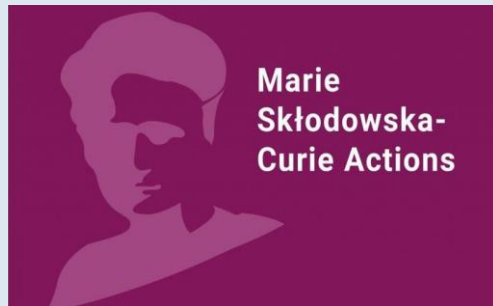


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# Muchen 沐宸

## Intermediary



## Description

**Muchen** performed intermediary tasks for all those who wanted to trade in the markets and port of Macau, as the trajectory he had traveled throughout his life had allowed him to learn the different languages and dialects spoken in Macau at that time.

Despite his Chinese origin, Cu Daxiao had embraced a new faith, having been a catechist in the service of the Franciscans for years. He had also been one for the Jesuits, who had actually paid better for his efforts. His wife was the one who had attracted him to the Christian faith and together with her, he punctually attended Christian masses and celebrations. He also performed other types of work, including collecting abandoned children. How many natural disasters had affected his people! How much poverty! How to manage to support your family if you have nothing to eat? He had several acquaintances who had sold their children, others had given them up for adoption. He went to the slave market and gave a fair price for these little ones, also promising them that they would be well cared for. The Christian God would take care of them.

## Actions



### Movement

– In the movement phase, the player can move between scenarios.



### Observe

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### Converse

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### Languages

– The character fluently speaks all the main languages used in Macau.



# José Nampal

## Captain

### Description

**José Nampal** did not come from any nation he could have called home. Although his family had Armenian origins and were therefore under the law of the highly respected Ottoman Empire, his ancestors had traveled for generations across the Arabian Sea to the Coromandel coast in India.

In search of new merchandise that could give them substantial profits, Nampal embarked with his brother towards the South China Sea in 1700. Disassociated from the large trading companies such as the East India Company and the Dutch East Indian Company that dominated part of the trade routes at that time.

José got a ship, a small junk of which he became its captain and with which he could make the route between Macau and Manila. One of his main benefactors was the Spaniard Juan Manuel Pérez de Tagle, Marquis of Salinas. Thanks to his funds, he could trade in the Portuguese enclave with the firm purpose of bringing the most precious merchandise from China such as new silk textiles, good quantities of porcelain that would be well received in New Spain, spices, nutmeg, and anything that could catch his attention. Although what he undoubtedly needed was to catch the attention of his buyers.



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#### Navigation

– Thanks to the long maritime tradition and as a navigator, he can steer ships with ease.



# Manuel del Santísimo Sacramento

## Franciscan missionary



## Description

**Manuel** is a Spanish Franciscan who was born in a small town in the diocese of Valladolid in 1741. When at 15 he heard about the Great Kingdom of China, he decided that his destiny would be to travel to that great empire to spread the Catholic religion. His wish came true and in 1770 he embarked for Mexico to then board a galleon that took him to the Philippine Islands. With the consent of his superiors, he left for Macau, the only place from which they were allowed to enter China, his much-desired destination.

His days passed between preaching, baptisms, and celebrations of masses. Despite the loneliness, the economic hardships he suffered at times, and the continuous frights due to the fear that the emperor would raise a new persecution against them, the desire to save new souls always guided the spirit of the Franciscan. Among his tasks, not only was baptizing both children and adults, but also collecting abandoned boys and girls to give them a Christian life, away from the influences of Taoist sorcerers and Buddhist monks. Only in this way, by taking them out of the clutches of the idolaters, would they manage to save those little ones from hell and give them a dignified life.

## Actions



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### Religious

– The character has great influence within the religious community.



# Tang Ying 唐英

## Customs Official



## Description

**Tang Ying 唐英** had spent many years of study and sleepless nights to reach the position he was currently exercising: being the hoppo (superintendent) in the customs of Canton. It was one of the most important positions of government and trade at that time, even more so considering that Canton was one of the few places where the emperor allowed trade with the "foreign barbarians".

Tang Ying's day-to-day life passed between ink, paper and seals, settling permits, collecting official fees and controlling that imperial orders were fulfilled. However, in his visits to junks and sampans to determine their loading capacity and negotiate payments, Tang Ying received extra benefits and gifts, since the hoppo was neither more nor less than the representation of the emperor in his jurisdiction. What could those payments be hiding? What types of merchandise were crossing through customs controls?

## Actions



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### Customs Law

– As the person in charge of customs, he can enforce the law strictly or turn a blind eye