

## The Colossus of Atlantis – Kataskopos Briefing

You are the great architect or engineer for your House, one of the Colossus builders of Atlantis. Your team will look to you for advice on how to gain Kudos from building Wonders and the benefits of Kataskopos upgrade cards. You have the following special abilities:

- you are a member of the Council of Surveying
- you can buy Kataskopos Upgrades (which you can then trade to other players)
- you are eligible to be elected to the office of *Opter* of the Council of Surveying.

### Your Goals

In no particular order, your goals are to:

- be seen as a crafty or clever person
- win glory in battle
- assist other members of your House
- to acquire as much Orichalcum and Vril as possible
- be appointed as *Opter* (President of the Council of Wonder) more often than anyone else
- to ensure your city has more Wonders than any other city!

### What is a Megagame?

A Megagame is a combination of strategy boardgame and live action roleplaying, where the players compete in teams against other groups of players. Success in the Megagame requires imagination, dedication, and the ability to make decisions while under pressure. Megagames embrace emergent play, allowing players scope for creativity and changing the rules of the game in play. The main levers you have for changing elements of the game are through making oaths with other players, and by making constitutional changes through the Councils that change the rules of play. The Upgrade and Wonder cards you acquire will also influence gameplay for your city and its armies.

### Initial Resources

You start the game with 20 Talents, three Orichalcum tokens, one Vril token, and one of each of the Hoplite, Trireme, Colossi and Hero tokens.

### The Map Game

The surest path to wealth and glory is to bravely contest with the other nobles of Atlantis for control of territory in the colonial regions of the map. A riskier path is to raid the colonies of the rival empires – if their hatred of you is great, then they may attack your home city. The most risky option of all is to challenge another player and attack their home city. Staying at home behind your city walls is a safe option, but not one that will lead to doing well in the game.

In the map phase you will get the chance to:

- build new units in your home city
- move units from your home city to map regions
- fight battles
- collect rewards for winning battles.

You will choose your map table during the team planning at the start of the game.

### House meeting

The House meeting is an opportunity to share information and resources with your team members, develop plans for the future, and set goals for the team to work towards. Building Wonders can be expensive – you may need help from your team.

## The Council of Surveying

After the House meeting in the Diplomacy Phase, you should attend the Council of Surveying. Skipping the meeting is dishonourable behaviour.

The Council first elects the *Opter* as its presiding officer. Starting with the *Opter*, each member of the Council of Surveying gets to choose one of the available Council options. All Councils have some options in common, and a set of options which is unique to that Council. Half-way through the game, additional unique options are added, and in the last turn of the game a final set of “madness” options are added. With support from the other Kataskopos and cooperation with the Council of Law, you can also change the game rules relating to spying through the Council.

Common rewards from Council of Surveying options include Arête cards, DOOM tokens, and the ability to interfere with the actions of other players. In the last turn if you have been *Opter*, then you are eligible to create the *Deep State*. If you do this, your team gains 1,000 bonus Kudos.