



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—with every turn that transpires, you will be scoring more loot.



Make THE JOURNEY hex to hex—it's free if you stick to roads. Only pay to take the treks, or to ride horses or boats.

Wait before crossing hex tiles, and unless you're off the board, draw 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



### THE BOARD

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.

### 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.

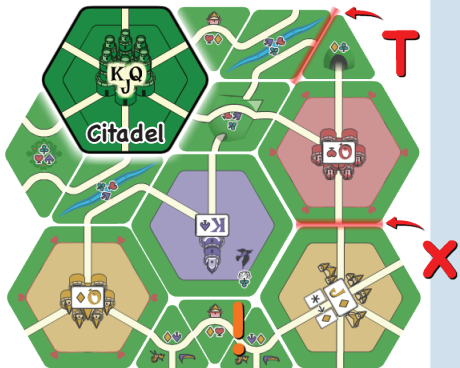
Deal by tile shape, equal shares—there are twelve of every kind—as you hand each player theirs, the division will be fine.

To place them, first choose a style between a strict or free pace.

**Strict**: take turns placing one tile—the one you flip, you must place.

**Free**: no turns, it's all freestyle—flip 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, and will remain unconnected.



### THE CARDS

Remove each face card and joker after placing the last tile.

Display them in any order—line up this court in an aisle.

Shuffle the rest as in poker—make a facedown drawing "pile", which 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 for the royal rewards THE ACQUISITION demands.



### 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.

Choose the royal quest you're on, described in **ENDING THE GAME**, and 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.

Flip this page and read the frame to start with an **INTRO GAME**.






After **SETUP**, use this frame to complete an **INTRO GAME**. Learn **THE PHASES'** rules and names, then advance to a **FULL 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 will become **THE 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

Your goal is to claim the 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 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. Show and leave out what you spend; it's "discarded" once you're done. You may spend royals as **10**, and the aces are worth **1**. If you spend a royal card, return it to the court's aisle; and you must remove your mark, take your carrot off their tile.

#### 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, you'll enter the **underground**! Get your **INCREMENT** restored while you wait another round.

#### ROAD TILES

There are 4 of each of type »



For a **FULL GAME** you'll include **THE STRATEGIES** of each suit. This frame should be introduced once the **INTRO**'s understood.

#### 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. If you pay to reach the dice, you'll still fly and won't fall off. The price needed to suffice 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 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.

#### 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.

**OPTIONAL: 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.

#### CAPITAL ACES

Your first "**Ace**" is worth **11**—the others you spend are **1s**. As a record that it's spent then, keep it in front of your hands.


#### ADDITIONAL CAPITAL ACES

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

#### WINDFALL OF PRIZES

You may win more than one prize, **THE LOTTERY** has no limits—whether cards that match the dice, or a roll of double digits.

#### OPTIONAL RULES:



**ADVANCED CITADEL**  
**Hearts** are used to grant you access; **Diamonds** buy you any loot; and **Clubs** get you flying passes—reach the dice with any suit.


**TIGHT SUITS**  
Have as many suits as players, and **one of each road tiles** too; for instance, with three contenders, remove a set and a suit.

**PATRIARCHAL VALUES**  
Have unequal value levels—if you don't think that is whack—from **14** down to **11**, for the **Ace**, **King**, **Queen** & **Jack**.

#### SHORT HANDS

You must be a wiser spender on the quest that you pursue; your hand of cards will be slender, up to six to hold on to.

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