VERSION 0.3.3

# Reign of the Onyx King

# **Print-and-Play Playtest Material**

# **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Thank you for participating in this playtest for the next expansion for *Hero: Tales of the Tomes*! The pandemic has made my usual playtesting procedure strained, so I truly appreciate you helping out. I hold the design and balance of this game in the highest regard and I know the quickest way to a great game is to iron out the details and try out ideas. Please keep in mind that everything in this document is subject to change. The "illustrations" on the playtest cards have been lovingly dubbed the doodle deck by friends and players.

Once you try out the new cards and game mode, I'd highly appreciate it if you'd be willing to fill out a survey so I can get your feedback. The survey can be found over at www.TalesoftheTomes.com/playtest. We also have a special reward system going on for those who submit feedback over the course of the playtesting window.

Thanks,
– Jimmy

# **INSTRUCTIONS**

When printing, select "fit to page" or "scale to fit" on standard letter sized paper. Most cards go right to the edge of the document, so this will ensure nothing is clipped when printing.

Any card counts/duplicates are intended and meant to reflect the number of that card in the deck for gameplay purposes.

Once printed and cut I usually put the playtest card in a card sleeve in front of a regular game card for rigidity.

When a card says "[NAME]" in its text box, it basically just means "this card" and I just have a placeholder name for now.

For returning playtesters: Cards added or updated from the previous version are on pages 3-11, so you only need to print those pages to update to the latest version.

Newcomers should print pages 12-38.

# **NEW GAME MODE AND MECHANICS**

# **TYRANT (ONE VS MANY GAME MODE)**

The Onyx King mode (called Tyrant internally right now) pits the Onyx King against the other heroes. The Onyx King is only intended for this mode and all of my current playtesting has pitted the king against Sarah, Llawamai and Ias, but feel free to try other hero combinations and let me know what you think.

When playing Tyrant, the Onyx King starts with +15hp +1 card in his starting hand for each player on the team against him. (i.e., 80hp and 8 cards in hand against 3 players)

The allied team takes one combined turn where they all act at once. If a simultaneous event occurs, take them in clockwise order. The allied team can only play companions and equipment on their own hero/board and can't defend their ally's cards. The allied team can show each other their cards and plan plays.

The Onyx King always acts first.

The Onyx King's mini-boss deck contains a new dual type of card. The mini-bosses are all Hero Companions. This means they can have armor, can be equipped with equipment and are affected by cards that target either companions or heroes. If a mini-boss with an equipment on them dies, the equipment returns the hand of the player that played it.

# **MOUNTS**

Mounts are another dual type card introduced in the set. Mounts are Equipment Companions. A mount can only be played attached to a Hero like you would with a regular equipment.

Mounts cannot attack, defend, be attacked, or be defended. When your hero is dealt damage, the player that dealt that damage can choose to have it to be dealt to a mount equipped to that hero instead.

Mounts are affected by cards that target either companions or equipment, but have no attack stat, so they don't benefit from any bonuses to attack.

# HOLD POSITION (♣)

Hold Position is a new type of cost for an active ability marked by the ♣ symbol.

To hold position the hero or companion with the ability must forgo an attack for the round. Think of the attack as a resource being spent to activate the ability. You can't hold position if you've already attacked, and alacrity gives you multiple hold positions for every attack you forgo.

A hold position ability on an equipment requires the equipped hero to forgo an attack to activate.

Just like attacking, holding position doesn't make a companion unable to defend.

You can only use hold position abilities on your turn.

# **NEW KEYWORD ABILITIES AND MECHANICS**

# **Parry**

Prevent all combat damage that would be dealt to a Hero or Companion that is equal to or less than its 🔪.

## Trample

Excess damage the card deals to Companions is dealt to a Hero that controls them.

### **Forge Counters**

Forge counters give a Companion +1 \(\frac{1}{2}\) +1 \(\frac{1}{2}\) and increase any attribute bonuses an Equipment has by +1.

# **NEW AND UPDATED CARDS**

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Hero Ability • Llawamai

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Hero Ability . Sarah

RALLYING CALL

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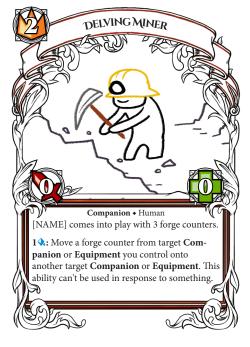




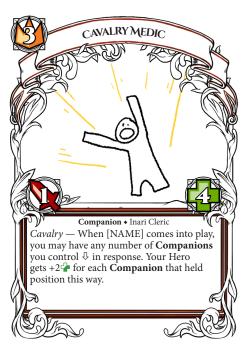








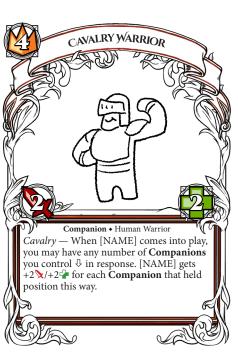






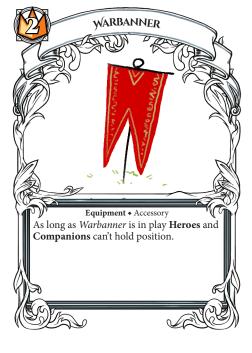




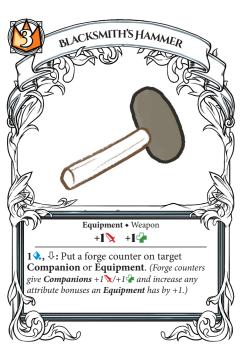












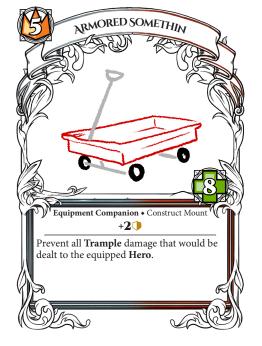










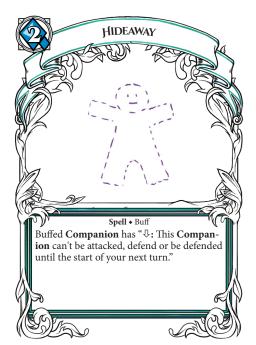


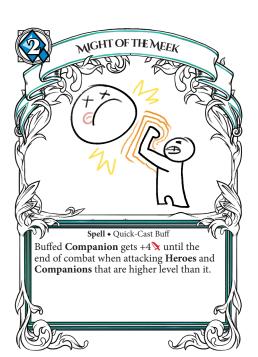




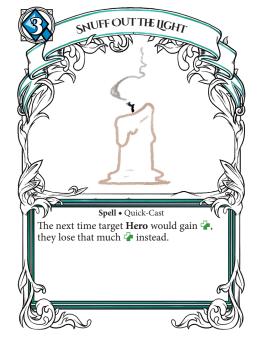
















































































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