

SCENARIO 5: THE RAID

Gangs rely upon trading contacts and friends to generate their income, either by providing cash, food, shelter, or by trading things the gangs discover in the wastes. These are all known as territories, although some territories actually take the form of contacts with third parties rather than physical places in the Underhive. A gang's territories are always vulnerable to attack by other gangs, and one of the most effective ways of crushing a rival gang is to raid its territories.

In the Raid scenario one gang attacks the territory of another. The territory is guarded by one or more sentries and additional reinforcements are close at hand. The raiders must eliminate or get past the sentries, destroy the objective and then get away as quickly as possible.

This scenario introduces new rules for sentries which make the game particularly nail-biting. The scenario is slightly more complex than earlier ones and is worth leaving aside until you have a firm grasp of the game rules.

TERRAIN

In this game the player who picked the scenario is the attacker and the other player is the defender.

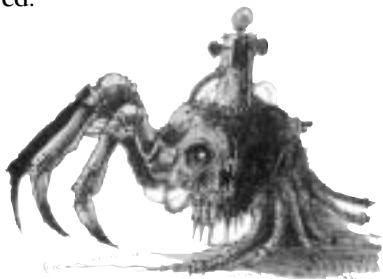
Starting with the defender, each player takes it in turn to place a piece of terrain, either a ruined building structure or a connecting walkway. It is suggested that the terrain is set up within an area 4' x 4' or thereabouts.

The tabletop represents the most valuable of the defender's territories. If the defender has several territories of equally high value then the attacker may raid whichever he likes. The terrain is either the territory itself or the entrance to it (such as a mine or tunnel entrance, hole or water still) or a part of the Underhive that a contact has asked you to protect or search (such as a Guilder contact, Friendly Doc, the owner of a workshop, or friends in an Underhive settlement.)

RAID OBJECTIVE

After the terrain is set up the defender places the Gateway piece anywhere he likes on the table. This represents the entrance way to the mine, hole, tunnels etc. Possibly it leads to an underground store containing a valuable find that one of the defenders' contacts has asked them to protect or transport. Players should feel free to invent something they feel is appropriate for the type of territory being raided. The raiders must destroy the Gateway to win the game.

The Gateway structure has a Toughness of 6 and can sustain the equivalent of 3 wounds before it is destroyed.



GANGS

The defender sets up first. He deploys up to D6 of his gang as sentries, choosing which fighters he wishes to put on sentry duty. Sentries may be placed anywhere on the table at least 8" away from a table edge.

The attacker then deploys his gang within 4" of a randomly selected table edge. The attacker has 2D6 of his gang fighters for the raid; the remaining fighters are not available as they have been left behind so as not to draw attention to the raiding party and to protect the gang's own territory against reprisals. The attacker may choose which of his fighters he will commit to the raid.

STARTING THE GAME

The attacker takes the first turn of the game.

SENTRIES

Until the alarm is sounded (see below) sentries move D6-3 inches per turn. Roll separately for each sentry to determine how far he moves. If the distance is negative then the attacking player is allowed to move the sentry model. For example, a roll of 1 gives a move of -2, so the attacker moves the sentry 2" in any direction.

After moving each sentry, roll the Scatter dice, and turn the model to face the direction indicated.

SOUNDING THE ALARM

Until the alarm is sounded sentries move as described above. In addition their Weapon Skill is halved (rounding fractions up) and they may not shoot any weapons.

After the alarm is sounded sentries may move and attack freely. In addition, the defender may bring on reinforcements as described below.

The alarm can be sounded in a number of different ways:

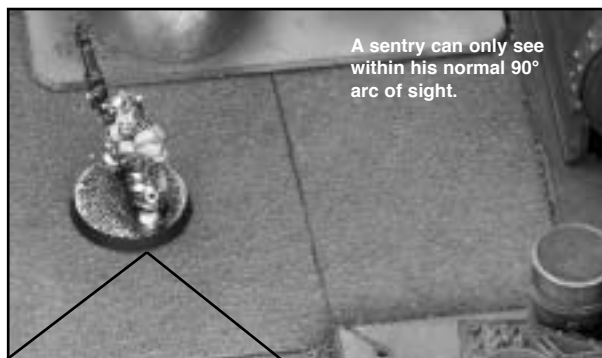
Spotting. Roll 2D6 at the end of the defender's turn. Sentries can try to spot any raiders that are within the distance rolled so long as they could normally be seen – ie they are within his arc of vision.

Raiders in the open will be spotted on the D6 roll of 2 or more.

Raiders in partial cover will be spotted on the D6 roll of 4 or more.

Raiders in cover or hiding will be spotted on the D6 roll of a 6.

Sentries will spot any raider within their Initiative distance in inches on the D6 roll of a 2 regardless of cover or hiding. For example, a sentry with Initiative 4 spots hidden raiders within 4" on a roll of 2.



If a sentry spots a raider he sounds the alarm.

Raiders are also spotted if they move within sight of a sentry during their own turn. The sentry's spotting range is the same as in his turn and the same dice rolls are required. Remember, sentries can only see within their normal arc of vision as described above.

A sentry can only give the alarm if he survives the raiders' turn. If he is taken out of action then he cannot give the alarm.

Shooting. If a raider shoots a weapon roll 2D6 and add the weapon's Strength to the score. If the result is over 10 then the alarm is sounded. However, this rule does not apply to silent weapons like needle guns. Note that shooting can sound the alarm even if there are no sentries left.

Fighting. A sentry who is attacked in hand-to-hand combat will sound the alarm if he survives the turn. Remember that the sentry's Weapon Skill is halved until the alarm is sounded. If the raider shoots a pistol or uses a chainsword in hand-to-hand combat then you must roll as described above to see whether the shots sound the alarm even if the sentry is killed.

In addition, the noise of fighting may cause the alarm to be sounded even if the sentry doesn't survive to do so himself. The attacker rolls a D6. If the score is not more than the number of raiders fighting in the hand-to-hand combat then the noise of the scuffle has been noticed and the alarm is sounded. For example, if three raiders mug and kill a sentry then you must roll 4 or more for this to go unnoticed.

REINFORCEMENTS

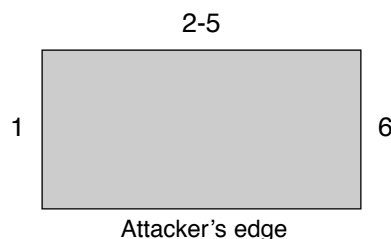
At the start of the game the defender divides any fighters not deployed as sentries into groups of one or more models as he sees fit. These fighters are not set up on the table, but may enter later as reinforcements.

Once the alarm is sounded the defender may attempt to bring on one group of reinforcements per turn. Nominate the group you wish to bring on and roll a D6. If the dice roll equals or beats the number of fighters in the group, or on the roll of a 6, then the group may enter the table as described below. If the dice roll required to enter is less than the size of the group then no reinforcements enter that turn. As you can see, the larger the group the less likely it is to enter, so the defender must try to enter as many models as he dares each turn.

Reinforcements enter together on any of the three table edges other than the edge where the attacker deployed. Roll a D6 to determine which edge the reinforcements enter as shown on the diagram below. Reinforcements cannot be placed within 8" of a raider model. Reinforcements may move and fire normally the turn they are placed.

ENDING THE GAME

The game ends and the raiders win if the Gateway is destroyed and all surviving raiders leave the table by the edge where they originally set up.



The game also ends if all the raiders are down or taken out of action or if the attacker bottles out. In this case the defenders win. The defender is protecting his gang's family, friends or vital possessions, and so doesn't have to take Bottle tests. The defender won't bottle out in this scenario and cannot bottle out voluntarily.

EXPERIENCE

Fighters who take part in the scenario earn Experience points as noted below.

+D6 Survives. If the fighter survives the battle then D6 points are earned. Even fighters who are wounded and taken out of action receive experience for taking part.

+5 Per Wounding Hit. A fighter earns 5 points for each wounding hit he inflicts during the battle. Make a note on the gang roster every time the fighter scores a hit and wounds his target. Although it is possible to inflict several wounds from one shot using some weapons, only 5 points are earned when this happens not 5 points per wound.

+5 Destroy Gateway. A raider earns 5 points if he inflicts a hit which destroys the Gateway.

+10 Successful Defence. If the defender wins the game then his gang leader earns 10 Experience points.

SPECIAL

If the Gateway is destroyed during the game then roll a D6. On a score of 6 the territory is lost. The defender strikes out the territory from his gang roster and may not collect income from it. On the score of 1-5 the territory is damaged or a trading contact is disrupted. The player may not collect income from the territory after the battle, but he keeps the territory and can collect income from it in the future.