

The board game for playing cards on a quest through wonderlands



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#### GREETINGS

Hear ye, glorious messengers,

An auspicious quest is in order. The Order of Messenger Rabbits of the Citadel is ordering a race to produce royals to be ordained as the new council of thirds. This is the highest order a rabbit of this order

Visit the royals, procure three of their cards, and bring them to the citadel, in that order.

Note that when I say "that order," I'm not referring to another Order of Messenger Rabbits, nor the order that drives this letter, but the order of the steps you must take, in order to restore order to the realm.

So, hoppity hop, in orderly fashion. Don't dawdle-no time to lose!

The White Herald

#### **OVERVIEW**

Go through the realm turn by turn making stops on royal land. Win the game when you return with three royal cards in hand.

THE ACQUISITION requires ten points of a royal's suit. You may need to wait a while until you have enough loot.



Make THE JOURNEY hex to hexit's free if you go by road. Only pay to go on treks, or to ride a horse or boat.

Wait before crossing hex tiles, and unless you're off the board, get a new card from the pilethat's THE INCREMENT you're owed.

#### **ENDING THE GAME**

Return to the citadel with three royal cards in hand. In this race you must excel to be the champ of the land.

Before the royal quest starts, choose a challenge for the mission; look for the circular marks that set the winning condition.

- O SIMPLE: get three royals cards of any title (letter) or suit (symbol)
- DIVERSE: get three royals cards of different suits
- MONARCHY: get a K + a Q + a J of any suit
- DIVERSE MONARCHY: get a K + a Q + a J of three different suits
- TRIBAL: get three royals of the same suit

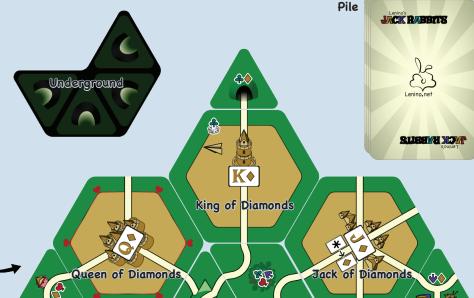






To play a JACK RABBITS match you must first complete a board; build a wonderland from scratch, to be charted and explored.

The lands you connect and spread house the royals from each throne. On your first game, go ahead, build the sample as is shown, or play normally instead: BUILD A NEW BOARD of your own.





#### THE CARDS

Remove each face card and joker after placing the last tile. Display them in any orderline up this "court" in an aisle. Shuffle the rest as in poker make a facedown drawing pilewhich holds "pip cards" of a number and "aces" of fancier style.

Each player will draw three cards to hold as the starting hands. They are needed afterwards for THE JOURNEY through the lands and to pay for the rewards THE ACQUISITION demands.



## **BUILD A NEW BOARD**

Place the "citadel" hex first. Leave aside the "underground". Pile and shuffle all the rest (even the small ones) face down.

Deal by tile shape, equal shares there are twelve of every kindas you hand each player theirs, the division will be fine.

To place them, first choose a style between a strict or free pace. Strict: take turns placing one tilethe one you flip, you must place. Free: no turns, it's all freestyleflip all the tiles on their face. These four tips will be worthwhile as guidelines in either case:



- ♦ Don't make dead ends (T) on the road, or join the roads of two hexes (x).
- Keep the triangles' spread broad (!); it's best if they're not connected.
- \* To start an island abroad, just place a hex disconnected.
- The underground tile is odd; you will not have to connect it.





## THE TOKENS

Players will select their rabbits, place them on the citadel, and pick up their matching carrotsthey get three of these as well.

Choose the royal quest you're ondescribed in ENDING THE GAMEand place on this hexagon the circle that marks this aim.

Now, select a starting player and the order of the turns the method for this endeavor resides beyond my concerns.

Each turn consists of 4 STAGES; find them on the backside pages.

#### THE 4 STAGES IN A TURN

#### 1. THE ROLL

Begin by rolling two dice and watch the digits unfold. You'll draw one card as a prize if you show one card you hold, proving that its number ties to **one** of the dice you rolled.



If you're ever holding ten, discard down to nine again. Hold the outcome of the dice; their sum is the OFF-ROAD PRICE.



#### **OFF-ROAD PRICE**

Off-road posts along the way charge the total on the dice. It's OK to overpay; you don't have to be precise. The suits allowed where you pay may be combined for the price.

#### PAYING WITH CARDS

Show and leave out what you spend; it's "discarded" once you're done. Royal cards will count as ten; aces are valued as one.

If you spend a royal card, take your carrot off their tile, and in this case, don't discard; it goes back to the court's aisle.

#### 2. THE JOURNEY

Move to another hex spot if it's closer to your goal. Or choose to simply rest up; you don't have to move at all.

#### TRAVEL FREELY BY ROAD

From the current hex you're on, you may choose a path to exit. Move your rabbit as a pawn along the road you've selected, and stop at a hexagon: wait a turn to cross the hexes.



## PAY TO TRAVEL OFF-ROAD

You're free to explore the roads tracing continuous paths. The mountains have two of those, an "over" and "under" pass.

Other ways to get around will demand the OFF-ROAD PRICE; use the suits marked on the ground and pay the sum of your dice.

#### OFF-ROAD SHORTCUTS

The mountains, rivers, and woods, have roads not too far apart. If you go off-road afoot, you may switch between two paths. To do this, pay with your suits in this case, clubs, spades, or hearts.



#### 3. THE ACQUISITION

You may buy the royal card of the hex where you've set foot, if you're holding in your hand ten or more points of their suit. If a carrot's on their land, then forget this whole pursuit.

Put your carrot on their land once the payment has been waged; keep the royal card in hand and play THE INCREMENT stage.



You may visit residences without cost or consequences.

#### 4. THE INCREMENT

Your turn ends on a hex tile, as long as you're not OFF-BOARD. Get a new card from the pile if your rabbit's on the board. If you find no cards, repile: shuffle the spent lot once more.



If you're ever holding ten, discard down to nine again.

After completing this phase, no more actions should take place.

#### OFF-ROAD MERCHANTS

You may buy two types of rides on crossings where roads are forked. You'll gallop over the tiles to any hex on the board, or row on the seas outside to find a road from this port. As soon as you pay the price, you must move to your next post. Since they're not by the seaside, landlocked merchants won't have boats.

#### OFF-ROAD JOKERS

You may buy a joker's card at taverns where they reside; and you keep them in your hand until you decide to ride.

OFF-ROAD RABBIT HOLES Pay to travel cave to caveuse this trick to hop around. But if you would rather save, take your rabbit underground. In this case, the payment's waived hop on out in the next round.

#### END THE JOURNEY OFF-BOARD If you're stuck, hop overboard:

from a tile by the seaside. You must exit by a road that leads all the way outside. Since you'll end up off the board, THE INCREMENT is denied.

Once you've done THE ROLL offshore, THE JOURNEY goes underground. THE INCREMENT is assured, but you'll leave after a roung





In a FULL GAME you'll include these unique traits for each suit.

#### **CLOVERS** Clubs

FLY BETWEEN KINGS' TOWERS Show one card before THE ROLL; if it beats the dice (or ties), pick a tower as a goal for THE JOURNEY through the skies. Otherwise, you'll fall OFF-BOARD, but keep your card anywise, and the dice rules still hold: you may match and claim the prize.

Spend some cards to reach the dicesave your flight and don't fall off. What you must pay as the price is just how much you were off.

Use suits of the parting tower to pay the amount that's owed. The clubs' tower has a power: you may spend the card you showed.

## **SPADES**

Swords

## ATTACK OTHER RABBITS

You may steal a random card and kick someone else OFF-BOARD, if you're playing where they stand and start a duel with swords.

You attack, and they defend, adding spade cards back and forth. And the weakest, in the end, is the one who'll leave the board.

Do not reply with a draw; and when you're done, please discard. If the victim wins the brawl, they don't get to steal a card.

When you steal a royal card, discard one if it's your fourth; go to THE INCREMENT part and swap carrots in accord.

Have as many suits as players, and one of **each road tile** too;

for instance, with two contenders, the game will only use two.

Each road tile

### HEARTS

Crossing

Cups

#### ENTER A QUEENS' PALACES As you enter a queen's hex,

any player may demand you show six points to the rest adding heart cards in your hand, or confirm that you possess the queen's card that marks the land.

Yet, to ask to see your hearts, they must show cards of their own, prove they meet the same demands for the entrance to this zone. They're kicked *OFF* and lose those cards, right after your hearts are shown. But if bluffing, you'll depart off you go! Your cover's blown.

Any rabbits off the board may not nag those at the door.

## DIAMONDS

Coins

TRADE AT JACKS' PLAZAS All spent cards are being sold; each jack's hex sells its own suit. Check what these posts have in storewhen you play there, grab some loot. What you take, replace with gold like the icons tell you to, except the star(\*) on the board which means any suit will do. When the pile needs to reload, these markets run out of goods.

# TRADE WHEN MEETING RABBITS

You may trade a suit for gold without showing what is offered. Swindlers will get thrown OFF-BOARD if a short change is uncovered.

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## **SHORT HANDS**

This will add an extra layer of complexity to boot: hand of cards will be slender, up to six to hold on to.

### ADDITIONAL OPTIONS

Hearts are used to grant you access; Diamonds buy you any loot; Clubs will get you flying passes— yet, to save flights, there's no suit.



### **CARROT TRAILS**

THE JOURNEY may be prolongued if your carrot's on a hex; you may visit and go on to the place you're headed next.

Your first ace is worth eleven —the others you get are ones. As a record that you spent it, keep it in front of your hands.

## PERMANENT ACES

Get an additional tip after spending your first ace; it counts as one extra pip when needed at any place.

### PATRIARCHY VALUES

Have unequal value levels —if you don't think that is whack from fourteen down to eleven, for the Ace, King, Queen & Jack.