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THE CARD GAME

IN TOO DEEP

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In Too Deep is Scenario III of *The Innsmouth Conspiracy*, a campaign for *Arkham Horror: The Card Game*. This scenario can be played on its own in Standalone Mode or combined with the other expansions in *The Innsmouth Conspiracy* cycle to form a larger eight-part campaign.

Some of the player cards in this cycle refer to  (bless) or  (curse) chaos tokens. These tokens can be found in *The Innsmouth Conspiracy* deluxe box.

Scenario III: In Too Deep

The sea rises steadily as you make your way along the coast toward the town of Innsmouth. The sun and moon align over the distant horizon, threatening a grim, uncertain future.

You remember the layout of the town and several strange faces you met during your first few days there, but nothing that transpired between then and waking up in that waterlogged pit. Agent Harper has been trying to fill you in, but with so many gaps in your memory, each explanation only perplexes you further.

"Ever since you came to Innsmouth, things have only gotten worse. It began with the locals. Each day, they got rowdier and more hostile, especially to outsiders like you and me. Do you remember how nauseating some of them looked? Slimy, grayish skin? Wide lips, bulging eyes, that sort of thing?"

"You nod. Now that you've remembered, you almost wish you hadn't. It wasn't just the way they looked, either. Their hoarse voices croaked syllables barely resembling human speech, and they reeked of rotting fish.

"They're the ones who've been stirring up trouble recently. And that's not all. There are other creatures skulking around Innsmouth of late. I'm sure you've seen them, too." She shudders. "There's some kind of connection between the Esoteric Order of Dagon and those...things. Not sure what yet, but we'll get to the bottom of it if—"

Agent Harper's voice trails off as she climbs to the top of the headland. Whatever has her staring agape can't be good. You reach the top, haul yourself over the ridge, and see the same devastation she does.

Innsmouth has been invaded. The same creatures you encountered in that sacrificial pit prowl the streets—foul things from the depths of the sea, or perhaps beyond. They patrol the alleys and intersections, searching for something. Hunting. Makeshift barricades block the various pathways through the town as water from the Manuxet River spills out onto the streets.

"No, this can't be..." Agent Harper intones. A moment of silent gloom hangs between you. It is clear that Innsmouth is no longer safe. You inform Agent Harper that Agent Dawson left his vehicle near hers, at the abandoned railway station on the western edge of Innsmouth. She nods, understanding. "Right. We have to get to the other side of town, and fast."

The sky above you is bathed in hues of violent crimson. With any luck, no more of that color will be spilled today.

Proceed to **Setup**.

Scenario Setup

① Gather all cards from the following encounter sets: *In Too Deep*, *Creatures of the Deep*, *Rising Tides*, *Syzygy*, *The Locals*, and *Agents of Cthulhu*. These sets are indicated by the following icons:



② Put all 15 locations into play (see *location placement* on the next page).

◆ Place 24 barriers (using resource tokens) between these locations, as shown (see *location placement* on the next page).

◆ Each investigator begins play at the Desolate Coastline.

③ Place each key as follows:

◆ Check the "Possible Hideouts" section of the Campaign Log for the location that is circled. Place the black key on that location. (If no location is circled, skip this step.)

◆ Set each other key aside, facedown. Shuffle them so you don't know which is which.

④ Check the Campaign Log for each **Suspect** enemy that is *out for blood* and trigger each of their revelation abilities without placing clues on them.

⑤ Set the following cards aside, out of play: 2 copies of the Ravager from the Deep enemy, 2 copies of the Young Deep One enemy, the Joe Sargent story asset, the Teachings of the Order story asset, and the Innsmouth Shoggoth enemy.

⑥ Search the collection for Angry Mob (*The Innsmouth Conspiracy* card #62b) and set it aside, out of play. (This card is on the reverse side of the "Finding Agent Harper" story card.)

⑦ Add the flood tokens to the token pool.

◆ Increase the flood level of each of the following locations: The House on Water Street, Innsmouth Harbour, and Desolate Coastline.

⑧ Shuffle the remainder of the encounter cards to build the encounter deck.

⑨ You are now ready to begin.

Barriers

In this scenario, barriers have been set up around the various streets of Innsmouth. Each barrier is represented by a resource token placed between two locations. Barriers block the movement of investigators along that path.

① If there are 1 or more barriers placed directly between two locations, investigators cannot move from one of those locations to the other, even if they are connected.

② Barriers can be removed using some location abilities, or the ability on act 1a. The more barriers placed between two locations, the more times such an ability must be used in order to clear the path.

③ When a hunter enemy moves, after determining which investigator it moves toward, it follows the shortest path not blocked by barriers. If no such path exists, it ignores barriers. All other enemy movement ignores barriers.

Location Placement for "In Too Deep"

North



West



East



South

Standalone Mode

If you are playing in Standalone Mode and do not wish to refer to any other setups or resolutions, you may use the information below when setting up and playing this scenario:

- Ⓐ Assemble the chaos bag using the following tokens: +1, 0, 0, -1, -1, -2, -2, -3, -4, ♠, ♠, ♠, ♠, ♠, ♠, ♠, ♠, ♠, ♠, ♠, ♠, ♠.
- Ⓐ Nobody is out for blood.
- Ⓐ Choose a random location from the "Possible Hideouts" section of the Campaign Log to be the location that is circled.

Keys

During this scenario, keys represent the following:

- Ⓐ Red/Blue/Green/Yellow/Purple/White: Information from the still-human citizens of Innsmouth regarding the state of the town.
- Ⓐ Black: Information regarding the suspect who kidnapped Agent Harper.

Location Adjacency in Innsmouth

During this scenario, locations are arranged in a set pattern, with each location adjacent to one or more other locations.

- Ⓐ During this scenario, adjacent locations are considered to be connected to one another.
- Ⓐ Locations are only adjacent orthogonally (north, east, south, or west); they are not adjacent diagonally.



FLASHBACK V

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You are in the middle of a conversation with Joe Sargent, the bus driver, but it must be several weeks earlier. The streets are not yet flooded, and all of the dilapidated, ramshackle buildings still stand, despite themselves. "I told ye, outsider," Mr. Sargent says, "There ain't no buses outta Innsmouth t' day." But you're not looking for a bus out of Innsmouth. You explain that you have a proposition for Mr. Sargent. He probes the street for eavesdroppers before answering. "What kinda prop'sition?"

You know you aren't going to get through to Mr. Sargent with a moral argument, so you appeal to his material desires instead, offering a sizable sum of money in exchange for his assistance. After returning from Devil Reef, you've found Innsmouth to be even less hospitable than normal. You are watched everywhere you go. Simply traveling on foot puts you in danger.

"So you jus' need me to ferry you around like a chauffeur, that it?" Mr. Sargent weighs his options momentarily, then shakes your hand. "I can do that."

In your Campaign Log, under "Memories Recovered," record a deal with Joe Sargent.

Put the set-aside Joe Sargent asset into play under the control of an investigator at Innsmouth Square.

FLASHBACK VI

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The bell over the entrance to the Little Bookshop chimes as you jerk the door open. As expected, the interior is dark. Ever since your first week in town, the shop's been closed. It seems Joyce Little was not only its owner, but its only employee. Thankfully, picking the lock wasn't too difficult. You sneak between the dark, dusty shelves as you search for anything you can find about the Esoteric Order of Dagon.

The shop is quiet, and your tail hasn't followed you here. You spend some time perusing the dark, narrow rows of shelves, until you come to a basement with a chain-locked door. There's no way you're getting that door open, but the answers you seek must lay beyond. Somehow, you have to get in there. Just then, the beam of a flashlight shines through the front window of the shop. Your tail is on to you. You flee out the back door, hoping to return another time...

... and the vision ends. You are back in the present, standing in what remains of the bookshop. Flood waters have destroyed the shelving and rendered most of the books unreadable. However, from the corner of your eye, you notice the once-locked basement door is now ajar. You rush down the steps, splashing through water up to your knees. What you find is an assortment of scrolls and tomes, many in a runic, alien, yet strangely familiar language. Whatever this trove of knowledge is, it must pertain to the Esoteric Order of Dagon. You grab as much as you can find before escaping back into the flooded streets.

In your Campaign Log, under "Memories Recovered," record a followed lead.

Any one investigator at The Little Bookshop may choose to add Teachings of the Order to their deck, immediately putting it into play under their control.

FLASHBACK VII

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You are on your way into town for the very first time when you pass by a withered old lady gibbering complete nonsense: "Iä-Y'ha-nthlei... ph'nglui mglw'nash Pth'tha-l'yi... Hydra fhtagn... mglw'nash Pth'tha-l'yi..." You are about to pass her by when she suddenly reaches out and grips your forearm with a strength you couldn't have predicted. "Pth'tha-l'yi!" she repeats. "She is hidden in the depths! In the City of the Deep Ones!" Her gaze seems to drill into the back of your skull.

You take her hand and politely detach it from your arm. It would appear you can't even walk down the street in this town without being accosted by some crackpot—and yet, something about the grievous look in her milky eyes gives you pause. Whatever this woman speaks of, she believes it with absolute certainty. Sighing, you ask her what she is talking about.

"Th-they are on their way," she sputters. "First, the alignment. Then the tide. Then the progeny of Mother Hydra." Her pale, blind eyes search for yours. Still, her absurd babbling is of no use to you. You are about to depart when she probes for your hand and presses something into your palm. "Take it!" she says. You hand it back to her and brush her off. You want no part of this foolishness; your task is to find Agent Harper, not collect bizarre knickknacks. Her expression sours as you turn to leave.

When you return to the present, you are standing over the woman's shredded corpse. Whatever "nonsense" she was spouting was in fact a genuine warning. Clutched in her stiff hand is the strange gold coin she'd offered you weeks before. This time, you take it with you.

In your Campaign Log, under "Memories Recovered," record an intervention.

Add a +1 token to the chaos bag for the remainder of the campaign.

FLASHBACK VIII

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You stand in front of Innsmouth's jail warden, a stocky, middle-aged man whose wrinkled flesh is slick with oil. His stench is almost worse than the rank odor of the jailhouse. "See fer yerself," the warden says, pointing down the dank hall. You came here to visit the culprit who kidnapped Agent Harper, only to be informed by the warden that the suspect had escaped the previous night.

You hustle down the hall, fists clenched. There's no way they could have escaped on their own. They must have had help, and it could have come from anybody. It could even have been the warden himself. Given the way the townsfolk have impeded your investigation at every turn, it almost seems like the entire town is against you.

You round the corner and come face-to-face with the kidnapper's erstwhile jail cell. Not only is it empty, but its bars are bent outward from the middle—enough to fit a human through, or perhaps something even larger. You inspect the bars and find them to be solid steel, so thick that no human could bend them.

How could they have possibly gotten out...?

In your Campaign Log, under "Memories Recovered," record a jailbreak.

Choose and remove one of the following chaos tokens from the chaos bag for the remainder of the campaign (▲, ♠, or ♣).

DO NOT READ until the end of the scenario

If no resolution was reached because each investigator was defeated: Your flight from Innsmouth is fraught with peril. Nowhere is safe. Horrific creatures patrol every street, their unblinking eyes scanning for any sign of human life. The eerie silence is punctuated only by the occasional screams of those unfortunate enough to be caught by the foul things. You move through the city as quickly as you can, but they close in all around you. Following your every move. Soon, if you do not find a place to hide, they will catch you. And when they do, your cries of agony will surely join with the others.

You are out of options. You break into the nearest building—a sinking, ramshackle residence—and hide. You hear the telltale shlick of wet footsteps outside the house. Seconds turn to minutes. Minutes to hours. The sun sets, bathing the sky outside in a deep scarlet hue. Bit by bit, the light fades.

Under cover of darkness, you make your move. The flood is so bad now it is a wonder you can even trudge through to the other side of the city, but somehow, you do. With the railway station in sight, you break into a run.

(C) Proceed to **Resolution 1**.

Resolution 1: You rush to safety, elated to be free of this hellish ordeal. But as you reach the vehicles, uncertainty swims in your mind. When you turn to face Agent Harper, she instantly recognizes your expression.

You understand now that you were hired to rescue her, and that something went awry. You and Agent Dawson were captured, and he was sacrificed to that... thing in the tidal caverns. Now you and Agent Harper are safe and free to return to Boston. And yet...

"We can't just leave," Harper says aloud what you are thinking. Her brows are knit in frustration. "I mean, look at all this. This devastation. These... these creatures." She motions to what remains of the flooded town of Innsmouth. "We have to figure out what's really going on here, or..." she trails off.

You understand her meaning. If the tide is rising this quickly here, it could be happening all along the eastern seaboard. Arkham, Boston, no city is safe. Worse yet, nobody would believe such a tall tale until it was too late.

Whatever these creatures are, they are scheming something that could put the entire world in jeopardy. You cannot allow that to happen.

"I don't suppose you have Dawson's key, do you?" Harper asks. You can't imagine you would, yet when you check your belongings, you find a polished silver key among them. Dawson must have given it to you before his untimely end. You try the key on the driver's side door of his automobile, and it turns with an audible click. "Well, would you look at that."

Eager to be away, she starts her car. At the engine's shuddering ignition, your mind reels with sudden pain. A bright spot, like the incandescent sun, flares within your sight. "Okay, so... where to now?" she asks, but you're barely able to register her words. The blinding flare grows larger and brighter. The rumbling of the engine drowns out all other sound. The world spins. You fall to the ground, clutching your temples. Your entire head is on fire. You can hear Harper calling to you, but her voice is muffled, like she is deep underwater. Or perhaps you are.

Your vision fades. All that is left is the roaring of the engine and the crashing of tumultuous sea waves, and then—

(C) Each investigator earns experience equal to the Victory X value of each card in the victory display. Record this experience under "Unspent Experience" in your Campaign Log, but **do not spend any of it yet**. You will be instructed to spend this experience at a later time.

(C) Check Campaign Log. If the investigators made it safely to their vehicles, each investigator records 2 additional experience under "Unspent Experience."

(C) Proceed to **Scenario IV: Devil Reef**.

To Be Continued...

The story continues in the next Mythos Pack of
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