



## RAPID-FIRE QUESTIONS WITH A [toggle] REGULAR

THIS MONTH:  
**Ella Dick**

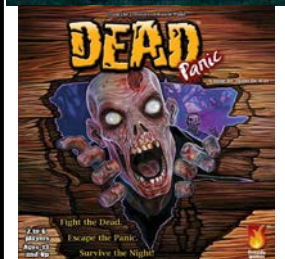


FIRST GAME YOU  
RECALL PLAYING?

WHAT'S A GAME YOU  
ALWAYS WANT TO PLAY?

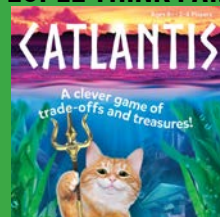
WHAT'S A GAME YOU  
WILL NEVER PLAY AGAIN?

If you were a  
D&D character,  
what would you be?



**RANGER**

I'D LIKE TO BE: PEOPLE THINK I AM: BUT I AM REALLY:



AMERITRASH, EURO,  
OR PARTY GAME?

TWO TRUTHS  
AND A LIE

**EURO**

-I am known for my love of animal meeples, really any fun meeples.  
-My favorite kind of games to play are deckbuilders & worker placement.  
-There's nothing I like more than to open up a new game and read rules.

## A BRIEF NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings, friends!

Alas, we were not able to publish an issue in December. The chaos of the holidays caught up with yours truly, and by the time I got my feet under me, it was time for the January issue! So here we are, in Volume 2.

With a new year, we have new opportunities for fab gaming and fun times with our pals at Tabletop Tuesday. We organizers have been looking at the calendar ahead. Of course, we're already at work planning Toggletop Day for the summer (dates TBA) and a few special events throughout the year. If you have ideas for events, we'd love to hear them (even moreso if you also volunteer to host or organize).

Looking forward to another great year of gaming!  
See you on Tuesday.

**And [toggle] your inner geek!**



Percy the Penguin's

## [toggle] Tips



Dear Percy,  
I've recently gotten into hobby gaming and I've noticed some people are pretty particular about their cards. What's the best way to shuffle? Should I be sleeving all my games?

- Ain't No Card Sharp

Dear Sharp,

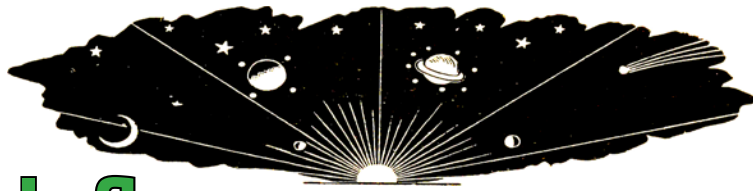
If you've just gotten into the hobby, you've probably also noticed how much these dang games cost! With many games costing more than \$60, it's not surprising that some people go out of their way to protect them.



Here are a few tips to keep you on the game owner's good side:

1. Ask before you "riffle shuffle." Some people don't like that.
2. Be careful with your food and beverages. Perhaps keep those on an alternate surface to minimize spill danger. Also, napkins!
3. Handle minis with care--they are not easily replaced.

As for your other question, that's up to you. I won't bring forth the wrath of the Internet by wading into the Great Sleeve Debate.



# Under the Influence

by Master Iko Saghan



**AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18):** The light of the midnight sun behind you casts oddly twisted shadows. These can frighten the worried mind, offer insights to the mind whose third eye is open, and can obscure the obvious to the mundane mind. Consider just upgrading your game room's lighting to avoid the whole mess.



**PISCES (February 19-March 20):** Be wary of misalignments of your Crown and Root Chakras as we move away from the Winter Solstice, such an imbalance could follow you the whole year! Stave this off by strengthening your throat Chakra practicing Fish Pose. Or, just strengthen your throat by yelling during Secret Hitler.



**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Having just passed the meridian, Aries now stands ready to charge ahead into the New Year. Be bold! Be brave! Be decisive! Buy that game you've been thinking of, get the gang together to play your favorite game, or spring to have a doctor look at that thing. (Especially that last one.)



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Faith has many facets. It is earned by those upon whom you come to rely and given freely by the wise heart. Use both of these types of faith to guide your New Year's Eve game choices. Play some tried and true games with a sprinkling of games about which you have a good feeling.



**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** We often ignore life's most essential truths. Our plans seem like binding certainties, but they are all spun sugar balanced on a knife's edge. Hold your dreams gently and keep your heart open to new paths in the face of change. Which is to say, sorry I forgot to get you a gift last month.



**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You cannot see your soul's wings, but you feel them lift you. You cannot hear your animal guide but it lights your path. You cannot hold your spirit but you feel it filling every corner of your being. You cannot borrow my copy of BSG but you can have my copy of Catan. So say we all.

**LEO (July 23-August 22):** You are the bold lion and you love to be noticed. Your audience is your prey and their eyes belong to you. While it is your right to strike, don't forget the wisdom of the feint. When you play games don't always go for the kill, keep them guessing. They will be all the more afraid of you.



**VIRGO (August 23-September 22):** The master potter shapes the bowl on their wheel, molding the clay to their will, glazing it and firing it until it is just so. But the empty space is what we fill and use to nourish body and soul. Likewise we build the shelves, but it is the games that go upon them that we play.



**LIBRA (September 23-October 22):** Ancient Druids built stone circles for mysterious purposes. Some posit that they were used to predict the Solstice and the Equinox, as foci for the powers of the ley lines, or to commune with The Other Side. Know that your intuition is correct, they were open air druidic game rooms.



**SCORPIO (October 23-November 21):** As you traverse this month, dear Scorpio, embrace the hallmark of the twins in the house of Gemini... duality! This month contains the depths of winter and the first signs of spring, beginnings and ends, sun and snow. It will also contain ameritrash and euros, short games and long, wins and losses.



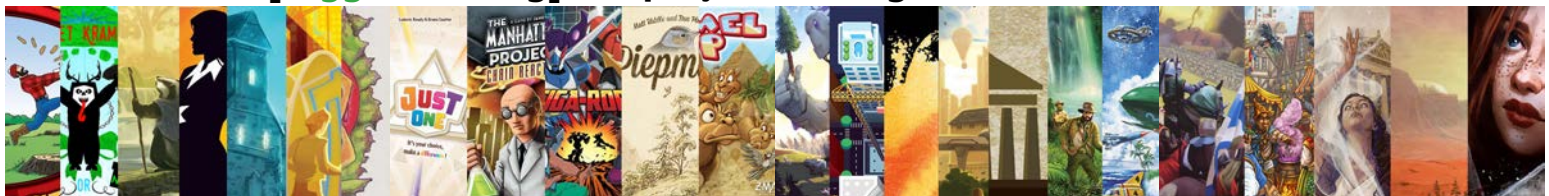
**SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21):** Once I asked a child, "What is your favorite kind of cake?" Their ear-nest response was, "Cake in my mouth." Do you see their wisdom? There are many shiny things in this life that can titillate, but there is much to be said for the comfort taken from that which we already possess.



**CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19):** Capricorn, caring is your way to greet 2020! Take care in deciding how to spend your time this lunar cycle and with whom you spend it. And take great care when you choose what legacy game to dive into as it could have a lasting effect on your... uh... reputation.



Last month at [toggle Gaming], we played these games and more!



November Box Art Boogie: 1. Epic Spell Wars: Mt. Skullzfyre; 2. Cheaty Mages; 3. Cromlech; 4. Broom Service; 5. Shadows Over Camelot; 6. Merlin's Company; 7. Mage Wars: Arena; 8. Wiz-War; 9. Luna



# Join the [toggle] Tour!

Taking a trip? Get a picture in your [toggle Gaming] gear! Post it online or send it to us at [info@togglegaming.com](mailto:info@togglegaming.com).



Clockwise from upper right: Paul Luri, Jim Cook (2016), Paul and Orion Luri

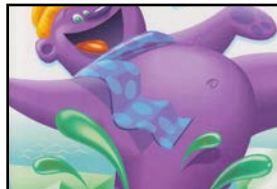
## BOX ART BOOGIE:

Identify the games by a piece of their box art

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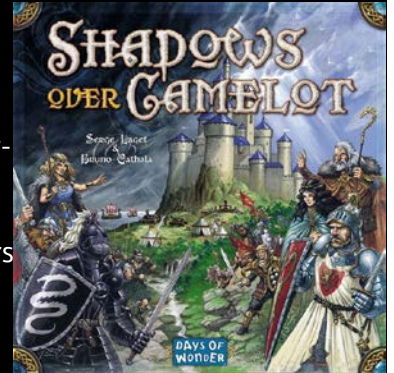
# Library Spotlight

With over 400 titles in [toggle's] library, there are lots of amazing games to try. Here's one to check out!

## SHADOWS OVER CAMELOT

Design: Serge Laget & Bruno Cathala;  
Art: Cyrille Daujean, Julien Delval; 2005

You have joined forces with Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table to fend off Mordred, the rampaging barbarian hordes, and all sorts of trouble in this classic co-op from all-star designers Bruno Cathala and Serge Laget.



In *Shadows over Camelot*, you and up to six friends will work together to complete a series of challenges facing Camelot and Britain. You will quest to find the Holy Grail, you will battle the Black Knight and the forces besieging your beloved castle. And you'll have to try and figure out if one of the people sitting around the table with you is secretly working against you, the blackguard!

As one of the early games to use the "hidden betrayer" mechanism, this masterpiece from Days of Wonder feels fresh even fifteen years later. It demands that the group complete a complex puzzle, dividing our time among several different dangerous tasks, and providing enough cover that the betrayer has some room to work without risking getting caught right away.

[toggle Gaming] also has a copy of the Merlin's Company expansion, which introduces new characters, cards, and brings in an eighth player (and maybe a second traitor!)

If you enjoy games like *Battlestar Galactica*, *Dead of Winter*, and *Dark Moon*, you owe it to yourself to gather a few fellow [toggler]s around a table to check out this early entry in the genre, *Shadows Over Camelot*.

Which game in the [toggle Gaming] library do you think needs more love? Be the change you want to see! Send us a 300-word piece telling others why it's so great, and we will likely run it in a future edition of THE [tOGGLE] TIMES. Send it to [brendan@togglegaming.com](mailto:brendan@togglegaming.com)

Sean Conroy does not have OCD. We misspelled Alan Greenberg last issue.





Thanks a bunch to everyone who came out for the Winter Warm Up game day on January 18th. It was a great time with lots of games and special events.

### 7 Wonders tournament!



The tournament began with sixteen players at three tables. The winner of each table and the next four highest scoring players went on to the finals, where Jeremy Stull and Brady Brooks took first and second. Congrats!

### Artemis Bridge Simulator!

Starship Engineer Rob Huber set up this fantastic Artemis Bridge Simulator rig. We explored strange new worlds, sought out new life and new civilizations, and blew them up.



### Door Prizes Galore!

We had a whole passel of prizes to give away at the end of the day. Brookspun Games donated the chance to appear as a character in the upcoming game *Legacies* and Gaming Goat Schaumburg donated a bunch of games. Thanks also to Nykole Zom, Forbidden Games, and XYZ Game Labs for their donations.



Suggest events for the calendar to us: [andrewn@toggleGaming.com](mailto:andrewn@toggleGaming.com)

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What a great bunch of folks you will meet when you go over to Gaming Goat - Schaumburg. Helpful staff and great prices are the order of the day at this lovely game store. Check it out!

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