

Navigating the Cliffs of Exclusivity Challenge Options

These are extra challenge ideas Lorekeepers can use as the group descends the Cliffs of Exclusivity in Journey 18. Select any that fit your group's style and story for more teamwork, reflection, and fun along the way.

Loose Gravel

As you scramble downward, the gravel beneath your feet shifts dangerously. You notice some rocks marked with chalk. Picking the wrong ones causes the ground to slide away.

- Observe and test each step before moving.
- Ask a local Kitchen villager for advice on which rocks are safest.
- Roll (Lorekeeper: decide if this is Flow or Grounded) to see if your care or intuition reveals the right route.

Success: You use steady movement and community wisdom to descend safely to the next landing.

Failure: The wrong rocks slide, sending you a few feet uphill to regroup before continuing.

Salt Spray Gust

A strong wind whips salt from the ocean below, stinging eyes and making the rocks slippery.

- Shield your face and move slowly, helping each other find secure handholds.
- Test each step, looking for non-slippery patches before advancing.
- Roll (Lorekeeper: Flow or Grounded) to see if thoughtful caution keeps the group safe.

Success: You make steady progress and reach a sheltered alcove.

Failure: Someone slips, and the group must pause to regroup higher up.

Echoes of Exclusion

Distant voices echo off the cliffs, mocking shouts and reminders of past times when someone was left out.

- Affirm each other's place in the group and encourage someone who feels vulnerable.
- Pause to acknowledge difficult feelings or memories, deciding together how to move forward.
- Roll (Lorekeeper: Flow or Grounded) to see if shared affirmation quiets the echoes.

Success: The voices fade, and a new ledge opens below.

Failure: The group feels shaken. Progress stalls until everyone feels ready to continue.

Mossy Maze

A patch of thick, tangled moss obscures cracks and turns in the cliff face.

- Work together to gently clear the moss, revealing pathways and hidden holds.

- Examine carefully for safe routes instead of rushing ahead.
- Roll (Lorekeeper: Flow or Grounded) to see if teamwork finds the way through.

Success: A hidden stair cuts through the moss, and the descent continues.

Failure: Paths remain blocked until another careful attempt is made.

Crabs in Crevices

Small bright crabs scuttle out from holes in the rocks, blocking a potential shortcut.

- Move slowly and respectfully, observing where the crabs are gathered before stepping.
- Collaborate on distracting or gently relocating the crabs as a team.
- Roll (Lorekeeper: Flow or Grounded) to see if kindness and strategy clear the way.

Success: The crabs part, revealing a safe way down.

Failure: The shortcut is lost, and the group finds a longer route.

Sun Glare Trap

A sudden burst of sunlight reflects off the cliff and makes it hard to see the safe path below.

- Share anything that can be used to block or shade the glare, like cloaks or creative body positioning.
- Communicate what you see clearly and help guide each other.
- Roll (Lorekeeper: Flow or Grounded) to see if cooperative guidance avoids mistakes.

Success: The glare is managed, and the safest path is found.

Failure: The group misses a turn, and must climb back up to find it.

Echoing Ledge

A ledge repeats messages from past groups: “Only those who fit in can continue,” “Belonging here means being the same.” The words bounce in the air, making it hard for journeyers who feel different.

- Encourage everyone to share what they bring to the group, naming differences as strengths.
- Redefine what belonging means, finding new group affirmations to echo louder than the old voices.
- Roll (Lorekeeper: Flow or Grounded) to see if owning individuality and celebrating the team’s diversity lets them proceed.

Success: New supportive messages replace exclusive ones, revealing a steady path forward.

Failure: Old echoes persist and delay until everyone feels welcomed and valued.