VERSION 0.4.2



Print-and-Play Playtest Material

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Thank you for participating in this playtest for the next expansion for *Hero: Tales of the Tomes*! 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 game-play 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.

NEW GAME MODE AND MECHANICS

TYRANT (ONE VS MANY GAME MODE)

The Tyrant game mode 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 +10 and +1 card in his starting hand for each player on the team against him. (i.e., 65 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 attached card (buff spell or equipment) leaves play, the attached card goes to the same destination (i.e., returned to hand, sent to the graveyard, or removed from the game). This is an updated ruling for ALL attached cards, not just for mini-bosses specifically.*

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.

Since you can only hold position on your turn, and only defend on other player's turns, I have been turning cards sideways to indicate that they've held position this turn.

NEW KEYWORD ABILITIES AND MECHANICS

Forge Counters

Forge counters increase any attributes a Companion or Equipment has by +1.

For example, if an Equipment gives you +2 and +1, each forge counter will increase the amount of and it gives you by 1. This only affects the attribute bonuses on the card and does not increase any other number on the effects or costs of cards unless otherwise stated.

Feeble

Excess damage dealt to a Companion with feeble is dealt to their Hero.

With multiple Heroes, the controller of the damage source gets to decide which Hero the excess damage is dealt to.

Removed From Combat

You might come across this new phrasing for an effect on some cards in the set. A Companion that is removed from combat cannot attack, be attacked, defend, or be defended. It can however still be effected by spells or abilities such as destroy effects or damage.





















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