Barbarity

Special

Playable during your turn. In this turn you can make an extra attack; you don't need to play a second Attack card.

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Bellarmine

Special

Choose a Scientist Character in play who does not have an Object and put them in your hand.

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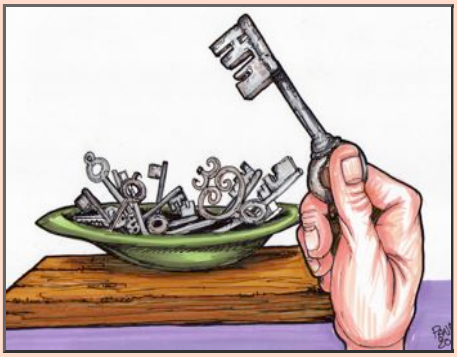

Special

Pick up the two top cards of the discard pile and put them in your hand.

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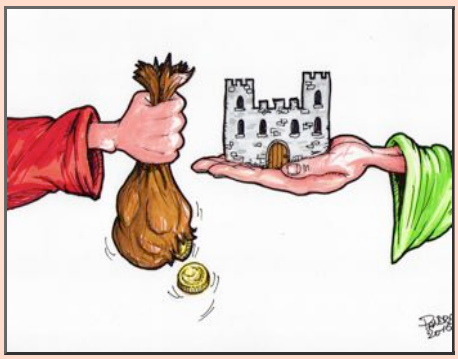
Bought and sold



Special

Choose and swap the places of two Bastions already in play.

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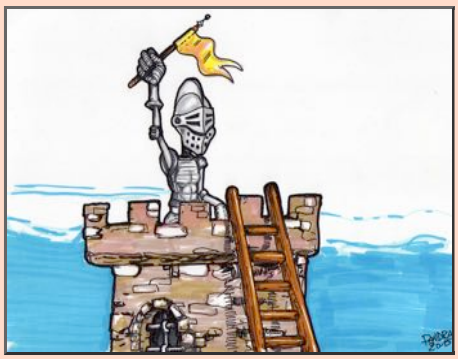
Conquest



Special

Choose a Bastion in play from another player's City and place it in your City.

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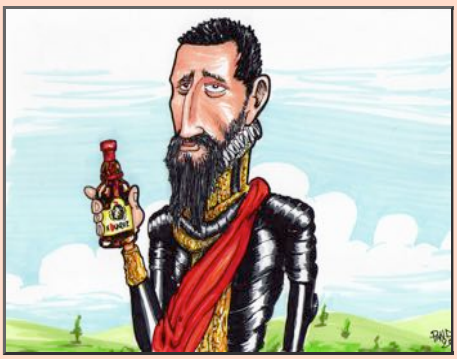
Duke of Alba



Special

Choose a Reformed Character in play who does not have an Object and put them in your hand.

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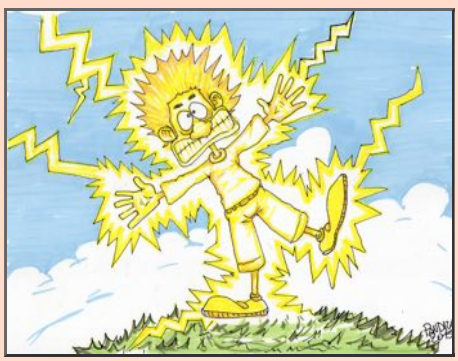
Electrocution



Special

Swap your hand with another player of your choice.

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William of Orange

Special

Choose a Catholic Character in play who does not have an Object and put them in your hand.

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New world

Special

Draw 3 cards.

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New world

Special

Draw 3 cards.

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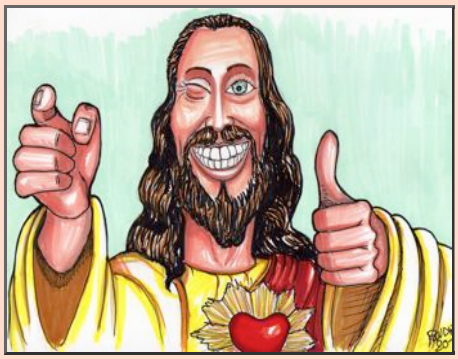
Resurrection



Special

If there is a Character on top of the discard pile, add them to your hand.

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Burned at the stake

Special

Choose a Demonic Character in play who does not have an Object and put them in your hand.

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Rust

Special

Choose and discard an Object in play.

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Misfortune

Special

Cancels the effect of a Special card that's just been played.

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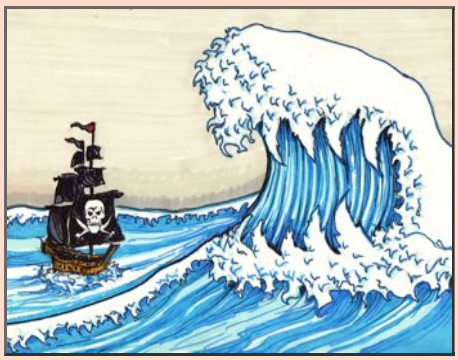
Tempest



Special

Choose a Pirate Character in play who does not have an Object and put them in your hand.

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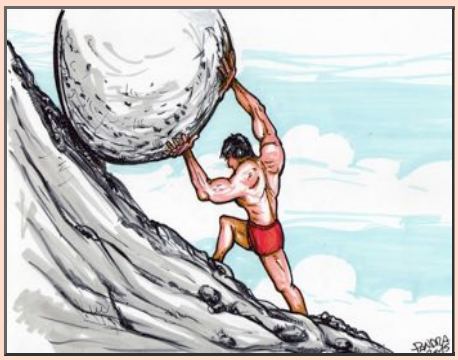
Tenacity



Special

Playable during your turn. In your next turn, you can perform two actions.

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Earthquake

Special

Destroy a Bastion of your choice.

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Truce

Special

Cancels an Attack just after it's declared. The Attack card is discarded.

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Phillip II

Protagonist - Catholics

King of Spain, son of Charles V, Phillip II was a staunch defender of the Catholic Church, and mobilized his immense army to combat every form of heresy.

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Giordano Bruno

Protagonist - Demonic

The great writer and philosopher was burned as a heretic in 1600 by order of the Inquisition; he wrote texts on magic, amongst which De magia and De magia matematica.

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Francis Drake

Protagonist - Pirates

A great corsair, he was the first English person to circumnavigate the globe; he was also crucial to the English victory against Phillip II's Invincible Armada.

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Martin Luther

Protagonist - Reformed

Augustinian monk who contested the Church's moral conduct and some of its doctrinal principles, beginning the Protestant Reformation.

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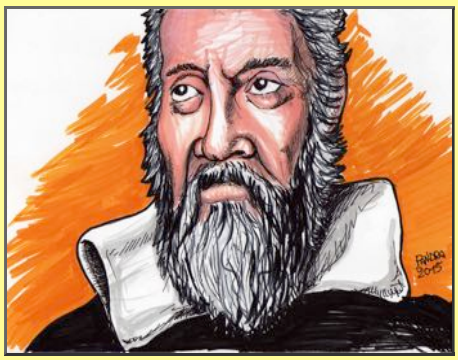
Galileo Galilei



Protagonist - Scientists

Father of physics and of the experimental method, was condemned by the Tribunal of the Inquisition and forced to renounce the heliocentric theories.

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Isaac Newton

Protagonist - Scientists

Newton was the founder of classical mechanics and defined the laws of motion and universal gravitation.

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Witch hunter

Character - Catholics

The Malleus Maleficarum explained how to recognize and capture a witch, went through around thirty-four editions, and was the most widespread book after the Bible.

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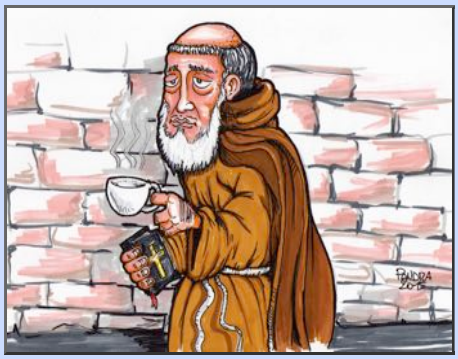
Capuchin



Character - Catholics

The Order of the Capuchins is born in the mid 1500s. The friars observed the Franciscan vow of poverty and distinguished themselves by their preaching skills.

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Cardinal

Character - Catholics

Cardinal Richelieu was the most important political personality of the first half of the 1600s, and established France's primacy in Europe.

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Exorcist

Character - Catholics

Those afflicted by such maladies as schizophrenia or epilepsy were considered to be possessed by a Demon; those who would heal them resorted to exorcism.

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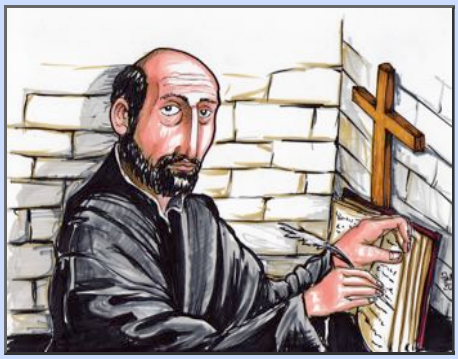
Jesuit



Character - Catholics

The Jesuit masters, gifted with enormous cultural awareness and training, were amongst the ones most sought after by noble families for their innovative teaching methods.

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Inquisitor

Character - Catholics

To counter the effects of the Reformation, the Church established the Tribunal of the Inquisition, which used even torture to induce its defendants to renounce their theories.

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Missionary

Character - Catholics

The jesuit Reductions in Latin America were missions in which the indigenous people were considered to be free and could live off their own labour.

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Parish priest

Character - Catholics

For the 1600s, the parish priest par excellence is Alessandro Manzoni's Don Abbondio, "an earthenware vase forced to travel alongside many iron vases".

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Sorceress

Character - Demonic

The most famous sorceress in Paris, in the 1600s, was La Voisin, who distilled extremely potent poisons with the help of her warlock lover.

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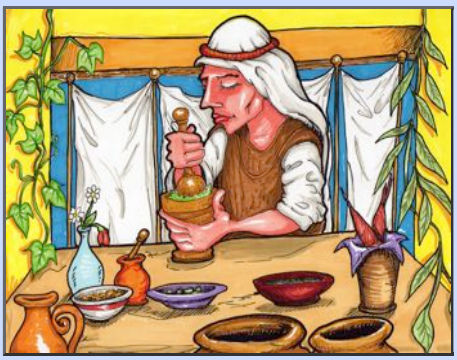
Healer



Character - Demonic

Woman who healed maladies and wounds with incantations or magical herbs.

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Midwife

Character - Demonic

The death of a newborn could be blamed on the dark arts of the woman who'd helped him be born.

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Wizard

Character - Demonic

Philosophers and scientists believed in the existence of wizards and witches, and knew the magical arts.

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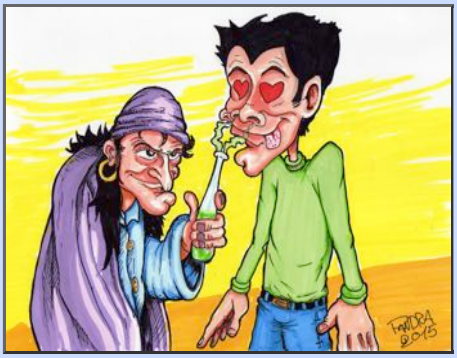
Enchantress



Character - Demonic

A witch who wove spells and incantations to make people fall in love, to hurt them, or kill them.

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Fortune teller

Character - Demonic

Some women had the magic gift of looking into the future and predicting one's fortune.

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Witch

Character - Demonic

Women were the main victims of witch hunts, because it was held that they easily let themselves be tempted by the Demon.

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Anointer

Character - Demonic

This figure would anoint walls or doorknobs with a yellowish substance to spread the plague.

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Buccaneer

Character - Pirates

Henry Morgan, of Welsh origin, was one of the most famous and bloodthirsty buccanners of the Caribbean.

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Barbary corsair

Character - Pirates

Jan Janzsoon, Spanish corsair, converted to Islam and died captured by the knights of Malta.

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English corsair

Character - Pirates

Woodes Rogers, English corsair, was nominated governor of the Bahamas and led a merciless fight against piracy in the Caribbean Sea.

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Dutch corsair

Character - Pirates

Piet Pieterszoon Hein, veritable scourge of the Spanish fleet, became renowned for his discipline.

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Spanish corsair

Character - Pirates

Jaboc Collaart, at the service of Spain during the Dutch revolt, confronted the enemy fleet.

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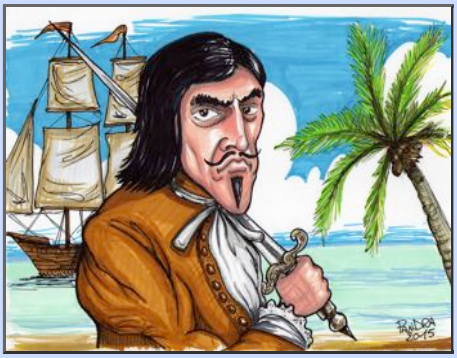
Filibuster



Character - Pirates

François Nau, known as l'Olonnais, was one of the fiercest filibusters in history, and tortured his prisoners in horrible ways.

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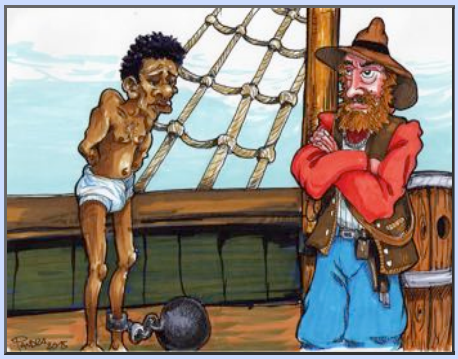
Slaver



Character - Pirates

John Hawkins was one of the first English slavers, and created a slaver's syndicate to best profit from this activity.

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Pirate

Character - Pirates

Pirates infested the Mediterranean, the Atlantic and the Caribbean Sea, looting and pillaging, accumulating great treasures.

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Anabaptist

Character - Reformed

The term "anabaptist" was deprecatingly used because the Anabaptists refuted the baptism of babies and practiced the baptism of adult believers.

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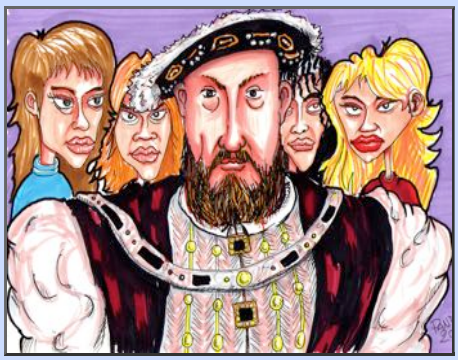
Anglican



Character - Reformed

Just founded by Henry VIII, the Anglican Church kept the doctrinal lines of the Catholic Church; with Elizabeth I it would get ever closer to Calvinism.

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Calvinist

Character - Reformed

Calvin turned Geneva into the religious city par excellence: he forbid gambling and all manner of leisure; the Consistory kept watch over public morals.

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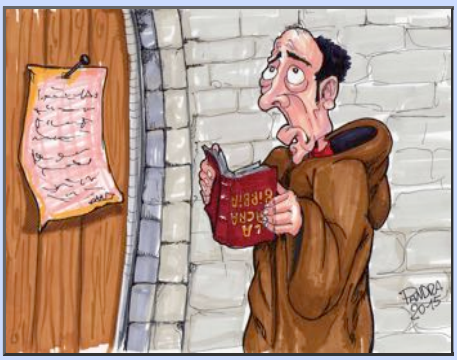
Lutheran



Character - Reformed

Luther's Reformation affirmed the principles of universal priesthood and clarity and accessibility of the scriptures, and maintained that only through Faith could the soul find salvation.

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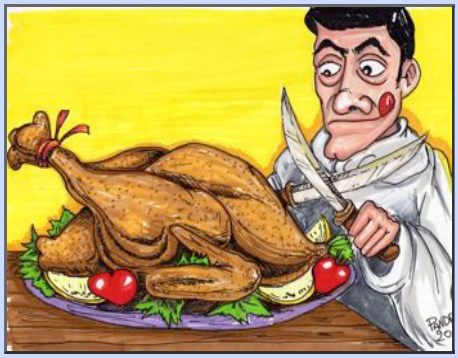
Puritan



Character - Reformed

The Puritans wanted to make the Anglican Church more compliant with the Sacred Scriptures. Persecuted by the authorities, they emigrated to America where they formed the core of the United States.

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Quaker

Character - Reformed

They were the integralism wing of the Puritan movement and intended to restore the practices of the primitive Church: they were mostly successful in the United States.

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Hughenots

Character - Reformed

The religious wars in France saw Hughenots pitted against Catholics: in the terrible night of St. Bartholomew in 1572 thousands of Huguenots were killed.

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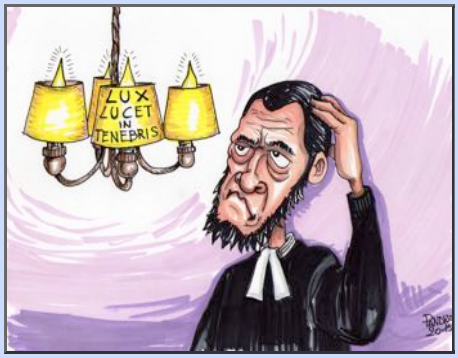
Waldensian



Character - Reformed

The Waldensians were persecuted as heretics by the Catholic Church until the end of the Middle Ages, and adhered to Calvinism with the synod of Chanforan in 1532.

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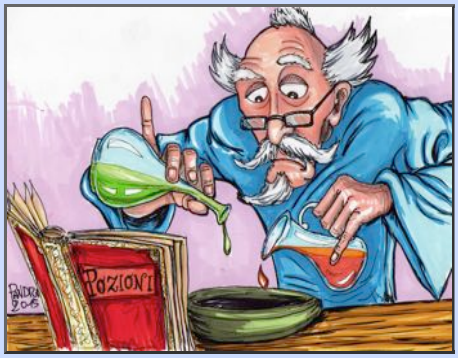
Alchemist



Character - Scientists

At heart, every scientist and every philosopher is an alchemist who pursues omniscience.

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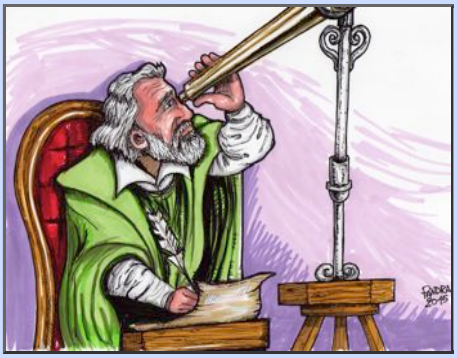
Astronomer



Character - Scientists

The copernican theory, which placed the sun in the center of the universe, was demonstrated thanks to Galileo.

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Philosopher

Character - Scientists

In the 17th century, science (still being born) and philosophy are still profoundly intertwined: Descartes was a great philosopher and a great mathematician.

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Physicist

Character - Scientists

From the observation of nature, and from Galileo's experiments, physics and the experimental method are born.

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Inventor

Character - Scientists

The most famous invention of the age was the telescope, made in Holland and reproduced in Italy by Galileo.

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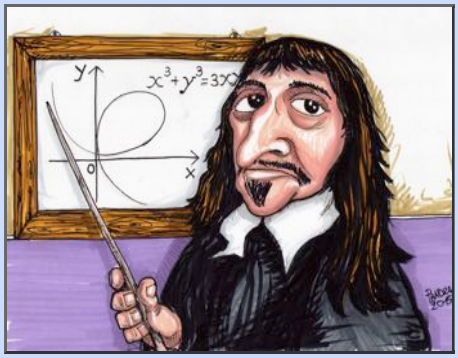
Mathematician



Character - Scientists

Infinitesimal analysis, area calculation and the equation for the tangent to a curve are introduced.

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Physician

Character - Scientists

Knowledge of the human body takes giant steps forward, thanks to the dissection of human corpses performed mainly by Protestant physicians.

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Teacher

Character - Scientists

Culture continues to circulate in the universities, the Inquisition's censorship and repression notwithstanding.

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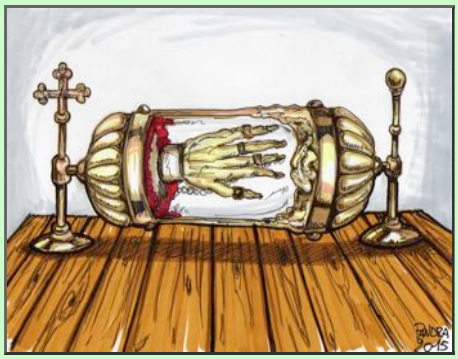
Relic



Object - Catholics

** Stop an opponent of your choice from playing any characters to their City on their next turn.

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Amulet

Object - Demonic

** Play, into your City, a Character who's just been discarded or killed in an attack in which you were not involved.

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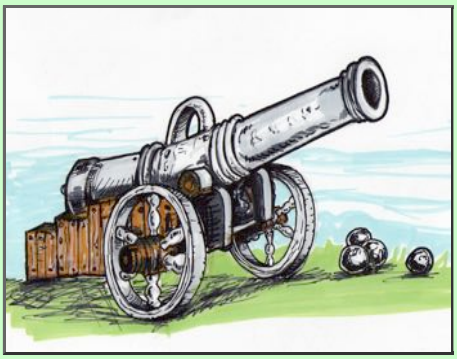
Cannon



Object - Pirates

** Discard a Character in play of your choice, as long as they are not protected by a Bastion.

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Object - Reformed

** Choose an opponent, take 3 random cards from their hand and add them to yours.

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Catapult

Object - Scientists

** Destroy a Bastion of your choice.

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St. Peter's Basilica

Bastion - Catholics

Work on erecting the grandiose basilica, temple of the Catholic world, started in 1506. Such great artists as Michelangelo and Bernini took part.

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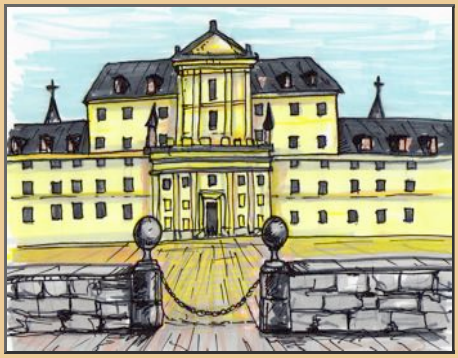
El Escorial



Bastion - Catholics

Imposing conventual achitectural work built just outside Madrid under Phillip II to welcome the King of Spain; excepcional monument to the art of the 16th and 17th centuries.

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Woods

Bastion - Demonic

One of the favourite meeting places of witches: the nocturnal landscape of the desolate woods, under the moonlight, atop a hill.

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Fire

Bastion - Demonic

In the chosen night between saturday and sunday the witches would fly towards the place where they would celebrate the terrible sabbath.

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Galley

Bastion - Pirates

The galley was entirely propelled by the power of its oars and the wind blowing through the masts and sails; in the 18th century, the sailing ship would supersede it.

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Caribbean Sea

Bastion - Pirates

The most pirate-infested area of the 17th century was the Caribbean Sea, due to the conflit between the English and the Spanish as well as the presence of many islands rich in food.

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Westminster

Bastion - Reformed

After the schism brought about by Henry VIII, the abbey becomes one of the main centres of the Anglican religion.

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Wittenberg

Bastion - Reformed

It was on the Cathedral's door that Luther affixed the famous 95 theses in which he criticised the Church for the scandalous indulgences.

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Venice

Bastion - Scientists

In the dark times of the Inquisition the Republic of Venice remained one of the most tolerant states, a haven for many men of culture.

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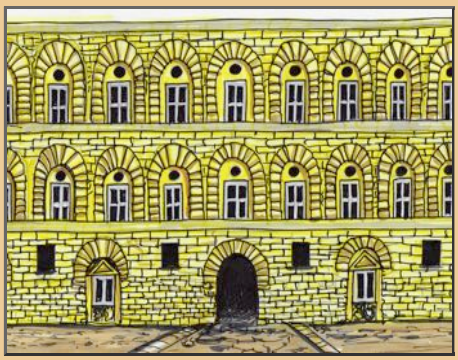
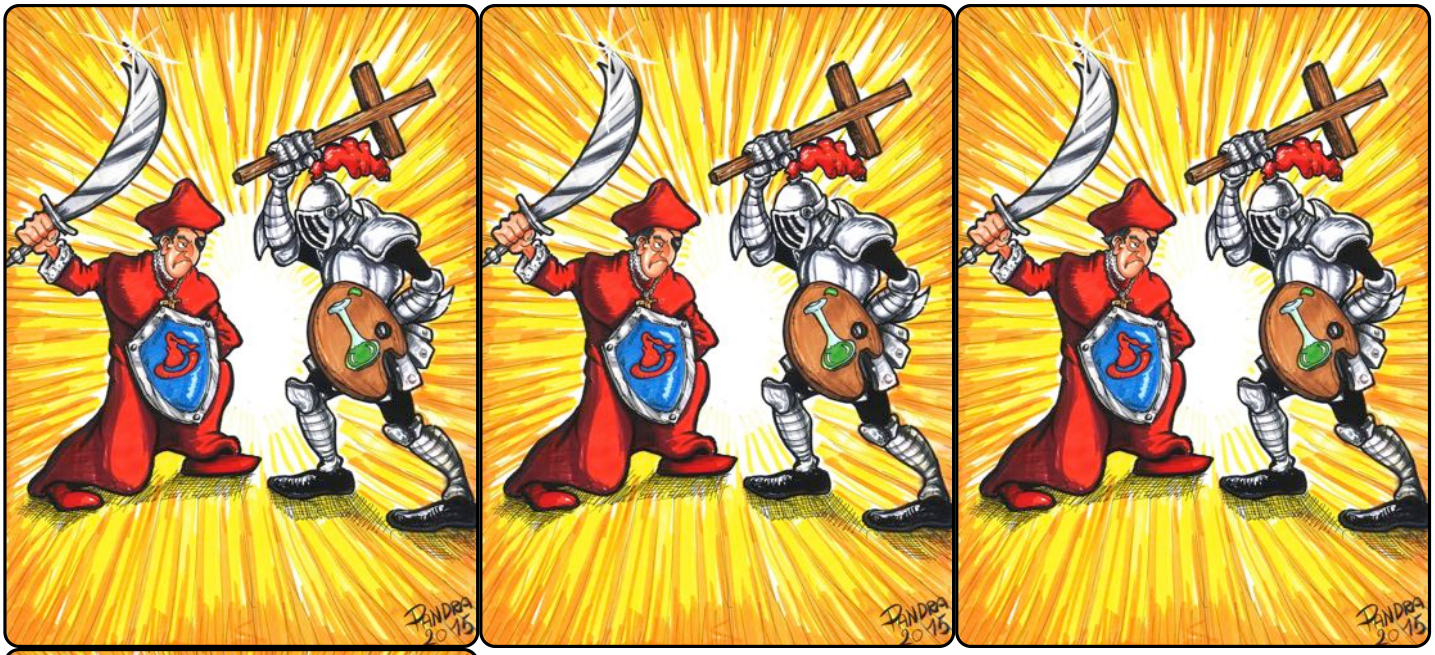
Villa Medici



Bastion - Scientists

Cosimo III de' Medici was the patron of Galileo, and the treatise Sidereus Nuncius is dedicated to him.

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