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"Detectiv Privat" Educational Game

Aim of the game

The players are private detectives in pursuit of a thief that stole a precious diamond from one of the cities on the map. Your goal as detective is to find out where the thief is and arrest him/her. But do it fast, because the thief will try to get out of Europe and once he/she is gone, you lose!

Start of the game

The game starts with a briefing about the crime. An unknown criminal has stolen a diamond in a certain city on the board. This is all that is known. All players (or groups of players) are chosen as private detectives to hunt the thief down. Each player or group is represented as a single detective on the board.

Each detective starts at a place on the map he/she decides before the briefing.

A roll with the die determines which detective starts (highest number wins). From there on the game advances in clockwise direction.

The process of a turn

During a turn the detective can do 2 things:

1) Investigate in the current location

Ask the local police if they have any information on the thief. The detective might get information that is valuable for him/her, or not, depending on a few things:

a) the thief was in that location the last two rounds

the police (Game master) gives a hint about the location the thief went after that. It can be about the flag, currency, language or a national landmark.

If the detective can also answer a trivia question correctly about the location he is in right now, he receives information about the thief necessary to arrest the thief. In order to arrest the thief each detective needs to know at least 2 out of 4 things about the thief: gender, hair color, hobby and/or eye color.

b) the thief was not in that location the last two rounds

the police (Game master) will say that they haven't seen the thief here and that they are sorry they can't help. The detective must find it's luck elsewhere.

2) Fly to another destination

From any point on the map there are a set number of destinations possible to fly to. The detective can decide to leave the location he/she is in now to go and investigate in one of the possible other places.

The detective is allowed to do both things 1 time. So first investigate, then fly or fly and then investigate. A detective can also choose to only do one action and then pass the turn to the next player.

About the Game Master

One player should be the Game Master. The GM is the one who controls the movements of the thief, gives hints as police and advances the clock (time remaining to catch the thief).

After all detectives have done their turn, the GM makes a secret move with the thief and keeps it documented on a paper that only the GM sees. The thief can, just as the detectives, only move to the locations available from the current position.

The clock is advanced with two hours when the thief moves.

About the hints of the whereabouts of the thief

When a detective asks the local police for information about the thief, the GM looks if the detective is in a location where the thief was maximum 2 rounds before. If the thief was, a hint about the location the thief went to is given (from one of the 4 categories). If not, no information is given and the detective can't ask anything else.

The 4 categories are:

- 1) The country's flag colors
- 2) The country's currency
- 3) The country's language
- 4) One of the country's landmarks (Eiffel tower, Brandenburger Tur, etc)

About the trivia questions

When a trivia question needs to be asked (after the police could give a hint about the whereabouts), the GM gets one card from the pile of the country the detective is in at that moment. The questions are about characteristics of the country the detective is in. Questions can range from a variety of topics. All the answers can be found in the Book of Knowledge that the detective can use before answering the question. The answers are multiple-choice and the correct answer is in bold letters.

About the Book of Knowledge

The Book of Knowledge can be used by the detective to answer trivia questions the GM asks. In the book are, illustrated, trivia about all the places on the map. Information such as the language spoken there, some words in that language, the national flower, a popular dish, their currency, the skin color, traditional clothing, etc.

About arresting the thief

To arrest the thief a detective needs to know who he/she is. This is done by knowing at least 2 things about the thief. This information is given by the GM after a trivia question is answered correctly. If there are enough trivia questions answered, a "warrant" card is given: when the detective catches the thief now, he/she is able to arrest the thief. If the detective doesn't have this card, the thief can escape.

About the time limit

The detectives have in total 24 hours to catch the thief. After that the thief manages to escape Europe to another continent and is out of reach; the thief wins. After all the detectives have played a round, the thief moves and the clock is advanced with 2 hours. This means the detectives have maximum 12 rounds to catch the thief.

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BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE

It can be adapted or it can use different images or information. Some exemples:

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