



Board the game of playing cards.
Wander lands of wooden shards.



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GREETINGS

Hear ye, glorious messengers,

An auspicious quest is in order:
the Order of Messenger Rabbits of
the Citadel hereby orders a race to
procure royals for the ordinance of a
Council of Thirds—the highest order
ever issued to a rabbit of this Order.

Visit the noble houses, acquire
the cards of three royals, and bring
them to the citadel, in that order:

Note that I wrote “that order”
not in reference to any other order
of messenger rabbits, nor the order
that drives this letter, but the order
of the steps you must take in order
to fully restore the realms order.

So, hoppity hop, in orderly fashion.
Our rabbits don’t evade rules.

The White Herald

OVERVIEW

Visit houses turn by turn,
bringing numbered cards in hand.
Claim their royals and return,
holding three to rule the land.

To fulfill **THE ACQUISITION**,
add ten points that match their suit.
On your turns along the mission,
you’ll be drawing cards as loot.



Make **THE JOURNEY** hex to hex—
every road is free to course.
Only pay for railway treks,
or to ride a boat or horse.

Rest upon a hex-shaped tile,
if you’re standing on the board.
Draw the card atop the pile—
that’s **THE INCREMENT** reward.

OBJECTIVE

Reach this place where you begin,
with three royal cards in hand.
You must be the first to win,
hailed as champion of the land.



But before the quest may start,
choose a challenge for the mission.
Set its circle as a mark,
for the trio’s win condition:

- **SIMPLE**: any royal cards.
- Or **DIVERSE**: distinct in suits.
- Or **MONARCHIC**: King–Queen–Jack.
- Or **DIVERSE–MONARCHIC** too.
- Or the **TRIBAL**, which is hard:
royals in one suit pursuit.

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BUILD THE BOARD

At the start of every match,
you must first complete a board.
Map it randomly from scratch,
or revisit one explored.

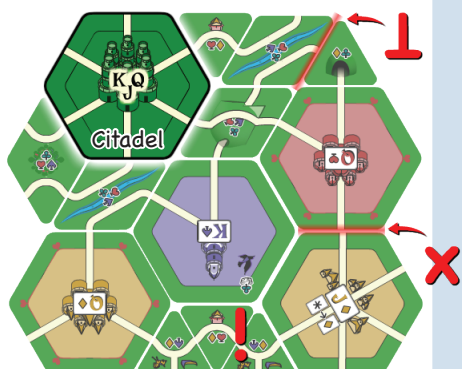
Link the houses from each throne,
which are hexes in this spread.
BUILD A NEW BOARD of your own,
or the sample right ahead.

If there’re children under nine,
only play to build the land.
Then explore what they design—
with a rabbit in their hand.
Bring the cards in down the line,
and the rules they understand.

BUILD A NEW BOARD

Place the *Citadel* hex first.
Leave aside the *underground*.
Shuffle all the tiles that rest:
twelve of all three shapes facedown.
Deal by shape to every guest,
each will get the same amount.

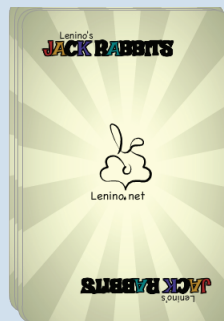
You may choose a placement style,
either strict or free in pace.
Strict with turns to place a tile,
pick a tile to flip and place.
Free with turns in loose freestyle,
flip all tiles to see their face.
These suggestions are worthwhile,
loosely meant in either case:



Don’t make dead-ends on the road;^T
don’t connect roads from two hexes.^X
Place triangles scattered broad,
so they don’t end up connected.[!]
Hexes may be placed abroad,
starting islands disconnected.
But the underground is odd—
only rabbit holes connect it.

SETUP

Up to four players



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DEAL THE CARDS

Lay the *court* in any order,
after placing every tile.

These are *royal* cards and *jokers*,
and will form a faceup aisle.
What remains are *pips* in number,
and the *aces* of each style.
Give a shuffle as in poker—
set a facedown drawing *pile*.

Every player gets three cards,
that’s their *hand* to start the chase.
These resources, each one guards,
fund **THE JOURNEY** they will face.
And pay royals their regards,
per **THE ACQUISITION** phase.



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SET THE TOKENS

Players choose their token rabbits,
set them on the *Citadel*.
And collect their matching carrots—
they get three of these as well.

For **OBJECTIVE** of the game,
choose the kind of quest you’re on.
If a circle marks this aim,
set it on the hexagon.

Now select the starting player,
and the order of the turns.
Choose your ways for this endeavor—
none of these are my concerns.

This concludes the setup frame.
Now complete the **INTRO GAME**.




SETUP must precede this frame, which explains the **INTRO GAME**. Learn each phase's role and name—then attempt the **STANDARD GAME**.

FOUR PHASES of a turn

1ST THE LOTTERY


Start your turns by rolling dice, so that two results unfold. You may draw a one-card prize— if you show a card you hold. Prove it matches value-wise, either number you just rolled.



Please discard if caught with ten. Bring your hand to nine again.*
Hold the outcome of the dice. Transfers use it as **THE PRICE**.

2ND THE JOURNEY


You may choose a path to exit, from the current hex you're on. Move along the road selected, let your rabbit venture on. Cross small tiles but stop at hexes— reach the nearest hexagon.



Move on closer to your goal. Or perhaps don't move at all. You may switch your travel mode. See **THE TRANSFERS** off the road.

3RD THE ACQUISITION


It's your goal to claim the card— claim the royal you salute. You must visit and discard: ten or more in that card's suit. Place a carrot as your mark, and remove it from pursuit.



You may always be a guest. Make no claim and stop to rest. Keep the royals in your hands. Get **THE INCREMENT** at once.

4TH THE INCREMENT

End your turns on a hex tile— if you don't fall off the shore.** Draw the card atop the pile, and your turn will be no more. You may need to first repile: shuffle what was spent before.



*Hands should not exceed nine cards. Anyone who's caught discards.
Off the board there's no reward. See the rules about **OFF-BOARD.

THE PRICE

For the transfers on the way, pay the total on the dice. But in case you overpay, then consider that the price. Use as many cards to pay, check each symbol qualifies. Set aside the cards you spend— they're *discarded* once you're done. Royals may be spent as **10**, and the Aces are worth **1**. But when royal cards are spent, they go back where they begun. And remove your carrot then, since your claim has been undone.

THE TRANSFERS

If you venture on the paths, you'll move freely on your round. This includes the underpass, shown in mountains farther down. Other moves demand **THE PRICE**, paid in suits upon the ground. Pay the total on your dice— that's the minimum amount.

TRAILWAYS

See the mountains, rivers, woods— with two roads not far apart. You may hike between the two, cutting through the middle part. Pay with cards of proper suits: club or spade or even heart.

MERCHANTS

Stationed where the road is forked, there's a horse and boat to ride. Reach a place across the board, dashing over tiles in stride. Or select a road to port, gliding on the seas outside. Landlocked merchants have no boats, since they're not by the seaside. Merchants send you from their post— right as soon as you decide.

JOKERS

Taverns sell the rides they host, but the travel's kept aside. Choose a joker card to hold, and release to claim their ride.

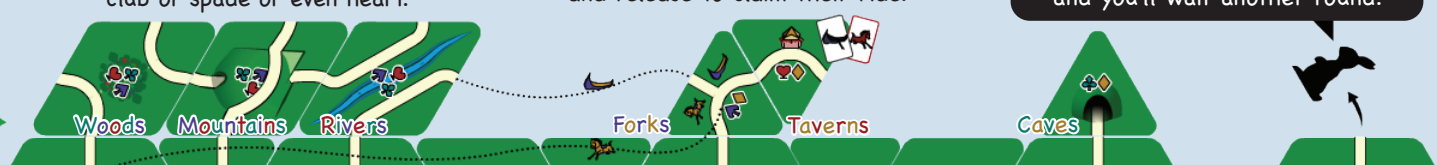
RABBIT HOLES

Pay to travel cave to cave, use this trick to hop around. But if you prefer to save, pay a visit *underground*. Take this turn to wait and waive— hop on out the coming round.

OFF-BOARD

If you venture off the board, on a road that leads outbound, end your **JOURNEY** overboard, where no **INCREMENT** is found. Next your **LOTTERY**'s off-board, and you'll **JOURNEY** underground! There your **INCREMENT**'s restored, and you'll wait another round.

There are four sets of **ROAD TILES**.



Now the challenge is afoot—add these strategies per suit. Yet this **STANDARD GAME**'s pursued once the **INTRO**'s understood.

CLOVERS (Clubs)

 **FLY FROM KING TOWERS**

Show one card before you roll, cast **THE JOURNEY** to the skies. Pick a tower as a goal, if it beats the dice or ties. Or you'll miss the board and fall— play **THE LOTTERY** likewise. Dropped off-board or standing tall, tumblers keep the card that tries. Land your flight and don't fall off, if you pay to reach the dice. Count how far your card was off: pay this shortfall to suffice. Note the hex where you took off, just the suit from there applies. You may trade the shown card off— where the clubs fulfill the price.

SPADES (Swords)

 **FIGHT OTHERS FOR CARDS**

You may steal a card at random, kicking someone off the board. You must meet to seize their item, and attack them with a sword. Both go back and forth in tandem, adding spades to beat what's scored. When no cards are thrown to sum them, then the struggler's kicked off-board. Note that tying scores is barred, and discard the spades outpoured. If your target wins the war, they can't steal a card you hoard. If you steal a royal card, set **THE ACQUISITION** forth: place your carrot as the mark— give one up if it's your fourth.

HEARTS (Cups)

 **VET THE QUEEN PALACES**

Any player may contest, as you reach a queen's own throne: "Show six points to prove you're blest, adding hearts from cards you own." Or declare you're honored guest, if your carrot marks this zone. Off-board players can't request— they're not fit to cast a stone. Yet before they check your cards, they're obliged to show their own. Even standing far apart: let the proof they're blest be known. If you prove at least six hearts, they'll discard the hearts they've shown. Either one who's wrong departs— off the board the meddler's thrown.

DIAMONDS (Gold)

 **TRADE AT JACK PLAZAS**

All spent cards are being sold, every Jack will sell its suit. Browse the lot their houses hold, where you may obtain this loot. Match or overpay with gold, see the markings underfoot. Note the asterisk in bold— any suit at all will suit. If agreed when setup starts, you may add the **DIAMONDS BOOST**†: player trades with diamond cards, done in turn where both set foot. Never show your hand's rewards— strike a deal beyond dispute. If what's traded proves a farce, swindlers get the off-board boot.

If your turn falls off the board, skip **THE INCREMENT** this round. When your turn begins off-board, end **THE JOURNEY** underground.

+ Try these **OPTIONAL ADDITIONS**. They'll refresh your future missions.

+ **AMBIVALENT ACES**
Choose to use them as **11**, any time you play an Ace. Or a **1** when it's deserving— lottery or marketplace.

+ **CAPITAL ACES**
Your first Ace is worth **11**, and the rest you'll use are **1s**. As a record that it's spent then, keep it laid before your hands.

+ **ADDITIONAL CAPITAL**
When you play **CAPITAL ACES**, add a stable bonus tip. At the suit-appropriate places, they will grant an extra pip.

+ **ADVANCED CITADEL**
There are three depicted assets, on this flip-side tile reboot: question hearts to grant the access; buy with diamonds any loot; show your clubs for flying passes— shortfall's paid in any suit.

+ **TIGHT SUITS**
Have as many suits as players, and a set of road tiles too. If there's only three contenders, you'll remove a set and suit. Pick a fitting kind of ending: one that cards allow you to. Whether meant or unintended, tight suits give the **SPADES** a **BOOST**.

+ **CLOVERS BOOST**
When you fly from any tower, find more places to touch down. Clubs expand their landing power— any hex above the ground.

+ **HEARTS BOOST**
If a guest comes where you stand— anywhere but underground— or your carrot marks that land, vet their hearts to turn them down.

+ **TRAILING CARROTS**
Once your carrot's been in place, you won't need to wait around. Hexes claimed provide a trace— you may leave in the same round.

+ **WINDFALL LOTTERY**
Claim your prizes as a batch, give the lottery no limits. Honor all the cards that match, and when matching double digits.

+ **OVERTAXED HANDS**
Trim the cards you hold on to. Up to six you may accrue.

+ **SEIZED SURPLUS**
Don't get caught with cards abound. Your revealer robs you down.

+ **PATRIARCHAL VALUES**
Have unequal value levels: Ace then King then Queen then Jack— from **14** until **11**— contemplate why this is whack.

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