

1 Funeral

One evening the grandfather of a family in the group dies of a heart attack. According to his family's faith, the body must be cremated on a wooden funeral pyre. The eldest son has to break the skull and the ashes have to be put into the holy river. The group is travelling at night at this time. It will take a lot of time and effort to collect the wood for the pyre. Smoke may be seen during the day (and flames by night) and the group may be discovered by their pursuers.

Choices

- A The 6 members of the family are **left behind** to make their own arrangements for the funeral and catch up the rest of the party as best they can.
- B Everyone helps the family dig a grave and bury the body as quickly and quietly as possible, with the family saying their funeral prayers briefly and then everyone presses on with the journey – **losing half a day's** progress.
- C No ceremony or delay can be permitted. Hide the body immediately, under rocks or branches, and press on with the journey.



2 Row

There is a noisy row going on between one couple in the party. They frequently shout at one another, thus risking the security of the group. He complains that his wife refuses to cook his meals or carry his bags any more and is having an affair with a young man in the group. She claims that her husband is lying, and he is a violent brute who beats her. He denies this. She says she is no longer willing to stay with him, cook or carry for him.

Choices

- A Both should stop quarrelling immediately. A trial should be held to hear the evidence, to decide if he beat her, forced her to carry his gear and do all of his cooking, or if she has a lover. The trial will mean **half a day's delay** to establish who is telling the truth, and whether they should stay together.
- B She should leave her brutal husband at once, stop carrying his baggage and stop doing his cooking. She should live with whomever she chooses. The pair should stay apart on the journey and in the camp from now on.
- C Sorry, but this noisy couple must **both be expelled** from the party as their actions put everyone at risk. They must find their own way to the border.



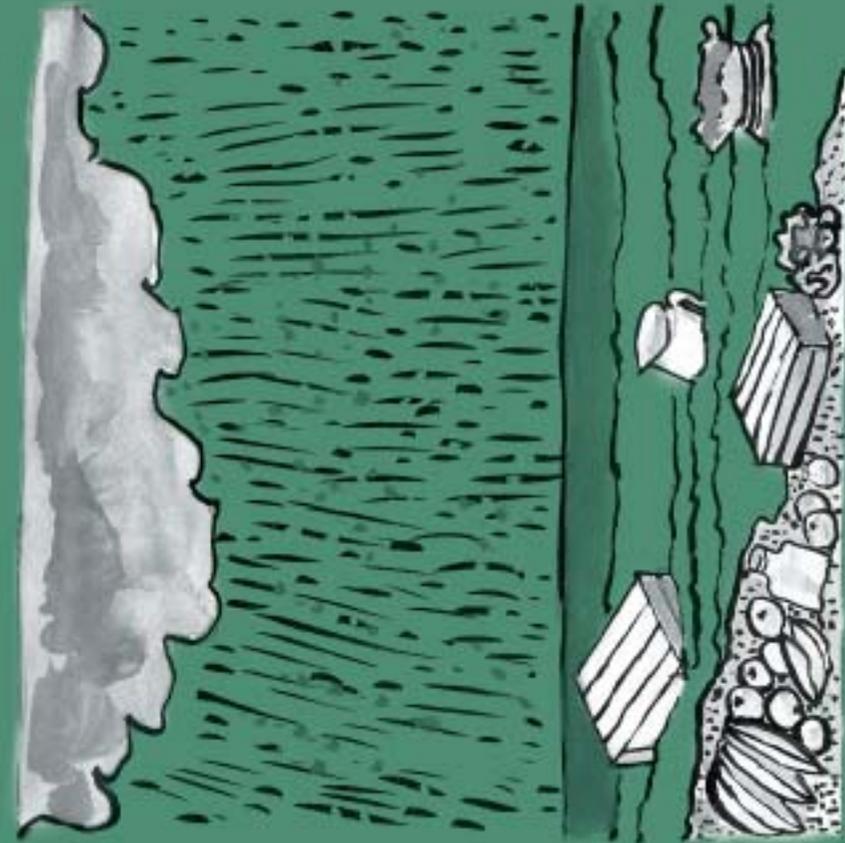
Challenge Card 2 Row

3 Soaked

There is a sudden downpour. Several tents are washed away. Water has seeped into the food, ruining some of it. Some of the drinking water has become polluted and may be dangerous to drink. There are barely enough rations to last until the frontier.

Choices

- A Reorganise the remaining food and drinks, cut down to fewer rations for everybody and press on.
- B **Stop for a day** to replenish supplies. There won't be enough to make it to the border otherwise. Send everybody out to look for clean water and anything edible they can find, vegetables, fruits, berries, nuts, and roots.
- C **Stop for half a day** to boil any water that may have been polluted, and lay out any of the wet rations, blankets and wet clothes that can be saved to dry in the sun.



Challenge Card 3 Soaked

4 Spy

Some people have become very suspicious of one member of the party. He is a foreigner. He speaks with a strange accent. He has a beard and wears an anorak. He has a small telescope, which he keeps looking through. He writes things in his notebook. He is always going off on his own, out of sight of the rest of the party and has been seen hiding behind rocks and bushes. What is he up to? Perhaps he is a spy, signalling to the enemy where the party is? He claims he likes to watch wildlife. Also, he says he needs to go to the toilet in privacy.

Choices

- A This is not a spy but a birdwatcher. Stop wasting time. Make him responsible for being the lookout for the enemy with his telescope, and press on.
- B The journey is to be **stopped for half a day** while a fair trial is organised to investigate if there is evidence for the charge of spying.
- C Sorry. The spy must be immediately **killed** for everybody's security, and his body left by the path as a message to the enemy.



5 Leader

The leader is an elderly chieftain. He is rather slow and gets short of breath. He is very democratic, insists on everyone sharing in decisions, dividing up all the supplies equally and asking everyone's opinion on the most minor details. He holds the walking pace of the whole party down to the speed of the eldest and the children. He is very cautious and will not take any risks. There is a strong young man in the party. He was a Major in the Army and is used to command, knows the local geography well, including lots of possible short cuts. He thinks the party should be properly led, without wasting so much precious time on endless chatter in the name of democracy. He says it would be more efficient if just one person took all the decisions in this crisis situation. He wants to be leader. Some people support this idea, but others are against it. What should be done?

Choices

- A The young Major should become the leader, taking the decisions for everyone.
- B There should be a proper election, in which anyone can stand, for leader. It will **take half a day to organise**. Everyone can vote.
- C The old man should remain as leader.



6 Theft

One morning it is discovered that a significant amount of the rice, a lot of meat and some of the few remaining fresh vegetables are missing. The theft is traced to the mother of one of the family groups. She owns up to the theft. She says that her invalid husband and 5 children were terribly hungry so she had been secretly cooking special extra meals for them. Now it seems that there will not be enough food for everyone even to have their minimal rations. What is to be done?

Choices

- A The family is put on half rations for the rest of the journey.
- B **The family of 7 must be expelled** from the party and left to make their own way to the border.
- C Everyone must go and find food of any kind to replace what has been eaten. This will **take half a day**.



7 A short cut?

The group meets a shepherd who is very inquisitive about the party and its destination. Maybe he is an informer? He says there may be a short cut across the river and over the mountain to the frontier that would **save four whole days**. This would mean that there would be enough food and drink to last the whole party until the frontier. However, the pass may be blocked by an avalanche and the journey would be impossible for any but the fittest and strongest of the younger members of the party. Is the shepherd telling them the truth or leading them into a trap?

Choices

- A Tie up the shepherd, who may be an informer ready to betray their presence to the enemy, and leave him by the path giving the group time to leave the area and escape.
- B Split the party into fit and less fit and redistribute the rations. **Send the fit group of 15 people off** with the shepherd and leave the other 29 to carry on.
- C Everybody stays together, and presses on as planned.

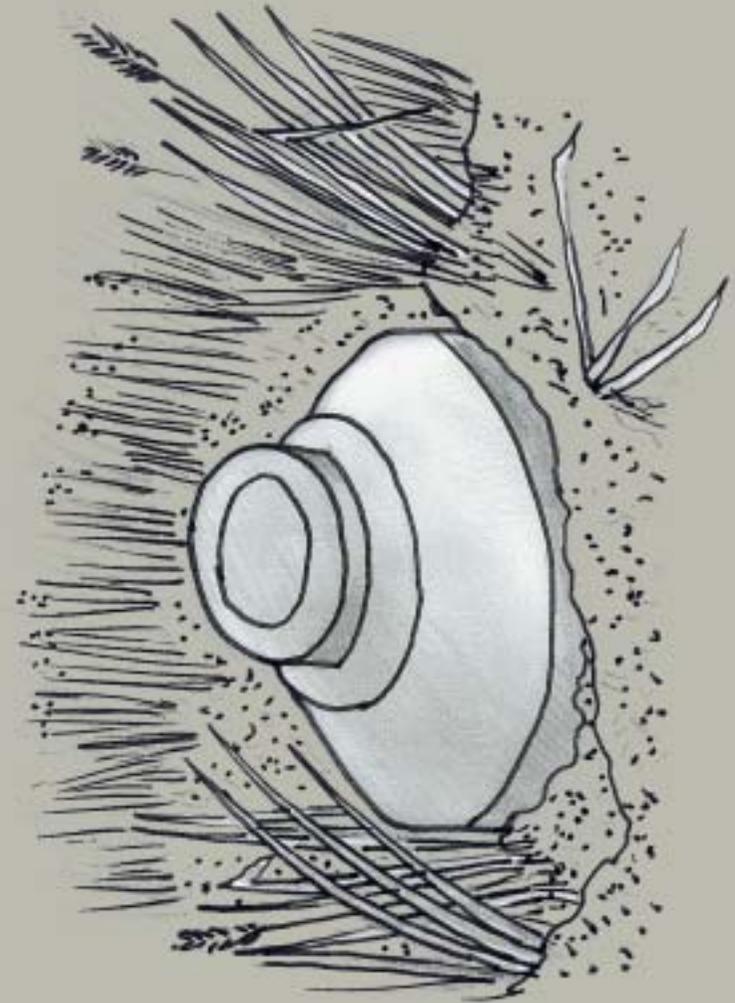


8 The big bang

There has been a big explosion. It seems that a landmine has gone off, but luckily nobody has been hurt. However, it is possible that the party has just wandered into a minefield.

Choices

- A The party chooses a volunteer to go to the front to test out the path and precisely mark the outline of each footstep with a stick. The rest of the party get in line and carefully and slowly follow the volunteer, placing their feet inside the outline of each footstep marked. This will take time and slow the journey down **by half a day**.
- B The party turns back and finds another route. This alternative route will take a lot of time, **a whole day's delay**, but is much safer.
- C There is no minefield. This was just a single enemy booby trap. There is no time to waste. Press on with the journey.



9 Tiger

A fierce tiger attacks the people in the front of the party. Two people are hurt as they bravely drive the beast away. One man had his shoulder ripped open and his other arm, badly broken and chewed. A woman has lost her foot. Their wounds are treated and bandaged up, but the man cannot carry anything and the woman cannot walk.

Choices

- A The party must press on. The injured pair **must be left behind** with their rations and belongings to manage as best they can.
- B The party **stops for half a day** to make a crutch for the injured woman to be able to walk and a splint and a sling for the injured man.
- C The party stops to make stretchers for the injured heroes who fought the tiger. They have to cut down trees and use their coats to make a bed. This will take **a whole day**.



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10 Noise

Four of the young people in the party are causing a lot of disturbance. One of them has a mouth organ, and one has a radio. They stay up late to smoke, make jokes and sing when other people are trying to sleep. They have been told to be quiet, but they soon forget. They say they are trying to cheer everybody up. The next day they say they are too tired and refuse to carry their full baggage. They make a noise on the journey itself. Their loud talk and laughter, with the enemy in such close pursuit, puts the safety of the group at risk.

Choices

- A **All four should be expelled** from the party. It is too dangerous to travel with them. They will have to find their own way to the border.
- B The radio and the mouth organ are confiscated and disposed of. The group of young people is split up.
- C The group is asked to behave properly. They are told their noisy behaviour simply must stop, as it upsets everyone and puts the party at risk.



11 The border

At the border, with no food left, the exhausted group finds a big electrified barbed wire fence, guard dogs and searchlights. One member of the party discovers the entrance to a secret tunnel leading under the fence, but it has collapsed. Another member of the party has met a border guard from the neighbouring country and he says that he will take them all across to safety in a special secret crossing place nearby in the forest. The trip will cost the group some gold and one of the young women in the party. There is also a long way round, up the mountain, where there is no fence, no guard and where crossing the border presents no problems.

Choices

- A Pay gold to the guard and **leave the woman behind**. Everyone else escapes.
- B **Take one more day** and go the mountain route.
- C Take half a day to repair the tunnel, and use it to get under the fence at night.

