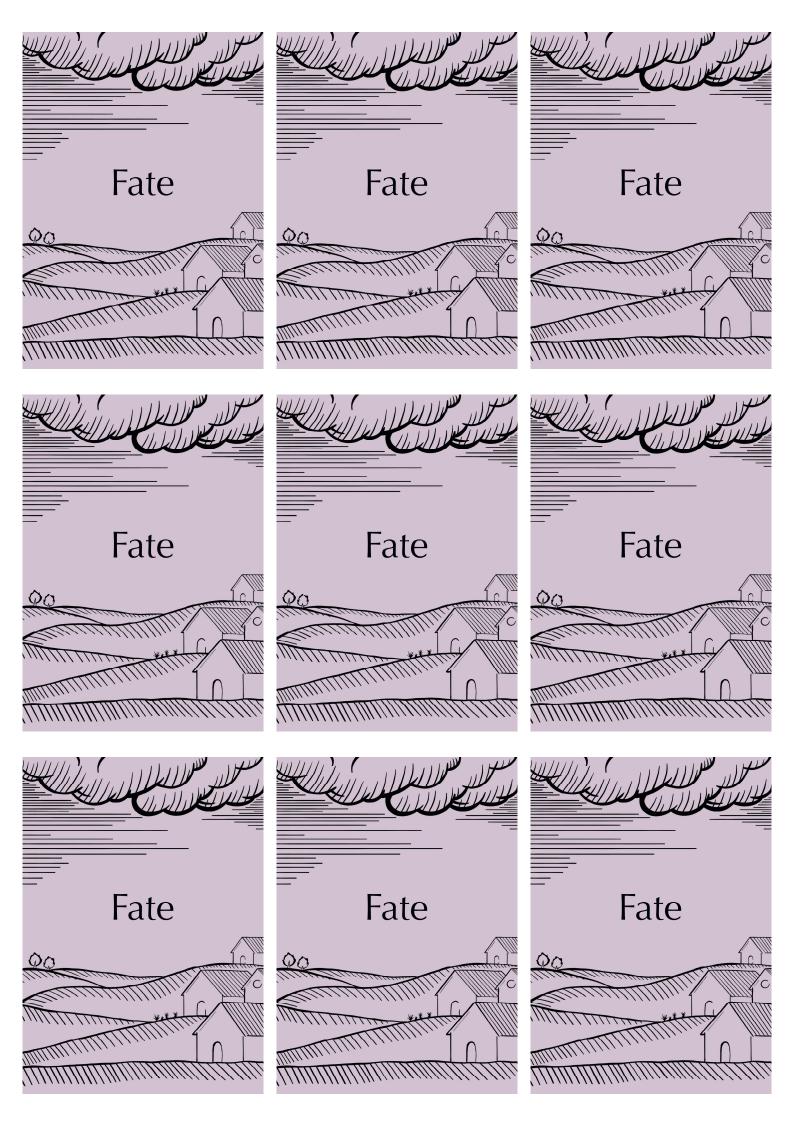


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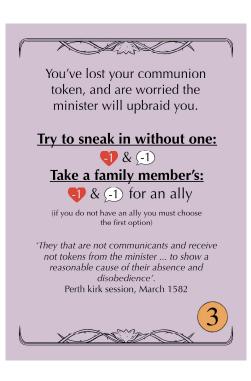
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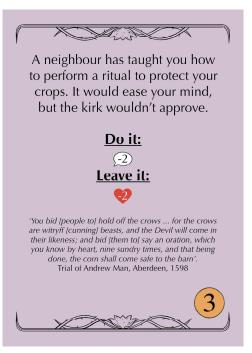


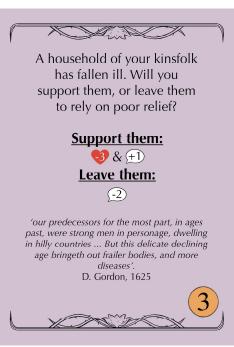


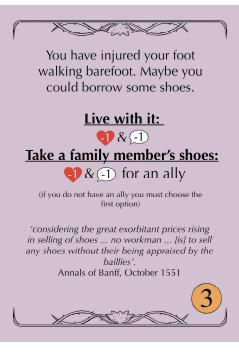


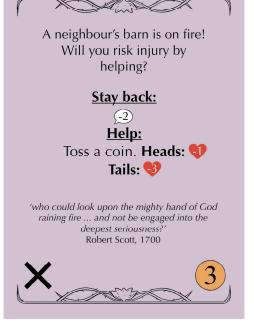




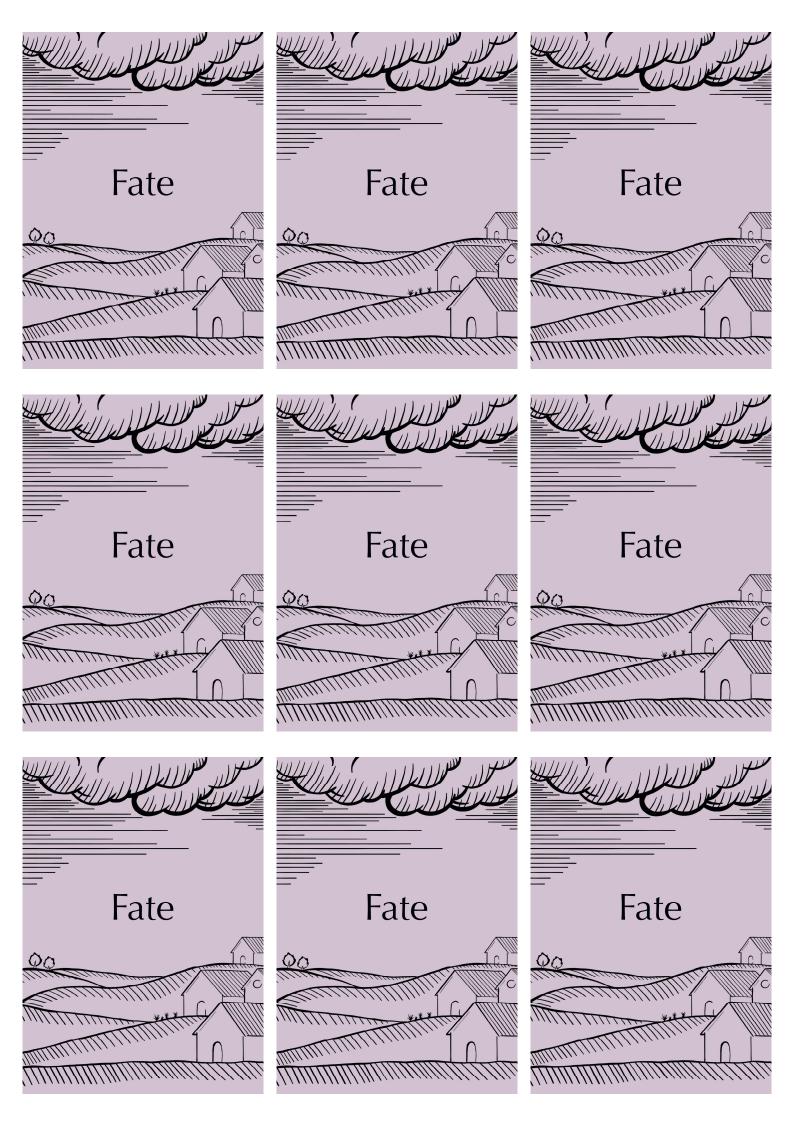


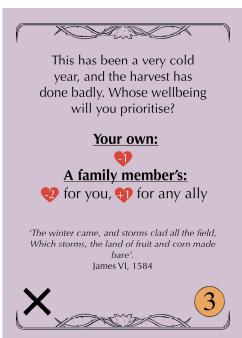




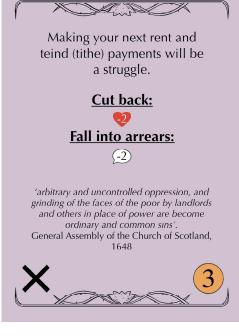


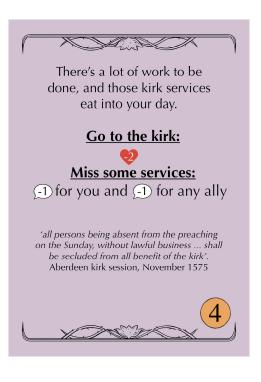


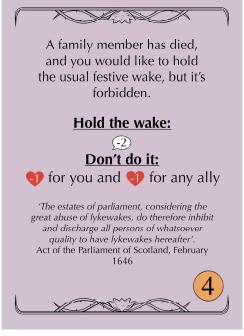




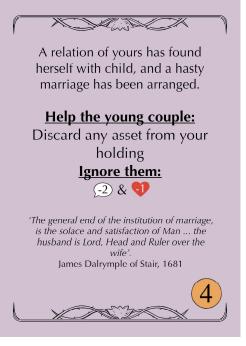


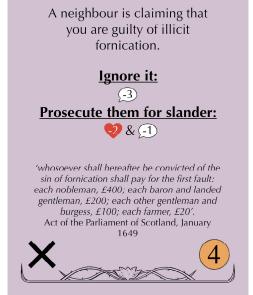




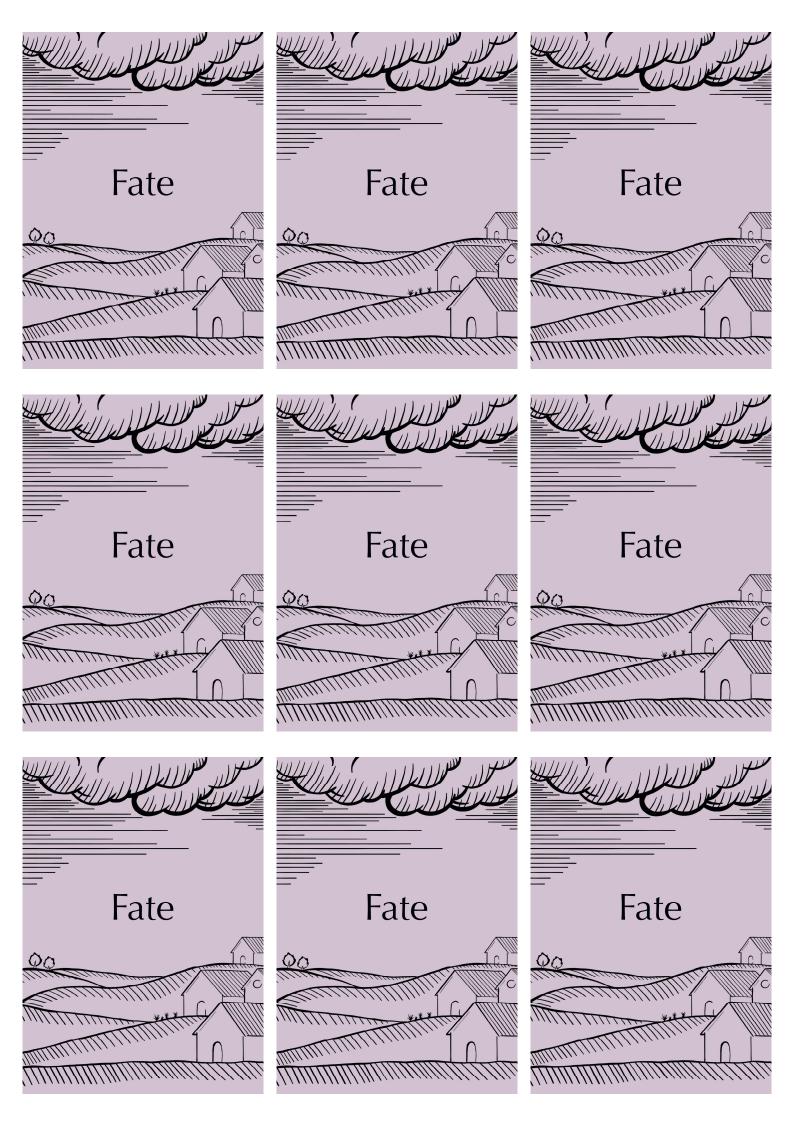




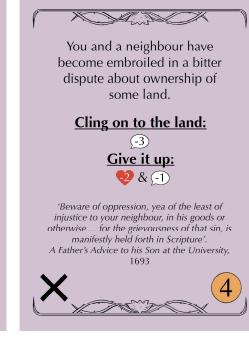




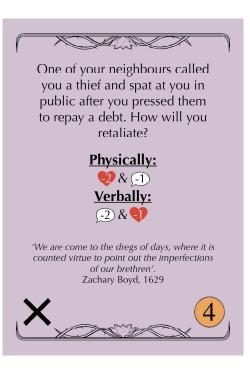


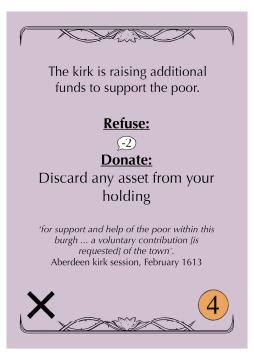




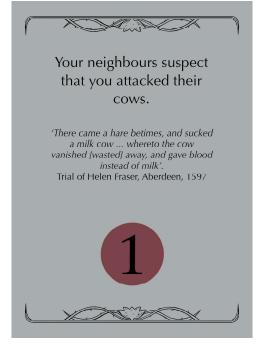


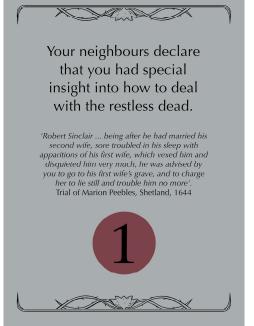




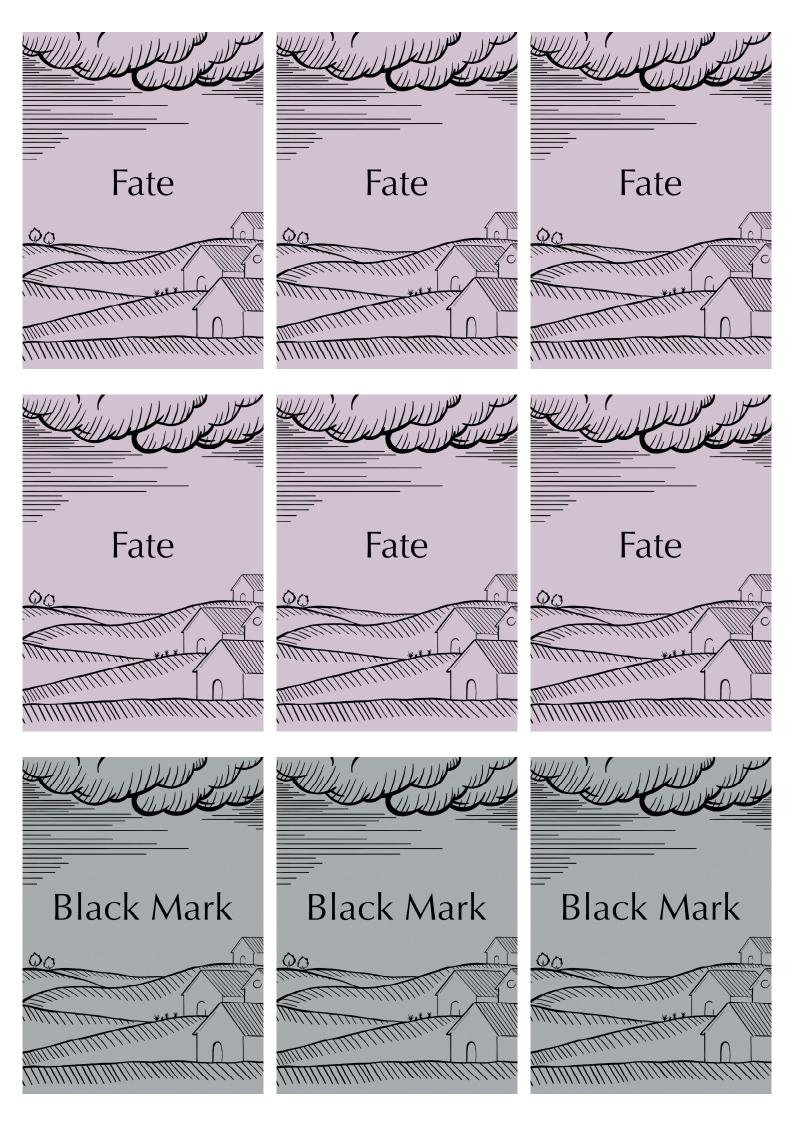














### Your interrogators suggest that Satan offered you access to hidden knowledge.

'the man with the plaid said to her she was a pretty [girl], and he would learn her to ken [know] and see anything she would desire ... he said, "take an egg and [cook] it, and take the sweat [condensation] of it three Sundays, and with unwashed hands wash [your] eyes", whereby she should see and know anything she desired'

Trial of Elspeth Reoch, Orkney, 1616





## Your interrogators posit that you flew through the air by the power of Satan.

'I had a little horse, and would say, "Horse and Hattock, in the Devil's name!" And then we would fly away, wherever we would ... even as straws would fly upon a highway Confession of Isobel Gowdie, Auldearn, 1662





# Your neighbours report that you performed rituals to grant people prosperity.

'Marion Layland did wash the feet of James Davidson's cat JinJ his bait water, because he could get no fish that year, thinking thereby and saying, that the said James in time coming would get more fish ... and when she had washed the cat therein, did take the water .. and did cast it after him when he did go to the

Trial of Marion Layland, Orkney, 1633

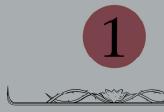




## Your neighbours report that you healed people, which the interrogators believe relied on Satanic power.

'Alexander Simson ... being heavily diseased ... thou put him nine times forwards through a hesp [skein] of unwatterit [non-lustrous] yarn, and then thou took a cat, and put her nine times backwards through the same hesp ... and put the sickness on the cat, who instantly died, and the said Alexander immediately

recovered'. Trial of Andrew Man, Aberdeen, 1598





### Your neighbours suspect that you stole food and drink.

When we go to any house, we take meat and drink, and we fill up the barrels with our own piss again'. Confession of Isobel Gowdie, Auldearn, 1662





## Your neighbours testify that you knew how to perform love magic.

'"Tell me if you have a mind to have Harry Ballantine to be your husband, and, if you please, I will give you a grass which, being used at my direction ... will cause Harry Ballantine never to have any other woman but yourself Trial of Katherine Craigie, Orkney, 1640





### Your interrogators think you took animal forms by the power of Satan.

'Margaret Dobson was in the likeness of a black hen ... and Beatrix Young in the likeness of a little foal, and [Helen Taylor] was in the likeness of a little whelp [pup]'.
Confession of Helen Taylor, Eyemouth,

1649





### Your interrogators suggest that you attended the night-time witches' Sabbat.

'it was a moon-light night, and they danced some time before the Devil came on a pony, with a hat on his head, and they clapped their hands and cried "there our Prince, there our Prince," with whom they danced about an hour Confession of Lilias Adie, Torryburn, 1704

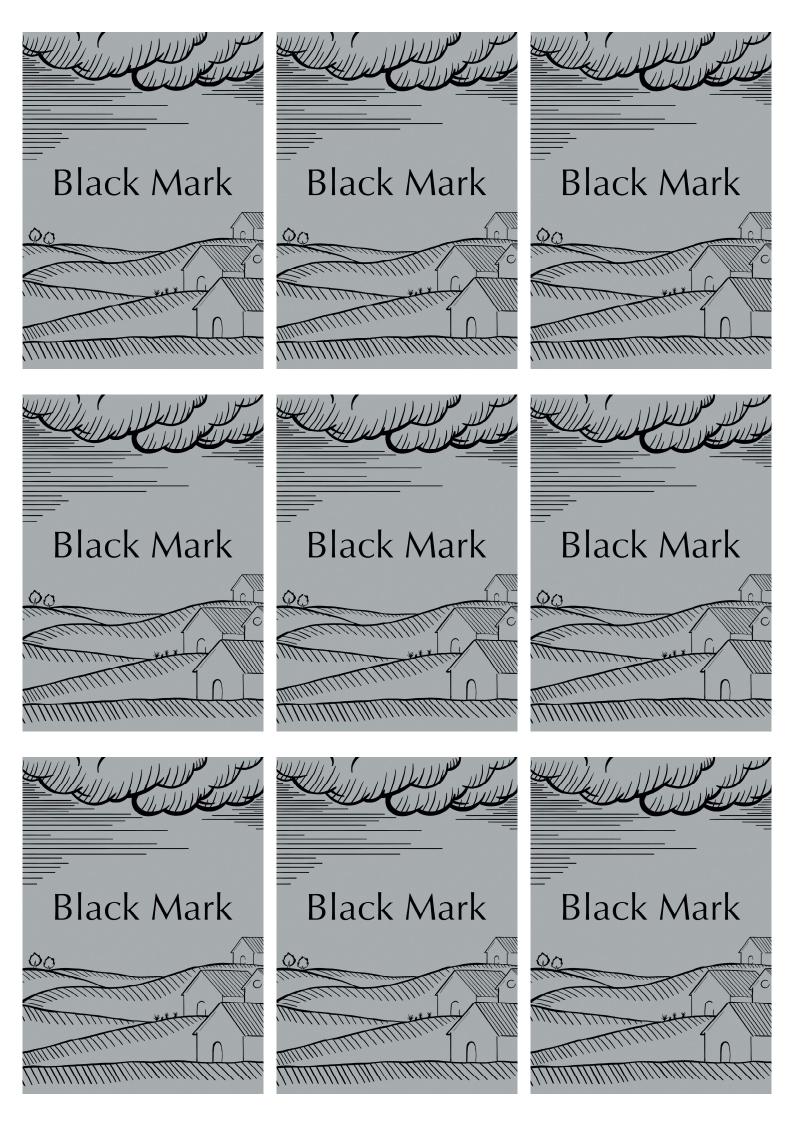




### Your neighbours testify that you cursed people.

'Janet Allan ... deponed, that Alison Dick came in upon a certain time to her house ... and craved some sour bakes; and she denying to give her any ... Alison said, "your bairns shall beg yet" (as they do). And her husband being angry at her, reproved her ... she said, that she should cause him rue it; and she hoped to see the powarts [tadpoles] big in his hair; and within half a year he was cast away, and his boat, and perished'. Testimony of Janet Allan, Kirkaldy, 1633







Your interrogators imply that you collected dead body parts to use for maleficia (harmful magic).

'[John Taylor's wife went] to grind corns ... thou and she returning after midnight, passed out of the common way ... to the gallows ... and a dead man being hanging there, bid her hold his foot, while thou cut off a part of all his member[s]'. Trial of Janet Wishart, Aberdeen, 1597





Your neighbours believe that you conjured storms.

'at the Devil's command she had a purpose to drown the boat that John Moore went into Loch Fyne with ... she went to the shoreside and raised a storm by casting a stone in the sea' Confession of Margaret NcLevin, Bute,





A neighbour reports a nightmare experience in which you attacked her while she slept.

'Janet Boyd declares that ... having a child upon her breast and abundance of milk did upon a night dream that Katherine Moore came violently upon her and took a great nip out of her pap [breast] ... and immediately as she wakened that her milk was gone out of her breast and had not rop, and ... the place where she dreamed that the said Katherine nipped her was blue'. Testimony of Janet Boyd, Bute, 1662





Your interrogators suspect that you ate the flesh of dead babies.

'[A group of witches] went up to the church wall about the southeast door, and Andrew Watson raised a young bairn unbaptised, and took several pieces thereof, as the feet, the hands, a part of the head and a part of the buttock, and ... they made a pie thereof'. Confession of Helen Guthrie, Forfar, 1661





Your interrogators imply that you summoned evil spirits to torment people.

'There came into thy father's house an evil spirit in the likeness of a pyit [magpie], struck thy youngest sister in her face, would have plucked out her eyes, and destroyed her, had not the neighbours in the street, come in and dang [beat] that foul spirit forth of the house' Irial of Thomas Leyis, Aberdeen, 1597





Your interrogators say that you made wax pictures and harmed them to cause people injury.

'[The Devil] teaches how to make pictures of wax or clay, that by the roasting thereof, the persons that they bear the name of, may be continually melted or dried away by continual sickness James VI, 1597





Your neighbours think that you used *maleficia* (harmful magic) to make people fall into poverty.

'having indignation at her son-in-law ... she diď lay ďown a little quantity of oats before his door, thereby thinking to bring him to poverty'

Confession of Marjorie Ritchie, Forfar, 1662





Your neighbours suggest that you performed maleficia (harmful magic) to murder people.

'she wronged Baillie Wood by braying [grinding] to powder two toads' heads and one piece of a dead man's skull and one piece [of] a dead man's flesh which the Devil perfumed declared that within a month or 20 days as she pleased he should die'. Confession of Isobel Shyrie, Forfar, 1661

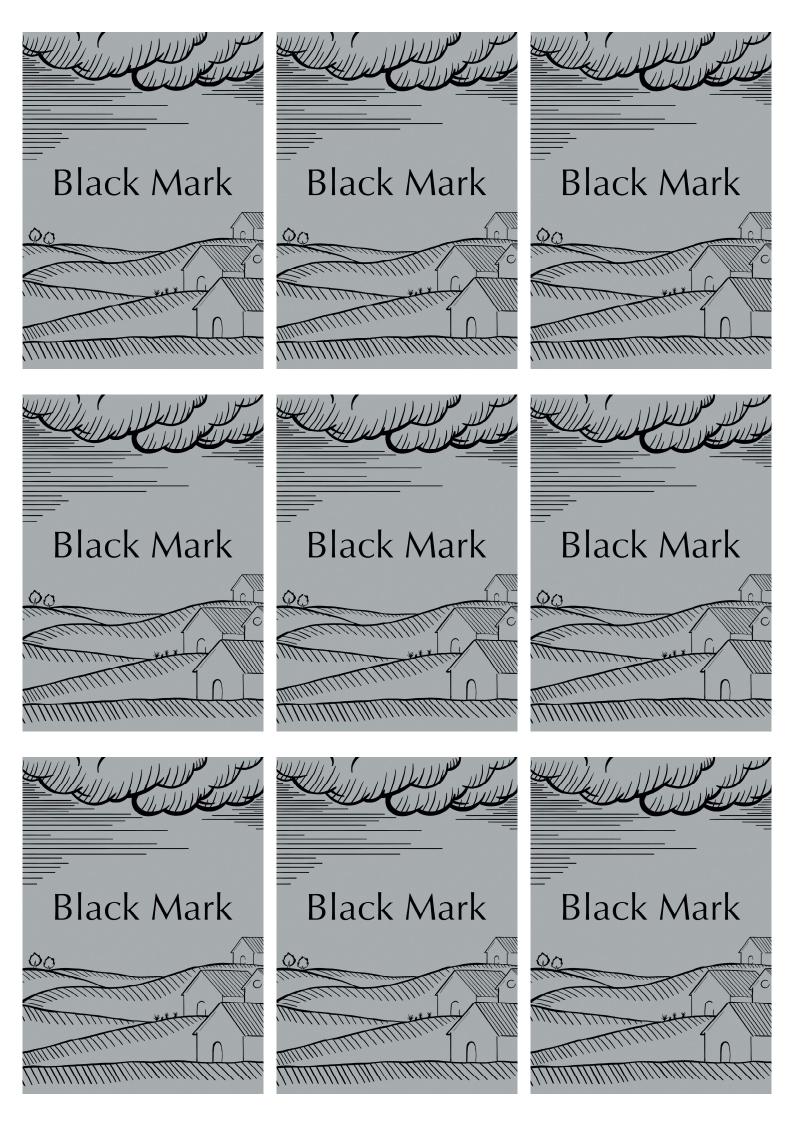


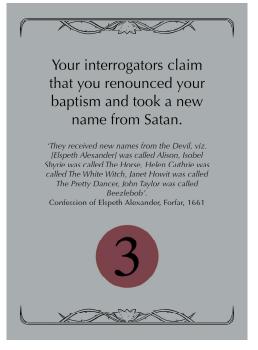


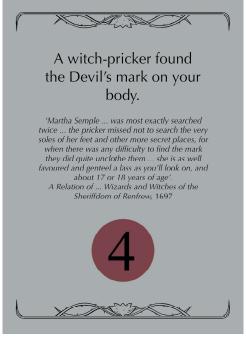
Your interrogators say that you gave yourself to Satan in return for material goods.

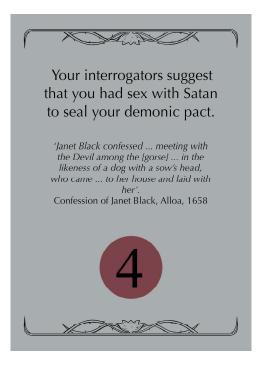
[The Devil] desired her to be his servant, and [said] that she should be as trimly clad as the best servant in Edinburgh, and that he would give her a red wyliecoit [petticoat] or red kirtle [gown], and ... thereupon she condescended to be his servant for half a year'. Trial of Janet Barker, Edinburgh, 1643

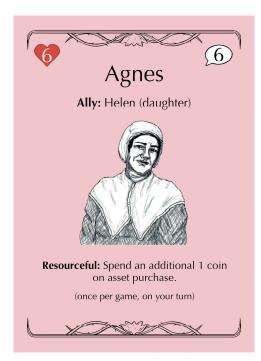


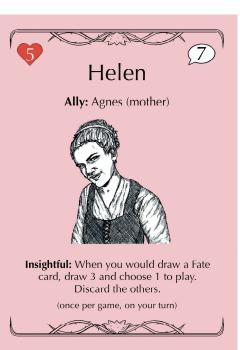


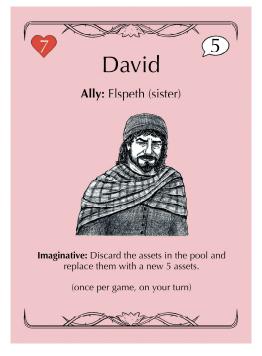


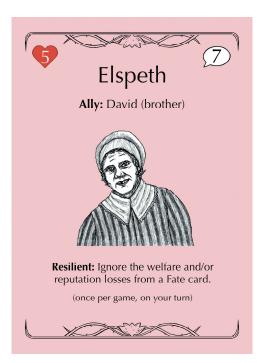


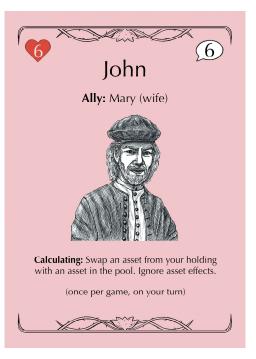


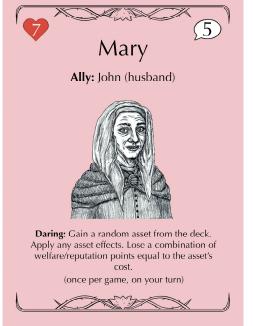


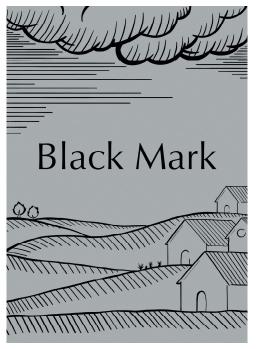


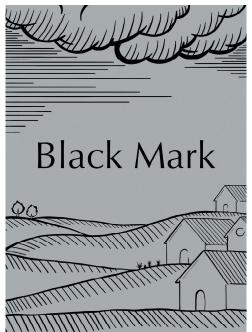


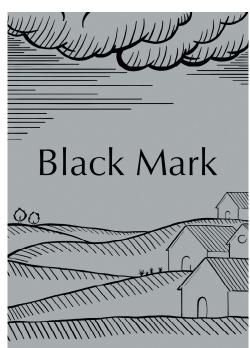


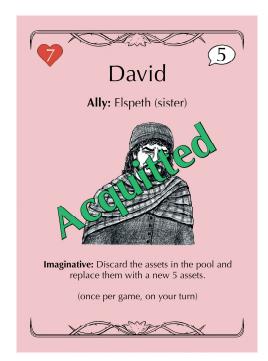


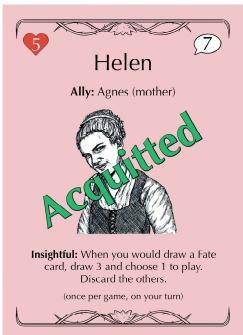




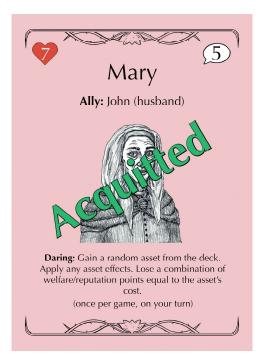


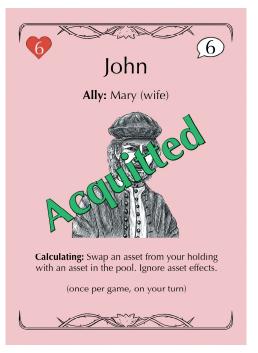


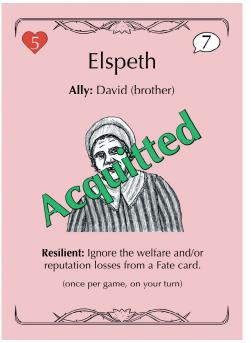


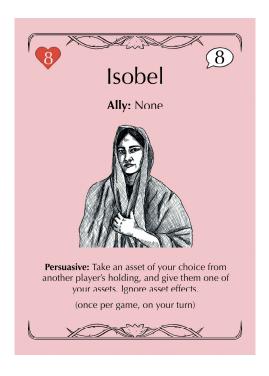


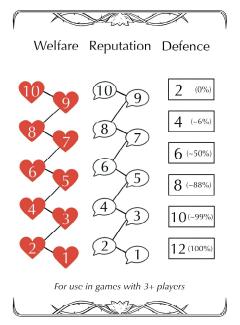


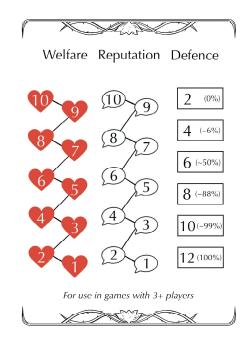


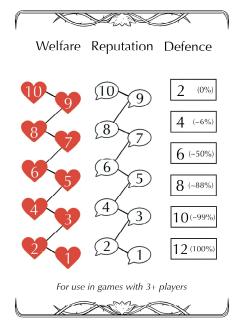


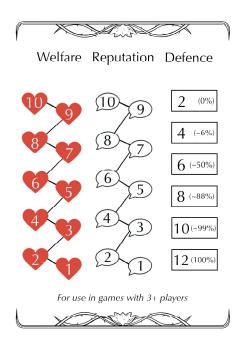


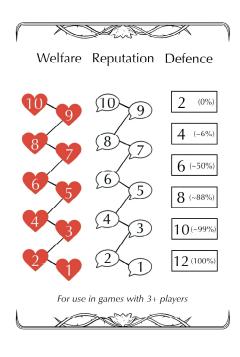


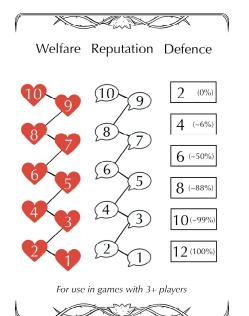


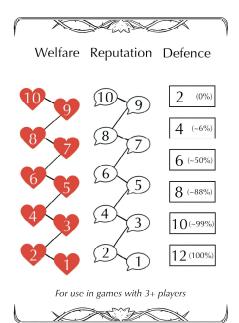










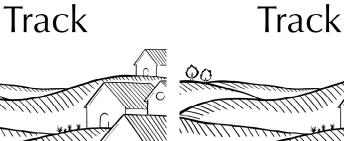


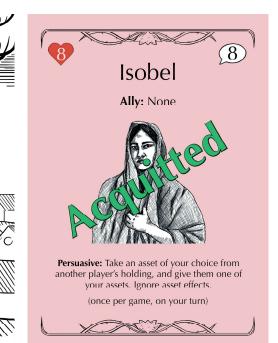


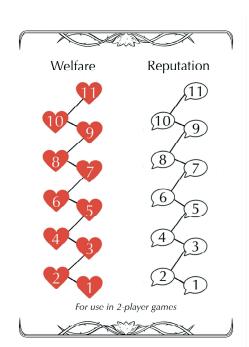
It is 1649. You live in a village in East Lothian, Scotland. The last decade has seen recurrent plague and warfare. The kirk (church) is keen to stamp down on sinful behaviour, and you've heard rumours of witches in villages nearby. You hope to ensure your own subsistence and the welfare of your community.

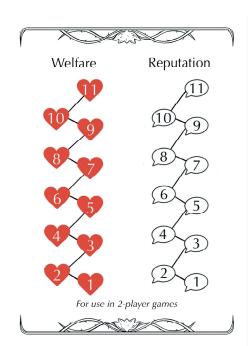


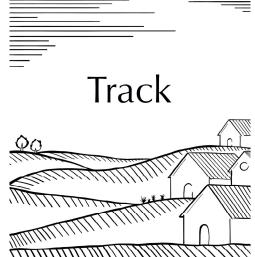






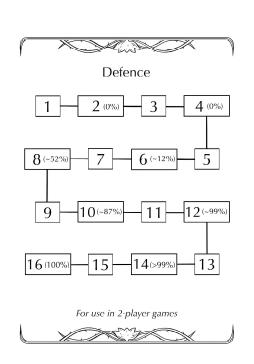


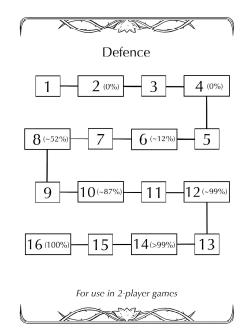




# **Beginning**

Turn this card over and read it out at the beginning of the game.







### Loss

One of your number is gone. Perhaps they fled after being socially ostracised, or perhaps they were lost to illness. Those who remain continue with their work and leisure pursuits, and as the seasons pass, the memories of your former neighbour fade.



### Accusation

Your neighbours report you to the kirk session. You are imprisoned, deprived of sleep and interrogated. A witchpricker jabs your body with a pin to identify an insensitive spot (the 'Devil's mark'). The evidence is relayed to the central authorities, who grant a commission empowering local men to conduct a trial.



### Trial card 1

Witch trials often happened in waves, whether because accused witches implicated others during interrogation, or because suspicion also fell on their close associates. If you have an ally, they must decide whether to stand by you.









### Trial card 2

If you have an ally, they should choose now whether to **support** or **renounce** you. If they support you, they must then lose 1 welfare point or reputation point, or discard 1 asset, to grant you 2 defence.

If you are executed, they will gain a Black Mark card.



### Trial card 3

Proving your innocence will be difficult. Perhaps you can resist confessing, though the imprisonment and sleep deprivation will damage your health. Perhaps you can draw on your good reputation among your neighbours. Perhaps you can use your assets to demonstrate your respectability. Or all of the above?



### Trial card 4

(3+ players)

You may now lose any number of welfare/reputation points, and/or discard any number of assets. You gain 2 defence per point lost/asset discarded.

Acquittal chances: 4 defence: ~6% 6 defence: ~50% 8 defence: ~88% 10 defence: ~99% 12 defence: 100%







### Trial card 4

(2-player only)

You may now lose any number of welfare/reputation points, and/ or discard any number of assets.
You gain 2 defence per point lost/asset discarded.

Acquittal chances: 6 defence: ~12% 8 defence: ~52% 10 defence: ~87%

12 defence: ~99% 14 defence: >99% 16 defence: 100%





### Trial card 5

The evidence amassed against you will be considered by the commissioners and the jury of 15 local propertied men. It may include confessions of wrongdoing extracted by your interrogators, testimony from your neighbours, testimony from other accused witches and/or evidence of the Devil's mark.





### Trial card 6

Turn over and read out the Black Mark cards. If your defence value is **higher** than their total value, you are acquitted. Gain 1 welfare and 1 reputation, and read the 'Acquittal' card. If your defence value is **less than or equal to** their total value, you are executed. Read the 'Execution' card. If an ally supported you, they gain a Black Mark card.



# **Trial Card 1**

Turn over and read out **all 6** Trial cards after you have read out 'Accusation'.

### **Accusation**

Turn this card over and read it out the first time someone gets 3 Black Mark cards. Then turn over and read out **all 6**Trial cards.

### Loss

Turn this card over and read it out the first time someone dies from welfare loss (not a witchcraft execution) or is banished from reputation loss.

### **Trial Card 4**

(for use in games with 3+ players)

Turn over and read out **all 6** Trial cards after you have read out 'Accusation'.

### **Trial Card 3**

Turn over and read out **all 6** Trial cards after you have read out 'Accusation'.

### **Trial Card 2**

Turn over and read out **all 6** Trial cards after you have read out 'Accusation'.

# **Trial Card 6**

Turn over and read out **all 6** Trial cards after you have read out 'Accusation'.

# **Trial Card 5**

Turn over and read out **all 6** Trial cards after you have read out 'Accusation'.

### **Trial Card 4**

(for use in 2-player games)

Turn over and read out **all 6** Trial cards after you have read out 'Accusation'.



# Acquittal

The court found the evidence insufficient, and you have been acquitted. You feel much better, and your reputation improves.

Acquittals happened most commonly at the court of justiciary in Edinburgh, where trained judges presided and the accused had legal representation. It is a rare outcome in a local trial: you have been lucky.



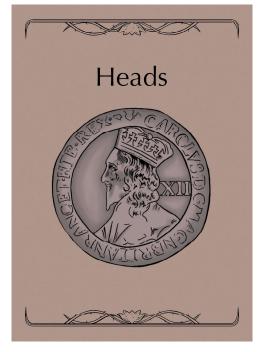
The court has found you guilty of witchcraft. You are strangled at the stake, and your body is burned. Around 3,800 people were accused of witchcraft in Scotland, of whom about 2/3 may have been executed. Most were women (around 84%), aged over 40 and of middling social status. You were one of the unlucky ones.

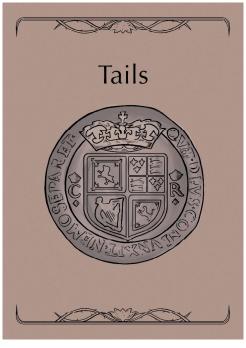


The fervour for witch-hunting has abated. The rumours and accusations may have damaged neighbourly relations, but you hope the community will be safer following this drive to stamp out evil. For those who remain, it's time to think about the next harvest.









# **End**

Turn this card over and read it out at the end of the game.

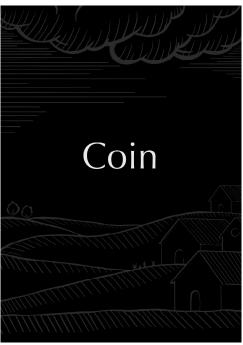
# **Execution**

Turn this card over and read it out the first time someone is executed for witchcraft.

# Acquittal

Turn this card over and read it out the first time someone is acquitted of witchcraft.





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This table shows the number of points that you need in each asset category to win. Numbers in brackets show what other players need from you.

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Livestock

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	3/6-player game	4/8-player game	5-player game

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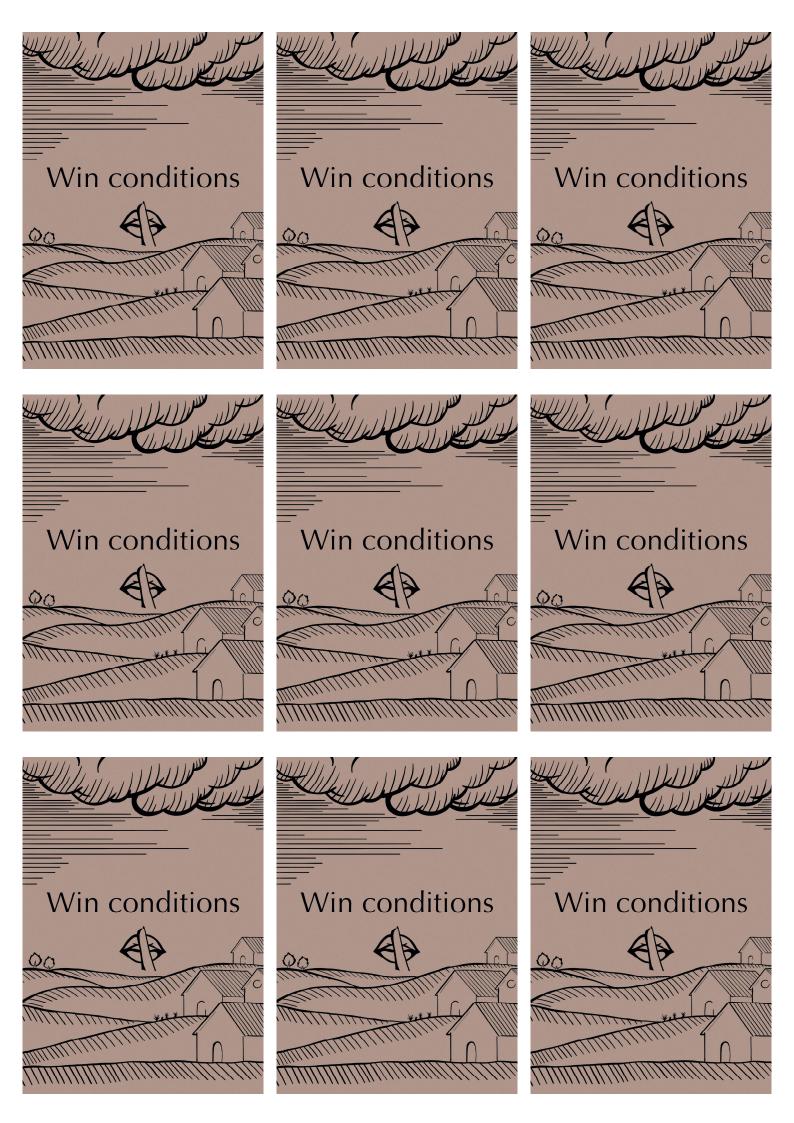
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You and other prominent local men have been commissioned by the central authorities to try a suspected witch. Turn this card over when you are ready to begin.



### Peter Gray of Clerkington - Commissioner

You reside in Haddington and are a pillar of the community. As well as being a laird (estate owner), you are a baillie (a justice officer) and an elder in the kirk session (the local ecclesiastical governing body). This is your fifth trial as a commissioner.

You have been selected as a juror based on your propertied status and respectability. Turn this card over when the trial begins.



### James Watsone - Jury member

You reside in Dirleton and hold property in the area. You are a cordwainer (shoemaker), and also do some agricultural work. You have heard about the recent spate of witch trials, and have noticed the growing unease among your neighbours.

You have been selected as a juror based on your propertied status and respectability. Turn this card over when the trial begins.



### George Trent - Jury member

You reside in Tyninghame and hold property in the area. You work as a chamberlain (an administrative role in a landowner's estate). You are a devout Presbyterian and are worried about the machinations of the Devil. The accused is your neighbour, and you know her reputation for scolding.

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### Alexander MacGhee - Jury member

You reside in Haddington and hold property in the area. You are a flesher (butcher) and have been concerned by reports about witches attacking livestock. This trial marks your third as a jury member.

You have been accused of witchcraft. The kirk session interrogated you until they extracted a confession, which led the central authorities to grant a trial commission. Turn this card over when the trial begins.



### Susanna Murray - Accused witch

You reside in Tyninghame and have recently been widowed. You have fallen out with various members of your community over the years, and the kirk session (the local ecclesiastical governing body) has punished you in the past for scolding (being argumentative).

You have been called to bear witness to one article of the dittay. Turn this card over when the trial begins.



### John Preston - Witness

You reside in Tyninghame, where you have a plot of land and do some weaving. You and the accused argued after you refused to trade some webs of cloth she wanted, and you suspect her of spreading malicious rumours about you.

You have been called to bear witness to one article of the dittay. Turn this card over when the trial begins.



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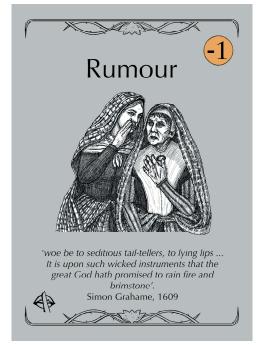
You reside in Tyninghame and used to work as a maid within Susanna Murray's home, but she dismissed you after calling you insolent. You found her a difficult mistress who behaved in odd ways, such as going out for unaccompanied walks at night.

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### **Margaret Martin - Witness**

You reside in Tyninghame and assist your husband with farmwork. You used to be on good terms with the accused, but you fell out after she failed to return a cap she had borrowed from you and let her cow graze on your corn.





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You are interested in whether the charges were substantiated, not in the question of whether witchcraft is real. If the accused affirmed the dittay, find her guilty on all charges. If she denied it, the numbers on the Black Mark cards add up to 8 or less, and you can give a reason to doubt the reliability of the evidence, you may find her innocent. This would be a rare outcome for a local trial, especially one in which the accused had no legal representation.

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To begin the trial, select six Black Mark cards to make up the dittay (the list of charges against the accused). At least three should begin 'Your neighbours' or 'A neighbour'.

Inform the accused witch that the law of God and the Acts of Parliament of Scotland prohibit the practice of witchcraft. Detail the six articles of the dittay, and note after each that the accused has confessed to it. Invite the accused to affirm or deny the contents of the dittay (i.e. to enter a plea).

Pass to the accused.

In a 3-player game, take on the role of a juror as well.

If the jury finds the accused guilty, sentence her to execution by strangulation and burning.





After the accused witch has affirmed or denied the dittay, swear to the court that you will tell the truth and explain your evidence, basing it on one of the commissioner's six Black Mark cards. Choose one that begins 'Your neighbours' or 'A neighbour'.

Witnesses usually told the court about a misfortune that had befallen them following a quarrel with the accused. They might also give reasons for believing that this misfortune was not natural. Sometimes witnesses reported that the accused had helped then magically, but usually the relationship had since soured.

When all witnesses have presented their evidence, pass to jurors.





When it is your turn to speak, affirm or deny the contents of the dittay. Many affirmed it (effectively pleading guilty), whether to avoid further persecution, because resistance felt pointless or in the hope of divine forgiveness. Some denied it and attempted to retract former confessions, often with claims that they had been extracted under torture. You cannot mount any other meaningful defence, not having had the funds to secure a lawyer.

Pass to witnesses



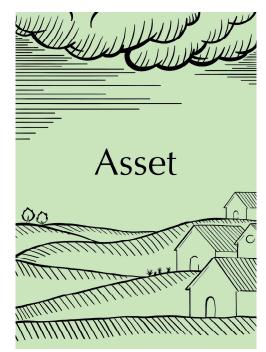


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