

Checklist: The Temple Survival Plan

This checklist is designed for players of *The Adventurers* who want to move beyond relying on luck and start consistently surviving the temple. It helps you manage risk, optimize your inventory, and avoid common pitfalls that eliminate characters early. Use this list before you launch your next expedition to ensure you are fully prepared for the hazards ahead.

Phase 1: Pre-Game Preparation

- **Confirm that all components are present.** Ensure the boulder moves freely on the track and the lava tiles are shuffled properly before setup begins.
- **Select a character based on ability, not looks.** Read the special skill card carefully and verify that it complements your preferred playstyle (sprinting vs. carrying).
- **Review the "Load Level" chart.** Remind yourself exactly how many treasure cards correspond to losing a movement die so you don't have to calculate it mid-turn.
- **Identify the safe zones.** Locate the alcoves on the board immediately and count the exact number of squares between the start and the first safe point.

Phase 2: Execution and Movement

- **Prioritize movement actions first.** Always spend your action points to move your figure before attempting to search for treasure or decipher glyphs.
- **Calculate your dice odds.** Check whether picking up a new treasure card will drop your movement dice count below three before you decide to draw.
- **Monitor the discard pile.** Note which high-value treasure cards have already been played to estimate the probability of drawing a valuable item next.
- **Observe opponent positioning.** Make sure you do not end your turn on a square where another player could block your path to an alcove during the hazard phase.
- **Check the walls regularly.** Verify the position of the moving walls in the crushing room at the start of every round to avoid getting trapped.

Phase 3: Crisis Management and Escape

- **Drop loot immediately if endangered.** Discard your lowest-value treasure card without hesitation if it allows you to regain a movement die when the boulder is close.
- **Secure the glyphs early.** Ensure you save a specific card or ability for the final bridge puzzle so you do not get stuck at the very end.

- **Evaluate the "Greed Limit."** Stop searching for new items once you have secured enough points to be competitive, rather than risking death for one more card.
- **Use abilities at the last moment.** Save your character's one-time special ability for a critical escape rather than using it for convenience early in the game.

Phase 4: Post-Game and Maintenance

- **Log the winning score.** Write down the winning total to establish a benchmark for future sessions and track improvement.
- **Discuss critical mistakes.** Briefly analyze with the group which specific turn or decision led to a character's elimination.
- **Organize the components.** Sort the treasure cards back into their respective decks and store the miniatures carefully to prevent bending.