

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

THIS MONTH:  
**Scott Totzke**



FIRST GAME YOU RECALL PLAYING?

CHOOSE YOUR COLOR

BLACK OR GREEN

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?

WIZARD

AMERITRASH, EURO, OR PARTY GAME?

AMERITRASH!

TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

- I was my high school mascot.
- I have been kicked out of Disney World.
- I once drove to St. Louis to pick up a friend to go to Indiana.

## A BRIEF NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Greetings, friends!

In 1967 The Beatles asked  
 What would you think if I sang out of tune?  
 Would you stand up and walk out on me?  
 Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song  
 And I'll try not to sing out of key

Now I'm no music genius, but it seems to me that the Fab Five know their friends won't walk away. They'll stay and help, even when their friends are singing badly.

It's that spirit of helping that I love about [toggle]. If you sit down to play a game and don't know the rules, we will help you. If you screw up or forget a rule when you teach, we might give you a healthy ribbing, but there will be no hard feelings, nor shame. We all get by "with a little help from our friends."

See you on Tuesday.

And [toggle] your inner geek!



Percy the Penguin's

## [toggle] Tips



Dear Percy,

I want to read all the flavor text of any game I play, but I can never relax enough to do it. I worry that the other players will get impatient, and I even feel self-conscious about it in solitaire sessions!

How much do regular gamers actually soak up the ambience when engaged in a session? Interested in your thoughts.

Sincerely, Theme Nut

Dear Theme Nut,

I find the best way to tackle this problem is head-on. When you sit down to play, tell your table-mates that you really enjoy the thematic elements, and you'd like to read the "fluff" aloud when it comes up. Then you can toss in a casual "Let me know if it slows things down too much."



As for reading theme aloud during solo plays -- go whole hog! My solo games of *Arkham Horror LCG* would be far less interesting if I weren't talking to myself and doing voices the whole time. Too many adults feel self-conscious about imaginative play. You have a big brain -- let it run wild and enjoy that thematic writing!



# Under the Influence

by Master Iko Saghan



**PISCES (February 19-March 20):** The presentation of the Abraxas Meteor shower on the very eve of the Aquarius giving way to Pisces is an auspicious sign. This twined with the ascendance of Martin Wallace in Jupiter now is an auspicious time to be taken out by friends for some food, fun, and lots of gifts.

**VIRGO (August 23-September 22):** A diet consisting only of lobster is a fool's dream. Proper growth requires a varied diet. One must vary the games they play! Seek games designed by women this month. *Qwirkle*, *Eldritch Horror*, *SET*, and *T'zolk'in* are all excellent options for balancing a diet of male-designed games.



**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Life is a circle: birth, growth, death, rebirth. Seeds grow in soil enriched by the decay of their predecessors, not unlike the cycle of a game collection. You learn gaming from one set of games, grow into another, and as you journey, release some games back into the gyre.

**LIBRA (September 23-October 22):** Sing your song with pride and joy! Sing alone when there are no other voices to join you. Harmonize with your brothers and sisters when the opportunity arises. Your game play is your song! Lift it up to the rooftops whether alone or in company and your heart will sing just as loud.



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** It will not come as a surprise when I point out that Chaos has raged all around you for the last lunar cycle. You've allowed this chaos to permeate you and it has neither calmed the world nor brought you fulfillment. Erect your barriers, calm your heart, and avoid games with dice.

**SCORPIO (October 23-November 21):** It brings me no joy to share this with you, but the stars give us their warnings for a reason... so take heed! The transit of Pisces will be a difficult one for you this time. Prepare your defenses and hone your weapons. Then, having done so, take on all comers at the table of game!



**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** The stars have been calling to your mind while Mother Earth has been whispering to your heart. Neither calling is wrong. Seek the center path this month and you will taste what it is to be of both worlds. Seek out games that take place both on Earth and *Among the Stars*.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21):** Does an arrow, once loosed, fall to the ground or pull the Earth up to meet the quarrel? The answer is no. Both happen, though one effect is much harder to observe. Don't be fooled into making unnecessary choices when presented by a false dichotomy. Look clearly in spring's light.



**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** As a water sign, you flow between and around both obstacles and opportunities. You use intuition to tell one from another. Use that adaptability and intuition to determine what games will best fill the cup of your joy and how to fill seats at the table where they are being played.

**CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19):** I, Master Iko Saghan, was born in an open field bathed in the pale light of mighty Capricorn. While each star is beautiful in my third eye, the sea goat will always be my guide. Capricorns, I entreat you to calm your mind and listen for the beautiful call of the magnificent sea goat.



**LEO (July 23-August 22):** As we prepare for the Vernal Equinox, a time of great growth and power, use the fire of your passion to choose your path. Games reward bold, decisive action are your bastion. Consider games like *Twilight Imperium IV*, *Gloomhaven*, and *Hungry Hungry Hippos* to greet spring's arrival.

**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.



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



January Box Art Boogie: 1. A Few Acres of Snow; 2. Don't Break the Ice; 3. Arctic Scavengers; 4. Snow Tails; 5. IceCool; 6. Hey! That's my fish!; 7. K2; 8. Klondike Rush

# 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).



LEFT: Scott Totzke, Jacob Van Der Beek visit Starved Rock.



RIGHT: Andrew Namowicz visits Schaumburg.

BELOW: Alan Greenberg in Lansing, MI!



# Library Spotlight

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

Welcome to the dark side.  
Welcome to the light side.

## STAR WARS: LEGION

Design: Alex Davey; Art: Henning Ludvigsen; 2018  
Spotlight by Danielle Alysse Di Silvestro

*Star Wars Legion* is a miniature game set in the *Star Wars* universe. You set up the board with the miniatures from either the Rebel Alliance or the Empire.



This game is a fun ride for anyone who loved the cinematic experience that has been created by George Lucas in the films.

If you went to see *Star Wars: A New Hope* and fell in love with Hans, Luke, or Leia OR if you just absolutely loved the relationship between Ray and Kylo Ren, this game is for you. For me, I always loved Anakin and his plotline and story. There is something unique about the evolution of Anakin. I think that *Legion* provides an opportunity for every single fan of the books, movies, comics, and other *Star Wars* stories.

This is my first time ever playing a *Star Wars* game. I am planning on playing some other games, like *Imperial Assault*, in the future. I enjoyed playing *Star Wars Legion* greatly with my boyfriend Mike at the last [toggle] Tuesday we went to. While I didn't necessarily like *Star Wars* implementation of game rules and regulations, the story and concept is quite fun. Some people will LOVE this game, while others might love the concept but hate the execution.

But honestly I think *Star Wars Legion* can be great for anyone who loves the world. Give it a try next time you come to [toggle] Tuesday.

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)

## BOX ART BOOGIE:

Identify the games by a piece of their box art

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Ella Dick does not enjoy reading rule books.

## UPCOMING at [toggle Gaming]



### Tabletop Tuesdays (and one Monday)

March: 3, 10, 16, 24, 31

@ Durty Nellie's, 6pm-Midnight

Join us for our weekly game meetup in Palatine, chock-a-block full of fun games, great people, and tasty victuals. See Meetup or Facebook for more.



### [toggle Gaming] Newcomer night

3 March @ Durty Nellie's

Thinking about coming to a [toggle] event but unsure of yourself? Have a friend who has been thinking about coming? This is the night! Greeters and friendly games will be on offer. Join us!



### Tabletop ... MONDAY !?

NOTE: Due to St. Patrick's Day, the [toggle Gaming] meetup in that week will occur on **MONDAY, 16 March. 6pm - 12am at Durty Nellie's**



### The Return of GAME OF THE WEEK

Check the website, email list, or Meetup page for specifics about which game will be featured each week.

## SMILE! IT'S TABLETOP TUESDAY



# DID YOU KNOW?

## [toggle Gaming] has a website?

We post pictures and announcements and keep records of our shenanigans at [togglegaming.com](http://togglegaming.com)

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Sign up at Tabletop Tuesday or on our website.

## [toggle Gaming] is volunteer led?

We operate on donations and volunteer power. To get involved, email [info@togglegaming.com](mailto:info@togglegaming.com) or ask at Tabletop Tuesday. Many hands make light work!



Tim, the owner of The Gift of Games in Grayslake, took over from Unique Gift and Games and does a great job. He works hard to make the store a cool place to play games, with good prices and a great selection. There are always people playing lots of different types of games, and plenty of unique events too.

- Paul Luri

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