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# **1. INTRODUCTION**

Alien vs Predator: Hot Landing Zone (AvP:HLZ) is an expansion to Alien vs Predator: The Hunt Begins (AvP:THB) tactical board game. In this expansion, rules for new Models are being introduced for each Faction! The AvP:HLZ expansion allows for the different Forces to do battle on limited visibility on the planet's dense surface Jungles.

Each Model presents new tactical opportunities or a more advanced foe your Force needs to overcome, and they can be added to your existing AvP:THB Force or your used according to the Advanced Rules' Custom Forces.

The Transport and Harass mechanic is introduced, in the form of a Dropship's pilots taking part in the struggle for survival. The Human faction uses the Dropship to rapidly relocate their forces, while the Alien and Predator Factions try to make it too Hot a Landing Zone and cancel the Airlift operations.

AvP:HLZ presents additional rules, where you get to play a Free for All scenario of up to six players. Additional gaming boxes will be needed for this purpose, and use of add-on packs and Advanced Game Rules is highly recommended.

Whether you play using the Basic Rules or the Advanced Rules of the AvP:THB Rulebook, this expansion allows you to expand your board game with the inclusion of Jungle Tile rules and other components, allowing for new and exciting Squads to join the fray. The use of Advanced Rules is enhanced as well, through additions to all Strategy and Event Cards, to either be added into the respective Decks, or replace cards from the basic set.



# **1.1 AVP: BOX CONTENTS**



**3 X LANDING ZONES (JUNGLE CLEARING,** WATERFALL BOTTOM, CLIFF TOP)





3 X DEAD END JUNGLE TILES

**3 X CROSSROAD** JUNGLE TILES



**6 x** Straight JUNGLE TILES

**3 X L-SHAPE** 

**JUNGLE TILES** 



3 x T-Shape **JUNGLE TILES** 



**1 X DROPSHIP TILE** 











X STRATEGY CARDS



X EVENT CARDS



**5 PRISONERS** 









# **1.2 AVP: THE HUNT BEGINS RULES AND DESCRIPTIONS**

All basic rules and descriptions can be found in the Alien vs Predator: The Hunt Begins Rulebook and remain the same, unless specifically noted on the following pages. When playing Alien vs Predator: Hot Landing Zone, rules found in this rule set supersede any found on the AvP:THB Rulebook when any differences arise.

# **1.3 ADVANCED GAME**

Section 3. "Special Actions and Skills" and onwards contain the more advanced rules for the game. We recommend playing the first couple of missions using the basic rules and the Model Stat-Cards, before reading on.

# 2. GAMING BOARD

The expansion takes place upon the surface of an unregistered backwater planet, continuing the crash of the Science and Transport Vessel USCSS Theseus (see AvP:THB campaign scenario 10). The expansion Tiles vary and match their counterparts on AvP:THB. They can be assembled in a number of ways, to display the various locations on where the salvageable parts of USCSS Theseus have scattered. A limitless variety of different maps of your own design can be produced using the Advanced Game Missions Rules (see AvP: THB Rulebook).

# 2.1 FLOOR TILES

The individual pieces that make up the maps are called Tiles. The Tiles of this expansion are also called "Jungle Tiles", and they have specific functions and additional MARINES rules. AvP:HLZ uses the following types of Tiles:



### 2.1.1. JUNGLE CORRIDOR

No model may trace a LoS through more than 2 Jungle Tiles. The Tile the Model trying to determine LoS is standing on does not count for this limitation. Also, while Acidic Blood occurs as normal, no Acid Damage Token will be placed on Jungle Tiles.



2.1.2. LANDING ZONE (ROOM) Landing Zone Tiles follow all the rules for Rooms found in the AvP:THB Rulebook, and also count as Jungle Tiles so follow the rules on Jungle Corridors.

# **2.2 ADDITIONAL TILE RULES**

When setting up the game board using any Jungle Tiles, you must take into account the following rules in addition to the basic rules:

1. Air Vent Tiles must be placed so that at least one edge touches any Tile from AvP:THB box.

2. Doors may not be placed touching any Jungle Tile.

In this section are portrayed all new skills regarding the AvP:HLZ units. Any skills referred in AvP:HLZ replace any skills already found in AvP:THB. If this is your first time playing with this expansion, we recommend reading only the rules relevant to the Models contained within the AvP:HLZ Expansion Box, as found on their respective cards.

ALIENS

PREDATORS • My Will Be Done (A) • Sweeping Strike (A) • Rail (A)

Call in the Cavalry (A): If a Model with this ability has an Airstrike Token, it may spend two Action Points to target any number of Jungle Tiles in a straight, unobstructed line from this Model and roll a D20. On a 18-20, nothing happens due to atmospheric interference. On a 1-17, discard an Airstrike Token from this Model and perform an RS action against Models on these Tiles. The attack uses the following profile: ST13 ROA8 AVV3 and it uses an RS of 10, ignoring Tile LoS restrictions and any modifiers no matter the source. Allocate the attack dice between the Target Models before rolling to hit. (See 7.1.1. Weapons Authorization)

Quick Rappel (P): Models with this Skill may begin the game Embarked on the Dropship. At the Start of the second Game Turn, roll a Die for each Model Embarked on the Dropship and keep the highest number. On a roll of 1-18, place the Models' Tokens on any Unengaged Jungle Tile out of LOS of your Opponents, with 1 Action Point Remaining. On a roll of 19, the Models stay in the Dropship and you roll again at the start of Turn 3. On a roll of 20 place the Models' Tokens on any





# **3. SPECIAL ACTIONS AND SKILLS**

## **3.1 SPECIAL ACTIONS**

There are various Special Actions that are introduced in AvP:HLZ, and are included in the Special Skills list of the relevant factions. Each Action can only be utilized by a Model with that Skill.

For an easier read, we list them here:

• Call in the Cavalry (A) • Kaboom! (A)

• Spawn Egg (A) • Expand Hive (A)

# **3.2 SPECIAL SKILLS**



3.2.1. MARINE FACTION SKILL LIST:

Unengaged Landing Zone Tile, and convert to models if necessary, with o Action Points Remaining. If no legal Tiles are available (or after rolling 19 again), immediately place all models from the Dropship to your deployment zone, each with an activation marker. (See 7.1.1. Rapid Insertion Force)

Always at Home (P): While a Model with this skill is standing on a Jungle Tile, enemy Models targeting it with a Close Combat or Ranged Attack receive a -2 penalty to RS and/or CC for that attack (Exactly like a Normal Corridor. This is not cumulative with the Normal Corridor Penalty).

Claymores (P): If one or more Models with this Skill are included in your Force, immediately after deployment place 2 Decoy and 2 Claymore Tokens on any Tiles at least 2 Tiles away from an enemy Ping! Token. All Tokens placed by this Skill must be deployed at least 2 Tiles apart (any Tokens that cannot be legally placed are lost). When a Model (Friend or Foe) completes an Action on the same or Adjacent Tile, reveal the Token. If it is a Decoy, remove it from the Game and if it is a Claymore, roll a die. On a 1-10 remove the Token from the Game and resolve a S13AVV3 Autohit against that Model.

Robotic (P): Models with this Skill cannot gain the Heal Skill for any reason, and cannot be the target of the "Emergency Med-Pack" Marine Strategy Card. They also are immune to the Egg Injection (P) and Facehug! (P).

Tactical Acumen (P): As long as they have not been removed as casualties, Models with this Skill confer a +2 Modifier to your die roll for Initiative at each round. This is not cumulative.

Preserve Life (P): If a friendly model (with the exception of sentry guns) standing on the same tile as a Model with this Skill is Hit by a CC or Ranged attack, the Hit must instead be allocated to the Model with the Preserve Life Skill. You must continue allocating Hits to this Model until they are all resolved or it is removed as a casualty.

Last Stand (P): A Model with the Last Stand (P) Skill may perform a Close Combat or Ranged Attack against the Model that killed it. After a Model with this skill loses its last wound but before removing it from the Game Board, immediately perform one CC or RS action with the Model, against the Model that caused the wound. If it is not possible, this skill does nothing.

Limited Ammunition (P): Models armed with a weapon with this Skill come with 3 Ammo Tokens. After all tokens are spent, this weapon cannot be used.

Kaboom! (A): A Model armed with a Weapon with this

Skill may spend two Action Points to use the Kaboom! (A) Skill. Discard a Token, perform an RS test and target any enemy model within LoS (all normal RS modifiers apply). If the RS fails, nothing happens. If you pass the test, the targeted Model receives a Hit using the Weapon's profile, and if it fails its save it receives 2 Wounds instead of one. Up to two other friend or foe Models on that Tile (determined randomly), receive an Autohit with ST 14 AVV o. The Dodge and Heal Skills cannot be used against Hits caused by Kaboom! (A). Kaboom! (A) counts as a Shooting Action.

Trained in the Arts (P): When Machiko performs a CC Action, she attacks with both CC weapons. Additionally, after Machiko's attacks cause an enemy Model to be removed as a casualty, she may perform one free Disengage Action (even if she had already moved this turn).

Between Two Worlds (P): Machiko may not perform her Faction's Unique Actions.

Untrained (P): Models with this Skill may not perform Marine Faction Unique Actions.

Charge (P): Models making a Close Combat attack in a Game Turn where they have made a Movement Action of at least one Tile receive a +2 modifier to their Close Combat Skill value for all of their Close Combat Tests.

Surge (P): When this weapon scores a Hit, the target Models rolls a CON Test instead of an Armor Test, with a -3 Modifier to his CON Stat.

Rail (P): When shooting using a Weapon with this Ability, for each RoA you may target two Enemy Models in adjacent Tiles and LOS. If you do, roll separately for each Target with a -2 modifier to RS.



3.2.2. ALIEN FACTION SKILL LIST:

Spawn Egg (A): While it has a Birthing Token, a Model with this Skill may spend an Action Point to roll a die. On a 7-20 nothing happens. On an 1-6 place an Egg Cluster Model on the same Tile as the Model using this Skill or an adjacent Tile. No Tile may have more than one Egg Cluster. If this Model performs a Movement Action (or is forced to leave the Tile it occupies), it loses its Birthing Token. This counts as an Interact Action, but may be used twice in the same turn. (See 7.2.1. Birthing Imperative)

Expand Hive (A): A Model with this Skill may spend two Action Points to replace the Tile it is standing on or an adjacent Tile with an Infested Tile, if such a Tile is in your unused Tiles pile. This action can only be used to replace Normal Corridor Tiles that are adjacent to an Infested Tile, and a maximum of 3 Tiles may be replaced this way during the game. This counts as an Interact Action.

Alternately, the same action can be used on Normal Corridor Tiles that are not adjacent to Infested or Half--Infested Tiles. If you wish to do so, roll a die. On a 1-10 replace the Tile as normal. On a 11-20, nothing happens and the action is lost. (See 7.2.1. Expansion Imperative)

Hatch Facehuggers (P): At the end of the Game Turn and after removing all Activation and Sentry Tokens, roll a die for each Model with this Skill. On a 1-5 spawn a Facehugger Model on the same Tile as the Model using this Skill. If placing this model exceeds the Tile's occupation limit, instead spawn the Facehugger on an adjacent Tile. If that is not possible, then no Facehuggers are spawned.

Immobile (P): Models with this Skill always start the Game Turn with an Activation Token and may perform no Actions.

Weak (P): Models with this Skill automatically fail all ST and CON Tests they are required to make.

Short Range (P): A Weapon with this skill has a range of 0-2 Tiles.

Highly Caustic (P): When an enemy Model passes an Armor save caused by a Weapon with this Skill, roll a D20. On a roll of 1-6, resolve an Acidic Blood effect targeting that enemy Model and place an Acid Damage Token as normal.



3.2.3. PREDATOR FACTION SKILL LIST

My Will Be Done (A): A Model with this Skill may spend an Action Point to give an extra Action Point to a Friendly Predator Model on a 40mm base within LOS. Roll a die. On a 1-5, the Model using My Will Be Done (A) gains an Action Point. This Action may not target a Model which has already been Activated. (See 7.3.1. Matriarch)

Marked Prey (P): After deployment, choose an enemy Ping! Token on a 40mm base or larger and give it an Enmity Token. The Model with the Marked Prey (P) Skill has +1 CC and +1 RS while targeting an Enemy Model with an Enmity Token. If your Mission involves Kills/Frags and the Model with this Skill kills the Model with the Enmity Token, gain an extra Kill/Frag. If you are using Experience Points in a campaign and the Model with this Skill kills the Model with the Enmity Token, gain an extra Kill/Frag. (See 7.3.1. Enemy Mine)

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Surge (P): When this weapon with this ability scores a Hit, the target Models rolls a CON Test instead of an Armor Test, with a -3 Modifier to his CON Stat.

Critical Force (P): Hits caused by a weapon with this Ability cause 2 wounds instead of 1 on an unsuccessful save roll.

Master of the Hunt (P): While the Model with this Skill remains in play (has not been removed as a casualty), Predator Hellhound Models in your Force gain A+1, RoA+1 and Hive Bloodhounds (P) Skill.

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Precision (P): Models armed with a weapon with this skill ignore negative RS Modifiers.

Between Two Worlds (P): Machiko may not perform her Faction's Unique Actions.

Falcon (P): A Model with this Skill comes with two 30mm Falcon Ping! Tokens. The Falcon Ping! Tokens may only perform Move, Run and Pass Actions. When a Falcon Ping! Token is revealed, reveal all enemy Ping! Tokens in LoS and remove the Falcon Ping! Token from

Serrated Blade (P): Each time a Model armed with a weapon with this Skill performs a Close Combat Action, it may force its opponent to re-roll one successful save roll caused by a hit from this weapon.

Sweeping Strike (A): This Model may spend two Action Points to perform a Sweeping Strike (A) Special Combat Action. Perform a Close Combat Action against all enemy Models on the same Tile as this Model (roll separately for each target), using the ST and AVV of this

Deadly (P): Heal rolls cannot be taken against hits from

Hive Bloodhounds (P): Models with this Special Skill receive+1 to their Movement value when using a Run

Reach (P): Models armed with a weapon with this skill may perform CC attacks against Models on adjacent Tiles as if they were Engaged.

Trained in the Arts (P): When Machiko performs a CC Action, she attacks with both CC weapons. Additionally, after Machiko causes an enemy Model to be removed as a casualty, she may perform one free Disengage Action (even if she had already moved this turn).

Expert Hunter (P): When a Ping! Token with the Expert Hunter (P) Special Skill is revealed, the respective Predator Model can be placed anywhere within one Tile from the point of reveal but may not end up being engaged.

Rail (P): When shooting using a Weapon with this Ability, for each RoA you may target two Enemy Models in adjacent Tiles and LOS. If you do, roll separately for each Target with a -2 modifier to RS.

Block (P): When being the target of a Melee Attack, a Model armed with a weapon with Block (P) may force his opponent to re-roll one successful CC die.

Elite Leader (P): While this model has not been removed as a casualty, all Elite in your Force gain +1 CC and +1 CON. (See 7.3.1. Elite Force)

Scything Drive-By (P): When a Model armed with a Weapon with this Skill ends its move on a Tile containing Enemy Models, roll a die for each Enemy Model. On a 10+ that Model receives a Hit at this Weapon's Strength and AVV. This weapon may not be used during a CC action.

## 3.3 ANTI VEHICLE VALUE & ARMORED (P) SKILL

In AvP:HLZ, we introduce certain Models that have a higher amount of protective plating, whether that is a durable alloy, a powerful force field or a hardened carapace. Such bonuses have already been calculated and are already included in the Models' profile.

All Models benefiting from this also have a drawback, as they are susceptible to Anti-Armor oriented weapons. To identify this drawback, these Models have the "Armored (P)" Skill as described in section 3.3.2.

#### 3.3.1. USING AVV

When a Model attacks an enemy with the "Armored (P)" Skill, you compare the relevant result (the CC or RS roll) to the used weapon's AVV. If the roll is a hit, and is of higher value than the AVV, then this is a normal Hit and you proceed as usual. If the roll is a hit, and is of equal or lower value than the AVV, then you add an extra normal Hit to your score.

EXAMPLE: A Predator Warrior with a Combi-Stick performs a CC action against a model with the "Armored (P)" Skill. The Warrior's rolls are 1, 3, 16, 19. The Warrior discards the roll of "19" as a Miss, and the opponent receives 1 Hit due to the roll of "16", 2 Hits due to the roll of "3", 1 Power Shot Hit and 1 Hit due to the roll of "1", for a total of 1 Power Shot and 4 normal Hits.

### 3.3.2. ARMORED (P) SKILL

Armored (P): Enemy Models attacking a Model with the Armored (P) Skill benefit from their Weapon's AVV.

# 4. DROPSHIP

Upon evacuating the USCSS Theseus, a group of civilian rookie pilots managed to start up the engines of one of the still operational Dropships on the Port Embarkation decks and flee to safety. Whether for better or for worse, the Dropship Ariadne was fully refueled and stocked with extra fuel cells in the cargo hold, but its re--arming cycle was stopped short due to the power failures of the dying Starship. Low on ammunition, but with a near infinite flight capability the rookie flight crew roams the jungle canopy following the crash of Theseus in search for survivors.



The Alien vs Predator: Hot Landing Zone introduces a new mechanic to the game, in the form of the Dropship Tile (or Model if you own one). Players interact with the drop ship depending on their Faction, either to use its Flight Capabilities or to raise the Threat level for Landing. There are two States the Dropship can be in: Airborne and Landed. While the Dropship is Airborne, it is considered to fly in high altitude and away from all dangers of conflict. On the other hand, the Landed State allows for further interaction with it and at the same time puts the Dropship in jeopardy.

## **4.1 THREAT**

While the Dropship has a huge reserve of fuel, it does not utilize any cryo-sleep chambers and interstellar travel would mean the waste of all passengers' lives. However, this Dropship has the only long range Comms System and no-one wishes to put the ship in jeopardy. When the Jungles of the planet become too dangerous, the pilots take off to protect the invaluable ship (and perhaps their own hides).

#### 4.1.1. HOT LANDING ZONE

During the game, enemy models may try to present threat to the Dropship. When the Dropship receives 8 Threat Tokens, it becomes unusable for the rest of the game. Any Models Embarked on a Landed Dropship must immediately take an Activation Token (if they were not yet activated) and be placed on the adjacent Landing Zone Tile, following the "Engage by Displacing" rules if necessary.

DESIGNER'S NOTE: In the extreme scenario where both the Landing Zone Tile and its adjacent Tile become fully occupied, continue Displacing models in turn to further away Tiles (Models from the Dropship displace Models on the Landing Zone to the adjacent Tile, and Models from the Landing Zone displace Models on the adjacent *Tile further away)* 

## **4.2. AIRBORNE STATE**

When in Airborne State, the Dropship cannot normally be threatened and no models on it may be targeted by Actions or Strategy Cards. Place the Dropship Tile (or Model) away from the Game Board to represent it being Airborne.



4.2.1. USCM FACTION ACTIONS (AIRBORNE) Call for Pickup (A): A Model standing on a Landing Zone Tile may spend two Action Points to roll a D20; on a 19-20 nothing happens and the Action Points are lost. On a 1-18, place a Landing Token on this Tile. Only one Tile may contain Landing Tokens, and this Action may not be used if any Landing Tokens exist on the game board.

At the End of the Game Turn, after all Sentry Tokens have been resolved, remove a Landing Token from the game board. If you removed the last Landing token, place the Dropship Tile (or Model) next to (touching) the Landing Zone Tile you removed the Landing Token from and the Dropship now counts as Landed. This counts as an Interact Action.

This Action may not be used during the first and second Game Turns, or while there are any Landing Tokens on the Game Board.

## **4.3. LANDED STATE**

When in Landed State, the Dropship can be threatened normally. No LoS can be drawn to or from Models on the Dropship Tile (or Model), and Models which begin their Turn on the Dropship can be the Targets of Strate-

the Tile.

Any option of this Action may only be used if the Dropship has no Embarked Models. It counts as a Close Combat Action.

Input Destination (A): A Model standing on a Landing Zone Tile next to the Dropship may spend one Action Point to perform "Input Destination" Action. Target a different Landing Zone Tile, and place two Landing Tokens on that Tile. Only one Tile may contain Landing Tokens, and this action may not be used if any Landing Tokens exist on the game Board. At the end of Turn, remove one Landing Token from the Game Board and the Dropship becomes Airborne. If you removed the last Landing token, place the Dropship Tile (or Model) next to the Landing Zone Tile you removed the Landing Token from and it now is in Landed State. This counts as an Interact Action, and may not be used by models who disembarked this turn from the Dropship. If any Models are Embarked on the Airborne Dropship at the end of any Game Turn, before removing a Landing Zone Token, the player controlling the Embarked Models may move the Landing Zone Token to any other Edge Tile containing no enemy Models.

gy Cards following all normal rules.

If, at the end of any Game Turn, the Dropship is in Landed State and no Landing Tokens are on Board, the Dropship becomes Airborne. Any Models embarked on it must first perform an immediate free disembark on the adjacent Landing Zone Tile (use Engage by Displacing rules if necessary), and these models will start their next turn with one less Action Point available.



4.3.1. USCM FACTION ACTIONS (LANDED) Call it off! (A): Models standing on a Landing Zone Tile containing one or more Landing Token may spend one Action Point to remove all Landing Tokens from

Alternatively, Models standing on a Landing Zone Tile adjacent to the Dropship may spend one Action Point to order the Dropship to immediately take off and become Airborne: Place the Dropship Tile (or Model) on its Airborne location as normal.

Embark (A): A Model may perform an Embark Action exactly like a normal Move or Run Action (1/2 AP), and end its Movement on the Dropship Tile (if you are

using a Dropship Model, place it next to the Dropship Model). The Models now count as Embarked and are being carried by the Dropship. In the rare occasion the Model performing the action would result into exceeding the Dropship's Occupation Limit, then the controlling player may Displace Models as if he was using the Engage by Displacing rules.

The Dropship has the same Occupation Limit as a Room (12 occupation Points).

Models which begin their activation Embarked on the Dropship while it is Landed must declare a Movement action (Move or Run) as their first action. Models being carried (are Embarked) on the Dropship while it is Airborne count as having been activated this Game Turn. (DESIGNER'S NOTE: Tactical Advance is not a Movement Action).

## 4.3.2 PREDATOR AND ALIEN FACTIONS ACTIONS (LANDED)

Present Threat (A): Models standing up to two Tiles away from the Landing Zone Tile the Dropship Tile (or Model) is adjacent to may spend one Action Point to perform a Present Threat (A) Action. Roll a die. On a 1-5 place a Threat Token on the Dropship Tile (or Model). Models on a 40mm Base receive a +2 Modifier. Models on a 50mm Base or No Base receive a+4 Modifier. Additionally, Models gain a bonus Modifier equal to the highest AVV amongst their Weapons to this roll. This counts as an Interact Action.

Assault (A): A Model may perform an Assault Action exactly like a normal Move or Run Action (1/2 AP), which normally could cause it to end its Movement on the Dropship Tile (or Model). Declare using this action and spend the relevant Action points, but end the Movement action on the adjacent Landing Zone Tile instead of the Dropship Tile (or Model), and end the Model's activation. Place 1 Threat Token (without rolling) on the Dropship Tile (or Model). Models on a 40mm Base place 1 additional Token, while Models on a 50mm or No Base place 2 additional Tokens.

(DESIGNER'S NOTE: This represents the crew's rising panic to "keep the monsters off the ship")

# 5. CARDS

Several cards are provided with the AvP:HLZ expansion. We suggest that you use the following guidelines to modify your decks, however should all players agree you may simply add the cards to the decks; don't blame the game for any imbalance if you do!

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# **5.1. EVENT CARDS**

When playing missions which include any Jungle Tiles, replace the following Event Cards with an equal number of cards provided in AvP:HLZ (chosen randomly):

- 1. Gravity Fluctuations
- 2. Inertia Dampener Failure
- 3. Gravity Loss
- 4. Life Support System Failure
- 5. Security System Short-Circuit

Should all players agree, you may instead create a custom Deck of Event Cards, including any cards you wish, with no maximum card limit. Each card may only be included once in the Event Deck.

DESIGNER'S NOTE: We have created the new Event Cards to replace those which thematically belong to the cold dark space, and not a planet's surface.



## **5.2. STRATEGY CARDS**

When playing missions that include any Jungle Tiles, add the extra Faction Strategy Cards provided to the relevant Faction Deck, so the Deck now numbers a total of 25 Cards.

5.2.1. Advanced Game Deckbuilding

When playing using the Advanced Rules, you may create a deck of at least 20 Cards including any Faction Cards of your choosing. Other Expansions might also add extra Cards to the Faction Decks. No deck may ever have duplicate cards, for any reason.

# **6. AVP:HLZ UNITS**

Alien vs Predator: Hot Landing Zone includes new units for each Faction. Each Model/Squad is described in detail in the following pages, and each entry can be used whether you are using Jungle Tiles or any other Tiles set.

# **6.1. MARINE FACTION UNITS**

MODEL INFO										WEAPON INFO						
NAME	TYPE	ł	CC	RS	ST	CON		Â	ABILITIES	TYPE	WEAPON NAME	ST	ROA	AVV	ABILITIES	
Heavy Support Marine									Team Tactics		Pulse Rifle	12	1	0	-	
									Always at Home	RS						
	Т	1	13	15	10	10	1	13	Heal 3		Grenade Launcher	16	1	0	Grenade Launche	
			-	١.,					Claymores	CC	Combat Knife	+0	1	0	-	
Heavy Support Marine (Minigun)									Team Tactics							
									Always at Home	RS	Minigun	13	4	2		
	T	1	13	15	10	10	1	13	Heal 3							
								100	Claymores	CC	Combat Knife	+0	1	0	-	
								13	Team Tactics						Kaboom!	
Heavy Support Marine						10	1		Always at Home	RS	Rocket Launcher	18	1	6	Limited Ammunitio	
(Rocket Launcher)	Т	1	13	15	10				Heal 3		Firearm	10	1	0		
									Claymores	CC	Combat Knife	+0	1	O	•	
W/Y Exosuit (Chainguns)	S							15(12)		RS	Chainguns	11	6	1	-	
		1	14	16	11	11	5		Armored		Flamethrower	12	1	0	Burning Inferno	
										CC	Servo-Assisted Punch	+3	3	3	-	
W/Y Exosuit (Railguns)					11		5	15(12)			Railguns	9	1	0	Rail	
	S	1	14	16		11			Armored	RS	Flamethrower	12	1	0	Burning Inferno	
										CC	Servo-Assisted Punch	12	1	0	-	
	T	1			12	12	2	10(10)	Robotic	RS	Pulse Rifle	12	12 1	0		
Synthetic			10	10					Preserve Life			12				
									Tactical Acumen	CC	Overcharged Stun Baton	+0	2	0	Surge	
	-	1						12	Sleight of Hand	RS	Firearm	10	1			
Rob Yourstand	HQ		8	8	1	1	2		Helping Hand			10	1	0	-	
									Loathed Person	CC	Combat Knife	+0	1	0	-	
Prisoner	S	1	12		10	10	1	10	Charge	PP	Improvized Melee Weapons	+0	2	0		
FIISUIICI					10	10			Untrained	CC						
Colonict		S 1	10	12	9	9	1	10	Last Stand	RS	Autopistol	8	2	0	-	
Colonist	3		10	J 12		9	1	10	Untrained	CC	Combat Knife	+0	1	0	-	
Colonist	S	1	10	12	9	9	1	10	Last Stand	RS	Sonic Distortion Rifle	*	1	0	Surge	
(Sonic Rifle)		-	10		J	J	'		Untrained	CC	Combat Knife	+0	1	0	-	
		1	10		9				Last Stand	20	Chotour	12	1	0	Shotgun!	
Colonist (Shotgun)	S			12		9	1	10	Last Stand	RS	Shotgun				Point Blank Shot	
()						-		1.4	Untrained	CC	Combat Knife	+0	1	0	-	

## 6.1.1. MARINE UNIT DESCRIPTION **USCM Heavy Support Marines**

When they need absolutely everything in the area cleared, the Marines call in their heavy support platoons. Specialists amongst them bear Miniguns, weapons which are capable of laying out devastating fusillades of bullets or the destructive M-6B Rocket Launchers, which can reduce large alien creatures to pieces or vehicles to slag in a single shot.

#### W/Y Exosuit

Used by both the USCM as well as private military contractors, the WY Exosuit uses a pair of M103 Torrent Chainguns, which are able to shred massive numbers of advancing enemies in seconds using its caseless ammunition. The anti-vehicle variant packs a pair of M310 rail guns that are easily capable of punching holes through any armored target.

#### **Rob Yourstand**

Corporate snitch or small time crook, both descriptions apply to this man. Literally, nobody likes him enough to spend the time to get to know him. There has been no situation where he was present and things didn't go south fast. Beware of your personal belongings.

#### Prisoners

The incarceration of hardened prisoners costs the Corporation untold amounts of money, and inevitably the Corporation decided to better their living conditions in exchange to unpaid labor. Worlds known to have a high probability of being hostile often see prisoners on the forefront of every menial labor needed to prepare colonization. Upon completion of the task the prisoners would then be relocated to a new future colony. Should the planet prove to be too hostile, the prisoners were considered expendable and their sentence served.

#### Colonists

More often than not, colonists inhabiting Corporate--funded projects are being issued license to carry weapons, and at some extreme cases are even allowed to field-test experimental equipment developed in Weyland-Yutani labs, such as the WY-1000 SDR Sonic Rifle.

#### **Synthetics**

Known as androids by most, and the most advanced preferring the term "artificial persons", synthetics are biomechanical humanoids that are almost indistinguishable from living humans. Some synthetics are tasked with being a warden to prisoner details. Their computerized analytical processes often allow Synthetics to be valued by war-time commanders, and their prerogatives concerning human life have helped many a person avoid otherwise fatal injuries.

### 6.1.2. MARINE WEAPONS DESCRIPTION

#### 6.1.2.1. RANGED WEAPONS M-6B Rocket Launcher

When certain Colonial Marine Heavy Support team and Rifle Platoons need light anti-armor support, their go to weapon is the M6-B. The M6-B is a man portable, shoulder fired rocket platform that can effectively engage enemy behind light cover, or penetrate light armor. It is a versatile and reliable tool favored by most Marines in the field.

#### Firearm

Possibly the easiest to procure, all forms of pistols are often used by off-world personnel more for the feeling of security an armed person feels rather than the actual need to use it.

#### Sonic Distortion Rifle

Developed in Weyland-Yutani labs, the WY-1000 SDR is an efficient weapon when used against alien species of all types. When fired at a human, the damage is moderate but manageable. When employed against a Xenomorph, however, the sonic disruptions of the rifle cause the internal systems of the creature to rupture. It also has a similar effect upon Yautja physiology, causing organs and muscles to explode.

### 6.1.2.2. CLOSE COMBAT WEAPONS **Overcharged Stun Baton**

Stun Batons are usually issued to Synthetics to pacify rioting convicts in a non-lethal manner. However, when a Stun Baton becomes overcharged, it can deliver to its target a strong electric current, capable of felling even the resilient Xenomorph's nervous system.



# **6.2. ALIEN FACTION UNITS**

	MODEL INFO											WEAPON INFO							
NAME	TYPE	1	CC	RS	ST	CON		6.41	ABILITIES	TYPE	WEAPON NAME	ST	ROA	AVV	ABILITIES				
Egg Cluster S	1								Hatch Facehuggers										
	S		•		•		1	8	Immobile	.		•	•						
			-					Weak											
Spitter						_			1.1		Spitter Claws	+0	1	0	•				
		1	11		10	10	1	12	Acidic Blood	CC	Tail	+1	1	0	Paroxysm				
	2			13						RS					Highly Caustic				
											Acid Phlegm	11		1	Short Range				
Evolved Warrior 6															Evolved Claws	+0	4	0	
	HQ	1	17	11	14	14	2	15(10)	Acidic Blood	CC	Tail	+1	1	0	Paroxysm				
						-			Perfect Organism	RS	Acid Spit	12	1	0	Acid Spit				

#### 6.2.1. ALIEN UNIT DESCRIPTIONS Egg Cluster

Acid Phlegm

Serving the Hive's need to grow, Queens lay eggs in well-guarded rooms within the Hive. The eggs, sensing potential hosts hatch and Facehuggers start amassing to perform their sole function. These Egg Clusters are always a high priority target for the USCM.

#### Spitter

Adapted by many hives to combat Human and Yautja forces, the Spitters project acid at a short distance. They have an organ that is wrapped in a thickly, corded muscle that contracts when the beast fires its lethal acid. Physically, they are only a bit less strong than an Infant, which still means they are a fearsome opponent to most.

#### **Evolved Warrior 6**

Evolved Warrior 6 was the sixth Xenomorph created by Dr. H.G. Groves at the Weyland-Yutani research facility on BG386. Showing an exceptional aptitude in intelligence, Evolved Warrior 6 was subjected to many tests involving her brutal combat lethality, including being allowed to hunt down and kill guards and various technicians. Eventually, she escaped and freed the Queen that had been being held captive to spawn eggs, resulting in the destruction of the facility.

# 6.2.2. ALIEN WEAPONS DESCRIPTION

Less powerful to the Acid Spit of the Warriors, the Phlegm has a slightly longer range, yet its density might cause structural damage to the environment, hindering their enemies' movements.

# **6.3. PREDATOR FACTION UNITS**

MODEL INFO											WEAPON INFO						
NAME	TYPE	łł.	CC	RS	ST	CON		-	ABILITIES	TYPE	WEAPON NAME	ST	ROA	AVV	ABILITIES		
Tracker		1							Seasoned Hunter	CC	Whip		2	0	Surge		
												-			Reach		
	Р		14	14	13	13	3	14(12)	Master of the Hunt		Wrist Blades	+0	2	0			
									Falcon		Churikan				Dessision		
			-		-				Dodge	RS	Shuriken	9	2	0	Precision		
										CC	Ceremonial Dagger	-3	2	0	Serrated Blad		
Soldier Ceremonial Dagger)	P	1	17	14	14	14	3	16(12)	Seasoned Hunter		Wrist Blades	+0	2	0	Ilat Diaama		
ooronioniur bu55017										RS	Dual Blazer	13	2	4	Hot Plasma		
		-					-								Deadly		
						14			Seasoned Hunter -	CC	Glaive	+0	•	0	Sweeping Strik		
Soldier (Glaive)	Р	P 1	17	14	14		3	16(12)			Wrist Blades	+0	2	0	•		
(ulaive)										RS	Dual Blazer	13	2	4	Hot Plasma		
															Deadly		
Soldier (Seimitere)	Р	P 1	17	14	14	14	3	16(12)	Seasoned Hunter	CC	Dual Scimitars	+0	3	0	Block		
(Scimitars)										RS	Dual Hydra	17	2	0	•		
Machiko Noguchi		HQ 1		15	10			15(12)	Expert Hunter	ee.	Sword	+2	2	1	-		
	HO		16			10	3		Dodge	CC	Wrist Blades	+0	2	0	-		
			10						Between Two Worlds Trained in	RS	Plasma Caster	12	3	3	Hot Plasma		
		P 1		-				15(12)	the Arts (P) Expert Hunter	CC	Glaive	+0		0			
Elite											Ceremonial Dagger	-3	2	0	Serrated Blad		
(Glaive)	P		15	13	14	14	3				Skull Shield	•		•	Shield		
										RS	Plasma Caster	12	3	3	Hot Plasma		
														Surge			
			1 -							CC	Whip	•	2	0	Reach		
Elite	Р	1	15	13	14	14	3	15(12)	Expert Hunter	եր	Sword	.3	2	0	Serrated Blad		
(Whip)											Shuriken	•	•	•	Shield		
								1.0		RS	Speargun	12	3	3	Hot Plasma		
		P 1								CC	Dual Scimitars	+0	3	0	Block		
Elite (Ocimitano)	Р		15	13	14	14	3	15(12)	Expert Hunter	00	Shuriken	9	2	0	Precision		
(Scimitars)					1				Perfect Organism	RS	Plasma Caster	12	3	3	Hot Plasma		
	-								Expert Hunter		Wrist Blades	+0	2	0	-		
Hunting Bike	Р	P 2	15	13	14	14	4	16(12)	Spiked Nightmare	CC	Razor Pike	+0	•	3	Scything Drive		
									Armored	RS	Plasma Cannon	16	1	6	Hot Plasma		

### 6.3.1. PREDATOR UNIT DESCRIPTION Tracker

Those who follow the path of the Tracker travel the galaxy searching for the largest, most terrifying foes to slay and make trophies of. They specialize in using other creatures to test and flush out their prey, determining their weaknesses and wearing them down before delivering the killing blow themselves. Hellhounds, Falcons, and various types of traps are used to track, lure and disorient their targets before dispatching them and claiming their trophy.

### Soldiers

When the Yautja species needs to go to war, it calls upon those of the military caste, sporting weapons of unparalleled destruction, the Blazer and the Hydra. The Blazer is a shoulder-mounted energy cannon similar in design to the Plasma Caster, but far more destructive. The Hydra Multi-Missile System, mounted on a Soldier's back to free up their hands for close combat launches powerful plasma missiles that are effective against all prey, but especially against targets that utilize electronics.

### Elite

The most seasoned hunters within a clan are known as the Elite. Veterans of many Hunts, these Yautja are a feared adversary across the galaxy, and to join their ranks is a great honor. It is from their number that the clan's Elder is chosen when the current falls. Each one is a fearsome warrior as well as a formidable hunter. In order to join the ranks of the Elite, one must kill several species of dangerous foes; River Ghosts, Xenomorphs, humans, and Bad Blood Yautja are among the top prizes for this list.

### Machiko Noguchi

A physically short and strong human, Machiko Noguchi was employed by the Chigusa Corporation to be the administrator in charge of the Prosperity Wells colony on the planet Ryushi. After helping a Yautja Elder defeat his Queen nemesis, she was deemed worthy of the Mark and was allowed to live among the Yautja and hunt with them.

She did this for years, sometimes ridiculed or bullied because she was human, until at some point she chose to return to the company of humans, betraying her clan. Ever since, Machiko is split between the thrill of the hunt and her human heritage.

### Hunting Bike

The Hunting Bike is an anti-grav vehicle used by small packs of Predators to harry prey into an area ripe for the picking. The rider carries a long, deadly lance called a razor pike, a weapon able to punch through most light

Glaive

Whip

Scimitar

Sword

Speargun

Shuriken evident ease.

armor with ease, stunning its target and allowing for an easier capture of the prey, if it still lives. Mounted under the front section of a bike is a plasma cannon, capable of melting the hardest alloy or carapace.

### 6.3.2. PREDATOR WEAPON DESCRIPTION Ceremonial Dagger

When taking trophies from vanquished enemies, the Ceremonial Dagger is the Yautja's favored instrument. It is also linked with the Youngblood scarring upon obtaining the right to bear the Hunter's Mark. However, it can also be used as a close-quarters blade, since the materials used in its crafting make it a lethal weapon.

Similarly to the Combi-Stick, the Glaive is a long polearm; however it has a longer blade and is much deadlier when used in scything motion, capable of taking out swathes of enemies in a single strike.

While it is not uncommon to see these made from flexible Xenomorph parts such as the tail, quite often the Whips hide technological surprises for their victims.

Quite similar to the Wristblade, the Scimitar is a little longer in size and thus less maneuverable, but allows for a wider set of fighting styles and killer moves, being preferred by the more combat-oriented Predators.

A long two handed sword is a rare sight amongst the Yautja, however its use has been reported many a time. Some Predators prefer to replace their Wrist Blades with a Sword for its Stronger hit and added finesse.

Whether gauntlet-mounted or handheld pistols and rifles, these weapons are commonly known as Spearguns. They launch a very sharp metal spike at their target, quite often shot with enough force to carry the victim and impale them on nearby objects.

The Shuriken is a thrown weapon of the Yautja, comprising of a round "handle" and six retractable blades. Its lethality is evident on the objects it can pass through, slicing them in half. Ranging from Xenomorphs to sturdy tree barks, the Shuriken will slice through with

# **7. ADVANCED FORCE CREATION**

This section is an addition to the AvP:THB rulebook relevant section, and must be used in conjunction with it. You may select any Models for your Faction from these entries, following all normal rules for Force Organization.

As an option, you may instead select your Forces using the Alternate Force Lists.

# 7.1. USCM

### 7.1.1. MARINE FORCE LIST ADDITIONS: **Officer Upgrades Options:**

- 1. Weapons Authorization: You may give up to one USCM Officer in your Force the "Call in the Cavalry (A)" Special Skill and an Airstrike Token for 30 pts.
- 2. Rapid Insertion Force: If your Force includes a Weyland-Yutani Commando Captain, you may give all your Weyland-Yutani Commandos and the W-Y Commando Captain the "Quick Rappel (P)" Special Skill for 2 pts per W/Y Model. This cost must be paid for all W-Y Models, even if you do not intend to use the Skill with all of them.

#### **HQ Options:**

1. Rob Yourstand (26 pts)

You may add a maximum of one Rob Yourstand to your Force. Rob Yourstand cannot be the compulsory HQ of your Force.

#### **Troop Options:**

1. USCM Heavy Support Squad (131 pts) You may add one USCM Heavy Support Squad for each USCM Officer in your Force. This Squad consists of one Heavy Marine armed with a Minigun, one Heavy Marine armed with a Rocket Launcher and three Heavy Marines armed with a Pulse Rifle. Options:

> a) You may add up to two Heavy Marines armed with a Pulse Rifle for 25 pts each.

b) You may add up to one Heavy Marine armed with a Minigun for 27 pts or up to one Heavy Marine armed with a Firearm and carrying a Rocket Launcher for 29 pts.

c) You may add a USCM Sergeant armed with a Shotgun for 38 pts (see AvP:THB). The Sergeant counts as part of that Squad for all game purposes, and may result in the Squad having 9 Models (the Sergeant does not count towards the limit of 8 Models per Squad).

## Support Options:

Colonists and Prisoners Squads may have up to 10 Models. For each of your US Colonial Marines Squads, you may take one Colonists or Prisoners Squad as a Troops Slot instead.

#### 1. Colonists (50 pts)

A Colonists Squad consists of 3 Colonists armed with a Firearm, 1 Colonist armed with a Sonic Distortion Rifle and 1 Colonist armed with a Shotgun. You may include additional models in this order:

a) You may add up to 3 Colonists armed with Firearms for 7 pts each.

b) If your Squad already contains 6 Colonists armed with Firearms, you may add 1 Colonist armed with Sonic Distortion Rifle for 9 pts. c) If your Squad already contains 2 Colonists armed with Sonic Distortion Rifles, you may add 1 Colonist armed with Shotgun for 20 pts.

2. Prisoners (30 pts)

A Prisoners Squad consists of 5 Prisoners armed with Improvised Weapons. You may add:

a) Up to 5 extra Prisoners armed with Improvised Weapons for 6 pts each.

b) For every complete 5 Prisoners, you may add one Synthetic armed with a Pulse Rifle and an Overcharged Stun Baton for 36 pts.

#### 3. W/Y Exosuit

You may add one W/Y Exosuit armed with a Flamethrower, Servo-Assisted Punch and Railguns for 87 pts, or a W/Y Exosuit armed with a Flamethrower, Servo-Assisted Punch and Railguns for 89 pts.

### 7.1.2. ALTERNATE MARINE FORCE LIST: W/Y DIVISION

If you select W/Y Division as your Force List, the following units are allowed:

HQ: W/Y Commando Captain, Rob Yourstand Troops: W/Y Commandos, Prisoners, Colonists, W/Y Exosuits

Support: US Colonial Marines, USCM Heavy Support

Not Availlable: Dutch, Linn, USCM Officer, Sentry Guns, Power Loader, Machiko Noguchi

Limitations: You must include at least one Squad of W/Y Commandos.

Benefit: When using a Shooting Action, you only take half penalties to RS (For example, Shooting at an Engaged Tile is -5 instead of -10).

# 7.2. ALIENS

## 7.2.1. FORCE LIST ADDITIONS: Queen Upgrades Options: 1. Birthing Imperative: You may give a Queen included in your Force the "Spawn Egg (A)" Special Skill and a Birthing Token for 15 pts. 2. Expansion Imperative: You may give a Queen included in your Force the "Expand Hive (A)" Special Skill for 15 pts. 3. Silent Hunters: Models in your Force may treat all Jungle Corridor Tiles as Infested Tiles for the purposes of using Hide (A) and Skulking Advance (A), for 1 point per Troop Model (counting towards the 50% Troops Requirement). 4. Thick Carapace: You may give all your Crushers in your Force the Thick Carapace Upgrade for 10 pts per Crusher Model. They gain the +1 A, +1 W and the "Armored (P)" ability. **HQ Options: HQ Options:** 1. Evolved Warrior 6 (53 pts) You may add a maximum of one Evolved Warrior 6 to your Force. Evolved Warrior 6 takes up one HQ Slot. **Support Options:** 1. Egg Cluster (15 pts) 1. Soldier You may add a maximum one Egg Cluster for every complete 250 pts in your Force. 2. Spitters (13 pts each) You may include Spitters up to half the total number or Infant Warrior and Warrior Models you have included in your Force, rounding fractions down. 7.2.2. ALTERNATE ALIENS FORCE LIST: ELITE HIVE If you select Elite Hive as your Force List, the following 2. Elite units are allowed: HQ: Queen, Praetorian Troops: Royal Guards, Crushers, Egg Cluster Support: Facehuggers, Warriors, Spitters Not Availlable: Evolved Warriors, Evolved Warrior 6, Predalien, Infant Warriors, Stalkers Limitations: You must include at least two Royal Guards. Benefit: All Models in your Force gain Heal (4), or add +1 to their Heal (X) Skill, whichever is greater.

You may select either a Soldier armed with Ceremonial Dagger, Wrist Blade and Blazer (66 pts), a Soldier armed with Glaive, Wrist Blades and Blazer (73 pts) or a Soldier armed with Dual Scimitars and Hydra (75 pts). You may include up to one Soldier for every other Slot you have already filled. Each Soldier selected must be different. All Soldiers in your Force take up one Hunt Pack Slot in total. \*

# **7.3 PREDATORS**

#### 7.3.1. FORCE LIST ADDITIONS: **Upgrades** Options:

1. Matriarch: You may give to up to one Female Elder in your force the "My Will Be Done! (A)" Special Skill for 10 pts.

2. Enemy Mine: You may give to up to one of your Berserker or Berserker Elders the "Marked Prey (P)" Special Skill for 10 pts.

3. Elite Force: You may give to up to one of your Warrior or Hunter Elders the "Elite Leader (P)" Special Skill for 10 pts.

4. Jungle Hunters: You may give to all your Predators (except Hellhounds and Machiko) the "The Jungle is Alive (P)" Skill for 2 points per Model (if you use the Jungle Hunters Upgrade Option, you must apply it to all your eligible Predators).

1. Tracker (63 pts)

If your Force includes a Tracker, you may also include a Hellhounds Pack, ignoring normal restrictions for that Pack and it does not take up a Slot. Any Trackers selected beyond the first take up a Hunt Pack slot instead of an HQ slot.

### Hunt Pack Options:

You may select either an Elite armed with a Skull Shield, Glaive, Plasma Caster and Ceremonial Dagger (70 pts), an Elite armed with a Shuriken, Speargun, Sword and Whip (67 pts) or an Elite armed with Dual Scimitars, Plasma Caster and a Shuriken (71 pts). You may include up to one Elite for every other Slot you have already filled. Each Elite selected must be different. All Elite in your Force take up one Hunt Pack Slot in total. \*

- 3. Hunting Bike (101 pts)
  - You may select a Hunting Bike for your Force. The Hunting Bike takes up 2 Hunt Pack Slots, however it does not count towards the compulsory Hunt Pack Slots (you must first fill up your compulsory Slots with other options).

\* EXAMPLE: if you include one Warrior, a Pack of 3 Youngbloods and one Elder Warrior, you may include up to 3 Models of this Hunt Pack, since you have already filled three Slots (one HQ and two Hunt Pack Slots).

7.3.2. Alternate Predators Force List: WARPATH

If you select Warpath as your Force List, the following units are allowed:

HQ: Warrior Elder, Hunter Elder

Hunt Packs: Warriors, Hunters, Elites, Soldiers, Hunting Bike

Not Availlable: Berserker Elder, Berserkers, Machiko Noguchi, Tracker, Hellhounds, Youngbloods

Limitations: None

Benefit: Ignore the restrictions on Elite and Soldier Predators.

# **8. EXPERIENCE LEVELS**

All units follow the general guidelines of of section "9.12. Experience Levels" of the AvP:THB Rulebook, unless noted otherwise.

DESIGNER'S NOTE: We recommend visually marking models from each squad, to easily keep track of the models of same type squads. Even a simple colored dot on the side of the base would do.

## 8.1. USCM

All USCM new units follow the rules of section "9.12. Experience Levels" of the AvP:THB Rulebook.

## 8.2. ALIENS

Spitters follow the rules of section "9.12. Experience Levels" of the AvP:THB Rulebook.

Egg Clusters may not ever gain Experience, nor do they count as Frags or any other Mission Objective.

## **8.3. PREDATORS**

All Predator new units follow the rules of section "9.12. Experience Levels" of the AvP:THB Rulebook.

# **9. ADVANCED DEPLOYMENT RULES**

# 9.1. REFERENCE TO TILES

Jungle Tiles may not be chosen as Starting Tiles. The Alien Player may choose a maximum of one Tile for his Starting Tiles.

# **10. GRAND FREE FOR ALL**

The game rules can accommodate more than three players wishing to have fun. You can have a Grand Free for All (Grand FFA), each player picking the Force he wishes and fighting against all others or alternately, you can split into Faction Teams and go guns blazing against the other Factions.

This game mode uses the Advanced Rules found in the AvP:THB & AvP: HLZ Rulebook. It is best if the group owns more than one Game Box, in order to use the best Tiles and all of the Cards.

## **10.1. GRAND FREE FOR ALL**

Aside from all normal Advanced Rules found in the AvP:THB Rulebook& AvP: HLZ Rulebook, this game mode also uses the following guidelines.

## 10.1.1 GAME MASTER

Instead of making a game board the way mentioned in the Advanced Rules section of AvP:THB Rulebook, the game board is designed by a Game Master, who is a non-playing player. The Game Master is also responsible for determining the Mission Objectives for each Player, adding at least two different compulsory objectives for each player, thus negating any "early lucky victories", as well as managing the Event Deck and Dropship Token Placement and keeping track of player Initiative order each Game Turn. As much fun as it may be, designing a fair and challenging Grand FFA requires skill and is hard to achieve, so we recommend allowing the group's most experienced player in the position of Game Master.

DESIGNER'S NOTE: Do not be alarmed if the Game Master does not make a perfect mission in his first try; you can always feed him to the Facehuggers, or give him a second chance to redeem himself through experience. No? Facehuggers it is then.

### 10.1.2. STRATEGY CARD DECKS

Each player needs to have his Faction's Strategy Card Deck to use in the game. Keep all Strategy Card piles (Deck and Discard) separate for each player. Each player may customize his deck as normal.

#### 10.1.3. FORCES

Due to the amount of players, we recommend using forces of a maximum of 250 points per player. The Dropship cannot be used in Grand Free for All.

### 10.1.4. ROLL OF HONOR

If your group likes spending afternoons dedicated to fun and legendary heroics, we recommend that you use a notebook to write down the high-score Honor Points and Titles of each Grand FFA match. The use of it is also ideal for casual or competitive store events.

Do not end the Game after the first player achieves all of his Victory Conditions. Instead, play continues as normal and any player who achieved his Victory Conditions remains in the game and he takes a note of the point cost of every model he frags thereon, and gains an equal amount of Honor Points.

End the game after at least three players have achieved their Mission Objectives, or only one player's Models remain on the board.

The first player who achieved his Mission Objectives gains the Gold Challenger Title, the second gains the Silver Challenger Title and the third gains the Bronze Challenger Title. All Titles are noted alongside the event date and the player's name, and after a predetermined set of matches (or period of time) the player with the Most Gold Titles wins the Season's Champion Title, using Silver and Bronze Titles as Tiebreakers.

At the end of each game, after winners are determined, the player with the highest amount of Honor Points also gets to write his name on the group's Grand FFA notebook, and compare his results with the previous Challengers. Beating the previous high-score changes your status to Challenger Supreme. After a while, beating a previous high score will become a thing of legend!

Can you be your group's Challenger Supreme?



2nd Objective Lowest Initiative Team to Highest Initiative Team

10.2.2. STRATEGY CARD DECKS Each player needs to have his Faction's Strategy Card Deck to use in the game. Keep all Strategy Card piles (Deck and Discard) separate for each player. Each player may use the Deckbuilding Rules to customize his deck as normal, and it may vary from his teammates'

Team.

deck/s.

# 10.2. TEAM FFA

We recommend playing Team FFA using an equal number of players for each Faction (For example, 2 players each Faction). This could create opportunities to create both fun and competitive events.

### **10.2.1.** MISSION OBJECTIVES

Each Team should draw two cards from the Mission Objectives Cards and note down both objectives. Then the teams roll for initiative and reveal their objectives, at the same time determining relevant Tiles (or placing relevant Tokens) in the following order:

1st Objective Highest Initiative Team to Lowest Initiative Team

### 10.2.3. FORCES

Due to the amount of players, we recommend using forces of a maximum of 250 points per player in each

# **11. HOT LANDING ZONE CAMPAIGN**

# **11.1. INTRODUCTION**

Through a combination of luck and advanced engineering, parts of the USCSS Theseus survived its crash on the planet's surface. Scattered across the planet's dense jungles, compartments of the ship containing personnel or material survived. Against all odds, the planet's atmosphere proved breathable for humans, and unfortunately for the survivors, other life forms.

With but minutes to recuperate and figure out some sense of bearings, groups of surviving Xenomorphs begun their onslaught on the survivors anew, thus signifying the humans' mobilization towards finding defensible terrain. Little did they know that this planet had already been inhabited by humans and its existence kept secret from anyone other than the premier ranks of Weyland-Yutani higher echelon; its location omitted from all standard-issue navigation charts.

### Meanwhile, at the facility...

The W/Y Corporation were about to finish the planet's terraforming and were in the process of setting up a more permanent colony. As per company protocol, a penal colony had been set up, and the convicts sent to toil and repay the community for their crimes. The first installations were taken up by the W/Y Bioweapons R&D department, scientific and medical personnel following through, as did their dubious research projects.

What started as a shower of small debris soon became a rain of fire and destruction, as the ship crash-landed near the installation's habitats. Fate played her hand as a rather large part of the vessel containing ammo reserves impacted nearby the inhabited blocks, the resulting explosions damaging the installation and creating escape routes for those incarcerated within its bounds. It took only moments for the convicts to realize that they were not the sole captives earning their freedom, and soon sought to join arms with more heavily equipped personnel...

# **11.2. FORCES**

Players are encouraged to use the following forces:

MARINES use the 5 USCM from the AvP: The Hunt Begins Core Box and the 6 Models included in the AvP: Hot Landing Zone expansion.

ALIENS start with all 5 Models included in the AvP: HLZ expansion and choose either 5 Stalkers and 9 Infant Warriors, or 3 Stalkers and 10 Infant Warriors.

**P**REDATORS start with a Tracker, a Falcon Token and one of the following combinations:

- 1 Warrior with Smart Disc, 1 Hunter and 1 Vocal Mimicry Token
- 1 Warrior with Smart Disc, 1 Warrior with Combi-Stick and 2 Vocal Mimicry Tokens •
- 1 Warrior with Combi-Stick, 1 Hunter and 2 Vocal Mimicry Tokens

DESIGNER'S NOTE: Feel free to change, modify and take inspiration from Campaign Maps when playing Custom Games!

# **MISSION 11**

The USCSS Theseus has now crashed on the surface of this planet, scattering debris and flora for kilometers around the crash-site. The perimeter must be secured and cleared of any hostiles, whether old or new...

### **BRIEFING:**

#### Marines:

Heads up Marines! There is no telling what lurks in these jungles, and if any of the nasties survived. Establish a Aliens perimeter and clear out any threats, pronto!

#### Aliens:

Our hive is in danger! We must protect the Eggs to ensure the hive's existence. Find a new hiding place, away from harm! Kill any that gets in the way of the Hive!

#### Predators:

Predators Contain the Prey to prevent an outbreak. The Hunt must continue unobstructed.



### VICTORY CONDITIONS: Marines:

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Perform an Interact Action on a Tile containing a Marine Mission Objective Token, to set up automated defenses and scanners and remove that Token. When 2 or more Tokens are removed this way, this objective is complete.

Gain 7 Frags.

Carry the Egg (Alien Mission Objective Token) to the safety of the Waterfall. Use the "Carrying a Token" Mission Rule. The Token is removed and this objective complete once the carrier reaches the Waterfall.

Gain 7 Frags.

Gain 6 Trophies (use the Trophy Mission Rules). Perform an Interact Action within the Engineering Room to hack it and prevent the Prey from gaining access to power.

Whether by skill or mere luck a Dropship and its pilots managed to escape the crashing death of USCSS Theseus. It is a matter of life and death for the human survivors to establish contact with it, if they are to stand any chance of survival.

### **BRIEFING:**

#### Marines:

Sarge thinks he saw a Dropship flying off the ship before Aliens the crash course begun. It is imperative that we establish contact with any surviving pilots!

#### Aliens:

Too many of our kind have perished. We must boost our numbers and inhabit this planet; find new hosts and bring them closer to the egg chambers.

#### **Predators:**

The humans locked themselves inside the wrecked ship. Limit their numbers to prevent an outbreak of xenos.

### VICTORY CONDITIONS: Marines:

- Reach the Engineering Room and perform an Interact Action to power up the Comms Array.
- Reach the Bridge after powering up the Comms Array and spend an Interact Action to make contact with the Pilots.

- Multiply! Capture 3 victims and bring them to the Hive Entrance. Use the "Trophy Collection", Carrying a Token and Deliver to Vents Mission Special Rules.
- Find dormant hosts and notify the Hive by reaching the Hibernation Chamber and performing an Interact Action.

#### Predators

- Start a fire in the Engine Room by causing eno-• ugh damage to the machinery. Use the Damaging a Room Mission Special Rules.
- Gain 7 Frags. •



# **MISSION 13**

There are survivors of the crash scattered all over the area. Traversing through the jungles will not be easy, but current circumstances dictate that we must brave the dense flora if we are to save our people.

### **BRIEFING:**

#### Marines:

Our readings show a number of human life signs on this area. Verify they're our own, and get them to safety. Speed is of the essence!

#### Aliens:

It is time for the Hive to strike! Storm their own nesting places and destroy them. Leave nothing for them to find when they return!

#### Predators:

The hunter moves with grace in his natural habitat. Bring glory to the Clan, and collect trophies worthy of the Elder's respect. Make sure none of the Prey can escape!



## VICTORY CONDITIONS:

#### Marines:

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Rescue at least 2 out of 3 Survivors and bring them to the Escape Pod. Use the Carrying a Token Mission Special Rules.

Gain 7 Frags.

#### Aliens

• Wreak havoc on their nests by damaging the Predator Pod and the Armory. Use the Damaging a Tile/Room Mission Special Rules. • Gain 7 Frags.

#### Predators

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Gain 7 Frags.

Reach the Waterfall and Clearing and spend an Interact Action to set up charges (Predator Mission Objective Token). This objective is completed when locations have such Tokens on them.

The plot thickens... The USCSS Theseus is boarded by two alien races, and then forced to crash land on a planet capable of sustaining human life, where there's already a high-tech Weyland-Yutani facility established? This is not by chance or accident. Let's see who knows more than he tells!

### **BRIEFING:**

### Marines:

Alright lads, you heard the Sarge. Let's knock on the door and enjoy the hospitality. Better make sure they have hot water and cold beers, otherwise we won't be as gentle!

#### Aliens:

The Hive is under attack. Thin their numbers down. Trap them inside so we can use them to breed and multiply!

#### **Predators:**

The Human fools! Their bolstered numbers will create uncontrollable chaos, if they are used by the Prey for breeding. This must stop now!

#### VICTORY CONDITIONS: Marines:

- Search all Landing Zones for clues. Perform an Interact Action on all three Jungle Rooms to set up scanners (Marine Mission Objective Tokens).
- Contain the Xenomorph threat by sealing shut the Reinforced Emergency Bulkhead (Marked as X on the Map). Perform a "Seal the Bulkhead" USCM Action. That door cannot be opened by any means until the end of the game. (Designer's NOTE: Yes, not even by the Mighty Queens and Crushers!)

#### Aliens

- Gain 7 Frags.
- Destroy the Pipelines (Xenomorph Mission Objective Token) to start fires on the exits. Use the Damaging a Tile Mission Special Rules.

#### Predators

- Mislead the humans by hacking their audio devices to mimic their calls for help. Reach the Bridge and Perform an Interact Action.
- Bring the impregnated humans (Predator Mission Objective Token) back to the Pod to extract the serpents. Use the Carrying a Token Mission Special Rules.



This planet has the means to support life indefinitely, but who could say no to the comforts of civilization? Judging by the maps and the last known position of the USCSS Theseus, this planet could not be too far off course from the usual trade routes...

#### **BRIEFING:**

#### Marines:

We've found all the parts needed to launch a small deep space transponder from ground level. Reach the highest location possible and make the launch. Someone's bound to be listening.

#### Aliens:

The prey's dependence on its trinkets and supplies is also its greatest weakness... Destroy what they hold dear, and they will be as good as dead.

#### **Predators:**

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Perhaps the time for the Great Hunt has come. We should alert the Clans and begin. Prepare the rituals and send word for the young ones to approach.

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### VICTORY CONDITIONS: Marines:

• Bring all Transponder Parts (Marine Mission Objective Tokens) to the Cliff Top. Use the Carrying a Token Mission Special Rules. Gain 7 Frags.

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Destroy the enemies' Supply Stacks (Predator Pod, Armory). This objective is complete when both Supply Stacks have been destroyed. Use the Damaging a Room/Tile Mission Special Rules.

• Clear a pathway for us to move further out in the planet's flora. This objective is complete when the Door marked with X has been opened for any reason.

#### Predators

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• Reach the Waterfall and Cliff Top and perform an Interact Action to ritually conceal a stash of Hunt Weapons for the younglings. Gain 4 Trophies.



If left unchecked, the Xenomorphs will find too many victims and their numbers will be unfathomable. And it seems we are not the only ones who have reached this conclusion...

#### **BRIEFING:**

#### Marines:

First things first Marines. Get a hold of the incinerator units and some charges. We'll be knee deep in Alien Slime, but we'll blow their nest sky-high in no time. Hurrah!

#### Aliens:

Our Hive is in danger! Protect it. Slay those who would seek to harm us and make them fear our strength! Carry the Eggs to safety!

#### Predators:

Balance out the hunt's rules. We can't let the Xenomorphs breed uncontrollably. We start by destroying their breeding grounds.

# VICTORY CONDITIONS:

- Marines:
  - Burn down the Hive (marked by the Marine Mission Objective Token). Use the Damaging a Tile Mission Special Rules.
  - Gain 7 Frags.

#### Aliens

- Gain 7 Frags.
- Extract at least 2 Eggs to the Clearing. Use the Carrying a Token Mission Special Rules.

#### Predators

- Initiate destruction sequence of facility. Destroy the Engineering Room and the Bridge. Use the Damaging a Room Mission Special Rules.
- Leave the area by performing an Interact action on the Waterfall when all surviving Predators are there. If playing with Advanced Forces, Machiko and any Hellhounds in your Force are excluded in regards to the "surviving Predators" requirement.

# **MISSION 17**

With innumerous Xenomorphs attacking from all sides, fragile alliances between Human and Yautja are not an uncommon sight. But as the Human survivors are running for their lives towards the evac, they realize that none other but themselves can be trusted.

#### **BRIEFING:**

#### Marines:

This place is a no-go, and down here we're alien chow. Command sent info of an approaching vessel and they've sent out a distress signal. Let's set up a beacon and wait for the cavalry.

### Aliens:

The prey runs amok and their will for fight has va-Predators nished. Now is the time to strike! Kill them all and hold nothing back. The Hive will prevail!

#### Predators:

Time to arm ourselves for the Hunt. Retrieve our legacy and bring it back to the pod. Our younger brothers are searching for a safe hiding place to prepare for the final Hunting Ritual.



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## VICTORY CONDITIONS:

#### Marines:

Aliens

Get to the Comms Room (Bridge). Spend an Interact Action to call in an evac.

Bring all surviving Models to the Cliff Top to await the evac.

#### Gain 7 Frags.

Cause enough carnage to the flying machine's landing sites. When two or more Landing Zone Tiles have been destroyed, this objective is complete. Use the Damaging a Room Mission Special Rules.

Retrieve the supply stashes. Spend an Interact action to remove a Predator Mission Objective Token from the same tile. When two or more Tokens have been removed this way, this Objective is complete.

Reach the Waterfall and spend an Interact action to start the final ritual. This action can be performed only after retrieval of the supply stashes has been completed.



As the Xenomorphs break loose from literally every corner, the last survivors try to climb to the evac with nothing but their lives. The Yautja begin to realize that they are fighting against impossible odds, and a new sense of duty and honor replaces their battle-lust.

#### **BRIEFING:**

#### Marines:

This is it lads. Get ready for the final show. We are getting out of this mess, weapons blazing. The Cap buys the first round of drinks back home! Let's do this! I'm getting thirsty.

#### Aliens:

The planet belongs to the Hive. Let's make sure the new breeding ground will also be ours!

#### **Predators:**

The great hunt has begun. Only this time it is not just for honor. It is also for survival.

### VICTORY CONDITIONS:

#### Marines:

• Initiate destruction of the scattered fuel tanks by reaching the Fuel Deposits (Marine Mission Ob-

jective Tokens). Spend an interact action to remove a Fuel Deposit from the same Tile. When both Fuel Deposits have been removed, this objective is complete.

• When the last Fuel Deposit has been removed, you may begin extracting the Survivors; count the number of surviving USCM Models at this time. Any Model may use a Movement Action to Move out of the Cliff Top as if moving to an adjacent Tile. This objective is complete If you extract at least one third of survivors (rounding down).

#### Aliens

- Gain 7 Frags.
- Hide at least one dormant Egg (Alien Mission Objective Token) in the human's equipment. This Token will automatically drop when the carrier reaches the Cliff Top. Use the Carrying a Token Mission Special Rules.

#### Predators

- Gain 4 Trophies. Use the Trophy Collection Mission Special Rules.
- Prevent any serpents from leaving this planet. Burn up any potential Extraction Locations (Landing Zones) by spending an Interact Action on each to start the fires.

