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The game system is low-complexity (totaling about 13,000 words) and is being presented here for the first time. Playing time between two experienced opponents of roughly equal skill levels will be about three to four hours per game. Designed by Joseph Miranda.

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