? CELEBRITIES! That's right! They've got dirty laundry, and they're hiding it. Why don't you get out there and go through some hampers?



From left to right: Amy Albright, Ed Enfield, Ike Intelmann, Owen Orlowski and Umma Unwin.

Are the suspiciously one-sided articles signed by *Amy Albright* concealing other interests? Or has she simply forgotten all about the journalism code of ethics?

Weren't you surprised *Ed Enfield* was elected governor despite his dark past?

Could it be true that *Ike Intelmann* takes the "charity begins at home" a little too seriously in his fundraisers?

Do you really believe *Owen Orlowski* would continue being the MVP without those "supplements" he takes before his games?

Haven't you ever wondered if *Dr. Urwin's* extraordinary findings were really backed by scientific evidence.

And guess what? They aren't acting alone! If they are at the center of these scandals, it's thanks to their contacts. Celebrities always have access to the right people: an acquaintance who's eager to deal with the authorities; a lover in a position of power, ready to turn a blind eye; a friend who's willing to cover up compromising details; or quite simply a partner in a very convenient place. If you pay close attention to their social circles, you'll find out what they're up to.

Oh! And don't think you're done when you've tied up all the loose ends...you'll still need to find someone with the guts to publish your story. Keep in mind that many of the papers and gossip rags won't dare to defame celebrities if they owe them favors or if your story doesn't fit their editorial line. Don't say I didn't warn you!

Now get out there and search every corner of this city, and don't come back till you've got a great juicy

You know, seeking the truth and telling it. There is nothing more to it. Good luck with that.

# **GAME DESCRIPTION**

ScandalOh! is a deduction card game of investigative journalism in which you'll compete to unravel the next big scandal involving a celebrity.



Each game presents you with a completely different challenge thanks to BRILLIANT DECK SYSTEM, which can generate thousands of different scenarios of varying complexity. To get the scoop you'll have to get out there and gather information to draw logical conclusions.

Will you get the exclusive on the next big scandal?

What STORY lies behind the scandal?

Which CELEBRITY is embroiled in this murky affair?

Which NEWSPAPER will be willing to publish your scoop?

If you want to get to the bottom of this, you'll have to walk the city streets in search of evidence, check in with your informants, visit the different *newspaper* agencies, and investigate the *celebrities* and their

The cards contained in each game deck will provide you with the crucial scandalspecific information that will help you infer which elements in your tracking sheet are involved in the scandal and which ones aren't. During the game you'll be able to exchange cards with your colleagues to discover new information, but don't forget that they'll do whatever they can to take the exclusive away from you.









# **GAME CONTENTS**

The ScandalOh! game box contains:

- A 250 game cards numbered from 1 to 250.
- **B** 1 camera for the discard pile
- C 1 notebook with tracking sheets
- 1 first player marker
- 6 scandal solving tokens E
- 6 player screens
- 9 offer tokens
- 1 inquiry board
- 3 inquiry tokens
- This rulebook

# SCANDALOH! cards



Example of card front

Card value. The significance of the information on the card. Cards have a value of 1 or 2.

Card information. What the card is telling you, including a recommendation on how to record this information on your tracking sheet.

#### Card references.

The characters, newspapers and/or city locations to which the card information relates.



Example of card back

The **ScandalOh!** cards have 5 different colors. These colors on their backs have no effect in the game, but will help you sort the cards quickly when putting the game away.

Unique card number
Each card is uniquely identified by a number, which you use to construct the deck for each game.

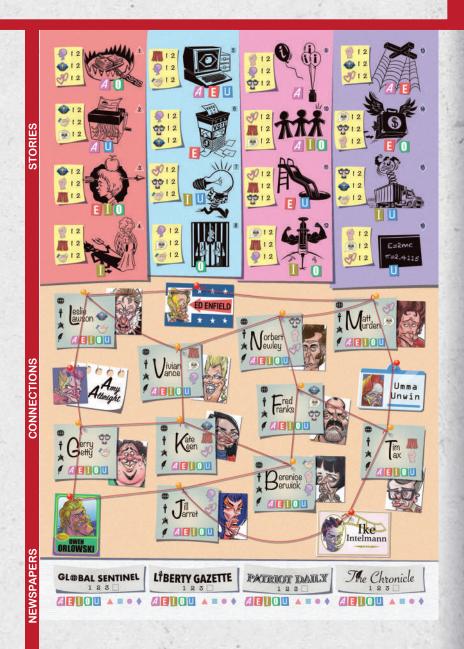
# **SCANDALOH!** tracking sheet

This is the ScandalOh! tracking sheet. It will help you mark the information you receive during the game and access it in an easy and practical way. It is divided into three areas: Stories, Connections and Newspapers.

The *Stories* area is where you will keep track of the information that will help you determine which story is the correct one.

The *Connections* area shows the contacts that each celebrity has access to and will help you determine who's part of the scandal's network of contacts.

The **Newspapers** area is where you'll keep track of what stories and celebrities each newspaper is interested in publishing.



ScandalOh! starts off with 16 possible stories, but only one matches the chosen scandal. The information related to each story is displayed in a box like this:

These icons show the 3 resources required by the story.

The central illustration and this number are specific to this story.

The *story type* is represented by a distinctive icon and background color.

There are 2 *claims* associated with each resource that point to their possible involvement in the story. As you find these claims, circle the corresponding numbers here.

> These are the initials of the *celebrities* who could be embroiled in this story.

There are a total of 8 different resources in ScandalOh!:



POWER





AUTHORITY



There are 4 different story types in ScandalOh!



PERSONAL STORIES

PROFESSIONAL STORIES

STORIES

There are 5 *celebrities* and they are represented distinctively in the Connections area. Their initials are all vowels.

There are 10 contacts and they are characters that can provide the celebrities with the resources required by the story. They are represented like this on the tracking sheet. Their initials are all consonants.

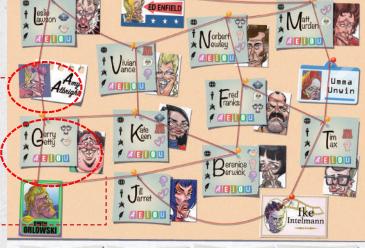
> These *ties* show that two characters might have a direct connection.

> > Contact name.

Circle the logos of the newspapers that you confirm are interested in a specific contact.

When a contact is not part of the network of a certain celebrity, cross out the initial of that celebrity here.

The *resources* that the contact can provide celebrities to whom they are connected.



ScandalOh! tracking sheet (Connections area)



ScandalOh! tracking sheet (Contact details)

#### **LOCATIONS**

These are the 5 city locations you can investigate.







THE INDUSTRIAL THE FINANCIAL ZONE



DISTRICT

Each *contact* likes to frequent two of the city locations. Check your player screen to find out which ones. When you investigate a location, you can find information about the contacts who frequent it.

When you visit them, in addition to information about the contacts that frequent them, you will also discover things you wouldn't elsewhere.

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#### **NEWSPAPERS**



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PATRIOT DAILY

The Chronicle

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Name of the newspaper.

This is where you will rule out the *types of stories* the newspaper is not interested in publishing.

If all three claims are found in the same newspaper, then it is CERTAIN that it will be the one that publishes the story and it is marked here.

There are 3 possible *claims* that point to a newspaper's willingness to publish the story. As you find these claims, circle the corresponding numbers here.

This area is used to keep track of the *celebrities* about whom each newspaper is interested in publishing stories.



# SCANDALOH! player screen

The **ScandalOh!** *player screen* functions as a quick reference guide and is also a way to hide your *tracking sheet* from the eyes of your most curious colleagues.

The inside of the ScandalOh! player screen



How to mark cards containing more information.

Here is an *example of a game solution* and a *possible network of contacts* associated with it.

These are the *questions* you'll need to answer to win the game.



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Turn sequence summary.

This example shows the possible *Amy's* networks of contacts based on the information discovered during the game

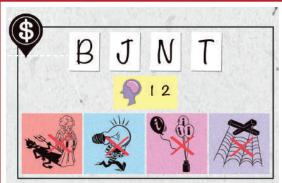
The *Agenda* shows what information can be found in each *location*.

It also shows a *list of the contacts* that provide each of the 8 *resources*.

Distinctive *icon of the location*.

At each *location* you can find out:

- Information to dismiss specific resources that the contacts shown here WILL NOT provided to the story.
- Any *claims* that the resource/s shown here are part of the scandal.
- Înformation that can completely disprove the stories shown here or the involvement of certain *celebrities* in them.



Example locations in the screen





Camera for the discard pile, inquiry board, offer tokens, first player marker, rulebook, scandal solving tokens, inquiry tokens

The game objective in ScandalOh! is to be the first player to unravel the scandal by answering these three questions correctly:

What STORY lies behind the scandal?

Which CELEBRITY is embroiled in this murky affair?

Which NEWSPAPER will be willing to publish the scoop?

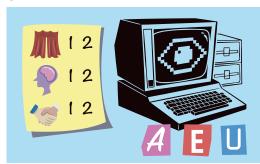
# Unraveling the

In each game, only one of the 16 different possible stories is the correct one, and the exposed celebrity is among the people associated with the story.

Furthermore, in order for a celebrity to be the protagonist of a story, they need the right contacts to supply them with the 3 resources specifically required by that story. In order to obtain these resources, the celebrity will have established a network of contacts. In the Connections area of the tracking sheet, you can observe the existing connections between the characters and the resources that each contact can provide.

Here is an example of everything we've seen so far:

Imagine this is the *story* behind the scandal.



For this story to take place, the protagonist will need a network of contacts that provides them with these resources.

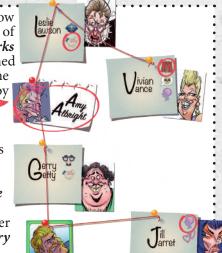
The *possible protagonists* to this story are Amy Albright, Ed Enfield and Umma Unwin.

For instance, let's consider *Amv Albright* to be the protagonist.

The marked lines show an example of one of the possible networks of contacts established by her to obtain the resources required by the story:

As shown in this example, the contacts in the network can:

- Provide resources (like Vivian Vance and *Jill Jarret*)
- Act as links to other contacts (like Gerry Getty)
- Or both (like Leslie Lawson).





The celebrities that are not the protagonist of the story, can also act as liaisons in the networks of contacts of other celebrities. Such is the case of Owen Orlowski.

Since there are several contacts that can provide the same resource and there are multiple links, the network of contacts could

have been very different. The following images show several other alternatives:

> A contact may provide more than one resource to the story of the scandal.



The higher the difficulty of the scandal chosen, the more complex the network of contacts can be.



#### **GAME SETUP**

- Give every player a *tracking sheet*, a *player screen*, and a *scandal solving token*. Place the *offer tokens*, *inquiry tokens* and the *inquiry board* in the center of the table within everyone's reach.
- Choose a scandal from the SCANDALS section at the end of this book or from the **ScandalOh! App** for mobile devices.
- WITHOUT LOOKING AT THE CARD FRONTS, set aside the cards specified by the scandal according to the unique card number on their backs. These cards will form the game deck and are the only ones you will use during the game. Return the remaining cards to the game box: you will not need them. The cards contained in the *game deck* will, without doubt, provide the clues needed to solve and win the game.
- $\cdot$  Shuffle the  $\it game\ deck$  and deal 7 cards to each player.
- Place the remaining cards of the *game deck* in the center of the table within everyone's reach. Place the camera next to the *game deck*; you will place your discarded cards here FACING DOWN. Leave some room for a revealed card pile. At the beginning of the game the revealed card pile is empty.
- Choose a player to go first, and give them the *first player token*. The first player could be whoever at the table was embroiled in the biggest scandal, or chosen randomly. This player places the starting player marker on the table in front of them.

# TURN ORDER AND OVERVIEW

ScandalOh! is played over several rounds, with each player taking a turn during the round and continuing on in a counter-clockwise fashion. Each round starts with the starting player of that round.

Each player's turn is divided into three phases:

- Inquiry
- Offer
- Exchange

At the end of each round, when all players have played their turn, the following phases take place:

- Solution Phase and, if the game continues,
- Discard Phase

# ·Inquiry·

The active player must request - out loud information regarding **3 different references**.

#### The possible references are:

the *characters*.
 This includes the *celebrities*

Amy Albright Ed Enfield Ike Intelmann
Owen Orlowski Umma Unwin

#### as well as the contacts

Berenice Berwick, Fred Franks, Gerry Getty, Jill Jarrett, Kate Keen, Leslie Lawson, Matt Murden, Norbert Newley, Tim Tax and Vivian Vance.

· the newspapers

Global Sentinel Liberty Gazette The Chronicle

· the city locations

the social club

the industrial zone

the financial district

the slums

slums the harbor



A player can therefore request information about any combination of these 3 references. Some possible inquiries could include: three characters; two characters and a newspaper; a character, a newspaper, and a location; two locations and a newspaper, among others.

On the inner face of the *player screens*, you'll find information that could help you decide on which references to inquire about during the **Inquiry Phase**. It includes what you can find in each location, what contacts provide what resource, etc.

The active player must use the *board* and the *inquiry tokens* to pinpoint the references they are requesting information about.



Inquiry tokens pointing to references on the inquiry board

#### ·Offer ·

Starting with the player sitting to the right of the active player, and following a counter-clockwise order, the non-active players CHOOSE from their hands the cards they would like to offer in exchange. The only condition to offering a card is that it must contain at least one of the requested references. A player may not offer cards that do not contain any of the requested references. Offering cards is NOT an obligation. Each non-active player places the cards they would like to exchange face down on the table and then places an offer token on top showing the sum of their card values. Once declared, the decisions are final and cannot be modified.

It's currently Ben's turn, and he's requested information regarding these 3 references: -

The Chronicle U wen Orlowski II mma Unwin

Helen checks her hand:

If Helen wanted to, she could offer Ben any combination of cards A, C, D and F. Let's suppose Helen decides to offer cards C, D and F and not card A. She will then leave the chosen cards on the table facing down, announce to the rest of the players that the sum of their card values is 4 and then place an offer token on top showing a 4.

## \*Exchange\*

Once all players have made their offers, the active player decides who to exchange cards with. They may exchange cards with as many players as they please. The active player must give each chosen player cards from their hand (regardless of their references) that sum up to a total card value EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN the amount that was offered. Exchanges are always for the TOTAL card values offered. It is NOT ALLOWED to negotiate for only part of what was offered. Exchanges occur all at once and the active player cannot exchange cards received from exchanges during the same round. After the exchanges have been completed, the players record the information from the cards received on their tracking sheets and keep the cards in their respective hands. After this, the turn passes to the player to the right of the active player.

If, and only if, NONE of the players offer cards to exchange, the active player may DRAW 3 CARDS from the game deck (if the deck runs out, see section WHAT TO DO WHEN THE GAME DECK RUNS OUT). Once this has been completed, it will be the next player's turn.

#### **EXAMPLE**

Ben has decided to exchange cards with Helen.

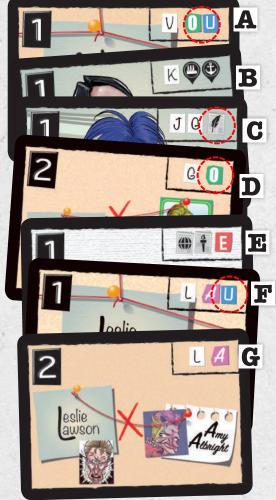
To make the exchange, Ben must give Helen any combination of cards (regardless of their references) that total 4 or more in card values. Considering his hand, among other options, he could give her any one of these card combinations:

I, J, K, M H, L

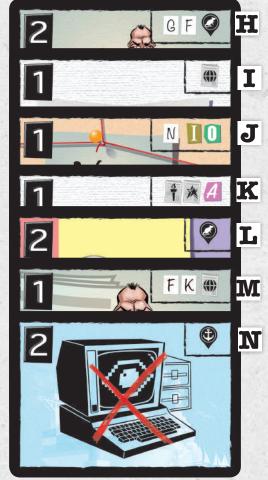
L, N

H, I, M

It is only at the end of the round when all players have made an inquiry that the players have the chance to unravel the scandal in the Solution Phase.



Helen's hand



Ben's hand

#### **\*Solution Phase\***

All players take their scandal *solving token*. They must decide if they want to place the token on the table showing its "red" side to continue the investigation or the "yellow" side to unravel the scandal. Once they have decided, they will secretly place the token on the table, covering it with their hand.



When all players are ready, all *solving tokens* are revealed at the same time. The players that chose to unravel the scandal must then circle on their *tracking sheet* their guess of the scandal STORY, the CELEBRITY embroiled in it, and the NEWSPAPER that is willing to publish it.

**IMPORTANT**: it is NOT necessary to know the network of contacts to solve the game.

After this, one by one, the players that decided to solve the scandal will check the solution in the SOLUTIONS sections of this rulebook. These players MUST NOT REVEAL THEIR GUESS NOR THE SOLUTION to the other players. If any of the players guessed ALL of the scandal details (STORY, CELEBRITY and NEWSPAPER) correctly, the game ends and they are proclaimed winners. If none of the players guessed correctly, the players that tried to solve the scandal are eliminated from the game and their cards are revealed to the players still in the game. After being publicly examined, the cards are placed FACE UP in the revealed card pile. Then a new Solution Phase begins. When none of the players choose to guess the solution, the game continues. If only one player is left in the game, the game ends.

If you use the **ScandalOh! App** for mobile devices, players may check their solution in the app. Any players that guessed correctly in the same round, regardless of the order in which they checked their solution in the app, will share the victory. Those who did not guess correctly are not eliminated from the game (the app does not show the solution to the scandal). However, as a penalty, these players are NOT allowed to participate in the next *Solution Phase*.

If the game continues, a *Discard Phase* takes place.

#### \*Discard Phase\*

All players still in the game must discard cards from their hands UNTIL THEIR HANDS ARE EACH DOWN TO 3 CARDS. Discarded cards are placed FACE DOWN in the *camera*.



The starting player then passes the *starting player marker* to the player on their right. The new starting player is now responsible for dealing 4 cards from the game deck, one by one, to each player still in the game in order to replenish their hands back to 7 cards. Once again, if the game deck runs out, see section WHAT TO DO WHEN THE GAME DECK RUNS OUT. Once this has been done, a new round starts.

# TWO-PLAYER GAME VARIANT

The two-player game of **ScandalOh!** is played the same way as games with 3 or more players except for the following changes:

- In the *Exchange Phase*, the cards exchanged are not placed in the players' hands. Both players look at the cards received, make any notes they wish on their *tracking sheet*, then imMEDIUMtely PLACE them in the revealed *card pile* FACE UP. These cards will have left the game and will not be re-shuffled into the *game deck* if it runs out.
- In the Discard Phase, if players have 3 cards or fewer in their hands, they won't have to discard any and will receive as many cards from the game deck as they need to replenish their hand back to 7 cards.
- If, and only if, NO cards are offered to the active player to exchange, the active player may draw 3 cards from the game deck (if the deck runs out, see section WHAT TO DO WHEN THE GAME DECK RUNS OUT). After taking notes from these cards in their tracking sheet, the player must PLACE them in the camera FACE DOWN. Once this has been completed, it will be the other player's turn.

# SOLO MODE GAME

To enjoy the solo mode of **ScandalOh!** you will need its mobile app, available on Google Play and App Store. Once installed, launch the app and choose "Solo Mode Game."

Depending on the difficulty you choose, you will start with a certain number of points that you can use to purchase cards. The app will grant you 7 cards to start the investigation with. During each turn you will have the chance to choose 3 new references, and different combinations of game cards will be offered in return, matching requested references. Choose the combination as you see fit, and the new cards will be revealed if you spend as many points from your reserve as the sum of the values of the cards received.

Try to land the scoop before you run out of points, but watch out! Just like in the multiplayer mode, you might receive cards with information you already know if you are not careful when choosing your references.

#### WHAT TO DO WHEN THE GAME DECK RUNS OUT?

When the *game deck* runs out, take all the cards in the *camera* and shuffle them well. Place the top 3 cards FACE UP on the table, revealing their information. After being publicly examined, they are placed in the *revealed card pile*. In this way, all the players still in the game receive additional information. The rest of the shuffled cards are placed where the previous deck was, becoming the new game deck.

# GAME CARD TYPES AND HOW TO USE THE TRACKING SHEET

Let's look at the cards you will find in **ScandalOh!** and the information provided by each type.

## Story cards

The information found in these cards will help you determine the story behind the scandal. You can record this information in the *Stories area* of your tracking sheet.

These cards discard a specific *story*.



These cards disprove specific celebrities as the protagonists of certain *stories*.



Clarification: If you discard all the possible protagonists of a story, you may then discard that story as the one behind the scandal.



These cards show *claims* of a certain resource being one of the requirements for the story of the scandal.

Clarification: During the game you will ALWAYS find both claims (1 and 2) of the 3 resources required by the story behind the scandal. But WATCH OUT! You might also find claims that point to the other resources.



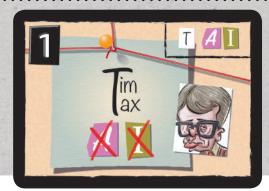
## **Contact cards**

These cards provide information regarding the networks of contacts that the celebrities have established to access the resources. You can record this information in the *Connections area* of your tracking sheet.



These cards eliminate a direct link between two adjacent characters.

**Clarification**: If a celebrity and a specific contact are not connected in any way, then that contact cannot have participated in any of the stories that involve that celebrity.



These cards dismiss a contact from the network of contacts of the celebrities whose initials are crossed out

These cards reveal which newspapers are investigating those contacts.



**Clarification**: The more newspapers that investigate a contact, the more likely that contact has provided a resource to the story. But WATCH OUT! Some newspapers might investigate contacts that have nothing to do with the scandal.

Finally, these cards dismiss specific resources from being provided to the story by certain contacts.

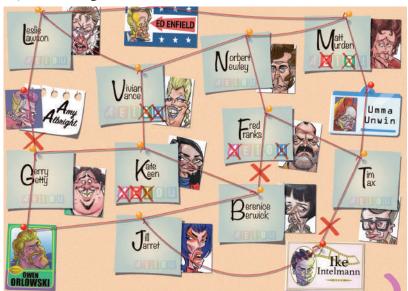


Clarification: Keep in mind that a contact can remain in a network even if they have no resources to provide.



#### **EXAMPLE**

Imagine that during a game you have recorded the following information in your *tracking sheet*:



Now look at Matt Murden. This contact can't be in Ed Enfield's network. He can, however, be in Amy Albright's network, along with Ed.

Based on the information, you can determine that so far Amy Albright's possible network of contacts includes the contacts marked below:



At the same time, you can determine that Ed Enfield's possible network of contacts includes these contacts:



#### Press cards

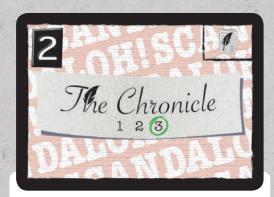
These cards provide information about the interests of the different newspapers and which one is most likely to publish the scandal. The data they provide is recorded in the Newspapers area of your tracking sheet.



These cards show two newspapers that are not interested in publishing stories about a specific celebrity.

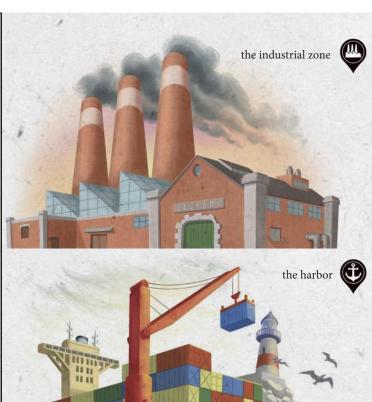


These other kinds show that a certain newspaper is not interested in publishing stories of a certain type.



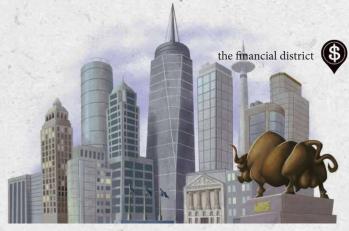
Finally, these cards show claims of a specific newspaper's interest in publishing the scandal.

**Clarification**: Finding all 3 claims (1, 2 and 3) about a newspaper CONFIRMS that that newspaper will be the one to publish the scandal. But WATCH OUT! You might also find claims pointing towards newspapers that won't publish the scandal.







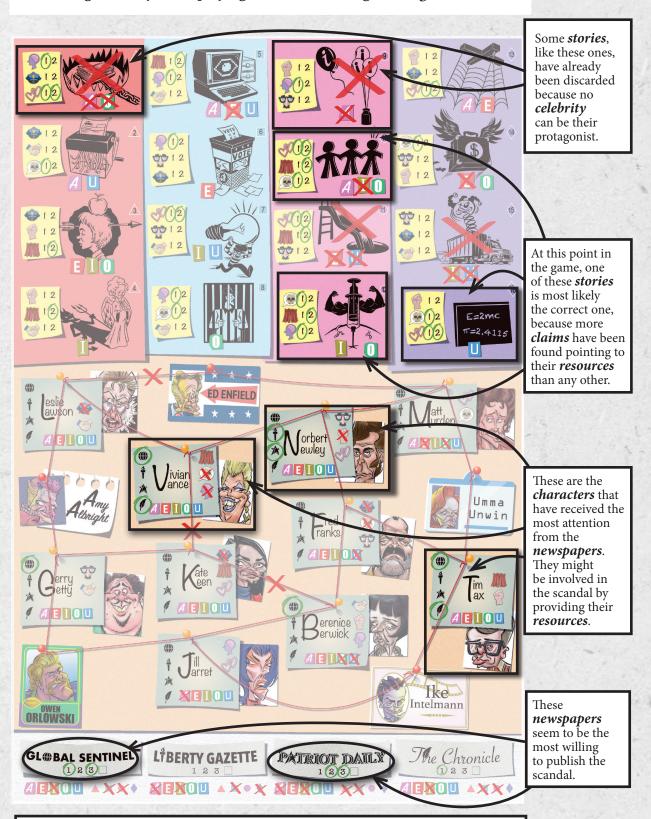




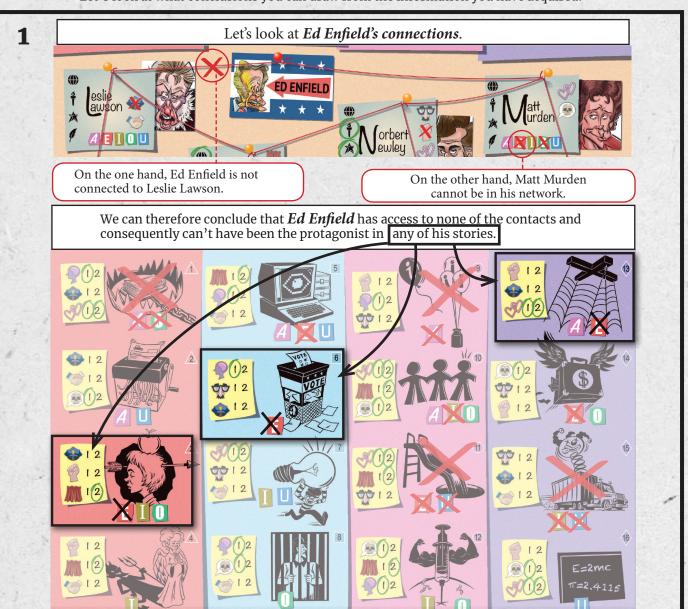
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# SCANDALOH! IN ACTION

Imagine that you are playing with the following tracking sheet:

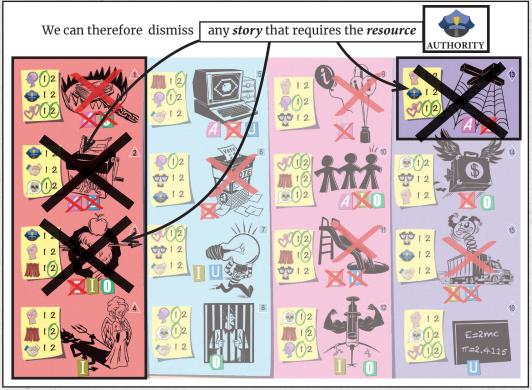


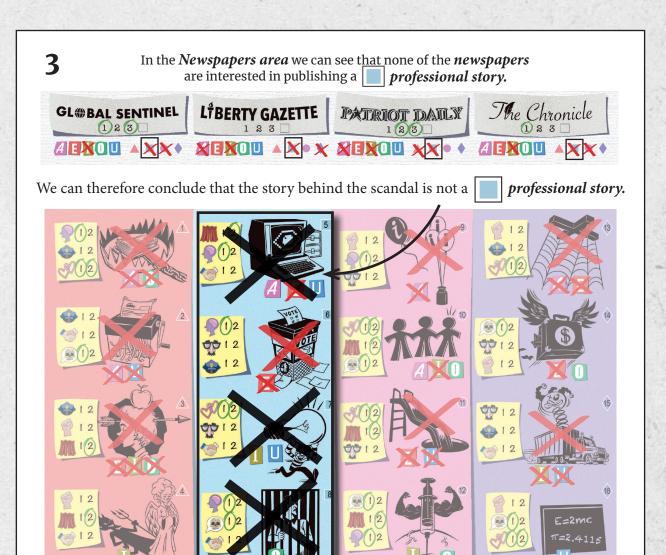
You should always compare the information provided by various *claims* in **ScandalOh!**. Although many will point to the right solution of the game, there are others that simply divert your attention away from the truth.

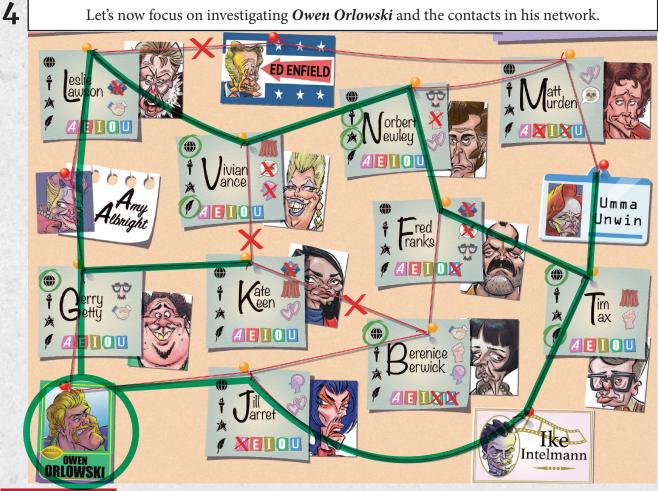




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Since *Owen* has no access to the contacts that provide the resource 0,0 he can't be the protagonist of any of the stories that require that resource. 1)2 12 12 1)2 1 2 12 **1** 2 1 2 12 12 1)2 12 1 2 12 30(1)2 12 12 12 12 12 12

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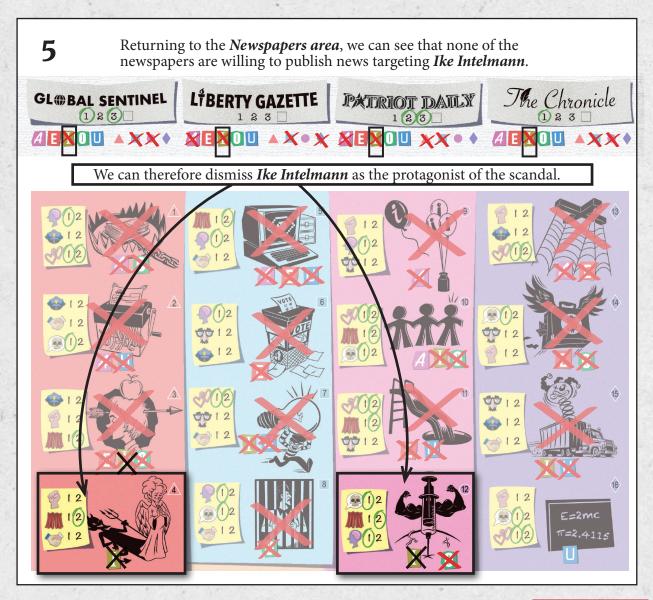
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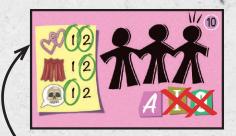
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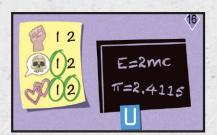
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At this point, only these two *stories* remain:





This story can only have Amy Albright as its protagonist. Let's check if there are any newspapers interested in publishing the story.

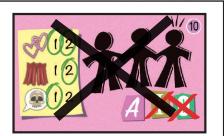


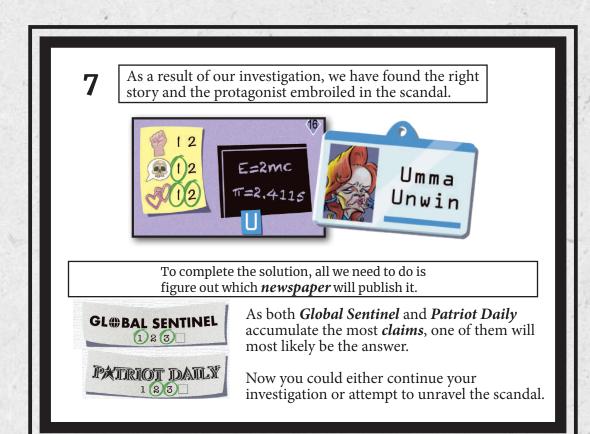


LTBERTY GAZETTE PATRIOT DAILY XEXOU AXOX XEXOU XXO

> These newspapers aren't willing to publish any news targeting Amy Albright.

Given that none of the *newspapers* are willing to publish the *story* targeting Amy Albright, we can dismiss it.





# **ADVICE**

- **ScandalOh!** is a game of logic and deduction. If you use your deductive skills, you will be able to extract more information from the cards as a whole than if you focus on them individually.
- · Don't hesitate to exchange information at the beginning of a game. As the game progresses and you have well-founded suspicions, selectively hide the information you find most critical from your opponents. In any case, do not stop exchanging cards with them, or it will be impossible to solve the scandal before anyone else.
- If you always return the same information that was exchanged with you, your opponents will lose interest in exchanging information with you in the future. Try to find a balance between the two options.
- · In order to increase your chances of exchanging information with your opponents, try to keep cards in your hand with multiple and varied
- · When you make inquiries, be thoughtful in your choice of references about which to inquire. If you always request information regarding the same references, the chances that you will receive cards you have already seen will be high.
- · Inquiring about celebrities and contacts is the most direct way to get information, but don't overlook the other options. See the agenda inside the player screens to help you
- · The interests of the newspapers will help you rule out many of the stories. If none of them wants to publish any kind of story, the scandal story will necessarily be of a different kind.

- · Ask regularly for information about the locations. There's very juicy information in cards whose only reference is a location.
- · All information on the cards can be transferred to your tracking sheets by either crossing out options or circling them. Each card shows what to do. Be very careful when taking notes. Making a mistake could ruin your future inquiries.
- During the game you will hear rumors represented as claims. The more difficult the game is, the more of these you'll find. If most of them are pointing in the same direction, then you are most likely on the right track. Nevertheless, consider all aspects of the research: the story, the protagonist celebrity, the protagonist celebrity's network of contacts, and the newspaper that will publish the news story. Make sure the information is consistent between sources.
- The key to linking a celebrity to a story is in the Connections area of the tracking sheet. Study it carefully. This task is easier when you focus on the celebrities one by one: What network can Amy Albright create? Does Owen Orlowski have access to the resource coercion? Has Umma Unwin collaborated with that one very suspicious contact?
- · Remember that if you find all 3 claims that point to a newspaper publishing the news, then it will SURELY be the one to publish it. If that's the case, pay close attention to the newspaper's interests; it will make your work a lot easier.
- · If you run out of tracking sheets, you can download some extra ones at www.megacorpingames.com to print at home.



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#### SOLUTIONS

# OO8248-W DIFFICULTY INITIATION

The **story** behind the scandal is: Waived fine (2). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Amy Albright. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Liberty Gazette.
AUTHORITY is provided by Leslie Lawson, COERCION is provided by Vivian Vance, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Leslie Lawson.

The network of contacts has these connections: [AMY ALBRIGHT. LESLIE LAWSON] [LESLIE LAWSON, VIVIAN VANCE] [LESLIE LAWSON].

## 004552-A

DIFFICULTY INITIATION

The **story** behind the scandal is: Shameful plagiarism (7). The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ike Intelmann. The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Liberty Gazette. RELATIONSHIP is provided by Jill Jarret, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Berenice Berwick, COVER is provided by Fred Franks. The network of contacts has these connections: [IKE INTELMANN, JILL JARRETT][JILL JARRETT, BERENICE BERWICK, FRED FRANKS] [BERENICE BERWICK].

#### 006090-J

DIFFICULTY VERY EASY

The **story** behind the scandal is: Electoral fraud (6). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Ed Enfield. The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Patriot Daily. AUTHORITY is provided by Leslie Lawson, BRAIN is provided by Vivian Vance, COVER is provided by Norbert Newley.

The network of contacts has these connections: [ED ENFIELD, LESLIE LAWSON, VIVIAN VANCE] [VIVIAN VANCE, NORBERT NEWLEY] [LESLIE LAWSON].

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The network of contacts has these connections: [OWEN ORLOWSKI, JILL JARRETT]
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#### 011132-5

DIFFICULTY INITIATION

The story behind the scandal is: Falsified data (16). The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Umma Unwin. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: The Chronicle. COERCION is provided by Matt Murden, POWER is provided by Tim Tax, RELATIONSHIP is provided by Matt Murden.
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#### 023242-7

DIFFICULTY INITIATION

The story behind the scandal is: Disowned child (11). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Umma Unwin. this analy is: Umma Unwin.
The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Patriot Daily.
CONCEALMENT is provided by Tim Tax, RELATIONSHIP is provided by Mat Murden,
COVER is provided by Fred Franks. The network of contacts has these connections: [UMMA UNWIN, TIM TAX, FRED FRANKS] [UMMA UNWIN, MATT MURDEN] [TIM TAX].

## 005960-Y

DIFFICULTY EASY

The **story** behind the scandal is: Tax evasion (14). The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ed Enfield. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Liberty Gazette. COERCION is provided by Matt Murden, POWER is provided by Norbert Newley, COVER is provided by Norbert Newley. The network of contacts has these connections: [ED ENFIELD, MATT MURDEN, NORBERT NEWLEY] [NORBERT NEWLEY] [MATT MURDEN].

# 019339-K | DIFFI

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The **story** behind the scandal is: Shameful plagiarism (7). The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ike Intelman. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Global Sentinel.
RELATIONSHIP is provided by Jill Jarret, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Berenice Berwick, COVER is provided by Fred Franks. The network of contacts has these connections: [IKE INTELMANN, JILL JARRETT] [JILL JARRETT, BERENICE BERWICK] [BERENICE BERWICK, FRED FRANKS].

# 010093-H DIFFICULTY VERY EASY

The story behind the scandal is: Intense doping (12). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Owen Orlowski. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: The Chronicle. BRAIN is provided by Jill Jarrett, COERCION is provided by Vivian Vance, CONCEALMENT is provided by Kate Keen.

The network of contacts has these connections: [OWEN ORLOWSKI, GERRY GETTY, KATE KEEN] [KATE KEEN, VIVIAN VANCE] [OWEN ORLOWSKI, JILL JARRETT].

## 002637·W

DIFFICULTY **VERY EASY** 

The **story** behind the scandal is: Waived fine (2). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Amy Albright. The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: The Chronicle.
AUTHORITY is provided by
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provided by Vivian Vance, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Gerry Getty.
The **network of contacts** has these

connections: [AMY ALBRIGHT, GERRY GETTY] [AMY ALBRIGHT, LESLIE LAWSON] [LESLIE LAWSON, VIVIAN VANCE]

#### 015740-Z

DIFFICULTY EASY

The **story** behind the scandal is: Tax evasion (14). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Owen Orlowski. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Patriot Daily. COERCION is provided by Fred Franks, POWER is provided by Berenice Berwick, COVER is provided by Gerry Getty. The **network of contacts** has these connections: [OWEN ORLOWSKI, JILL JARRETT, BERENICE BERWICK] [BERENICE BERWICK, KATE KEEN, GERRY GETTY] [BERENICE BERWICK, FRED FRANKS].

#### DIFFICULTY 003833-R | DIFFI

The story behind the scandal is: Biased information (9). The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Amy Albright. The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Global Sentinel. BRAIN is provided by Jill Jarret, POWER is provided by Berenice Berwick, COVER is provided by Gerry Getty. .The network of contacts has these connections:[AMY ALBRIGHT, GERRY GETTY] [AMY ALBRIGHT, LESLIE LAWSON, VIVIAN VANCE, KATE KEEN, BERENICE BERWICK] [AMY ALBRIGHT, GERRY GETTY, OWEN ORLOWSKI, JILL JARRETT]

# 002314-0 DIFFICULTY VERY EASY

The **story** behind the scandal is: Illicit smuggling (15). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Ike Intelmann. The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Global Sentinel.
AUTHORITY is provided by Fred Franks, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Berenice Berwick, COVER is provided by Fred Franks. The network of contacts has these connections: [IKE INTELMANN, TIM TAX, FRED FRANKS] [FRED FRANKS] [FRED FRANKS, BERENICE BERWICK].

The **story** behind the scandal is: Waived fine (2) The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Umma Unwin. The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Global Sentinel. AUTHORITY is provided by Leslie Lawson, COERCION is provided by Matt Murden PARTNERSHIP is provided by Berenice Berwick. The network of contacts has these

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The **story** behind the scandal is: Influence peddling (13). The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ed Enfield. The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Liberty Gazette. AUTHORITY is provided by Leslie Lawson. POWER is provided by Norbert Newley, RELATIONSHIP is provided by Matt Murden. The network of contacts has these connections: [ED ENFIELD, MATT MURDEN, NORBERT NEWLEY] [ED ENFIELD, LESLIE LAWSON] [MATT MURDEN]

## 005265-7

DIFFICULTY MEDIUM

The **story** behind the scandal is: Reckless manslaughter (3). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Owen Orlowski. The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: The Chronicle.
AUTHORITY is provided by Leslie Lawson, CONCEALMENT is provided by Kate Keen, POWER is provided by Berenice Berwick. The network of contacts has these connections: [OWEN ORLOWSKI, GERRY GETTY, KATE KEEN] [KATE KEEN, BERENICE BERWICK] [OWEN ORLOWSKI, GERRY GETTY, AMY ALBRIGHT, LESLIE LAWSON].

#### 003938-N

DIFFICULTY MEDIUM

The story behind the scandal is: Investment scam (1). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Amy Albright. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Liberty Gazette. AUTHORITY is provided by Kate Keen, BRAIN is provided by Jill Jarret, RELATIONSHIP is provided by Kate Keen. The network of contacts has these connections: [AMY ALBRIGHT, GERRY GETTY, KATE KEEN] [GERRY GETTY, OWEN ORLOWSKI, JILL JARRETT] [KATE KEEN].

#### DIFFICULTY 022238-0 HARD

The story behind the scandal is: Corporate espionage (5). The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ed Enfield. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Liberty Gazette.
BRAIN is provided by Berenice
Berwick, CONCEALMENT is provided by Vivian Vance,
PARTNERSHIP is provided by Leslie Lawson. The network of contacts has these

connections: [ED ENFIELD, MATT MURDEN, NORBERT NEWLEY, FRED MORDEN, NORDENT NEW LET, FRED FRANKS, BERENICE BERWICK] [ED ENFIELD, LESLIE LAWSON] [MATT MURDEN, NORBERT NEWLEY, VIVIAN VANCE].

#### DIFFICULTY 006327-C

MEDIUM

The **story** behind the scandal is: Corporate espionage (5). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Amy Albright. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Patriot Daily. BRAIN is provided by Vivian Vance, CONCEALMENT is provided by Kate Keen, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Berenice Berwick. The network of contacts has these connections: [AMY ALBRIGHT, GERRY GETTY, KATE KEEN] [KATE KEEN, BERENICE BERWICK] [KATE KEEN, VIVIAN VANCE].

#### 010550-J

DIFFICULTY MEDIUM

The **story** behind the scandal is: False altruism (4). The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ike Intelmann. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Patriot Daily.
CONCEALMENT is provided
by Tim Tax, POWER is provided by Tim Tax, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Berenice Berwick. The network of contacts has these connections: [IKE INTELMANN, TIM TAX] [TIM TAX] [IKE INTELMANN, JILL JARRETT, BERENICE BERWICK]

## 017729-1

DIFFICULTY HARD

The **story** behind the scandal is: Marital infidelity (10). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Owen Orlowski. The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Liberty Gazette. COERCION is provided by Fred Franks, CONCEALMENT is provided by Tim Tax, RELATIONSHIP is provided by Jill Jarret.

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#### DIFFICULTY **MEDIUM**

The **story** behind the scandal is: Rigged matches (8). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Owen Orlowski. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: The Chronicle.
BRAIN is provided by Jill Jarret,
COERCION is provided by
Vivian Vance, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Gerry Getty.
The **network of contacts** has these connections: [OWEN ORLOWSKI, JILL JARRETT] [JILL JARRETT, OWEN ORLOWSKI, GERRY GETTY, KATE KEEN, VIVIAN VANCE] [GERRY GETTY].

#### 001959-L

DIFFICULTY MEDIUM

The **story** behind the scandal is: Illicit smuggling (15). The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Umma Unwin. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Global Sentinel.
AUTHORITY is provided by Leslie
Lawson, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Leslie Lawson, COVER is provided by Norbert Newley. The network of contacts has these connections: [UMMA UNWIN, MATT MURDEN, NORBERT NEWLEY] [MATT MURDEN, ED ENFIELD, LESLIE LAWSON][LESLIE LAWSON].

#### 007411-Z

DIFFICULTY HARD

The story behind the scandal is: Intense doping (12). The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ike Intelmann. The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Global Sentinel. BRAIN is provided by Berenice Berwick, COERCION is provided by Vivian Vance, CONCEALMENT is provided by Kate Keen The network of contacts has these connections: [IKE INTELMANN, JILL JARRETT, BERENICE BERWICK] [JILL JARRETT, BERENICE BERWICK, KATE KEEN] [BERENICE BERWICK, KATE KEEN, VIVIAN VANCE].

# 000553-D DIFFICULTY

The **story** behind the scandal is:
 Disowned child (11).
 The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Umma Unwin.
 The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: The Chronicle.
 CONCEALMENT is provided by Vivian Vance,
 RELATIONSHIP is provided by Kate Keen, COVER is provided by Fred Franks.
 The **network of contacts** has these connections: [UMMA UNWIN, MATT MURDEN, NORBERT NEWLEY, VIVIAN VANCE, KATE KEEN] [KATE KEEN, BERENICE BERWICK, FRED FRANKS]

## 031394-X DIFFICULTY

The **story** behind the scandal is: Rigged matches (8). The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Owen Orlowski. The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Liberty Gazette. BRAIN is provided by Vivian Vance, COERCION is provided by Fred Franks, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Leslie Lawson. The network of contacts has these connections: [OWEN ORLOWSKI, JILL JARRETT, BERENICE BERWICK, FRED FRANKS] [BERENICE BERWICK, KATE KEEN, GERRY GETTY, AMY ALBRIGHT, LESLIE LAWSON] [AMY ALBRIGHT, LESLIE LAWSON, VIVIAN VANCE].

#### 014-026-B V

**DIFFICULTY** VERY HARD

The **story** behind the scandal is:
 Corporate espionage (5).
 The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ed Enfield.

The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Global Sentinel.

BRAIN is provided by Vivian Vance, CONCEALMENT is provided by Vivian Vance, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Leslie Lawson.

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## 032260-F DIFFICULTY

The **story** behind the scandal is:
Electoral fraud (6).
The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ed Enfield.
The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Patriot Daily.
AUTHORITY is provided by Kate Keen, BRAIN is provided by Berenice Berwick, COVER is provided by Gerry Getty.
The **network of contacts** has these connections: [ED ENFIELD, LESLIE LAWSON, AMY ALBRIGHT, GERRY GETTY] [GERRY GETTY, KATE KEEN] [LESLIE LAWSON, VIVIAN VANCE, KATE KEEN, BERENICE BERWICK].

# 028407-M DIFFICULTY VERY HARD

The **story** behind the scandal is:
 Falsified data (16).
 The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Umma Unwin.
 The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: The Chronicle.
 COERCION is provided by Vivian Vance, POWER is provided by Norbert Newley, RELATIONSHIP is provided by Mat Murden.
 The **network of contacts** has these connections: [UMMA UNWIN, MATT MURDEN,

[MATT MURDEN] [NORBERT NEWLEY]

## 019514-0 DIFFICULTY VERY HARD

The story behind the scandal is:
 False altruism (4).
 The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Ike Intelmann.
 The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Patriot Daily.
 CONCEALMENT is provided by Kate Keen, POWER is provided by Norbert Newley, PARTNERSHIP is provided by Leslie Lawson.
 The network of contacts has these connections: [IKE INTELMANN, TIM TAX, UMMA UNWIN, MATT MURDEN, NORBERT NEWLEY] [IKE INTELMANN, TIM TAX, UMMA UNWIN, MATT MURDEN, ED ENFIELD, LESLIE LAWSON][UMMA UNWIN, MATT MURDEN, NORBERT NEWLEY, VIVIAN VANCE, KATE KEEN].

# 028371-E DIFFICULTY

The **story** behind the scandal is:
Reckless manslaughter (3).
The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ike Intelmann.
The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: The Chronicle.
AUTHORITY is provided by Leslie Lawson, CONCEALMENT is provided by Tim Tax, POWER is provided by Berenice Berwick.
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# 021861-Z DIFFICULTY VERY HARD

The story behind the scandal is:
 Influence peddling (13).
 The celebrity embroiled in this affair is: Amy Albright.
 The newspaper willing to publish your scoop is: Patriot Daily.
 AUTHORITY is provided by Fred Franks, POWER is provided by Tim Tax, RELATIONSHIP is provided by Kate Keen. The network of contacts has these connections:
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# 020459-U DIFFICULTY EXTREME

The **story** behind the scandal is:
 Intense doping (12).
 The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ike Intelmann.
 The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: The Chronicle.
 BRAIN is provided by Berenice
 Berwick, COERCION is provided by Fred Franks, CONCEALMENT is provided by Tim Tax.
 The **network of contacts** has these connections: [IKE INTELMANN, TIM TAX] [TIM TAX, FRED FRANKS]
 [TIM TAX, IKE INTELMANN, JILL JARRETT, BERENICE BERWICK].

# 009717-F DIFFICULTY EXTREME

The **story** behind the scandal is:
 Influence peddling (13).
 The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Amy Albright.
 The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Patriot Daily.
 AUTHORITY is provided by Leslie Lawson, POWER is provided by Berenice Berwick,
 RELATIONSHIP is provided by Jill Jarret.
 The **network of contacts** has these connections: [AMY ALBRIGHT, GERRY GETTY, OWEN ORLOWSKI, JILL JARRETT] [OWEN ORLOWSKI, GERRY GETTY, AMY ALBRIGHT, LESLIE LAWSON] [GERRY GETTY, KATE KEEN,

BERENICE BERWICK].

# 013546-Z DIFFICULTY EXTREME

The **story** behind the scandal is: Disowned child (11). The **celebrity** embroiled in this affair is: Ed Enfield. The **newspaper** willing to publish your scoop is: Liberty Gazette. CONCEALMENT is provided by Vivian Vance, RELATIONSHIP is provided by Jill Jarret, COVER is provided by Gerry Getty. The **network of contacts** has these connections: [ED ENFIELD, LESLIE LAWSON, AMY ALBRIGHT, GERRY GETTY] [ED ENFIELD, LESLIE LAWSON VIVIAN VANCE] [GERRY GETTY, KATE KEEN, BERENICE BERWICK, JILL JARRETTI.

# 026064-S DIFFICULTY

The **story** behind the scandal is:
Waived fine (2).
The **celebrity** embroiled in
this affair is: Umma Unwin.
The **newspaper** willing to publish
your scoop is: Global Sentinel.
AUTHORITY is provided by Kate
Keen, COERCION is provided by
Fred Franks, PARTNERSHIP
is provided by Leslie Lawson.
The **network of contacts** has these
connections: [UMMA UNWIN, MATT
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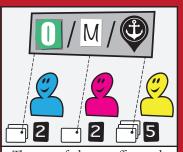


# **TURN ORDER**

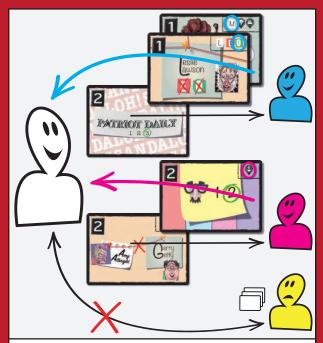
# Player's turn



The active player must request information regarding 3 references



The rest of players offer cards that must contain at least one of the requested references.



The active player decides who to exchange cards with. If, and only if, NONE of the players offer cards to exchange, the active player may DRAW 3 CARDS from the game deck.

# Solution phase



Each player decides if they want to unravel the scandal (yellow side) or to continue the investigation (red side).



All solving tokens are revealed at the same time.

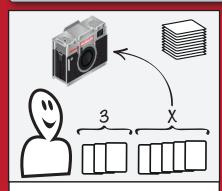


The players that decided to solve the scandal write their hypothesis and check the solution. If they guessed ALL of the scandal details correctly, the game ends and they are proclaimed winners.

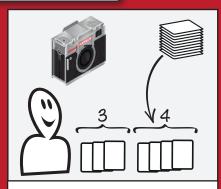


If none of the players want to unravel the scandal, a *discard phase* takes place.

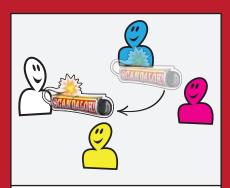
# \*Discard phase\*



All players must discard cards from their hands until their hands are each down to 3 cards.



After discarding, players draw 4 cards from the game deck.



The starting player then passes the first player marker to the player on their right.

# SCANDALOH!







#### •Stories•

#### There are a total of 8 different *resources* in **ScandalOh!**:



RELATIONSHIP (

CONCEALMENT



**POWER** 



COERCION

#### There are 4 different *story types* in **ScandalOh!**



PROFESSIONAL STORIES







#### Investment scam

The celebrity is the leader of a gang of fraudsters that attracted investors and then diverted funds from a business account to their own



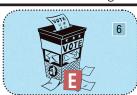
#### Waived fine

The celebrity caused a traffic accident and made their friend take the rap.



#### Corporate espionage

The celebrity spied on their professional rivals to benefit from those rivals' breakthroughs.



#### **Electoral fraud**

Ed Enfield made sure some of his rival's ballots disappeared



#### Biased information

Amy Albright wrote biased articles to influence public opinion in favor of groups of powerful people.



#### Influence peddling

The celebrity used their connections to get preferential treatment from the administra tion in several different areas.



#### Tax evasion

The celebrity repeatedly failed to pay their share of taxes.



#### Reckless manslaughter

The celebrity committed a murder and made it look like an accident.



#### Shameful plagiarism

The celebrity shamelessly copied another author's intellectual property.



Marital infidelity

The celebrity was unfaithful

to their partner.

#### Disowned child

The celebrity had a secret child that they hid from the public spotlight.



#### Illicit smuggling

The celebrity was involved in the smuggling of gemstones inside novelty prank items.



#### False altruism

Ike Intelmann organized a charity festival and kept the participants' contributions.



#### Rigged matches

Owen Orlowski used to bribe referees to call games in his favor.



#### Intense doping

The celebrity was involved in a network that trafficked with illegal performance-enhancing substances.



#### Falsified data

Umma Unwin faked the results of her research to gain recognition from the scientific community.

These are the 5 city *locations* you can investigate:







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# •Newspapers•

GL**BAL SENTINEL** PATRIOT DAILY LTBERTY GAZETTE The Chronicle

#### ·Celebrities·

