



The board game for playing cards on a land 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 is ordering a race to procure the royals to be ordained as the new council of thirds. This is the highest order a rabbit of this order can get:

Visit the noble houses, deliver suitable cards to acquire three with royal letters, 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 turns to transpire until you have enough loot.



Make THE JOURNEY hex to hex—it's free if you take the roads.

Only pay to go on treks, or to ride horses and boats.

Wait before crossing hex tiles, and unless you're off the board, get a new card from the pile—that's THE INCREMENT you scored.

## 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.

- SIMPLE: get three royal cards of any title (letter) or suit (symbol).
- DIVERSE: get three royal cards of any title, but with three 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.



## SETUP

Up to 4 players

### 1. THE BOARD

Ideally, on each game, before the journey begins, the board will not be the same, so the best explorer wins.

The tiles can form many fields for the royals of each throne, yet this version only yields the sample board as it's shown.

### 2. THE CARDS

The "court" of face card and jokers is placed face up in an aisle, while the aces and the numbers are forming the facedown "pile".

Each player will draw three cards to hold as the starting hands, which they will need afterwards for the journey through the lands.

### 3. THE TOKENS

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

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

Choose the royal quest you're on, described in ENDING THE GAME, and place on this hexagon the circle that marks this aim.



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After SETUP, use this frame to complete a **BASIC GAME**. Learn these phases, rules, and names, then play a **REGULAR GAME**.

## THE PHASES of each turn

### 1. THE LOTTERY

Start your turn 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 TRANSFER PRICE.

### 2. THE JOURNEY

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.



You may move towards your goal, or choose not to move at all.  
For more transportation modes, see THE TRANSFERS off the roads.

### 3. THE ACQUISITION

You may claim the royal card of the hex where you've set foot: if unclaimed, you may discard ten or more points of their suit, then place a carrot to mark, and finalize this pursuit.



There's no cost or consequences for visiting residences.  
Keep the card claimed in your hands—get THE INCREMENT at once.

### 4. THE INCREMENT

Get a new card from the pile, and your turn will be done for. If you find no cards, repile: shuffle the spent lot once more. You must end on a hex tile, unless you end off the shore.\*



If you're ever holding ten, discard down to nine again.  
\*Do not collect this reward, if you ever end OFF-BOARD.



### THE TRANSFER PRICE

Transfer 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 10; aces are valued as 1.

If you spend a royal card, take your carrot off their tile, And don't discard, it goes again back into to the court's aisle.

### THE TRANSFERS

It is free to make your rounds if you move along the paths. In the mountains (farther down) you may use the underpass. Other ways to get around are contingent on THE PRICE: use the suits marked on the ground and pay the sum of your dice.

### TRANSFER VIA SHORTCUTS

The mountains, rivers, and woods, have two roads not far apart. You may switch between these two, trekking through the center part. To do this, pay with your suits—in this case, clubs, spades, or hearts.

### TRANSFER VIA 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.

### TRANSFER VIA JOKERS

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

### TRANSFER VIA RABBIT HOLES

Pay to travel cave to cave—use 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.

### OFF-BOARD

You may want to leave the board—take a road that leads outbound. You'll end your turn overboard with no INCREMENT—you've drowned. But then, once you've rolled off-board, your JOURNEY goes underground! All your actions are restored while you wait another round.



REGULAR GAMES will include: THE STRATEGIES of each suit.

### CLOVERS (Clubs)



#### FLY AMONG KING TOWERS

Show one card before you 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 anyway. And, THE LOTTERY still holds: you may match and claim the prize.

Spend some cards to reach the dice, reach your goal, 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)



#### FIGHT WITH THE RABBITS

You may steal a random card and kick someone else off-board, if you're playing where they stand and start a fight with these 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.

### HEARTS (Cups)



#### ACCESS THE QUEEN PALACES

As you enter a queen's hex, any player may demand you show six points to the rest, adding heart cards from your hand, or confirm that you possess the queen's card that marks the land. Yet, who asks to see your hearts, must first show cards of their own, proving they meet the demands for the access 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 (Gold)



#### TRADE AT JACK PLAZAS

All spent cards are being sold; each jack's hex sells its own suit. Check what these posts have in store—when 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.