# playbook

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Pirates of the Caribula

# 023 Prepare for docking! Open the airlock!

This playbook explains the rules of the relentless treasure hunt that space pirates return to whenever they're not in school or at the office. But if you're an old space sea dog (aka space dog), you can use the rules stored in the top drawer of your memory table, in the folder marked "In case of space emergency."



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The space battle begins! Draw a map, hide the goodies, and build the traps. Pirates are daredevils, so vou can be sure of adventures! All you need to do is avoid the floor (it's covered with black holes), traverse the traps, age and find the treasure ...

# **!** Warnings

Every playoddity kit is designed as a children's experience that is guided by an adult. All the described activities require adult supervision. Safety instructions for each item in the kit can be found on the item's individual packaging.







Hi, this is The Voice speaking. I'd like to remind you that the most important part of the playoddity experience is the child or children. Without them, you'll just be an adult playing games to avoid responsibilities. So put your phone away, and follow the instructions in this playbook for having a great time! The activities also work without the playbook, if you have your own ideas, but we suggest you have a look at ours first.



Without playbook



With playbook

## **Unboxing**

A space adventure is worth sharing. Show off the awesome equipment, spread the news of your crew's battles, and make the whole universe tremble before your might. Oh, and don't forget #playoddity.



Each item in the kit has a colored sticker:

- Green sticker item can be used by children and adults
- Red sticker item should be used by adults only

If any items on the list are missing, or you have problems with any of the products, please get in touch.

### Contents of this kit

- 01. Vinyl floor mats
   Asteroids that are
   relatively safe to land on,
   because space is not safe
   at all
- 02. Stepping stones It's harder to land on these asteroids — only space dogs can do it.
- 03. Vintage paper Space maps are supposed to be holographic but you're a pirate, remember?
- O4. Fountain pen with ink
  Found in the captain's
  quarters of a Genoblazian
  transport ship after the
  captain went to sleep with
  the space fishes.
- 05. Pen with UV ink Some secrets can only be seen by the light of a special star.
- •06. Spyglass What's that in the distance, seventy-four light years away?
- O7. Inflatable eyeball The messenger of the Scrutinizers' fleet. He doesn't look friendly!

- •08. Hopscotch rings Moons, planets, gas giants; in other words, surfaces to land your ship on.
- 09. Nylon line Laser beams? Spaceweb? Red Dwarf-flavored spaghetti?
- 10. Flowerpot hidden safe A pot that hides a secret.
- ●11. Bubble gun
  A super-dangerous
  weapon from the ChpokShpok empire.
- 12. Black cloth

  Nobody knows what black
  holes look like. So they
  might well look just like
  this!
- 13. Pebble with secret compartment An artificial asteroid that hides the secrets of the galaxy.
- 14. Multifunctional security belt
   Equip yourself for adventure.
- 15. Luminous pebbles

  Made from stars, they
  can be used as rewards,
  tokens, or counters in a
  game.

- 16. Night sky projector Whoa, we're in space!
- 17. Jellyfish garland
   Careful, the Medusians are coming!
- 18. Brain-eating hat Once it's on your head, it controls you. And it aims to destroy all the pirates in the galaxy!
- 19. Eyepatch

  There was this accident with a micrometeorite many cycles ago ...
- 20. Lightsaber

  Ancient technology from a galaxy far, far away.
- 21. Pirate hat It's cold in space, so you should always wear a hat.
- 22. Pirate-style tool roll Put some pirate stuff inside.
- 23. Set of dice If you're lost in space, they might show you the way.

## **Notes and ideas**

Attention! Floor is a black hole! All hands on deck! Asteroids dead ahead! I know some other pirate phrases, but I can't remember them right now.



## Imagination engine: ON

This adventure will be built using your imagination.
We'll give you hints, but you do the rest. The main idea is to take the "Floor is Lava" game into space. The unlucky space pirates who step on the floor get sucked into the black holes and are never heard of again!

### Cosmic playground

You'll need to set up the playing field in your home or in the yard. Build the route using your furniture and items from the kit. Stepping on the floor/ground is prohibited by Paragraph 3X/Q1337 of the intergalactic "Floor is a Black Hole" championship rules.

#### Space is dangerous

Once the route is set up, it's time to make it dangerous!
Not dangerous-dangerous, but suitably challenging.
Let's build some traps and obstacles that the kids will need to traverse. For example, you can use the nylon line to build webs or a laser-beam wall! Position the jellyfish garland so that the kids need to crawl under it. Remember, the Medusians have a paralyzing sting!

#### Rich rewards

What is it we're looking for? What's the reward at the end? Is it a Continuum Transfunctioner? Or space candy? Or tickets to galactic movies? Or maybe the luminous pebbles from the kit are actually star shards that the kids have to collect and exchange for a gift of their choice later on? Place the treasure in one of the hidden compartments provided in the kit.

#### The map

A treasure hunt starts with a map. Even in space. So take the fountain pen — or the pen with UV ink — and draw one! Mark the traps and the asteroids on the map, and don't forget to place a giant X at the end!

# Commencing countdown, engines on

It's time to start! We need two teams: pirates and aliens. The pirates try to complete the route, and the aliens try to stop them with obstacles and traps. Each participant needs a weapon to defend themselves from attacks by the opposing team.

### It's a trap!

As the pirates head for the treasure, the aliens try to stop them by setting up traps or by brazenly attacking them with their weapons. Ask difficult questions that the pirates have to answer before they can advance further, block the route with deadly bubble gun fire, or start spacequakes (that's when the asteroids shake for no reason). Don't let the pirates get to the treasure!

Plan the traps well in advance. Nobody likes an unprepared alien.



## Attack of the Scrutinizers

The inflatable eyeball is, in fact, an angry Scrutinizer — a representative of a very aggressive space civilization that has hated space pirates ever since they stole the Legendary Monocle. Feel free to throw the Scrutinizer at the pirates to knock them off their route!

Be careful with your traps and attacks. You might not be accustomed to how objects behave in lowgravity situations, so try not to hurt anyone.



#### Accessories

The pirates can use the spyglass to find hints and codes for the tasks. For example, you can place a password at the other end of the room so that the pirates will need to use the spyglass to read it. The set of dice can help determine the outcome of different traps or interactions — just assign meanings to the symbols on them.

#### Time is relative

Use a timer to make the game even more challenging. Set a time for completing the route, or limit the thinking time that the pirates have before they answer the aliens' questions.

### Mix things up

Be sure to switch teams and mix up the aliens and pirates in each round. Let the kids build their own route, and see what happens.

#### Replay

Build new routes, draw new maps, find new treasure.
This game has unlimited replay potential, especially if you invite more pirates!

### **Mystery item**

Our sensors failed to recognize this artifact. Use it at your own risk! It might hide a great power or a terrible danger!

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## **Question time**

**?** How do you think space pirates are different from sea pirates?

**?** Does your space pirates' ship have a name? What is it?

Are there aliens in the universe?

**?** Do you want to meet an alien?

## **Creativity time**

During your travels in space, you've come across some new constellations. Draw the stars first, as dots or small circles, then join them up. Don't forget to give them names!

There's more out back — follow the arrow!

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