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SETUP

Place the **board** in the center of the play area. Players choose or randomly determine their faction: **Daqan** (blue) or **Uthuk** (red), and take their **figures**, **unit reference cards** and **deployment cards**. Shuffle the **command cards** into a deck.

Organise the **VP tokens**, **lore tokens**, and markers. You are not limited by the number included in the game.

Scenarios

Each player separately shuffles their own **lore card** deck and **scenario card** deck, then draws 3 scenario cards, chooses 1, and returns the rest to the box. Both players simultaneously reveal their chosen scenario card and follow these steps:

1. Read Scenario Card

2. Determine First Player: The **first player**, the player with the scenario card that is alphabetically first (and, if necessary, has the lowest number), takes the **first player token**.

3. Place Tiles and Markers: Each player takes the required terrain tiles, terrain tokens, and banner markers and places them on the indicated hexes. If water hexes are placed adjacent to each other, the first player must replace them with river tiles so the rivers connect. If there is a river tile that creates an open river away from a board edge, replace that river tile with a lake tile (if able).

4. Place Fords: Starting with the first player, each player places 1 ford token on any water hex shown on his scenario card that does not already contain a ford or bridge token.

Mustering and Deployment

The 18 hexes shaded in your faction's color are your **deployment hexes**. Each player spends **muster points** to purchase deployment cards, then deploys his units on the board.

1. Choose Deployment Cards: Each player takes 11 **decoy deployment cards** and adds them to his faction's deployment cards. Then, players simultaneously build their armies. Each deployment card has a **muster value** which is the number of muster points you must spend to include that card in an army. Your army can cost a total of 50 muster points and must consist of exactly 18 deployment cards comprising any combination of units, terrain, and decoys.

Alternatively you may use an army card with a preconstructed 50 point army.

When you have finished choosing your unit cards, you must have a stack of 18 deployment cards, which represents your army. Return remaining deployment cards to the box.

You may add 1 **command tent** to your army to receive 5 extra muster points to muster your army.

2. Place Deployment Cards: Each player places his 18 deployment cards on the board, 1 facedown on each of the 18 shaded deployment hexes on his scenario card. You must place deployment cards that feature terrain (such as command tents) on deployment hexes that do not contain terrain.

3. Reveal Deployment Cards: Players simultaneously flip their placed deployment cards faceup. All revealed decoys are immediately removed from the board and returned to the box.

Each player then takes 1 lore token, to a maximum of 5, for each unspent muster point.

4. Place Units and Terrain: Each player removes his deployment cards one at a time from the board and replaces them with the appropriate figures and terrain tiles. Units consist of a number of figures equal to their health value (except **legend** units, which are 1 figure).

If a unit can occupy impassable terrain, it can be deployed in a deployment hex containing impassable terrain.

Each player replaces his deployment card corresponding to a command tent with a command tent terrain tile. Then, both players return all deployment cards to the box.

Command and Lore Cards

Each player draws **6 command cards** from the command deck and **3 lore cards** from his faction's lore deck, then both secretly and simultaneously choose 2 command cards and 1 lore card to return to the bottom of their respective decks.

Each player's final hand consists of **4 command cards** and **2 lore cards**.

GAME PHASES

The **active player** is the player currently taking his turn.

Each turn is divided into 2 phases which the active player performs in order.

After you complete your turn, your opponent becomes the new active player. Turns alternate until one player wins the game.

1. MAIN PHASE

Command Step

You must **play 1 command card** from your hand by reading its text aloud and placing it faceup on the command card discard pile.

Then, either resolve the text on the played card *or* order 1 friendly unit anywhere on the board.

Order Step

To **order** a unit, point to a unit on the board and declare it as **ordered**. You can only order each unit once per turn.

An ordered unit may **move** during the Move Step and **attack** during the Attack Step (but is not required to do either).

Command card text describes which units you may order this turn. Each ordered unit must be within the section of the board specified by the command card (right, left, or center). If the command card doesn't specify a section, you may order units in any section.

You can order a unit in a hex divided by a section line using a command card that specifies either section.

Units cannot move into or occupy **impassable** terrain hexes or incomplete hexes along the board edges.

Move Step

Each unit may **move a number of hexes up to its movement value** as shown on its reference card. Only 1 unit can occupy a hex at a time.

When you move a unit, it cannot move into or through a hex occupied by another unit. Units cannot be split or combined.

Units move one at a time in an order of your choice. A unit's movement must be completed before you can resolve another unit's movement, and you must resolve movement for all ordered units before proceeding to the Attack Step.

Attack Step

Each of your ordered units *may* **perform 1 attack** against 1 target unit.

To perform an attack, declare a target, roll a number of dice equal to your attacking unit's **combat value** as shown on its reference card, and resolve the dice results.

2. UPKEEP PHASE

Victory Point Step

You earn the number of **victory points** (VPs) shown on the marker for each hex containing a banner marker that is occupied by a friendly unit. You also earn VPs as described on your scenario card.

Each time you earn a VP, take a VP token from the supply.

Draw Step

Draw 1 card from the command deck. If you need to draw a command card and the deck is depleted, shuffle the discarded command cards to form a new command deck.

Lore Step

Replenish your lore by resolving one of the following:

- Take 2 lore tokens from the supply.
- Take 1 lore token and draw 1 lore card from your faction's lore deck.
- Draw 2 lore cards from your lore deck. Then, discard 1 lore card from your hand (this includes the cards just drawn).

If you need to draw a lore card and the deck is depleted, shuffle the discarded lore cards to form a new lore deck. **You cannot have more than 4 lore cards in your hand at the end of the Lore Step.** You must discard any excess lore cards of your choice at the end of this step.

COMBAT

1. Declare Attack

Declare the attack type for your attacking unit: **melee** or **ranged** as shown on its reference card. Declare an enemy unit as the target of the attack.

A unit with the melee trait can only perform a melee attack against a target unit in an adjacent hex. A unit with the ranged trait can only perform a ranged attack against a target unit that is within **range** and in **line of sight** (LOS).

Count the number of hexes from the attacking unit to the target unit (excluding the attacking unit's hex and including the target unit's hex). The target is within range if the number of hexes is within the attack range shown on the attacking unit's reference card. A unit with a minimum range of 1 can perform a ranged attack against a target unit in an adjacent hex.

Trace an imaginary line joining the centers of the attacking unit's and target unit's hexes. If the line crosses through any part of a hex occupied by another unit or blocking terrain, LOS is **blocked** and the unit cannot be targeted. If the line goes along the edge of a hex, LOS is blocked if there are hexes of blocking terrain on both sides anywhere along the line. LOS is not blocked by the attacking unit's hex or the target unit's hex.

2. Perform Combat Roll

When resolving an attack or counter, **roll dice equal to your unit's combat value** as shown on its reference card.

You may use abilities or effects to change any of your die results and/or reroll dice. Apply dice modifiers after applying relevant terrain effects.

3. Resolve Dice Results

Commit die results to unit abilities, or apply these normal effects:

Strike: For each produced during a melee attack, the target unit suffers 1 damage.

Cleave: For each produced during a melee attack, the target unit suffers 1 damage. A **weak** attacking unit cannot cause damage from these results.

Pierce: For each produced during a ranged attack, the target unit suffers 1 damage.

Morale: For each produced by a combat roll, the target unit must retreat one hex. Retreat effects are applied after all damage is suffered.

Lore: For each produced by a combat roll, the player who performed the combat roll takes 1 lore token.

Heroic: results produced by combat rolls are often used to trigger unit abilities.

Weak units: A unit that has been reduced to 1 figure. Weak units cannot cause damage from results produced by combat rolls. Units that have the damage token icon on their reference card consist of a single figure and are never weak.

4. Suffer Damage

The opponent may use any abilities or effects to ignore any damage. The target unit then suffers damage.

5. Resolve Retreats

The opponent may use any abilities or effects to ignore any retreats. The target unit then resolves retreat effects, including suffering damage for each retreat effect it cannot resolve.

6. Gain Lore

Gain 1 lore token for each result you did not commit.

7. Counter

If the target unit is adjacent to the attacking unit and was not eliminated, the opponent may **counter**.

8. Advance

If the target unit was adjacent and eliminated or forced to retreat, you may move the attacking unit into the target unit's original hex.

Damage

When a unit suffers 1 **damage**, remove 1 figure from that unit.

When a unit with a **damage token icon** next to its health value suffers damage, place **damage tokens** of an equal value to the amount of damage suffered in the unit's hex instead of removing figures.

When a unit's final figure is removed, or its damage tokens equal its health value, that unit is removed from the game.

Retreat

Specific card effects and unit abilities, as well as results produced during combat rolls, can force a unit to **retreat**. The unit must move 1 hex in the direction directly opposite the attacking unit for each retreat effect resolved. If retreating due to a ranged attack, the unit must move directly opposite the hex edge the LOS was traced through.

If a unit is forced to retreat off the board or into a hex containing impassable terrain or enemy units, or into terrain which ends its movement, it ends its movement and suffers 1 damage for each unresolved retreat.

A unit is **supported** if it would be forced to retreat into a hex occupied by a friendly unit. While supported, a unit ignores all retreats (ignored retreats do not cause damage).

Counter

After a unit is attacked, if that unit is not eliminated and remains adjacent to the attacking unit, it may **counter**. The unit follows the combat sequence targeting the attacking unit. A counter is *optional*, and cannot trigger an additional counter. The countering unit cannot advance or pursue.

Advance

After an attack eliminates an adjacent target unit or forces an adjacent target unit to move from its original hex during combat, the attacking unit may **advance**. The attacking unit moves into the target unit's original hex.

A unit cannot advance if it is resolving a counter.

UNIT ABILITIES

Each unit has **unit abilities** on its reference card.

Unit abilities with a die icon before their name are **dice abilities**. The icon indicates the die results that unit must produce during a combat roll to trigger the ability.

You can commit a die result produced during a combat roll to trigger a dice ability once for each die result that you commit. Multiple dice can be committed to the same ability.

If you commit a die result to trigger a dice ability, do not resolve the die's normal effect.

If an effect allows a unit to resolve an **additional attack**, resolve that attack before attacking with any additional units during the Attack Step.

An additional attack may target a different unit than that unit's normal attack.

Ability Clarifications

Ferocity: The counter is resolved completely before the attacking unit resolves retreats or any steps of combat that follow. You may perform the counter even if retreats would cause the unit to move or be eliminated.

If a unit with *Ferocity* forces the target of its counter to retreat, the unit with *Ferocity* cannot advance or pursue.


Flanking: If the attacking unit has *Flanking*, you do not gain the benefits of that ability for the attack. You cannot roll more than 1 additional die from *Flanking* abilities, even if there are multiple friendly units with the ability adjacent to the target unit. Ranged attacks may receive the benefits of *Flanking*.

Flying: A *Flying* unit can move into or through impassable terrain and hexes that contain other units, but it cannot end its movement in a hex occupied by another unit.

A *Flying* unit does not apply the terrain effects of the hex it occupies during combat, nor does an attacking unit apply the terrain effects of the hex the flying unit occupies during combat.

A *Flying* unit can retreat into and through impassable terrain and ignores the effects of the hex it occupies or moves into. It can retreat through hexes that contain other units, as long as it ends its movement in an unoccupied hex. Any retreats that cannot be resolved cause damage as normal.

Flying units still gain VPs for occupying hexes that contain banner markers.

Frenzy: When you resolve an attack for a *Frenzied* unit, you may commit any number of  die results to cause 1 damage each (regardless of the number of figures left in the unit).

After resolving the *Frenzied* attack or counter, remove 1 figure from your unit for each time you used the ability (this may eliminate your unit).

Immovable: When an *Immovable* unit would be forced to retreat, you may ignore a number of those retreats up to the number indicated.

Pursue: You can use a unit's *Pursue* ability only once per turn. You must move the attacking unit at least 1 hex into the hex the target unit occupied before moving any further.

You cannot move the attacking unit into the hex it originally occupied. You may choose not to perform the additional attack.

COMMAND CARDS

Card Clarifications

Onslaught: The additional movement occurs during the Attack Step, therefore it does not prevent you from using a *Double Shot* unit ability.

You do not need to perform an attack with an infantry unit to use the additional movement.

LORE CARDS

To use a lore card, perform the following steps:

1. **Spend Lore Tokens:** Take a number of your lore tokens equal to the card's lore cost and return them to the supply.

2. **Read Lore Card:** Read the card's text aloud.

3. **Resolve Effect:** Resolve the card's lore effect.


4. **Discard Lore Card:** Place the lore card in a faceup discard pile next to your lore deck.

You may use 1 lore card per turn.

If both players play a lore card with the same timing, the active player resolves his lore effect first.

Card Clarifications

Battle Cry: Ordered units that are forced to move in this way can still perform an attack during the Attack Step. The movement is *not* a retreat. If it would cause an enemy unit to move into a hex that it cannot move into, it does not move and takes no damage.

Fury of Y'Ilan: You may commit a  die result to cause 1 damage even if the unit is weak or performing a ranged attack.

Overrun: You cannot end a unit's movement in a hex occupied by another unit. You may move a cavalry unit into the same hex multiple times, rolling 1 die each time it moves into a hex occupied by an enemy unit. You cannot move into an occupied hex if that hex's terrain would end your unit's movement.

Rune Blade: You always use all 4 dice, and this number cannot be affected by other effects, such as the terrain effect of forest hexes.

Runic Barrier: Your opponent cannot play another lore card during a turn the *Runic Barrier* card is played.

Take to the Skies: You may choose a friendly or enemy unit. You cannot choose the same Roc Warrior unit that moved. Placing a unit is not movement for the purposes of unit abilities, lore effects, or terrain effects.

Unstoppable: The counter is resolved completely before the attacking unit resolves any steps of combat that follow the combat step that caused the friendly unit to be eliminated (such as advancing).

You cannot perform the counter if the target unit was forced to retreat 1 or more hexes before being eliminated. If the counter forces the enemy unit to retreat 1 or more hexes, the enemy unit cannot advance or use a pursue ability.

TERRAIN

Bridge Tokens

There is a limit of 1 bridge or ford token in each hex. Units can move into water hexes that contain bridge tokens (those hexes no longer contain impassable terrain).

The orientation of the token has no game play effect. A unit may move into and out of a hex containing a bridge token from any direction.

Buildings

Building hexes are **blocking terrain**. A unit occupying a building hex may ignore 1 damage each combat and 1 damage from each game effect that occurs outside of combat.

A unit that moves into a building hex must immediately end its movement. It may move again later during the turn using a unit ability or another effect, such as advance.

A unit that retreats into a building hex cannot retreat further during that combat; any additional retreats cause damage to the unit as normal.

However, a unit that retreats into a building hex may ignore 1 damage caused by additional retreats.

Command Tents

A command tent hex is terrain you can muster as a part of your army. They must be deployed on a clear hex, and you cannot deploy any units in a row farther from your faction edge than your command tent.

They are their own type of terrain (they are not a building hex) and are **blocking terrain**. A unit must end its movement when it moves into the hex (the unit may move again later during the turn using a unit ability or another effect, such as advance).

A unit that retreats into a command tent hex cannot retreat further during that combat; any additional retreats cause damage to the unit as normal. The unit may retreat out of the command tent hex if forced to retreat during a different combat later during the turn.

If, at the start of his turn, a player's unit occupies an enemy command tent hex, he removes the command tent hex from the game board and gains 2 VP.

Ford Tokens

Units can move into water hexes that contain ford tokens (those hexes no longer contain impassable terrain). The unit must immediately end its movement, but may move again later during the turn using a unit ability or another effect, such as advance.

There is a limit of 1 ford or bridge token in each hex.

A unit that retreats into a water hex containing a ford token cannot retreat further during that combat. Additional retreats cause damage to the unit. The unit may retreat out of the hex if forced to retreat during a different combat later during the turn.

Forest Hexes

Forest hexes are **blocking terrain**. A unit that moves into a forest hex must immediately end its movement. The unit may move again later during the turn using a unit ability or another effect, such as advance.

A unit in a forest hex rolls a maximum of 2 dice (before modifiers) when attacking. A unit rolls a maximum of 2 dice (before modifiers) when attacking a target unit in a forest hex.

A unit that retreats into a forest hex cannot retreat further during that combat. Additional retreats cause damage to the unit. The unit may retreat out of the forest hex if forced to retreat during a different combat later during the turn.

Hill Hexes

Hill hexes are **blocking terrain**. Units occupying hill hexes ignore all units when tracing LOS. However, blocking terrain still blocks LOS for units occupying hill hexes.


Water Hexes

Water hexes are **impassable terrain**. A unit cannot move into or through a water hex, or be deployed in one, unless the hex contains a ford or bridge token. Ford and bridge tokens can be placed in any water hex, even lakes.


Some effects, such as the *Flying* ability, allow units to move into or through water hexes that do not contain ford or bridge tokens.

OTHER RULES

Poison

When resolving an attack against a poisoned unit, each  produced during a combat roll may be committed to cause 1 damage. Put a **poison token** with the poisoned unit.

When the unit is eliminated, remove the poison token from the board. Causing a poisoned unit to become poisoned again has no effect.

If a unit becomes poisoned during a combat roll,  produced during that roll may be committed to cause 1 damage each.

During the Order Step, **the active player may spend 2 lore to remove the poison token from an ordered unit.**

Stun

You cannot move, attack, counter, or retreat using a stunned unit. Put a **stun token** with the stunned unit.

Causing a stunned unit to become stunned again has no effect. If a unit becomes stunned during a combat roll, retreats caused by that roll cause 1 damage each (unless the stunned unit is supported or can otherwise ignore retreats).

During the Order Step, **the active player may spend 2 lore to remove the stun token from an ordered unit.**

Removing Figures

A game effect that removes a figure is *not* damage and cannot be ignored.

Recovering Health

When a unit with the damage token icon above its health value recovers 1 health, remove 1 damage token from the unit's hex. When any other unit recovers 1 health, add 1 figure to the unit.

A unit with the damage token icon cannot have more health than its health value, and a unit cannot have a number of figures that exceeds its health value.

Timing

If multiple effects have the same timing, the active player chooses the order in which those effects are resolved.

'After' means immediately after the indicated step or event, before any other step or effect is resolved.

WINNING THE GAME

Each time the first player starts a new turn, check if either player has won the game. **You win if you have 16 or more VPs and more VPs than your opponent.**

Alternatively, you win the game if all of your opponent's units have been eliminated. This happens immediately, regardless of the number of VPs each player has, and overrides all other victory conditions.

OPTIONAL RULES

Preset Starting Hands

Instead of each player drawing 4 random cards during setup, each player receives the following four cards: *Patrol Left*, *Patrol Right*, *Patrol Center*, and *Line Advance*. Shuffle the command deck after removing these 8 cards from the deck.

Playing with Extra Core games

You can use multiple copies of the game to add variety to your army building. However, 2 players cannot play using the same faction. Players are only restricted to mustering units equal to the deployment cards they have available.

Campaign Variant

Use scenario cards to form a 4 scenario campaign. Each player begins the first scenario using his faction's A1 scenario card and players randomly determine who is the first player.

At the end of each scenario, record the number of VPs each player earned.

For the next scenario, the winner of the previous scenario can choose any of his scenario cards with an initiative indicator containing the next letter in alphabetical order. The losing player must choose his faction's scenario card with an initiative indicator containing a 1 and the appropriate letter designation.

After the fourth scenario, each player calculates their total number of VPs to find his **campaign total**. Additionally, the player that wins the final scenario gains 1 additional VP for each scenario (added to his campaign total) he won during the campaign, including the final scenario.

The player with the highest campaign total is the winner of the campaign. On a tie, winner of the final scenario is the winner.



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Command Play 1 command card. Resolve the card or order 1 friendly unit anywhere on the board.

Order Declare ordered units.

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Attack Each ordered unit *may* perform 1 attack.

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Draw 1 card from the command deck.

Lore Resolve **one** of the following:

- Take 2 lore tokens.
- Take 1 lore token and draw 1 lore card.
- Draw 2 lore cards, then discard 1 lore card.

You cannot have more than 4 lore cards in your hand at the end this step.

COMBAT

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2. **Perform Combat Roll** Roll dice equal to your unit's **combat value**. Apply dice modifiers after applying relevant terrain effects.

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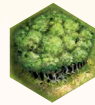
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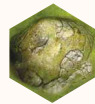
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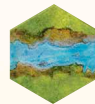
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Impassable

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○ Ford



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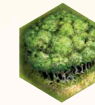
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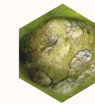
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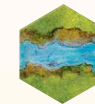
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○ Water



Impassable

Movement: A unit cannot move into or occupy a water hex that does not contain a ford or bridge token.

○ Ford



Movement: A unit can move into a water hex that contains a ford token.

A unit that moves into a water hex that contains a ford token must immediately end its movement.

○ Bridge



Movement: A unit can move into a water hex that contains a bridge token.