INTRODUCTION

At the outset of the year 5341, feats of technology, political stability, and collective wisdom allowed some 193 billion people to live in harmony. But a terrible discovery shattered our convictions: The universe collapses into itself and threatens the demise of mankind; it has entered into the Regression.

The greatest minds came together and found that life itself is the stabilizing element of the universe and could counter the effects of the Regression. They decided to put humanity’s last hope — spreading life throughout the universe to fight Regression — into the hands of H.O.P.E (Human Organization to Preserve Existence).

Two technologies were developed to assist H.O.P.E: the dimension jump and terraforming. These make it possible to travel to the borders of the universe and pass through dimensions in order to terraform barren planets into new habitable worlds. But look out! These technologies are not yet stable and are full of surprises!

In a race against time you will travel from galaxy to galaxy, through hitherto unknown worlds, to stop the ongoing Regression. But in the shadows there is an independent cell called N.O.P.E., working against the plans of H.O.P.E.

They see the fate of the universe as inevitable and believe that mankind should not meddle with the natural evolution of their environment even if that would imply their downfall.

Watch out! A traitor could already be in the ranks of H.O.P.E, trying to make you fail your mission. There’s no time to waste! The Regression waits for no one!
In HOPE, your mission is to save the universe from the Regression by terraforming barren planets to give them life.

To do this, you must provide each planet with the technology to supply the one element it is missing of the 6 essential ones:

When you have terraformed all planets of a galaxy, it becomes stable and is thereby protected against Regression.

HOPE is a cooperative adventure, but in the end, one player will be declared the winner.

In this race against time, a bit of opportunism and a keen sense of timing will help you to come out on top...

Save the universe from the Regression by stabilizing as many galaxies as possible before they vanish.

**OBJECT OF THE GAME**

In HOPE, you may belong to H.O.P.E. or to N.O.P.E., with each side having a different victory condition.

**VICTORY OF H.O.P.E.**

If you belong to the H.O.P.E. team, you must place enough Pioneers on the Mission Track before the Regression Marker reaches the final space.

To be declared the winner, you must have more Pioneers on the Mission Track and in your Cockpit than anyone else at the end of the game.

**VICTORY OF N.O.P.E.**

If you belong to N.O.P.E., you must stop the heroes of H.O.P.E. from reaching the end of the Mission Track before the Regression Marker gets there.

However, in order to win, you must also be the one with the most Pioneers in the universe (i.e., on the Galaxy Tiles).
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Place the Earth Tile in the center of the board as indicated.

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TECHNOLOGY CENTER
Place the Technology Center next to the game board. Draw 3 random Technology Cards and place them face up onto the 3 upper spaces of the Technology Center (the Replenishment Zones). These cards must show the Regression symbol; keep drawing until you have placed 3 such cards. The 3 lower card spaces of the Technology Center (Discard Zone) remain empty.
Shuffle and place the remaining Technology Cards face down on the photo in the Technology Center; these form the Technology deck.
Put the Bonus Tokens on the Bonus Tokens supply spaces. Put 5 tokens on each of the first and second spaces and 6 tokens on the third space. (See page 10 for adjusting the difficulty level.)

REGRESSION MONolith
This indicates which Galaxy Tile will disappear in the Regression. Draw a Technology Card from the deck. Place the Regression Monolith on the Galaxy Tile on the border of the universe that shows the same technology as the card and has the least number of planets. If there is more than one such tile, the youngest player decides.
If no Galaxy Tile shows this technology, draw a new card.
These cards are then returned to the bottom of the deck.

MISSION TRACK
This track shows the status of the Regression and the progress of stabilization. Put the Mission Track to one side of the game board so that all players have easy access to it.
Place the Regression Marker on the first space of the Mission Track.

COCKPIT
Each player takes a random Cockpit board and the Spaceship and all Pioneer figures of that color. Then choose a Character Tile and insert it into the Cockpit. Place a navigation lever in each navigation option slot of the Cockpit. Insert a Pioneer in the corresponding holes of the “Start”.

NOTE: You should take your seat in front of your Cockpit.

SETUP

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SPACESHIPS
Beginning with the first player and going clockwise, each player places her Spaceship on one dimension of the Earth Tile. Up to two Spaceships may start the game in same dimension.
In the course of the game, any number of Spaceships may occupy the same Galaxy Tile and dimension.

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A MOVEMENT

On her turn, a player may either: Navigate space or Polarize.

A1/ NAVIGATE SPACE

Indicate the type of navigation by activating one navigation lever of your Cockpit.

You cannot use the same navigation option again until you reactivate it.

NOTE: You may only perform one navigation per turn.

GRAVITY POINTS

The 8 colored points around the board represent the gravity that attracts the Spaceship depending on the dimension in which it is currently located.

For example, if a Spaceship is in the blue dimension, the blue gravity point is the reference for its navigation.

A 02/ THE GAME TURN

Play goes clockwise round the table.

The youngest player has the first turn.
A2] POLARIZE

- Polarizing allows you to change the dimension in which your Spaceship navigates.
- You may not perform normal navigation in that turn.
- You may only polarize if you have already used at least one navigation lever.
- During a polarization, you reactivate all your navigation options (levers).
- In a turn in which you polarize, you may place Pioneers before or after the Polarization shift, but not both.

To polarize, perform the following steps in the order given.

1. Identify the color of the dimension in which your Spaceship is located.
   - Example: The Spaceship is in the purple dimension.

2. Find the color of the new dimension on your Cockpit by going from your current dimension color to the next one in clockwise direction.
   - Example: After polarization the Spaceship must end up in the blue dimension.

3. Find the Gravity Point for the new dimension.
   - Example: The Spaceship must polarize to the nearest blue dimension space in the direction towards the blue Gravity Point.

4. Shift your Spaceship to the new dimension space.
   - Example: The Spaceship shifts.

**EXCEPTIONS:**
- If the Spaceship leaves the universe during a Polarization, it will reappear on the Earth Tile in the new dimension reached by polarizing.
- If, at the beginning of your turn, all your navigation options are available (unused) AND you cannot navigate, you may polarize, in spite of the regular restriction.

B] TERRAFORMING

With this action, you add the missing element to a planet to make that planet habitable. To do this, you place Pioneers on planets by playing Technology Cards.

On your turn, you must decide whether you want to terrasform or to refill your hand of Technology Cards (see page 11).

B1] PLACING PIONEERS

You may place Pioneers on non-terraformed planets all along your navigation path. You must observe the following rules:

1. Place your Pioneers only on planets of your current dimension.
2. Place your Pioneers in the order of your navigation steps.
3. Spend the required Technology Cards.

PHASE 1: SPENDING TECHNOLOGY CARDS

For each Pioneer you want to place on a planet you must discard Technology Cards in one of three ways:

- One card that shows the same technology symbol as the Galaxy Tile you are on.
- One Joker card.
  - A Joker stands for any required technology.
- You may place two identical Technology Cards; they act just like one Joker card.

Place the used cards, in the order of their use, in a pile in front of you. If you played two identical cards, place them in any order of your choice.
PHASE 2: REPLENISHING TECHNOLOGIES

1. At the end of your turn, place the pile of used Technology Cards that is in front of you face up on one of the 3 spaces in the Discard Zone. You may choose the space.
2. Then, take the Technology Card from the Replenishment Zone space above that discard space into your hand.
3. Refill this replenishment space with a card from the deck.

B2/ REFILLING YOUR HAND OF TECHNOLOGY CARDS

If you did not place a Pioneer during your turn, draw Technology Cards from the deck in the Technology Center up to your hand limit. Your hand limit is the technology level number as indicated in your Cockpit.

You may not voluntarily take back any Pioneers you placed.

B3/ STABILIZING A GALAXY

A Galaxy Tile becomes stable when there is a pioneer on each of its planets.

When you achieve this, take all the Pioneers from this tile and place them, in any order and one Pioneer per space, on the Pioneer Track of the Mission Track board.

If the Regression Marker is on one of these spaces, put the Pioneer on the next free space.

Then flip this Galaxy Tile to its stable side (using the flag as a tool). Take care to maintain the direction of the positioning arrow, just as you did during the setup.

B4/ BONUS TOKENS

After you have stabilized a Galaxy Tile, take a Bonus Token from the Technology Center and place it face up on the center of the tile.

Take the Bonus Token from the top of a stack, beginning with stack 1. When this stack is empty, draw from stack 2 and finally from stack 3.

The first player who enters a stabilized Galaxy Tile may take the Bonus Token.

There will be only one Bonus Token per Galaxy Tile during the game.

You keep these Bonus Tokens and may use them at any time during your turn.

THERE ARE 4 TYPES OF BONUS TOKENS:

DRAW 2 TECHNOLOGY CARDS

Draw them from the deck; you may exceed your hand limit to draw these cards.

TAKE AN ADDITIONAL MOVEMENT ACTION

As usual, you may navigate your Spaceship or Polarize. If you navigate, you are restricted to your remaining navigation options.

GAIN 2 MEDALS

This immediately affects all players based on the current dimension each player is in. The player who used the token decides whether the polarization will go clockwise or counterclockwise.

You may do this at any time during your navigation and you may continue your navigation afterwards.

GENERAL POLARIZATION

NOTE: When the Regression Marker advances later in the game, this will leave a gap in the line of pioneers. Such a gap always remains until the end of the game.
You get them for certain actions. You can spend them to enhance your character's abilities.

**C1/ GAINING MEDALS**

There are two ways to gain Medals:

1. When you place one or more Pioneers on a Galaxy Tile on which there are already one or more Pioneers of other players, but none of your own. You get as many Medals as there are other players on the tile.

   The players who already have Pioneers on the tile gain one Medal each. It is the number of players that counts and not the number of Pioneers.

   For example, player Green places a Pioneer on a tile where two other players already have Pioneers. Player Green thus gets 2 Medals. The other players get 1 Medal each.

   If player Green placed more Pioneers on this tile, nobody would get any additional Medals.

2. If you are the first player to place a Pioneer on a Galaxy Tile on the border of the universe, you get 1 Medal, regardless of the number of Pioneers you placed there. This may happen once on each border tile.

   If you are the first player to place a Pioneer on a tile where two other players already have Pioneers, you get 2 Medals. The other players get 1 Medal each.

   If player Green placed more Pioneers on this tile, nobody would get any additional Medals.

**C2/ USING MEDALS**

You can spend your Medals anytime during your turn.

1. **UPGRADE**

   Spend the number of Medals indicated on your Character Tile. Then, add one Pioneer to the designated place in your Cockpit.

   You may now immediately take 1 additional movement action for this turn (only). As usual, this can be a Spaceship navigation or a polarization.

   If you navigate, you must choose from your remaining options in the Cockpit.

2. **INCREASE YOUR TECHNOLOGY LEVEL**

   Spend the number of Medals indicated on your Character Tile. Then, add one Pioneer to the designated place in your Cockpit.

   You thereby increase your hand limit for Technology Cards and thus increase the number of cards you may draw at the end of your turn.

   The number of Medals required to upgrade your character or to increase your technology level is indicated on each character tile.

   You may only perform one character upgrade or level increase per turn.

   You may not upgrade your character and increase your technology level on the same turn.

   You may not upgrade your character or increase your technology level by more than one step on the same turn.
The Regression is a natural disaster that destroys the universe. In the game, it is represented by the *Regression Monolith* and the *Regression Marker*. At the end of her turn, each player must perform the following steps in the order given:

**CASE 1:**
If the *Regression Marker* advanced across or ended on the *Pioneer Track*, thereby encountering a visible *Regression symbol* (i.e. one not covered by a *Pioneer*), remove from the universe (game board) the *Galaxy Tile* on which the * Regression Monolith* is located.

If that *Galaxy Tile* has already been stabilized, it is safe and will not be removed.

Next, move the *Regression Monolith* clockwise by a number of *Galaxy Tiles* equal to the number of *Regression symbols*, keeping to the border of the galaxy.

Advance the *Regression Marker* on the *Mission Track* by that number of spaces. The *Regression Monolith* will only move if the *Regression Marker* crosses the *Pioneer Track*.

**CASE 2:**
If the *Regression Marker* touches the *Pioneer Track* at a point covered by a *Pioneer*, no *Galaxy Tile* is removed and the *Regression Monolith* remains in its current location.

If the *Regression Marker* ends on a space covered by a *Pioneer*, advance it one further step ahead on its track.

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**THE TRAITOR**
A traitor from the N.O.P.E. cell, a rogue rival organization to H.O.P.E., has infiltrated your team!

If you are the traitor, you must try to force the *Regression Marker* to reach the end of the *Mission Track* before the *Pioneers* do so.

To win, you must also have more *Pioneers* on *Galaxy Tiles* than any other player.

**ACCUSING THE TRAITOR**
Under the following conditions you can accuse another player of being the traitor:

- Each player can only make one accusation per game.
- You must have at least one character upgrade to accuse someone.
- You must have an equal or higher upgrade level as the accused player.
- If your upgrade level is equal, you must have more Medals than the accused player.
- If you also have the same number of Medals, you cannot accuse that player.
- Once the traitor has been revealed, no further accusations are possible.
- If the accused player is in fact the traitor:
  - The traitor loses all his upgrades and technology level improvements and the accusing player gets 2 Medals.
  - The traitor loses 2 Medals and cannot gain any more for the rest of the game.
  - The accusing player may then replace any two of the traitor’s *Pioneers* by her own *Pioneers*.
  - The traitor’s *Pioneers* must be on *Galaxy Tiles*. The replacements come from the player’s supply.
  - If the traitor does not have any *Pioneers* on *Galaxy Tiles*, nothing happens.
- If the accused player is not the traitor:
  - The accusing player loses 1 technology level improvement step.
  - The accusing player loses 2 *Pioneers* of her choice from the *Galaxy Tiles*.
  - If she does not have enough *Pioneers* in the universe, take the remainder from the *Pioneer Track*. Shift other *Pioneers* down to fill resulting gaps.
  - If this is still not enough, nothing else happens.
  - Finally, the accusing player loses half of his Medals (loss rounded up).
- If the traitor reveals himself voluntarily:
  - The traitor loses all his upgrades and technology level improvements and he can neither upgrade nor raise the technology level again during this game.
  - He keeps his Medals but cannot gain any more Medals in this game.

**THE TRAITOR’S POWER**
Once the traitor has been revealed by any means, he can execute his special power and can coax those *Pioneers* that are already on-planets to abandon them.

From every *Galaxy Tile* he enters, he may remove 1 *Pioneer* if he spends 1 Medal.
**DIFFICULTY LEVELS**

You may vary the difficulty of the game by adjusting the number of Bonus Tokens. To do this, change the number of Bonus Tokens in the Technology Center stacks.

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THE PRODIGY

At the beginning of his turn, he may spend a Technology Card of the Galaxy he is on (or a Joker Card, or two identical cards) to be teleported to the same dimension on another Galaxy Tile of the same technology.

THE ACROBAT

During a sideways navigation (or arbitrary navigation going sideways), she may navigate through corners (i.e. not only through connecting dimension sides).