



# MARVEL CHAMPIONS

THE CARD GAME

# NEXT EVOLUTION

RULEBOOK

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*"We're X-Force. We find trouble before it finds us." —Cable*

Welcome to the NeXt Evolution campaign expansion! This set features two new heroes, as well as five new scenarios that tell the story of X-Force, a team of battle-hardened mutants that fights for the future of mutantkind.

## VILLAIN CARDS

The first two scenarios in the campaign each use the set of seven Marauder villains, while the final three scenarios feature Juggernaut, Mister Sinister, and Stryfe. Each scenario has its own entry in this rulebook.



## IDENTITY CARDS

Two pre-built player decks introduce two new heroes: Cable and Domino. See page 22 for their decklists.



## COMPONENTS

► 260 cards, consisting of 111 player cards, 16 villain cards, and 133 encounter cards.

## SET SYMBOL

Cards from the NeXt Evolution expansion can be identified by this set symbol:



## NEW CARD TYPE— PLAYER SIDE SCHEME

Player side schemes are missions the heroes undertake to facilitate defeating the villain. They are the player card equivalent of the side schemes found in the encounter deck.

All rules that apply to player cards apply to player side schemes. The following additional rules apply to player side schemes:

- ▶ A player can only play a player side scheme during their turn.
- ▶ When a player side scheme enters play, it is placed next to the main scheme in the villain's play area.
- ▶ Each player side scheme enters play with an amount of threat on it equal to its starting threat value.
- ▶ The number of player side schemes in play at any time is limited by the **PLAYER SIDE SCHEME LIMIT**.
  - ▶ If one or two players started the game, the player side scheme limit is one. If three or four players started the game, the limit is two.
  - ▶ If there are ever more player side schemes in play than the limit, the first player chooses and discards player side schemes until there are no longer more in play than the limit.
- ▶ A player side scheme remains in play until either there is no threat on it (which causes it to be defeated and either discarded or, if it has the Victory X keyword, added to the victory display) or it is discarded due to there being more player side schemes in play than the limit.
- ▶ Any rules or card effects that refer to “schemes” or “side schemes” also refer to player side schemes.
  - ▶ Heroes and allies can remove threat from a player side scheme by performing a basic thwart.
  - ▶ Abilities that remove threat from “a scheme” or “a side scheme” can remove threat from a player side scheme.



### PLAYER SIDE SCHEME ANATOMY KEY

1. **Title.** The name of the card.
2. **Card Type.** Indicates how the card behaves or may be used in the game.
3. **Ability.** The card's specialized means of interacting with the game.
4. **Cost.** The resource cost to play the card.
5. **Resources.** The resources the card generates when it is discarded from hand.
6. **Starting Threat.** The amount of threat placed on the side scheme when it enters play.
7. **Deckbuilding Classification.** Indicates if the card is exclusive to a hero, belongs to an aspect, or is a basic card.
8. **Collector Information.** Indicates the card's product of origin and card number within that product.

# FEATURED KEYWORDS

\* Keywords new to this expansion.

## Alliance

When a player declares their intention to play an alliance card, any player may help pay the costs for that card.

## Assault \*

When a character makes a basic thwart on a scheme with the assault keyword, that character uses its ATK instead of its THW. If that character is an ally, it takes the consequential damage listed under its ATK instead of its THW after the thwart.

## Hinder X

When a card with hinder X enters play, place X threat on that card.

## Incite X

When a card with incite X is revealed, place X threat on the main scheme.

## Patrol

While any minions with patrol are engaged with a player, that player cannot use cards they control to thwart the main scheme.

## Permanent

A card with permanent cannot be defeated, leave play, or have any part of its text box blanked.

## Piercing

An attack with piercing discards any tough status cards from the target of the attack before dealing damage.

## Ranged

An attack with ranged ignores the retaliate keyword.

## Requirement (Resources)

A card with the requirement keyword cannot be played unless each resource of the specified type is spent while paying for that card's cost.

## Setup

A card with setup begins the game in play.

## Stalwart

A character with stalwart cannot be stunned or confused.

## Steady

A character with steady can have one additional stunned status card and one additional confused status card. That character is not stunned unless they have two stunned status cards, and is not confused unless they have two confused status cards. After that character's activation is replaced by a status card effect, remove all status cards of that type from that character.

## Team-Up

The team-up keyword names two characters. To include a card with the team-up keyword in your deck, your chosen identity must match one of the named characters. Additionally, a card with team-up cannot be played unless both of the named characters (*identity* or *ally*) are in play.

## Teamwork (TRAIT)

After a minion with teamwork enters play and engages a player, if there is at least one other minion that shares the specified trait in play, each minion that shares the teamwork keyword with the same specified trait activates against the player it is engaged with.

**Example:** Penny is engaged with Hairbag when Scott reveals and engages Slab, who has Teamwork (NASTY BOY). Because Hairbag also has Teamwork (NASTY BOY), both minions activate against the player with whom they are engaged.

## Victory X

When a card with the victory X keyword is defeated, place it in the victory display instead of its owner's discard pile. While in the victory display, X indicates how many victory points that card is worth.

## Villainous

When a minion with villainous activates, give it a facedown boost card from the top of the encounter deck. When you resolve that minion's activation, turn the boost card faceup, resolve any boost ability on that card, and apply its boost icons to the minion's stats for this activation. Discard the boost card after the activation.

## HOPE SUMMERS

Hope Summers was the first mutant born after M-Day, when most of the mutants in the world lost their genetic powers. Viewed by some as the savior of mutantkind and others as a harbinger of an apocalyptic future, Hope was taken to the future by Cable, who raised her as his own daughter.

Hope is represented in two different forms in this expansion. First, by the Hope Summers (X204) basic ally card. This card can be included in any player deck using the player deck customization rules, but it cannot be used while playing the *NeXt Evolution* campaign.

Second, she is represented by the Hope Summers encounter set, a two-card modular encounter set consisting of a Hope Summers (X130) ally and the Captive Hope (X131) side scheme.



HOPE SUMMERS  
BASIC ALLY



CONTENTS OF THE HOPE SUMMERS  
ENCOUNTER SET



- ▶ The Hope Summers modular encounter set can be used with any scenario, but it does not count toward the number of modular encounter sets required to play the scenario.
- ▶ Hope Summers (X130) is **not** a basic card and cannot be included in any player deck.

*Note: The Hope Summers modular encounter set is mostly beneficial to the players and will make most scenarios easier to win.*

## ATTACKS AGAINST ALLIES

Some effects cause a villain or minion to attack an ally directly. When this occurs, any undefended damage from that attack is placed on the ally that was attacked.

- ▶ Any boost abilities that refer to "you" refer to the player who controls the attacked ally.
- ▶ Abilities that trigger when the attacking enemy "attacks you" do **not** trigger.
- ▶ Players may defend these attacks as normal by declaring a hero or an ally as the defender.
- ▶ If the attack has overkill and defeats an ally (whether that ally was the attacked ally or a defending ally), any excess damage from that attack is dealt to the identity of the player who controlled the defeated ally.

## PER PLAYER (👤) COSTS

This expansion introduces player cards with a per player cost, indicated by the **👤** icon included in the card's cost. The cost of these cards is the numeric value multiplied by the number of players who started the scenario.

**Example:** Cameron plays the event card Team Investigation (X53), which has a cost of 2👤. The scenario began with three players playing, so Cameron must pay six resources to play Team Investigation.

## VICTORY DISPLAY

The victory display is an out-of-play game area shared by all players. Cards in the victory display follow the standard rules for out-of-play cards.

## AMPLIFY ICON

The amplify icon increases the number of boost icons on boost cards. When a boost card is turned faceup **during an enemy activation**, add one additional boost icon to that card for each amplify icon in play.



## CAMPAIGN MODE RULES

Each of the scenarios in this expansion can be played individually as a standalone adventure, or together with the other scenarios as part of one epic campaign. Campaign mode combines all five scenarios in the *NeXt Evolution* expansion into one epic experience where the outcome of each game impacts the next scenario. To complete the campaign, the players must win all five scenarios in numerical order, starting with scenario #1 – Morlock Siege and ending with scenario #5 – Stryfe.

To begin a campaign, the players start by choosing their heroes. Each player must use their chosen identity for the entire campaign, but they are free to change aspects and alter the contents of their deck between scenarios, following the deck customization rules in the *Marvel Champions* Rules Reference.

To play a scenario in campaign mode, set up the scenario as per the normal rules of the game. Then, follow that scenario's setup instructions in the order they are listed in the Campaign Instructions.

When the game ends, if the players won, follow that scenario's victory instructions in the order they are listed in the Campaign Instructions. If the players lost, they may reset the scenario and try again with no penalty.

## PROHIBITED CARD

While playing the *NeXt Evolution* campaign, players cannot include the Hope Summers (X204) basic ally card in their player decks.

### CAMPAIGN-SPECIFIC CARDS



BASIC / CAMPAIGN (7/17)  
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THIS CARD IS BASIC  
BUT ALSO SPECIFIC TO  
THE NEXT EVOLUTION  
CAMPAIGN.

Cards X190–203 are cards that were created specifically for use in the *NeXt Evolution* campaign. These cards cannot be included in any deck unless playing the *NeXt Evolution* campaign and the players are directed to add them to a deck by another campaign card.

## CAMPAIGN LOG

The campaign log found on page 24 of this rulebook tracks the progress of the entire campaign. At the end of each scenario, the players record their results by entering the required information in the campaign log.

A printable copy of the campaign log can be found on our support page at:

[www.FantasyFlightGames.com/Marvel-Champions](http://www.FantasyFlightGames.com/Marvel-Champions)

## CAMPAIGN PLAYER SIDE SCHEMES

During the *NeXt Evolution* campaign, the players select a campaign-specific player side scheme to put into play at the start of each scenario. These player side schemes each have a different campaign environment on the back. The campaign environments provide a bonus when they are earned by defeating the player side scheme on the reverse side of the card. These bonuses carry over into each successive scenario.



**WHEN THE PLAYERS DEFEAT THE ASSEMBLE THE TEAM CAMPAIGN PLAYER SIDE SCHEME, THEY EARN THE TEAM ASSEMBLED ENVIRONMENT CARD FOR THE CURRENT SCENARIO AND ALL FUTURE SCENARIOS.**

If the players do not defeat the chosen player side scheme by the time they win the scenario, that card is removed from the campaign and cannot be chosen again. When the players replay a scenario after losing, they must choose the same player side scheme for that scenario and defeat it in order to earn its reward, even if they defeated it during a game they lost.

Each of these player side schemes also adds a specific encounter card (found in cards #198–203) to the encounter deck for the rest of the campaign, even if the players do not defeat the player side scheme.

When choosing a player side scheme, the players may look at both sides of all of the cards in the campaign set. A list of these side schemes and their associated environments and encounter cards can be found in the campaign log on the back cover of this rulebook.

## EXPERT CAMPAIGN

For players who want an even more challenging campaign experience, the *NeXt Evolution* expansion comes with everything you need to play an expert campaign.

- Some Setup and Victory instructions are preceded by **Expert Campaign Only**. Ignore these instructions unless you are playing an expert campaign.

## PERSISTENT DAMAGE

While playing the *NeXt Evolution* campaign at the expert level, each player must record their remaining hit points in the campaign log after they win a game. This determines each player's starting hit points for the next scenario.

- If a player's remaining hit point value is greater than their base hit point value, record their base hit points in the campaign log instead.

The setup instructions for each scenario offer each player the opportunity to restore their identity to their full hit point value at a cost specific to that scenario.

## ELIMINATION AND VICTORY

In an expert campaign, if a player is defeated during a scenario that their teammates go on to win, the defeated player does not participate in the Victory steps of that scenario.

However, during the Setup instructions of the next scenario, the defeated player can rejoin their teammates for the next scenario by following that scenario's setup instructions for healing their identity to its full hit points.



# SCENARIO #1 - MORLOCK SIEGE

*The Morlocks, a group of shunned mutants living in exile in forgotten tunnels beneath New York City, are under siege by the mutant mercenary group known as the Marauders. Hope Summers, member of the X-Men and adopted daughter of Cable, was checking on the Morlocks in the wake of recent Sentinel attacks when the Marauders came knocking. You leap into action to help Hope fend off the Marauders and save the Morlocks!*

**Villain Deck:** Arclight (A), Blockbuster (A), Chimera (A), Greycrow (A), Harpoon (A), Riptide (A), Vertigo (A)

*Flip each villain (A) to its villain (B) side for expert mode.*

**Main Scheme Deck:** Knock, Knock; Mutant Massacre

**Encounter Deck:** Morlock Siege, Military Grade, Mutant Slayers, and Standard encounter sets. (The Standard set can be found in the *Marvel Champions* core set.)

*The Military Grade and Mutant Slayers sets can be removed from this scenario and/or added to other scenarios when using the scenario customization rules.*

## MULTIPLE VILLAINS

Morlock Siege has seven different villains. Only one villain will be in play at a time, but the order is randomized so players never know who will appear next.

In order to win the scenario, the players must defeat three of these villains.

Knock, Knock (77A) instructs players to put the Routed (81) environment card into play during Setup. Routed has two sides, one for standard mode and one for expert mode. Routed tells the players what to do after the villain is defeated.

Unlike other scenarios, when one of these villains is defeated, all tokens, status cards, and attachments on the just-defeated villain are discarded instead of carrying over to the next villain.

## CAMPAIGN INSTRUCTIONS

### SETUP:

- Each player records their identity in the campaign log found on the back cover of this rulebook. Players cannot switch identities during a campaign.
- The players as a group choose 1 player side scheme listed in the campaign log and do the following:
  - Put the chosen player side scheme into play.
  - Mark the player side scheme as chosen for scenario #1 in the campaign log.
  - Take the encounter card listed in the campaign log in the same row as the chosen player side scheme and shuffle it into the encounter deck.

### VICTORY:

- Record the title of each villain under Routed in the campaign log under "Marauders Defeated."
- Record the number of Morlock allies still in play in the campaign log under "Morlocks Saved."
- If there is a campaign environment card in play, mark it as "Earned" in the campaign log.

**Expert Campaign Only:** Record each identity's remaining hit points in the campaign log.



## SCENARIO #2 - ON THE RUN

You turned back the Marauders' attack and saved many Morlock lives, but in their retreat, the Marauders captured Hope Summers. You get the feeling that she was the real reason for the attack.

You pursue the Marauders to an abandoned construction site on the surface. You crash their attempt to hand Hope over to the Nasty Boys, known henchmen of the mutant mastermind, Mister Sinister. The Marauder holding Hope captive tries to escape while the combined forces of the Nasty Boys and the other Marauders cover their retreat.

**Villain Deck:** Arclight (A), Blockbuster (A), Chimera (A), Greycrow (A), Harpoon (A), Riptide (A), Vertigo (A)

Flip each villain (A) to its villain (B) side for expert mode.

**Main Scheme Deck:** Gotta Get Away, Escaping with Hope

**Encounter Deck:** On the Run, Military Grade, Mutant Slayers, Nasty Boys, and Standard encounter sets. (The Standard set can be found in the *Marvel Champions* core set.)

The Military Grade and Nasty Boys sets can be removed from this scenario and/or added to other scenarios when using the scenario customization rules.

The Mutant Slayers set may be used in other scenarios, but it is required when playing On the Run.

## CHOOSING A VILLAIN

On the Run shares the seven villains from Morlock Siege. Unlike Morlock Siege, however, only one of these villains, chosen at random, is used in On the Run. Gotta Get Away (X103A) attaches the Hope's Captor (X105A) attachment to this villain, **CONFIDENT**-side faceup. The text on Hope's Captor requires the players to defeat the attached villain twice in order to win the scenario.

## CAMPAIGN INSTRUCTIONS

### SETUP:

- Before resolving the "Setup" text on Gotta Get Away (X103A), remove each villain card recorded in the campaign log under "Marauders Defeated" from the game. (Minion cards with the same title remain in the encounter deck.)
- For each Morlock saved in the previous scenario, choose a player to search their deck for one card, add that card to their hand, and shuffle their deck.
- If there is a campaign environment marked as "Earned" in the campaign log, put that environment into play and give each enemy a tough status card.
- The players as a group choose one player side scheme listed in the campaign log that has not been chosen previously and do the following:
  - Put the chosen player side scheme into play.
  - Mark the player side scheme as chosen for scenario #2 in the campaign log.
  - Take each encounter card that corresponds to a player side scheme marked as chosen in the campaign log and shuffle them into the encounter deck.

- Expert Campaign Only:** Set each player's hit points to their remaining hit point value recorded in the campaign log for the previous scenario.
- Expert Campaign Only:** Each player may place one acceleration token on the main scheme to heal their identity to its full hit point value.

### VICTORY:

- Mark each campaign environment in play as "Earned" in the campaign log (if it is not already).
- Expert Campaign Only:** Record each identity's remaining hit points in the campaign log.



STATE HOME FOR FOUNDLINGS.  
OMAHA, NEBRASKA



TEAM 2 IS IN POSITION AT THE REAR. TEAM 1, SEE WHO'S HOME.



## SCENARIO #3 - JUGGERNAUT

After freeing Hope from the Marauders, she helps you interrogate her captor to discover the location where they were to deliver her: the State Home for Foundlings in Omaha, Nebraska. You try to convince Hope to return to the X-Mansion while you check out the location, but she insists she is going to Omaha with or without you. You have no choice but to bring her with you in order to ensure her safety.

You travel to Omaha with Hope at your side to discover the State Home for Foundlings is a run-down, seemingly-abandoned orphanage. You are just about to enter the orphanage when the doors explode outward, sending you flying. When the dust clears, you see the doorway guarded by a hulking man in a red helmet, the Juggernaut!

**Villain Deck:** Juggernaut (I), Juggernaut (II)

Remove Juggernaut (I) and add Juggernaut (III) for expert mode.

**Main Scheme Deck:** The Unstoppable Juggernaut

**Encounter Deck:** Juggernaut, Hope Summers, Black Tom Cassidy, and Standard sets. (The Standard set can be found in the *Marvel Champions* core set.)

The Black Tom Cassidy set can be removed from this scenario and/or added to other scenarios when using the scenario customization rules, but it is required when playing Juggernaut in campaign mode.

The Hope Summers set may be used in other scenarios, but it is required when playing Juggernaut.

## MOMENTUM COUNTERS

Various effects in this scenario place momentum counters on Juggernaut, which boost his ATK. The players can remove these counters via the hero action on Juggernaut's Helmet.

When a stage of Juggernaut is defeated, all momentum counters on him carry over to the next villain stage.

## CAMPAIGN INSTRUCTIONS

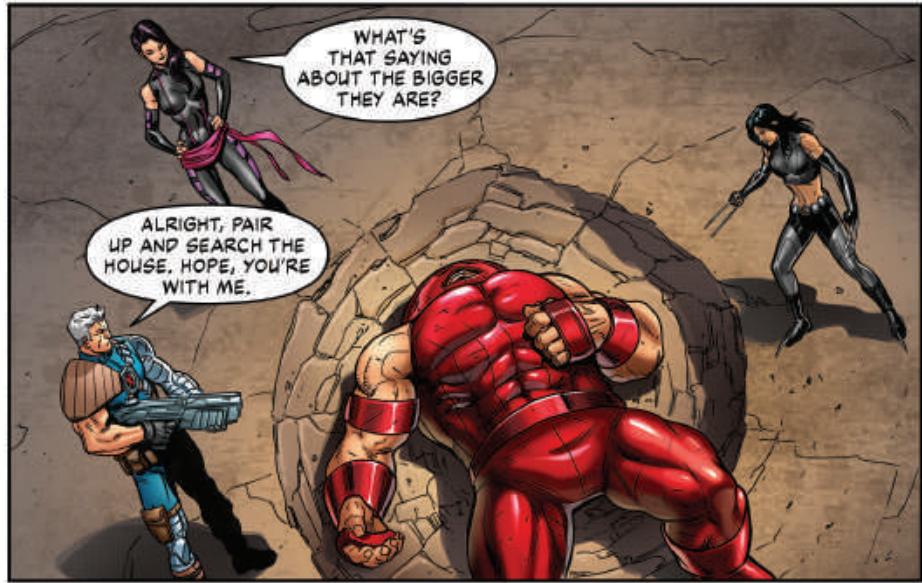
### SETUP:

- ▶ Gather each campaign environment marked as "Earned" in the campaign log. Put those environments into play in any order.
- ▶ Place 1 momentum counter on Juggernaut for each campaign environment in play.
- ▶ Shuffle Black Tom Cassidy and 1 Creeping Willow minion together and deal one of these cards to each player as a facedown encounter card. Shuffle the remaining card into the encounter deck.
- ▶ The players as a group choose 1 player side scheme listed in the campaign log that has not been chosen previously and do the following:
  - ▶ Put the chosen player side scheme into play.
  - ▶ Mark the player side scheme as chosen for scenario #3 in the campaign log.
  - ▶ Take each encounter card that corresponds to a player side scheme marked as chosen in the campaign log and shuffle them into the encounter deck.

- ▶ **Expert Campaign Only:** Set each player's hit points to their remaining hit point value recorded in the campaign log for the previous scenario.
- ▶ **Expert Campaign Only:** Each player may deal themselves 1 facedown encounter card to heal their identity to its full hit point value.

### VICTORY:

- ▶ Record the amount of damage on Hope Summers in the campaign log.
- ▶ Mark each campaign environment in play as "Earned" in the campaign log (if it is not already).
- ▶ **Expert Campaign Only:** Record each identity's remaining hit points in the campaign log.



## SCENARIO #4 - MISTER SINISTER

After battling your way past the Juggernaut, you search the abandoned orphanage and discover a hidden elevator in the basement. You take the elevator down deep into the ground before it finally stops. The doors open to reveal a vast cavern system filled with high-tech equipment, glistening medical instruments, and, most disturbing, dozens of vats holding unconscious people suspended in glowing fluid. Standing in the middle of this sprawling laboratory is a grinning Mister Sinister.

**Villain Deck:** Mister Sinister (I), Mister Sinister (II)

Remove Mister Sinister (I) and add Mister Sinister (III) for expert mode.

**Main Scheme Deck:** Sinister Intent, Sinister Experiments (x3), Sinister Ends

**Encounter Deck:** Mister Sinister, Flight, Super Strength, Telepathy, Hope Summers, Nasty Boys, and Standard sets. (The Standard set can be found in the *Marvel Champions* core set.)

*The Nasty Boys set can be removed from this scenario and/or added to other scenarios when using the scenario customization rules.*

*The Flight, Super Strength, Telepathy, and Hope Summers sets may be used in other scenarios, but are required when playing Mister Sinister. The setup keyword on the Flight (X151), Super Strength (X155), and Telepathy (X159) attachments is ignored in this scenario because these cards are set aside during setup. This keyword is included for when these sets are used in other scenarios.*

## SINISTER EXPERIMENTS

Mister Sinister is attempting to graft abilities from his mutant specimens onto his own genome through his experiments. He has three different Sinister Experiments main scheme cards, each with an associated modular encounter set that is set aside during setup. During setup, the order of these stages is randomized and one of the stages is removed from the game at random.

## CAMPAIGN INSTRUCTIONS

### SETUP:

- ▶ Gather each campaign environment marked as "Earned" in the campaign log. Put those environments into play in any order.
- ▶ Put the Teleported Away side scheme into play. Place an additional 12 threat on it for each campaign environment in play.
- ▶ The players choose to either place damage on Hope Summers equal to the damage recorded for her from the previous scenario in the campaign log, or place that much threat on Teleported Away.
- ▶ The players as a group choose 1 player side scheme listed in the campaign log that has not been chosen previously and do the following:
  - ▶ Put the chosen player side scheme into play.
  - ▶ Mark the player side scheme as chosen for scenario #4 in the campaign log.
  - ▶ Take each encounter card that corresponds to a player side scheme marked as chosen in the campaign log and shuffle them into the encounter deck.
- ▶ **Expert Campaign Only:** Set each player's hit points to their remaining hit point value recorded in the campaign log for the previous scenario.
- ▶ **Expert Campaign Only:** Each player may place one acceleration token on the main scheme to heal their identity to its full hit point value.

### VICTORY:

- ▶ Record the amount of damage on Hope Summers in the campaign log.
- ▶ Mark each campaign environment in play as "Earned" in the campaign log (if it is not already).
- ▶ **Expert Campaign Only:** Record each identity's remaining hit points in the campaign log.



## SCENARIO #5 - STRYFE

Just as you are ready to take Mister Sinister into custody, a time portal opens to allow the evil genius to escape. Hope pursues Sinister through the portal, intent on putting an end to his diabolical schemes. Uncertain of what dangers await Hope on the other side of the portal, you have no choice but to follow her.

On the other side of the portal, you find an unconscious Sinister lying at the feet of the mutant Stryfe, a clone of Cable. Hope tries to mimic Stryfe's telepathic powers to free herself from his grasp, but his power is too great and threatens to overwhelm her...with explosive results!

**Villain Deck:** Stryfe (I), Stryfe (II)

Remove Stryfe (I) and add Stryfe (III) for expert mode.

**Main Scheme Deck:** Uncontrollable Power, Left to Your Fate

**Encounter Deck:** Stryfe, Hope Summers, Extreme Measures, Mutant Insurrection, and Standard sets. (The Standard set can be found in the *Marvel Champions* core set.)

*The Extreme Measures and Mutant Insurrection sets can be removed from this scenario and/or added to other scenarios when using the scenario customization rules.*

*The Hope Summers set may be used in other scenarios, but it is required when playing Stryfe.*

## MOST COMMON TYPE

Numerous effects in this scenario reference "the number of cards of the most common type in your hand." To determine this number, count the cards of each different type (ally, event, player side scheme, resource, support, and upgrade) in your hand. The type that you have the most of is the most common type. If you have more than one type that is tied for the most common, choose one.

## CAMPAIGN INSTRUCTIONS

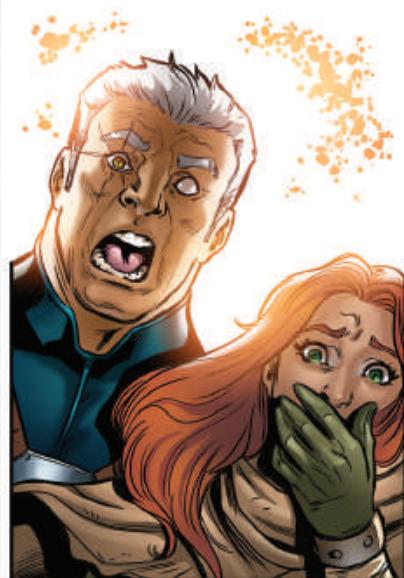
### SETUP:

- ▶ Gather each campaign environment marked as "Earned" in the campaign log. Put those environments into play in any order.
- ▶ Place 1  threat on Stryfe's Grasp for each campaign environment in play.
- ▶ The players choose to either place damage on Hope Summers equal to the damage recorded for her from the previous scenario in the campaign log, or place that much threat on Stryfe's Grasp.
- ▶ In player order, each player discards cards from the encounter deck until they discard a minion or a **PSIONIC** attachment and reveal that card.
- ▶ Shuffle the encounter discard pile into the encounter deck.
- ▶ The players as a group choose 1 player side scheme listed in the campaign log that has not been chosen previously and do the following:
  - ▶ Put the chosen player side scheme into play.
  - ▶ Mark the player side scheme as chosen for scenario #5 in the campaign log.
  - ▶ Take each encounter card that corresponds to a player side scheme marked as chosen in the campaign log and shuffle them into the encounter deck.

- ▶ **Expert Campaign Only:** Set each player's hit points to their remaining hit point value recorded in the campaign log for the previous scenario.
- ▶ **Expert Campaign Only:** Each player may deal themselves 1 facedown encounter card to heal their identity to its full hit point value.
- ▶ **Expert Campaign Only:** If the players lose this game, Stryfe escapes into the past and the players lose the campaign.

### VICTORY:

- ▶ Stryfe is defeated and the players win the campaign! Read the conclusion on the next page.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## CABLE

**Q. Can E.V.A. (X21) ever be in play while Fantomex (X15) is not?**

A. No, the constant ability on E.V.A. causes it to be discarded immediately if Fantomex is not in play.

**Q. What happens if Technovirus Resurgence (X31) causes Technovirus Purge (X6) to enter play when the players are at the player side scheme limit?**

A. The first player chooses one player side scheme in play to discard, which could include Technovirus Purge. If Technovirus Purge is discarded, Technovirus Resurgence cannot attach to it, and so its text deals Cable's player a facedown encounter card.

## DOMINO

**Q. What does it mean to "count each ★ icon twice" for the ability on Domino's hero card (X37A)?**

A. When you use an ability that counts resource icons on cards discarded from your deck, each ★ discarded this way is treated as two ★ icons.

**Example:** Andrew plays Luck Be a Lady (X41) and discards Outlaw (X39) from the top of his deck. Outlaw has one printed ★ resource, which Domino's ability says to count twice, so Andrew resolves the effect on Luck Be a Lady for the ★ icon twice.

**Q. Can the ability on Diamondback (X38) be used if she has only one hit point remaining?**

A. Yes, Diamondback's ability finishes resolving even though the damage from it causes her to be defeated.

**Q. What happens when Jackpot (X43) is discarded from the top of Domino's deck if it was the last card in her deck?**

A. Player decks reset as soon as they are empty, so Domino's deck is reset with Jackpot shuffled into it.

## MARAUDERS

**Q. What happens if a minion whose title matches the villain's title is revealed?**

A. When this happens, the minion is discarded and the player who revealed it must reveal an additional encounter card.

## SCENARIO #4 — MISTER SINISTER

**Q. When playing in expert mode, in what order are the "When Revealed" effects on Sinister Intent (X139B) and Mister Sinister II (X137) resolved?**

A. The "When Revealed" effect on Sinister Intent is resolved first. This advances the main scheme to a random stage 2, which has both its A and B sides revealed. The "When Revealed" effect on Mister Sinister II is resolved last.

## SCENARIO #5 — STRYFE

**Q. What happens if the number of cards in my hand changes while Stryfe (X163–165) is attacking me?**

A. Stryfe's attack ability is a constant ability, so it recalculates every time the contents of your hand change, up until the point at which Stryfe deals damage.

**Example:** Stryfe I (X163) attacks Alex, who is playing Spider-Man (A1A). Alex has three events in her hand, which is the most common card type in her hand, so Stryfe has 3 ATK (his base ATK of 0 plus 3 ATK for his ability). Alex triggers Spider-Man's Spider-Sense ability, which allows her to draw a card when the villain attacks her, and she draws another event. Stryfe now has 4 ATK for the attack because Alex has four events in hand. There are no boost icons on Stryfe's boost card, so he deals four damage to Spider-Man. Alex plays the event Backflip (A3) to prevent all of that damage. Even though Alex now has only three events in hand, she still takes four damage, which Backflip prevents.

## STARTER DECKS

These preconstructed decks and character introductions are intended for the player who wants to play the game immediately without customizing their own deck.

### CABLE / LEADERSHIP

Cable is a powerful telepath whose body is slowly being ravaged by a deadly technovirus, although that doesn't stop him from leading X-Force on missions to take out threats before they can strike. Cable is focused on completing player side schemes, and gets stronger as he does. His key events, Mind Scan and Telekinetic Blast, both power up as he completes more player side schemes, as does his deadly Plasma Rifle. When choosing a player side scheme to put into play during setup using Nathan Summers's *Soldier X* ability, Technovirus Purge is a strong choice as its increase to Cable's THW will help him complete additional player side schemes more quickly.

Cable's Leadership cards are all about getting powerful allies into play and keeping them there. Uncanny X-Force allows his allies to thwart side schemes more effectively, while Mission Planning allows for massive ally attacks, each with reduced consequential damage.

**Cable cards:** Bodyslide, Mind Scan (x3), Precognition, Telekinetic Blast (x2), Technovirus Purge, Graymalkin, Professor, Askani'son, Forced Amnesia, Plasma Rifle, Telekinetic Force Field, Temporal Leap

**Leadership cards:** Caliban, Fantomex, Sunspot, Mission Planning (x3), Call for Backup, E.V.A., Uncanny X-Force (x3), Mission Leader

**Aggression card:** Lock and Load

**Protection card:** Establish Perimeter

**Basic cards:** Deadpool, Deathlok, Frenemies, Build Support, The Power of the Mind (x3), Psimitar, Sidearm (x3)

**Nemesis set:** Back to the Future, Stryfe, Telekinetic Force Field, Mind Scan, Telekinetic Blast

**Obligation:** Technovirus Resurgence

### DOMINO / JUSTICE

Turns out there is a "Lady Luck," and her name is Domino. Her mutant ability to cause random telekinetic phenomena around her means that things always break her way. Domino is focused on discarding cards from the top of her deck and gaining bonuses from the resources printed on those cards. Keep an eye out for Domino's signature resource card, Jackpot!, and the basic resource card Digging Deep, as these cards have abilities that trigger when discarded from the top of your deck. You don't have to rely on luck alone as Domino's hero ability allows you to stack the deck in your favor. And don't forget that wild resource icons discarded from the top of your deck count double!

Domino comes with a suite of Justice cards well-suited to clearing side schemes of both the player and the encounter variety. Put an Overwatch on a side scheme and defeat that scheme with Even the Odds to remove bonus threat from the main scheme and deal damage to the villain. Round up your **POSSE** characters and use The Posse to heal and ready them all up for a bonus attack or thwart!

**Domino cards:** Diamondback; Outlaw; A Good Workout (x2); Luck Be a Lady; Right Place, Right Time (x2); Jackpot!; Pip the Pug; The Painted Lady; Domino's Pistol (x2); Lucky and Good; Lucky Break; Probability Field

**Justice cards:** Feral, Wolfsbane, Even the Odds (x3), Team Investigation (x3), Take Out the Guards, Overwatch (x3)

**Basic cards:** Atlas Bear, White Fox, The Posse, Superpower Training, Digging Deep (x3), Energy, Genius, Strength, Sharpshooter (x3)

**Nemesis cards:** Not My Lucky Day, Topaz, Prototype, Superpower Feedback (x2)

**Obligation:** Memories of Armageddon

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# NEXT EVOLUTION

## CAMPAIGN LOG

### PLAYER INFORMATION

#### Player #1's Identity:

Remaining hit points:

#### Player #2's Identity:

Remaining hit points:

#### Player #3's Identity:

Remaining hit points:

#### Player #4's Identity:

Remaining hit points:

#### Marauders Defeated

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

#### Morlocks Saved

#### Hope Summers's Damage

**Scenario 3:**

**Scenario 4:**

### Campaign Player Side Schemes

Player Side Scheme	Scenario Chosen	Encounter Card	Environment	Earned?
Assemble the Team		Malice	Team Assembled	
Establish Safehouse		Vanisher	Safehouse Established	
Gear Up		Overburdened	Geared Up	
Mission Prep		Scrambler	Mission Prepped	
Practice Maneuvers		Lady Mastermind	Practiced Maneuvers	
Prepare Defenses		Under Pressure	Prepared Defenses	