**The Mob**



**Mobsters “Public Enemies of New York City”**

**Instructions**

* Read more about your organization and its key figures.
* Get familiar with the era and rival factions you are going to encounter in the game.
* Go through the maps, to see what territory is claimed by individual rival groups.
* Look at the playable characters – think about a role, you would like to play.



**View of Lower Manhattan in 1928.**

**Jewish Mob**

Our forefathers set us a mighty example. They took the riches of the New World that were there for taking. They were feared by Irishmen and Italians alike, but the days are gone. History flies past very fast, and the Great War changed a lot of things as well. Who remembers the names such as Monk Eastman or Harry Horowitz nowadays?

The government has banned import and sale of booze. What a blessing for us! The economy is booming, and people want to enjoy their lives to the fullest. Why shouldn’t we give it to them if there is a demand? We are no thugs, my dear friends; we are businessmen of a new kind! **Arnold Rothstein** has led us successfully, and he knows his trade, be assured of that! He is not called “**the Brain**” for no reason after all. Soon every city in the U.S. will know what is “kosher” and what is not. We are the ones who will teach them about the proper ways starting here in the very heart of New York. In Manhattan.

**Arnold “the Brain” Rothstein**

*He understood the truths of capitalism (giving people what they want) and dominated them.*

He is the boss. A mobster of a new kind. A clever and educated businessman who runs his mob like a corporation. Some say that he is responsible for fixing the 1919 World Series (baseball). Well, after all, isn’t it nice to know the winner when you bet? Who would blame him?!

**Meyer “Mob’s Accountant” Lansky**

*When he was a schoolboy, an Italian teenager tried to extort protection money from him. Instead of giving it to him, he made him his business associate.*

Maths and bribery. A powerful combination that has both been mastered by Mr. Lansky, a shooting star of the Mob. He is no stranger to automobiles, and he is active in “the used car sale industry” He sees a great opportunity in gambling operations. He never gets his hands dirty.

**Benjamin “Bugsy” Siegel**

*Siegel, the youngest of the gang, was known around his, as “chaye”; a Yiddish word meaning "untamed" or "animal".*

Every organization needs muscle. A man who knows his trade and who is not afraid to get his hands dirty. “Bugs” is such a man – a complete opposite of his friend Meyer Lansky. Some say that he even takes pleasure in violence. Be it as it may, he is charismatic and very competent.

**Dutch Schultz**

*A boy has never wept...nor dashed a thousand kin.*

A business associate of a kind. He is known to be unpredictable and violent, but he is our man in Upper Westside. He worked his way to the top from the very bottom of the ranks. He used to be a bouncer in a speakeasy, and he knows the ways of bootlegging way too well to be “left on his own”. Moreover, he is a clever man who is familiar with “numbers games”.

**Roaring ‘20s in the U.S.**

The Great War finished in 1918 and people were shaken by its horrors. The war was over, and Americans did not want to go back to the trenches of the Western Front in their thoughts. They wanted to feel alive. They wanted to enjoy all the beauties of life. They wanted to love, drink, laugh and dance. This is where jazz craze struck home.



**New music, new fashion and lust for life. All that was brought by jazz.**

When it comes to politics, two very important amendments were introduced, the 18th and the 19th. Both changed the ways of the world. The 19th amendment gave women the right to vote, they had helped their countries a lot during the war years and they wanted their fair share of power. Who would blame them?!

The 18th amendment prohibited the manufacture, transportation and sale of alcoholic beverages. It looks like a scourge to humanity; the opposite was the truth for us. The mobsters found ways to deliver the booze to people who wanted it, despite the laws. This is where famous bootleggers (smugglers) were born, and speakeasies (illegal bars) flourished. Untaxed money was there for taking, and we have taken our share so far. But it seems that we might be entitled to more after all.

**Customers of one of the speakeasies mock the prohibition law.**

**Factions of Manhattan Competing with Us**

**Irishmen**

These ginger rascals have sucked our blood long enough. It is time to make them pay. They have interfered with all our business long enough. They have overtaken a couple of speakeasies and they have been really successful with their bootlegging operations. Moreover, they have recently started running gambling ventures and rackets in our neighborhoods. We have made several attempts to get rid of their leader, Jack “Legs” Diamond also known as **Gentleman Jack** but he always “bounced back”. They even started calling him “clay pigeon of the underworld”, the bastard can't be killed! A bloody lucky Irishman! Enough is enough; we’ll take the matter with those drunk potato-eaters more seriously from now on!

**Home neighborhods**: Hell’s Kitchen North, Hell’s Kitchen South, Five Points, Lower East Side



**Seized booze is poured in the gutter – what a waste!**

**Italians**

We need to tread lightly around Italians. Their families (mobs) are powerful when they pursue the same goal. Luckily for us, they have their own disputes and wars among themselves. Two families stand up on Manhattan Masseria family and Maranzano family. Their bosses are respectively **Giuseppe “Joe the Boss” Masseria** and **Salvatore “Little Caesar” Maranzano**. They have run successfully all branches of business from gambling or extortion to bootlegging and prostitution. They started their crime careers back in Sicily and they are very old-fashioned in all aspects that is why they call them old “Mustache Petes”. In their bigotry, they scold Jewish people and they do not want to make business with us.

However, there are more flexible and progressive Sicilian-Americans among their lieutenants and captains who see how the mutual business would be beneficial for both sides. One such a fine gentleman is **Charles “Lucky” Luciano**. We need to watch these “Young Turks” closely as they try to climb to the top.

**Home neighborhods**: East Village, Little Italy, NoHo, Lower Manhattan, Greenwich Village and Lenox Hill.



**“Gun Molls” or “Mob Molls” were girlfriends and wives of gangsters, they were pretty tough as well.**

**Chinese**

China Town is a completely different world when compared to the one we live in. We know very little about the Chinese community in Manhattan. They are very secretive and they don’t reach out of their community much. Chinese gangsters organize themselves in Tongs, crime brotherhoods There are currently two Tongs that compete with each other **Hip Sing Tong** and **On Leong Tong**. The former is believed to be getting slightly upper hand in the power struggle.

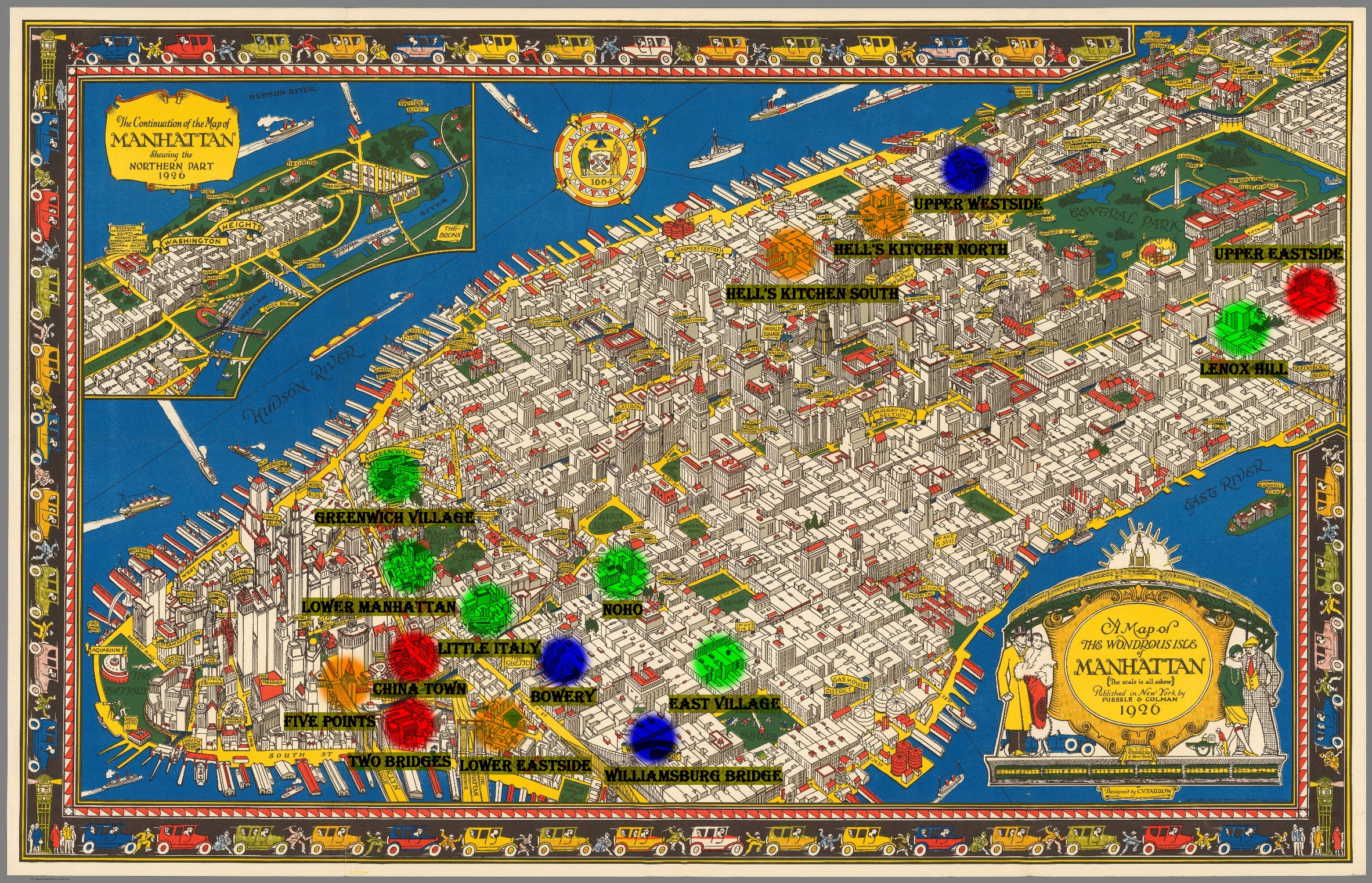
They ran a lot of gambling halls and brothels, what is more, they almost have a monopoly on the opium trade in New York. Heroin is also getting more and more popular among Jazz musicians, guess who can import it a lot in the States?!

Would it be wise to be prejudiced against the Chinese as the rest of American society or try to establish relationships with them?

**Home neighborhods**: China Town, Two Bridges, Upper East Side



**Members of the Hip Sing Tong – one of the Chinese criminal syndicates**



**Jewish Mob Italians Irishmen Chinese**

**Roles to Play**

You are the Mob. Every one of you has a different role in the organization and your expertise in the field is never overlooked. It is wise to listen to what others in the organization have to say, and your boss always does that.

The characters presented below are certain archetypes that help you approach the problems presented in the game with a specific point of view. However, do not be limited by the unique character traits of your role. They are here to help you enjoy the game and have competing viewpoints in the group, not make you stuck with a simplistic, one-sided character.

**The Underboss**

Every boss has its underboss(es). You are a born leader that enjoys a lot of autonomy from his boss. You always need to consider all the pros and cons. There are many different approaches to the issues you are going to face. Consider them all wisely and be aware that in the end, it is you who is responsible for the success or failure.

**The Accountant**

Math and money that is what makes you comfortable. You are a stranger to thuggish methods and violence. You believe that clever financial operations can assure the prosperity of the mob. Not always strictly legal, though.

**The Lawyer**

It is necessary to consider the legal implications of your actions. The line between the legal and illegal might be thin in some cases. In some other, it is not, but there are still loopholes to be used. Witnesses might disappear or change their testimony. No one wants to spend their time in jail, right?! It is your job to keep your fellow friends from being found guilty.

**The Captain**

The mob needs practical men to run the operations. The booze won’t deliver itself to speakeasies and wars can seldom be won without a single shot fired. There always needs to be a person to organize soldiers on the ground, and it is you.

**The Hitman**

There are times where a precise hit can avoid bloodshed. Organizations will crumble when you find their weak spots and do what needs to be done with them. You need to be both clever and coldblooded to do so, and you are.

**The Rabbi**

No one really knows how deeply you really care about the spiritual ways of your ancestors but you are here to remind your fellows of the traditions of your people. Wisdom and knowledge of the ages are not be taken for granted. The chosen people need teachers to guide them on their (sometimes very peculiar) ways.

**The Gambler**

Your life is a joyride with all the ups and downs it has brought to you. If you do not play, you can’t win. Not only are you professionally interested in gambling, but you are also aware of the fact that higher the stakes are the higher the yield can be – in all aspects of life.

**The Brute**

Violence is sometimes the simplest and the most effective method of making other people understand what they have to or mustn’t do. You enjoy your work; it is messy and dangerous, but the results speak for themselves.

**The Unionist**

It would be foolish to underestimate the working people of this country. They are the backbone of the society and economy. In order to have common people on your side, you need to think about their interest as well. There is no shame in “redistributing” the capital. It is convenient if it is possible to redistribute the wealth of other capitalists.

**The Politician**

It is necessary to cultivate relationships within and even outside of your business. We need to know what other people really want so that we can offer it to them. It doesn’t matter if it is politicians, judges, policemen or thugs, you can always make mutually beneficial agreements. One needs to form alliances. And also switch sides if need be.

GAMEBOOK

Variables

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| **Visible** | **Range** | **Initial** | **Notes** |
| money | 0–41000 | 10000 |  |
| strength | 1–15 | 5 | Different for every area |
| territories | 1-6(9) | 3 |  |
| **Background** |  |  |  |
| bribed | 0/1 | 0 | Issue 5 |
| syndicate | 0/1 | 0 | Issue 9 |
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**1**

**Heist**

***Little Italy***

*A little bank robbery in Little Italy never killed nobody.*

The safes of Banca Stabile in Little Italy are said to have a lot of money inside. The money usually comes from rich Italian-Americans living in the neighborhood. How about a heist to “redistribute” the wealth? Meyer Lansky will pick appropriate time of the day when the danger of getting in trouble is very low and the coffers are full. Bugsy Siegel will lead the squad that carries out the heist!

**1a:** We don’t want any problems with Italians. The heist is a big no-no.

**1b:** We will send 1 squad of our best men from Bowery and we will give them **$500** to get the equipment, weapons and vehicles they need for the heist.

**1c:** We will send 1 squad of our best men from Bowery and we will give them **$1,000** to get the equipment, weapons and vehicles they need for the heist.

**1d:** We will send 1 squad of our best men from Bowery and we will give them **$2,000** to get the equipment, weapons and vehicles they need for the heist.

**Outcomes**

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|  | **Variables** | **Text summarizing the results of the decision** | **Notes** |
| **1a** |  | We have decided not to try our luck with Italian bankers. We got nothing but we haven’t got our organization into trouble with Italians. |  |
| **1b** | -1 strength (Bowery)  +$1,500 | Some of our men haven’t made it back alive. There was a shootout at the bank and we got outgunned. Our boys managed to get their hands on $2,000 before escaping. I am sure Italians will sooner or later realize who was behind the heist. |  |
| **1c** | +$9,000 | The heist has been successful! Our boys were well-equipped and our boys were far away with the money before the bankers realized what hit them. And the loot! $10,000. |  |
| **1d** | +$8,000 | The heist has been successful! Our boys were well-equipped and our boys were far away with the money before the bankers realized what hit them. And the loot! $10,000. The only problem is that Italians put two and two together and realized who had been spending a lot lately and they have the suspicion that our men are behind the robbery. |  |

**2**

**Cooked Potatoes**

***Hell’s Kitchen***

*It is time to deal with the Irish and take some of their territory.*

It is high time we dealt with the Irishmen in Hell’s Kitchen. They have caused a lot of troubles in Upper Westside lately. Dutch Schultz, our man in Upper Westside, is ready to take over Hell’s Kitchen from the Irish and start extorting money from the businesses there, what is more, we will overtake their bootlegging operations in this part of the city.

**2a:** We are not ready for such a big operation yet.

**2b:** We will send **2 squads** of our men from Upper Westside to clear Hell’s Kitchen of Gentleman Jack’s men.

**2c:** We will send **3 squads** of our men from Upper Westside to clear Hell’s Kitchen of Gentleman Jack’s men. We will keep 2 squads at home as backup.

**2d:** We will send **4 squads** of our men from Upper Westside to clear Hell’s Kitchen of Gentleman Jack’s men, it’s almost all in, but we need to demonstrate our strength!

**Outcomes**

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|  | **Variables** | **Text summarizing the results of the decision** | **Notes** |
| **2a** |  | We have decided to wait some more but our boys are getting nervous as the Irish think they can do what they want! |  |
| **2b** | -2 strength (Upper Westside) | The Irish were well-prepared for the attack and our men stood no chance against them. This is a dark day! None of our boys returned home and that damned Irish are getting the upper hand in the war. |  |
| **2c** | -1 strength (Upper Westside) | We hit them hard! They fought back and it cost us some men but we got a lot them! In the end, those who survived ran away with their tails between their legs including their leader Gentleman Jack. This part of the city is ours! We make the rules in Hell’s Kitchen from now on. |  |
| **2d** | Hell’s Kitchen strength = 1 | We hit them hard, they stood no chance! If only we had got Gentleman Jack in the mayhem. That Bastard ran away. This part of the city is ours! We make the rules in Hell’s Kitchen from now on. | **Hell’s Kitchen is ours!** |

**3**

**Chinese Offer**

***China Town***

*Both Tongs are offering deals if we help them.*

A rather unusual thing has happened. Both rivaling Tongs (brotherhoods) in China Town contacted us and they offer us nice treats if we help them take out the rivaling Tong. They need our men from Williamsburgh Bridge to participate in a raid against the other faction.

On Leong Tong offers a share in opium trade (including some immediate revenues) if we help them win the Tong War.

Hip Sing Tong leaders say that they help us conquer Lower Eastside from the Irish if we help them get rid of On Leong Tong in return.

**3a:** It is not a good idea to meddle with the Chinese affairs, what is more, it might be a trap?! Let’s not participate in this Chinese adventure.

**3b:** We will send **1 squad** to help On Leong Tong with their enemies in China Town.

**3c:** We will send **2 squads** to help On Leong Tong with their enemies in China Town.

**3d:** We will send **3 squads** to help On Leong Tong with their enemies in China Town.

**3e:** We will send **1 squad** to help Hip Sing Tong with their enemies in China Town.

**3f:** We will send **2 squads** to help Hip Sing Tong with their enemies in China Town.

**3g:** We will send **3 squads** to help Hip Sing Tong with their enemies in China Town.

**Outcomes**

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|  | **Variables** | **Text summarizing the results of the decision** | **Notes** |
| **3a** |  | It seems that Hip Sing Tong has won the war. We haven’t participated in the mayhem – it was only for good. |  |
| **3bc** | -1 strength (Williamsburgh Bridge) | Some of our men we sent to assist On Leong Tong were butchered, what is more, the other faction has won the Tong war. Damn Chinese! We need to be much more careful with them from now on. |  |
| **3d** | +$2,000 | We helped On Leong Tong win the war and they honored their deal by giving us a share of their opium trade in Manhattan. So far it makes $2,000 now and hopefully some more in the future. Mutually beneficial business transaction indeed. May our business partnership (if not friendship) lasts in years to come. |  |
| **3e** | -1 strength (Williamsburgh Bridge) | Our men we sent to assist Hip Sing Tong were butchered, what is more, the other faction has got the upper hand in the power struggle. Damn Chinese! We need to be much more careful with them from now on. |  |
| **3fg** | Lower Eastside  strength = 1 | We helped Hip Sing Tong win the war and they helped us with the Irish in Lower Eastside in return as promised. Mutually beneficial business transaction indeed. May our business partnership (if not friendship) lasts in years to come | **Lower Eastside is ours!** |

**1930**

**Intermezzo (End of Stage 1)**

**Part 1**

A great tragedy has struck. Mr. Rothstein is dead, killed by a nobody over a game of poker. Damn. What is more businesses are falling apart because of the Wall Street Crash of 1929. There are tough times ahead of us. But fear not, we will survive. Mr. Lansky and Mr. Siegel will take care of our organization, they have already proven that they are capable “businessmen”.

Our men in lower parts of Manhattan have had feeling that something fishy has been going on around. Will we send them 1 squad of Dutch Schultz’s loyal men to assist them in case any troubles arise?

i1a: Send 1 squad from Upper Westside to Bowery.

i1b: Send 1 squad from Upper Westside to Williamsburgh Bridge.

i1c: We don’t have enough men in Upper Westside, we need to keep them there!

**Part 2**

Salvatore Maranzano has made his move. He got rid of Joe Masseria first and the proclaimed himself “capo di tutti capi” – the head of the Italian Mafia.

The bastard did not stick just to fancy titles, he first paid used some bloody stupid Irishmen to cause riots in Williamsburgh and then sent his men to take over our neighborhood with all the businesses we have there!

a) (if Williamsburgh Bridge strength <= 5) And guess, what?! He was successful and he killed many of our men there. It is a full scale war now!

b) (if Williamsburgh Bridge strength > 5) Our men in Williamsburgh Bridge repelled Maranzano’s thugs but we are at full scale war with Italians now!

**4**

**Sweet Sweet Opium**

***Two Bridges***

*A huge shipment of opium is going to arrive soon. Shouldn't we get some for ourselves?*

Meyer Lansky’s man in China Town informed us that a huge shipment of opium is to arrive in Two Bridges in 2 weeks. It will be heavily guarded, sure; but we have the element of surprise. Should we get some for ourselves? If the job is well-planned and executed, they won’t know what hit them and the opium will be gone.

**4a:** Let’s not interfere with the Chinese business. It will cause more harm than what we potentially can gain.

**4b:** We will send **1 squad** of our men from Bowery to secure the opium for us.

**4c:** We will send **2 squads** of our men from Bowery to secure the opium for us.

**4d:** We will send **3 squads** of our men from Bowery to secure the opium for us.

**Outcomes**

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|  | **Variables** | **Text summarizing the results of the decision** | **Notes** |
| **4a** |  | Don’t we have enough problems with other gangs?! It is only for good that we left the opium alone. |  |
| **4bc** | -1 strength (Bowery) | Damn! The shipment was really heavily guarded and Bugsy Siegel got really impatient. It showed out that we didn’t have enough men to get our hands on the opium. What’s more we had to leave some of our soldiers behind. |  |
| **4d** | -1 strength (Bowery)  +$10,000 | We have lost some men in the firefight but we got $10,000 worth of opium. Bugsy Siegel is sure that there were no survivors on the Chinese side – no witnesses, that is good. |  |

**5**

**Our Man**

***Upper Westside***

*A meeting with a high ranking police officer regarding upcoming raids.*

Our man within the police force anted to meet us. He has got some pretty interesting news about the upcoming prohibition raids. He claims that our speakeasies (illegal bars) and gambling dens in Upper Westside will be targeted by police officers. He promises that the raids will target Chinese, Irish and Italian establishments instead of our businesses. For a fee of course…

**5a:** We are not giving that scoundrel any money! We already have a lot of police officers on our payroll that must be enough.

**5b:** We will him pay $4,000 and hope that he keeps his promise because if not…

**Outcomes**

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|  | **Variables** | **Text summarizing the results of the decision** | **Notes** |
| **5a** | -1 strength (Upper Westside) | Damn! That crooked cop was right. There were raids in Upper Westside. Some of our establishments were closed, alcohol poured into the gutter and they even arrested some of our men. |  |
| **5b** | ***bribed = 1***  -$4,000  -2 strength (Little Italy, China Town) | It seems it was money well-spent. The raids avoided our neighborhoods and targeted Italians and Chinese instead. I just wonder why I have not heard about any Irish speakeasies being closed down during the raid… |  |

**6**

**Lucky Day**

***Bowery***

*Something big is about to happen in the Italian community and we already know about it.*

We have heard rumors (in fact more than just rumors) that Lucky Luciano wants to kill Salvatore Maranzano and become the boss himself. It seems that the hit will take place very soon. What should we do about it?

**6a:** That is up to Italians to solve who is their boss. Let’s just watch it from afar so we don’t get hurt.

**6b:** If we warn Maranzano, he will be grateful and strike some deals with us for sure…

**6c:** The enemy of my enemy is my friend. Let’s offer Lucky Luciano help of our best men. Bugsy Siegel and his guys will help Lucky Luciano to get it done.

**Outcomes**

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|  | **Variables** | **Text summarizing the results of the decision** | **Notes** |
| **6a** |  | The world belongs to the “Young Turks”. Lucky Luciano has succeeded with getting to the top. He is the boss now. Let’s hope that relationship between the Jewish and Italians improves. |  |
| **6b** |  | We will never find out what would have Maranzano done. Our messenger was too late. The world belongs to the “Young Turks”. Lucky Luciano has succeeded with getting to the top. He is the boss now. Let’s hope that relationship between the Jewish and Italians improves. Just to be sure, we got rid of the messenger, there are things Lucky Luciana should never know. |  |
| **6c** | +$10,000 | Lucky Luciano provided us with vital intel and we got our men where they needed to be dressed as police officers. Maranzano thought it was an arrest, he and his bodyguards dropped their weapons. Then we slaughtered them like pigs. They didn’t see it coming. What is more as a token of good will Lucky Luciano gave us $10,000 to cover the expenses. It seems that new era of Jewish-Italian partnership has come. |  |

**1933**

**Intermezzo (End of Stage 2)**

**Part 1**

The profitable business called Prohibition has come to an end. Full repeal of Prohibition by the Government has ruined a lot of opportunities for us. We need to seek for new ones. Drug trafficking? Expanding our gambling ventures? And what about other faction in Manhattan, what are they up to?

As the unemployment is still quite high we can hire more soldiers to help us with our operations.

i2a: Strengthen our position in Upper Westside and hire 2 squads there for $6000.

i2b: Strengthen our position in Bowery and hire 2 squads there for $6000.

i2c: We don’t need any more soldiers. Men are expensive.

**Part 2**

Who would think about it?! The Chinese hit us hard in the place we expected it the least, in Upper Westside. They want to claim the warehouses and harbors for themselves.

a) (if Upper Westside strength <= 4) We were not able to stop them, we also lost a lot of good men there. Dutch Shultz is dead! We won’t be able to operate in Upper Westside anymore. At least for some time.

b) (if Williamsburgh Bridge strength > 4) Luckily for us, our men repelled them. If the war is what they want…

**7**

**Nazi Rally**

***East Village***

*German American Federation is having a picnic and we haven't been invited.*

Anti-Semitism is growing in almost all the nations. Germany has been a great example. So called German American Federation called a rally for this afternoon. They will talk their usual anti-Jewish bullshit and blame us for all the misfortune of the world; however, this time there would be many more people than at their ordinary rallies. We need to send a clear signal that we won’t have these ludicrous accusations in our city! The problem is that we have only **1 squad** of tough guys available to beat them up and stir some trouble.

**7a:** It will be a dangerous venture for our men. They will definitely be outnumbered by Nazi thugs, but if we show a proper will to fight, they will flee like cowards they have always been! Let’s kick some Nazi arses. Right?!

**7b:** It is just words, let them talk. We won’t send our men just to be beaten up because of something called “pride”. What is more, we don’t want to be labelled as these who attack peaceful citizens and exercising their freedom of speech. We would only prove that they have been right about Jews; wouldn’t we?!

**Outcomes**

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|  | **Variables** | **Text summarizing the results of the decision** | **Notes** |
| **7a** | +2 strength (Bowery) | Our men got into them like angry bulls, kicking and punching like mad. The righteous anger of the chosen people! Their strongmen got beaten up and the rest of the cowards scattered. Our men were safe and sound home when the police arrived. They are hailed as heroes in the community. More neighbors from Bowery are willing to join our ranks to fight for “Jewish rights”. We have put together 2 new squads so far. What a publicity stunt! |  |
| **7b** |  | These anti-Jewish ideas are getting more and more momentum, but we hope that the vast majority of people in the U.S and Europe are past this nonsense. American citizens would never let this cancer spread, American society treats all its citizens as equals, except maybe for blacks… |  |

**8**

**When Gentlemen Meet**

***Five Points***

*Gentleman Jack has an offer for us.*

What an offer. Jack “Legs” Diamond aka Gentleman Jack has offered us peace. He wants to meet in person to shake hands and start a new era of mutually beneficial partnership instead of hostility. It seems the Irish has had enough of war.

**8a:** We have had enough as well. Let’s end the hostilities and honestly shake hands. We have got more sinister problems to take care of.

**8b:** That snake is up to something for sure. He can never be trusted. Let’s lure him into the meeting and then gun him down. We will tell Bugsy Siegel with **2 squads** of his best men from Bowery to take care of him. We need professionals, he is not called “Clay Pigeon of the Underworld” for no reason. We need to be sure that this time he won’t bounce back.

**8c:** If he wants to talk about peace the Irish must be weak. We need to strike now. Let’s end it properly. We will send **all our men we currently have in Bowery** to Five Points to find the rat, kill him and take over Irish businesses there. If Jack is dead and we show enough strength, there won’t be any objections and it will send a clear signal to other factions as well.

**Outcomes**

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|  | **Variables** | **Text summarizing the results of the decision** | **Notes** |
| **8a** |  | There hasn’t been much talking. The Irish accepted most of our propositions. Current zones of influence will be respected. The war is over. |  |
| **8b** | Five Points  strength = 1 | Was he really that naïve after all he had survived? Be it as it may, Gentleman Jack is finally dead and Irish influence in Five Point is crumbling. It was a foul trick but it means that we have gained a new territory and all it took was just chopping off the snake’s head. | **Five Points is ours!** |
| **8ca** | ***If strength (Bowery) > 4***  -1 strength (Bowery)  Five Points strength = 1 | We finally got that rat! Gentleman Jack is dead and it only took a bit of shooting and showing off. Real Irish influence in Manhattan is a fading memory! Well done boys! Five Points is now our neighborhood. | **Five Points is ours!** |
| **8cb** | ***If strength (Bowery) < 5***  strength (Bowery) = 2 | The raid on the Irish in Five Points was a disaster a lot of our men got injured or died in a shootout near Jack’s hideout. That guy really can’t be killed. We need to prepare for a revenge, this wars is all but over. |  |

**9**

**The Syndicate**

***Lower Manhattan***

*There has been an offer to help build a powerful organization…*

Lucky Luciano offered our boss Meyer Lansky to merge our two organizations into a crime syndicate of unprecedented scale. Luciano’s gang is ready to closely cooperate and share resources with us. Are we ready as well? There are many pros and cons of such a move…

**9a:** Jewish people have long tradition of taking care of themselves. We have always survived on our own, we will manage this time as well. Mutually beneficial business deals? Why not. But remember we have always been our own masters since we came to America. Let’s stay friendly towards Italians but highly cautious.

**9b:** The old world of turf wars is fading away.A new era begins, we need to think big and be ahead of our competition. If we become founding fathers of such an organization, we will be unmatched in power in decades to come.

**Outcomes**

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|  | **Variables** | **Text summarizing the results of the decision** | **Notes** |
| **9a** |  | We turned Lucky Luciano’s offer and he is not the man who would offer anything twice. We maintained our sovereignty but we might have missed a great business opportunity. Only time will tell if the decision was good or bad for us. |  |
| **9b** | ***syndicate = 1*** | The National Crime Syndicate has been created and we are among the few who will determine its agenda. | **Italian + our neighborhoods become teal!** |

**Endings**

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|  | **Variables** | **Text summarizing the results of the decision** | **Notes** |
| **Ea** | ***If syndicate = 1 AND (territories >= 4 OR money >= 30000)*** | The creation of The National Crime Syndicate gave us much needed opportunity to expand far beyond New York and made us very powerful on the national level. Other high-ranking mobsters from other backgrounds are equals or subordinates thanks to the position we have acquired in the organization. There was no one above us. We became rich and powerful in the years to come. Yet everything comes to an end, but that is a different story… |  |
| **Eb** | ***If syndicate = 1 AND (territories < 4 AND money < 30000)*** | The creation of The National Crime Syndicate gave us some business opportunities, but we never really had the possibility to make the most important decisions in the organization. We didn’t have the influence, power and means to climb to the top. We remained petty gangsters of Manhattan like our forefathers. Yet who knows what awaits us in the years to come, but that is a different story… |  |
| **Ec** | ***If syndicate = 0 AND (territories >= 4 OR money >= 30000)*** | In the power struggle in Manhattan we got the upper hand. No one crosses our path without suffering terrible consequences. We are the ones who rule the underworld of Manhattan and even New York. We never expanded our influence much beyond the borders of New York but who needs that if you are the boss in the Big Apple. Yet who knows what awaits us in the years to come, but that is a different story… |  |
| **Ed** | ***If syndicate = 0 AND (territories < 4 AND money < 30000)*** | We remained petty gangsters of Manhattan like our forefathers. We waged turf wars with other factions, sometimes getting the upper hand but most of the time trying to survive and maintain our identity. We have never punched above our weight that is for sure. Yet who knows what awaits us in the years to come, but that is a different story… |  |

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