

Wonders of The First Comprehensive Game Rules v1.1

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1 CARDS

101 Card Stats

Wonders cards have the following stats.

- Name
- Class
- Card Type
- Tier
- Energy Cost
- Card #
- Set Name
- Power
- Orbital
- Core Mechanic
- Faction
- Ability
- Rarity

101.1 Card Name

- The card name defines the card for deckbuilding purposes.
- For example, Eternium the Space Lich is a legendary Wonder, which means only one copy can go in a deck. If another legendary Wonder is published with the name Eternium

the Void Tyrant, that would be a different card. Although it may represent the same character in the lore, it counts as a different card and can go in the same deck as Eternium the Space Lich.

101.2 Classes

- Wonders, lands, items, and spells usually have classes such as Dragon, City, Sword, or Rite.
- When an effect refers to a class, it refers to all cards with that class.

101.3 Card Types

- Cards without one of the following types (such as faith tracker cards) aren't in-game objects.

101.3.1 Wonders

- Wonders are fighting units that add their power in battle.

101.3.2 Lands

- Lands can be played to any active realm.
- There's no limit to the number of lands allowed in a realm.
- It generally doesn't matter where you play lands. Land abilities work no matter what realm they are played in unless otherwise stated.

101.3.3 Spells

- Spells have an effect and are then put in The Abyss.

101.3.4 Items

- Some items are equipment, meaning they attach to a Wonder you control when they are in the same realm.
 - Equipment cards enhance the stats and/or abilities of Wonders. (See key term 'equip' for details.)
- Other items are used on their own for activated or ongoing abilities.

101.4 Tier

A card's tier determines the maximum copies of that card allowed in a deck.

- **Legendary:** 1x per deck
- **Primary:** 2x per deck

- **Secondary:** 3x per deck

101.5 Cost

- This is the amount of energy required to play the card from your hand.

101.6 Power

- This represents a Wonder's ability to win battles. It's found in the upper right corner of the card. Only Wonder cards have a power stat. Only cards with a power stat can battle.
- Some cards may have * to represent their power. This means their power is determined by their rules text or some other factor. If * is somehow undefined, it's 0.
- It's possible for power and other stats to be infinite.

101.7 Faction

- Factions are on the right side of the card and operate in a similar manner to classes.

101.8 Orbital

Orbitals are worlds or universes where the stories of Wonders of the First take place. Almost every card comes from an orbital. Orbitals are identified by the icon in the upper right, under the power/type box. Cards get energy cost discounts from other cards (such as lands) with matching orbitals. (See Link in the Keywords section below.)

101.8.1 The Six Orbitals

- Petraia
- Thalwind
- Solfera
- Umbrathene
- Heliosynth
- Boundless

101.8.2 Non-Orbital Cards

- Cards that do not have one of the six orbital icons have no orbital.
- For example, if a card says "choose an orbital. Destroy all cards of that orbital." that card can't be used to destroy The First, which has no orbital.

101.9 Ability

- A card's ability is its rules text, located in the bottom middle of the card face.

- Sometimes flavor text is in this area as well. Flavor text is italicized and has no effect on rules.

102 Infinite Stat and Resource Values

- If a card stat or resource would increase (or decrease) endlessly, it becomes infinity (or negative infinity.) This may have some unintuitive implications.
- For example, $\text{infinity} + \text{infinity} = \text{infinity}$. Therefore two Wonders with infinite power versus one Wonder with infinite power will tie.
- It's possible to have other infinite game objects, such as infinite faith, energy, and tokens.
- For example, you play the card Strange Mutated Mass adjacent to another Strange Mutated Mass that already has a power greater than zero. Both Masses now have infinite power. If you harvest The Mount of Helios using its kingdom ability, you'll have infinite faith.
- For details, refer to math.

2 OTHER GAME OBJECTS

201 Stones

- Use gemstones or other game pieces to represent control of stones in the realms.
- Stones start in the center of a realm and when seized, move to that player's side.
- It's possible for stones to be banished or moved around the World.
- Stones still exist in inactive realms, although they can't be interacted with.

202 Resources

Players should use dice, markers, or some other visible method to track their energy, actions, and other resources such as faith.

202.1 Energy

- Energy is a resource gained automatically at the start of each round. It's used to pay costs of cards when played from your hand.
- At the start of each round, you gain energy equal to the current round number, plus one energy for each stone you control.
- Unused energy is lost at the end of each round.

202.2 Actions

- Actions are a resource gained automatically at the start of each round. An action is used to play a card from your hand, attack, draw, or use other abilities that require actions.
- You gain 3 actions at the start of each round.
- Unused actions are lost at the end of each round.

202.3 Faith

- Faith is a resource generated by specific cards. Some cards also allow you to spend faith.
- You can only spend faith once per round.
- Faith carries over between rounds.

203 Tokens

- Tokens are a type of virtual card created by card abilities.
- Tokens don't start the game in your main deck. They may start the game in a separate area called the token deck.
- Tokens can't exist in a player's hand, deck, banishment, or The Abyss. If a token goes to one of these areas, it stops existing as soon as it arrives.
- This means tokens do trigger "when dies/destroyed" and similar abilities before they stop existing.
- When a token is created, you have the option to use some kind of stand-in game piece to represent the token or to use a printed card version.
 - If you use a stand-in to represent the token, that token is the basic version, meaning it has only the characteristics defined by the effect that created it.
 - If there's no type specified, the token is a Wonder.
 - If there's no power specified, the power is 1.
 - Stand-ins have the same orbital(s) as the card that created them. Printed tokens may have different orbitals.
 - Don't use a stand-in to represent a printed token.
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 - Use stand-ins that are reasonably easy to identify and differentiate on the table.
- If you use a printed version of the token, that token has all the stats and abilities printed on the card. Printed tokens may include additional classes, abilities, and other stats that make the card different from the token's basic version.
 - A printed token must adhere to the minimum requirements of the effect that created it.
 - For example, If an ability says "create a 2-power Dog Hero token," you can use a token card with classes Dog Hero Warrior. But you could not use a printed token card that is only a Dog or only a Hero.
 - Minimum requirements may include the token name. If a card creates a Bella token, you can use a printed token named Bella, or a printed version named Bella The Brave.

- Printed tokens start the game in your token deck. Each printed token has a DBS score, added to the total score of the main deck.
- Printed tokens are identified by a T as their rarity symbol in the lower right corner.
- When a printed token would stop existing, such as when it's put in The Abyss, it's not eligible to be used in the game again. It doesn't return to the token deck.

204 Counters

- Counters are markers used to track ongoing modifications to the game. Counters can be put on cards or players. Some counters define what they do on the card that creates them, (such as meat counters and spin counters.) Other counters have built-in effects. Some counters with built-in effects include:
 - Shield counters
 - +1 and -1 counters
 - Celestial counters
 - Null counters
- When a card moves from one area to another, such as from The World to The Abyss, remove all counters and effects from it.
- When a card becomes nullified, this doesn't affect counters on it.
- For example, a Wonder can be nullified and a celestial counter on it will still give it ascend.

3 AREAS OF THE GAME

301 Areas

There are five areas where cards can exist: The World, a Deck, a Hand, The Abyss, and Banishment.

301.01 The World (Realms)

- The World is the main area of the game, with 7 realms to conquer.
- Realms are numbered based on the layout chosen at the start of the game. If a realm fails to open for some reason, its number doesn't change.

301.02 Deck

- Each player brings a deck of cards they own. Deckbuilding rules depend on the format. See the deckbuilding section for more details.
- Players can also bring a token deck, which counts as a subsection of their deck.
- Cards you don't own can't go into your deck for any reason.

301.03 Hand

- Draw cards from your deck into your hand. Then play cards from your hand into The World.
- You normally keep the cards in your hand hidden, but there's no penalty for showing cards in your hand to anyone.
- Cards you don't own can't go in your hand for any reason.

301.04 The Abyss

- The Abyss is the discard pile. Although it's called The Abyss, each player maintains their own separate pile of cards in The Abyss.
- Cards you don't own can't go in your Abyss pile for any reason.

301.05 Banishment

- When cards are banished, they go to banishment and are effectively removed from the game.

301.06 Movement Between Areas

- Whenever a card moves from one area to another, it loses all effects on it.

301.1 Inactive Realms

- Realms that have not yet opened are called unopened, locked, or inactive. If a card, stone, or other game object would somehow enter or exist in an inactive realm, it's banished instead.
- Inactive realms are not part of The World.

301.2 Banished Realms

- When a realm is banished, all stones and cards there are also banished.
- A banished realm doesn't count as an inactive realm.
- If a card is portaled to or attempts to enter a banished realm, it enters that realm in banishment and stays in banishment along with the realm.

302 Card Abilities In Various Areas

Card abilities are generally only active while in The World, or in the case of spells, when played. In general, cards do not have any abilities while in a hand, deck, The Abyss, or banishment.

There are some exceptions to this, such as:

- Cards that specify an ability while in a certain area such as The Abyss or Banishment.
- For example, the eternal ability creates an effect when that card enters The Abyss from a deck.

- Stat-defining abilities, which are abilities that specify a card's power or other stat. These apply in all areas of the game.
- For example, Gem Primordial says "This gets power equal to two times the current round." This means on round 7 it has 14 power whether it's in your deck, hand, or The Abyss.

303 Deckbuilding

Each player brings a main deck with 50 cards. Tiers determine how many copies of a card are allowed in a 50-card deck.

303.1 Card Tiers

- **Legendary:** 1x per deck
- **Primary:** 2x per deck
- **Secondary:** 3x per deck

303.2 DBS and Deckbuilding

- DBS stands for Dynamic Balance Score, which is a point cost assigned to every card.
 - When you build a deck, add up the DBS points of every card in that deck, and all token cards in its token deck, if any. The total deck DBS score is used for matchmaking and similar uses.
- DBS numbers are not found on the card. They're available in the official card database, available at compete.wonderscgc.com.
- DBS is also a way of balancing overpowered cards and changing the metagame, so the values are expected to change on a regular basis.
- Using DBS for matchmaking is optional for casual play.

303.3 Token Decks

- You can start the game with a token deck in addition to your main deck. A token deck starts with a minimum of 1 token and maximum 50 tokens.
- When you create a token you can choose to select a printed one from your token deck or use a stand-in piece to represent it. If you don't have any printed tokens that meet requirements in your token deck, you must use a stand-in.
- The token deck is face up, generally visible to all players, and is not shuffled or kept in any particular order. It's used mainly as a pool of cards to select from.
- Tokens have DBS points and their points are added to the DBS of the entire deck.

304 Additional Formats

- Players can choose from a number of deckbuilding formats or play variants, as long as they agree ahead of time. In casual play, players can create their own Dynamic Balance Score categories. Check wonderscgcg.com for details.

304.1 Prerelease Format

- The prerelease format ignores the core requirement to play core cards. Core cards can be played regardless of whether the player has any orbital links.
- Players can include token lands in their starting decks.

305 Official Card Text

- The official card database is compete.wonderscgcg.com.

4 SEQUENCE OF PLAY

401 Determine First Player

- If you've just played a game against the same player, the loser of the last game chooses who is the first player.
- Otherwise, players flip a coin to determine the first player. The winner chooses who will play first. The player who plays second chooses whether realm 1 will start on their left or right.

402 Draw Starting Hands

- To start the game, each player shuffles their deck and draws 7 cards into their hand.

402.1 Mulligan

- Each player can choose up to 3 cards in their hand.
 - Put these on the bottom of their decks in any order and then draw that many from their deck.
 - The player going first mulligans first.

403 Steps of the Round

- The game takes place over 7 rounds. During each round, the players play cards from their hands into the current round's realm and/or any realms of previous rounds. To begin, each realm starts with a stone to mark who controls it.

- Steps of the round are.
 - a. Round Start
 - b. Take Turns
 - c. Round End

403.1 Beginning of Round

Beginning of the round is an umbrella term that encompasses all the events in this step. Some cards use the term “The start of the round” which means the same thing. However, if a card refers to On Round Start or On Round N, this refers to specifically to the triggering event at the second bullet point below.

- The new realm opens.
- Trigger On Round Start effects and/or On Round N effects in the same event.
- Add energy and actions
 - Each player adds one energy for each round that has happened in the game.
 - For example, on round 5 each player adds 5 energy.
 - Each player also adds one energy for each stone they control.
 - Each player gains 3 actions.
- Each player draws a card.

403.2 Take Turns (Use Actions)

- The player who most recently seized a stone takes the first turn each round.
- If no stones have been seized, the player who took the first turn on round 1 continues to do so.
- Players alternate turns until all actions have been used (or all players have passed consecutively).
 - Using an action or a free action is considered taking a turn.

403.3 Using Turns

On your turn, spend an action to:

- Draw a card.
- Play a card.
- Attack with all your Wonders in a single active realm.
- Activate an ability that requires an action.

Alternatively, you can use your turn for a free action, if available:

- Tap free, sacrifice free, free attack, attuned, and harvest abilities are played like an action, but don't consume an action.
- You can also pass for free.

You can draw multiple cards, play multiple cards, activate multiple abilities, and attack multiple times each round using actions if you choose.

Note: Many cards allow players to gain extra energy and actions within turns.

403.4 Round End

- When all players have used all their actions or when all players have passed consecutively, the round ends.
- If any player has made a total of 21 passes within a single round, the round ends.
- If you have no actions and no other ways to use your turn, you automatically pass (unless you play a card with attuned or similar.)
 - Trigger all 'on round end' triggered effects.
 - 'This round' effects end.
 - Unspent actions and unspent energy is lost.
 - Discard down to 7 cards if needed.

The next round begins with the first player continuing to play until a player seizes a stone. From that point forward, the last player to seize a stone is the first player.

403.5 End of Turn, Round, and Game Effects

- When multiple effects would end, end "this turn" effects and ON TURN END effects first. Resolve any resulting effects from those ending.
- Then "this round" effects and ON ROUND END effects end. Resolve any resulting effects.
 - As with any multiple simultaneous triggered effects, the active player controls the order. This means the last player to pass is in charge of ordering multiple end of round effects.
- Then "end of the game" effects trigger. Resolve any resulting effects.
- When one round ends, the next round begins immediately.
- For example, Orionis Skydreamer has power equal to the current round. If there is a -1 counter on him, he will not die between rounds.

404 Spending Actions

404.1 Draw a Card

- Use an action to draw a card from your deck to your hand.

404.2 Play a Card

- The card types are Wonder, land, item, and spell.
- To play a card:

- Use an action and spend energy to pay the cost of a card from your hand.
- Place it into an active realm (the current realm or any previous round's realm) or into The Abyss if it's a spell.
- Resolve all triggered effects and then pass the turn.

Additional Rules For Playing Cards

- Cards can't cost less than 0 energy.
- Lands cost 1 action to play from your hand and have the orbital link ability.
- There's no limit to the number of cards allowed in a realm.

Core Mechanic

- The core mechanic of a card specifies whether a card has the core stat. If a card is core, it can't be played from your hand unless you have the matching orbital link. This usually means you control a land of the same orbital.
- In general, if an effect lets you play a card for free, the core mechanic of the card doesn't apply.
- If an effect lets you play a card as though it was in your hand, the core mechanic does apply.
- For example, the card Eye of the Maelstrom says "You may play cards from the top of your deck as if they were in your hand." In this case you are required to have the correct orbital link to play a core card from the top of your deck.

404.3 Attack

- You can spend an action to attack in any active realm if you have any Wonders there.
 - The side with higher total power in that realm conquers that realm and gains control of that stone.
 - If it's a tie, the stone will not move.

404.3.1 Battle Structure

- All Wonders in a realm must attack together.
- You are allowed to attack multiple times in the same realm and same round using actions.
- You can't attack unless you have at least one Wonder to attack with. Attacks involve all Wonders in a realm or none. A player can't choose to attack with a subset of Wonders.
- When Wonders attack and there are no defenders, the opponent is still the defending player.
- 'On battle' triggers still happen when there are no defending Wonders.
- Any attack vs. no enemies results in a win.
- For example, if you attack with 0 or less power against no enemies, you still win the battle and take the stone.

- If there are multiple stones in a realm, each battle you win lets you seize one stone. If you want to take two stones you need to attack and win twice.

404.3.2 Battle Timing

- Trigger any 'on battle' and 'on attack' and 'on defense' effects simultaneously at the start of a battle. The active player chooses the order of all simultaneous triggered effects.
- 'End of battle' effects trigger simultaneously with the check for victory and stone movement.
- For example, Chained Crow has Deathstrike and Flying. It attacks and the battle is a tie 6 to 6. At end of battle, the attacking player chooses to resolve Deathstrike first, destroying an enemy and breaking the tie. Then that player chooses to compare total power and move the stone. Then that player has the Crow fly to another realm.
- You must control at least one Wonder in that realm in order to seize the stone. Otherwise the stone doesn't move.
- For example, if you attack and then all Wonders are moved out of that realm before the end of the battle, the stone won't move.

404.4 Activate an Ability

- Tap abilities let you use a card's ability for an effect on your turn. To show the tap ability has been used, tap the card (turn it sideways.)
- Tapped cards can still battle and operate normally.
- Some abilities require you to spend an action, sacrifice the card, or have other costs.
- Only one card's ability can be activated per turn. Harvest is an exception, and allows you to harvest any number of cards simultaneously.

404.5 Pass

- If you're done using actions this round, or if you want to see what your opponent does next, you can pass.
- If you have no actions left and no other ways to use a turn, you automatically pass.
 - You're exempt from automatically passing if you use your turn to play a card that doesn't require an action, such as a card with the attuned ability.
- If you've already passed you aren't required to keep passing on your later turns that round.

404.5.1 Maximum of 21 Passes Within a Round

- Whenever a player passes 21 times consecutively in a round, the round ends. This rule is intended to prevent abuse of excessively long rounds.

404.5.2 Passing as a Turn

- In most cases, passing counts as taking a turn. But some cards may refer to the “last player that took a turn.” These cards are referring to the last player to play, attack, or activate an ability, and passing does not count as taking a turn for these abilities.
- For example, the card Ayu Goss says “If you took the last turn of the round, you may untap target land or Wonder.” In this case passing is not counted as taking a turn.

405 Winning the Game

- After the end of round 7, check to see the current controller of each stone. The player with the most stones wins the game.
- In case of a draw, the victory goes to the player controlling the lowest numbered realm with a single controller, (this is usually realm 1.) Otherwise, the draw stands.
- If at any time a deck has no cards, that player loses.
- If all other players lose, the remaining player wins.

5 RESOLVING EFFECTS

501 Triggered Effects

- Effects that are automatically produced according to some condition are triggered effects.
- Cards that say “when” or “whenever”, “on battle”, or “at the beginning of round 3” are timing keywords that produce triggered effects. See the game terms section for more details.
- When a triggered effect is created, the controller of that effect resolves it immediately. If it triggers in the middle of another effect resolving, finish the first effect before resolving the second.
 - For example, you play a spell that says “Destroy target Wonder and draw a card.” This triggers another card’s ability that reads “Whenever a Wonder dies, you may deny 1.” In this case, you draw the card before you deny 1.

501.1 Targeting

- When a targeted effect is triggered, choose the target or targets on the effect’s resolution.
- Targeted effects use the word “target.”

502 Resolving Multiple Effects

- If multiple effects happen at the same time, resolve those effects one at a time in any order chosen by the active player.

- When multiple triggered effects occur, resolve them first in the order of the active player's choice before resolving the action that created them.
 - Triggered Effects Example 1: An item says "Whenever an opponent plays a spell, you may discard a card from your hand. If you do, nullify the spell." When an opponent plays a spell, pause the resolution of that spell until you choose to discard. After you discard, then resolve the spell. (If a spell is nullified, it resolves but has no effect since its ability text is blank.)
 - Triggered Effects Example 2: The active player's opponent has a Wonder with the ability "When this dies, create a 1 power Skeleton token Wonder in this realm." The opponent also has a Wonder with "When this dies, put +2 counters on target Wonder in this realm." Both Wonders die at the same time, creating two triggered effects. The active player (the player whose turn it is) chooses to resolve the +2 counters effect first, making it useless since the opponent has nothing to target. Then the active player chooses to resolve the Skeleton token effect.

503 Endless Loops of Effects

- When a series of triggered effects or static effects results in an endless loop or sequence, it may be voluntary or involuntary.
- If voluntary, the player controlling the effects has to end it to avoid stalling out the game. The player making the choice to keep the sequence going states the number of times they will repeat the sequence. Then they end the sequence by making a different choice. If two players have a choice that keeps the loop going, the active player is required to make another choice.
- If involuntary, the game will automatically prevent one of the effects in the loop so as not to crash the game with endless recursion. The active player chooses how many times the loop will continue, and then which effect will be prevented. The player can only choose to prevent an effect that's necessary to perpetuate the endless sequence.

504 Replacement Effects

- Replacement effects use the term "instead." When a replacement effect happens, the effect being replaced doesn't happen.
- For example, Pastel Bloom Drake's ability says "If this would be banished, put it into target realm instead." When this effect happens it won't trigger anything that triggers when a card enters banishment.

505 Control of Cards, Objects, and Effects

505.1 Controlling Objects

- Cards on your side of the board are cards you control. When you take control of a card controlled by another player, move it to your side in the same realm. If a card doesn't specify "this round" or other time constraints, you keep control of it indefinitely.
- In general when a card leaves The World and re-enters, it's effectively a new copy of the card. This means if a card says "Banish a card you control and return it to target realm." It will enter under your control permanently, as if you played it.
 - Portal is an exception to this. Portaled cards remember their origin and keep their "end of round" and other effects despite being banished and re-entering.
- In some cases a card or other object may move to the center of a realm. In this case, no one controls that card.
- When a card refers to your cards, it means cards you control.
- In general, when a player gains control of an opponent's card, that card stays in the same realm unless otherwise specified.

505.2 Controlling Effects

- An effect's controller is the player who played or controlled the card that created the effect.

505.3 Controlling Realms

- If you control the most stones in a realm, you control that realm.

505.4 Controlling Turns

- When you control another player's turn you can see their hand and any other information they can see.
- You can't show their cards to other players or do anything outside normal game play. You can't make them concede and they can still concede.

505.5 Ownership of Cards

- For purposes of game rules, a player owns a card if it started the game in their deck or token deck. This rule doesn't reference how they physically acquired the card.

506 Even Distribution in Realms

- If an effect instructs you to distribute cards as evenly as possible between realms, you choose where to place them without knowing what cards they are as long as you keep the same number in each realm as much as possible.

- For example, Autumn, Essence Animated says “Tap Free: Banish this. Shuffle all Wonders you own in The Abyss. Distribute them as evenly as possible in all realms, face down.” In this case, if you own only one card in The Abyss you choose where to place it.
- You can’t choose to distribute cards in inactive realms.

507 Copy Effects

- Wonders, items, lands, spells, tokens, abilities, and effects can be copied.
- Copy effects use the word “copy.”
- For example, Skraal, Ruler of the Three Lakes has the ability “...Choose an on arrival ability of another Wonder you control. Trigger it 3 times.” This doesn’t count as a copy ability.
- Copies of Wonders, items, and lands create a token with all the stats and abilities of the copied card, except they are tokens in addition.
- Token copies aren’t played, so they don’t trigger on play abilities. But they do trigger on arrival and symbiosis abilities.
- If an existing card becomes a copy of something, that card loses its old characteristics and is overwritten by the new ones.
- Copied stats and abilities are set when the copy is created. Changing the stats of the original card won’t affect the copy.
- If a card’s rules text refers to its own name, copies of that rules text use “this card” instead of the copied card name. (This means the copies will also refer to themselves and work the same way as the original.)
- A copy of a spell, ability, or effect has virtual card text, and therefore can be nullified.
- A copy of a nullified card copies the blank rules text, but the copy is not itself nullified.

508 Resolving Partial Effects

- When only part of an effect is possible, do as much of the effect as possible.
- For example, you can play a card that says “Tap target Wonder and draw a card,” even if there are no Wonders in The World. In this case you would only draw a card.

509 Tapping and Untapping

- To tap a card, turn it sideways.
- You can only untap a card if it’s already tapped.
- Some abilities, such as harvest, are tap abilities even though they don’t say tap ability.
- Tapping is generally done once per game per card, although some card abilities let you untap cards to use them again.

6 Game Terms

Abyss

- The place where destroyed or discarded cards go. Although it's called "The Abyss," each player maintains a separate pile of cards they own in The Abyss.

Ability

- The term Ability refers to the text at the bottom center of the card, also called rules text. In contrast, the term Card Text refers to all the text on the card, including text like classes, card name, and so forth.
- Flavor text is not part of a card's Ability or Card Text.

Actions

- Each player gets 3 actions per round. Use an action to play a card, attack, draw, or activate an ability.

Active Player

- The player currently taking a turn is the active player.

Active Realm

- Any realm that has been opened (unlocked). Cards can only exist in active realms. Only active realms can be targeted. Cards can't be moved, portaled, or otherwise directed to arrive in an inactive realm.
- If an active realm is banished, it's still active.

Allied Wonders

- All Wonders you control.

Arrives

- A card arrives when it enters any realm from a hand, The Abyss, deck, or banishment. Moving from realm to realm doesn't count as arriving.

Banish

- Banishment is a game area outside decks, hands, The World, and The Abyss. (If a Wonder or other card is banished, it doesn't trigger "when this dies" abilities.)
- Realms, stones, and other game objects can exist in banishment.
- In order to banish a realm, it must be possible to banish everything in that realm. If an object in that realm can't be banished, that entire 'banish realm' effect is prevented.

Base Power

- Base power refers to the power stat on the card before modifying effects are applied.
- For example, Syl Scaleweaver has base power 0. Her second ability says “This gets +1 for each stone you control.” While you control 2 stones, Syl has power 2 and base power 0.

Battle

- Any time a player attacks in a realm, a battle occurs. There’s an attacking player and a defending player. Sum the power of each player’s Wonders in that realm to determine the winner. The winner conquers that realm and seizes its stone.

Bury

- Put a card or group of cards on the bottom of its owner’s deck in any order of the owner’s choice.

Class

- Cards have classes that describe their categories and roles such as Monster, Rite, or Utility. Some classes have special rules, such as equipment.

Core

- Cards with the core stat can’t be played from your hand unless you have a matching orbital link established.
- For example, you can’t play a core Petraia card unless you control a Petraia Link in a realm.

Counters

- Some abilities put + and - power counters on cards. These counters give a permanent increase or decrease to that Wonder’s power.
 - When both + and - counters are on a card, they eliminate each other. Remove an equal number of + and - counters as a rules-generated triggered effect.
 - When a Wonder has negative power, it dies. Wonders can survive at 0 power.
- Whenever a card is put into a location other than a realm (such as a hand, The Abyss, deck, or banishment) all counters are removed from it.
- Other types of counters have various effects, such as null counters and shield counters.

Current Realm

- The realm that was opened on the current round.

Destroy

- Put a card from The World into The Abyss. Sacrificing does not count as destroying.

Dies

- When a card dies (including being destroyed or sacrificed), it leaves The World and is put into The Abyss. “Whenever dies” triggers happen as soon as it leaves The World.

Discard

- Put a card from a player’s hand into The Abyss.

Draw

- Draw means put a number of cards from the top of your deck into your hand. Cards are drawn one at a time, and triggers can take place in between the draws.
- Card text sometimes omits the word “cards.” If card text says “Draw 2” it means the same thing as “Draw 2 cards.”

Enemy

- Any Wonder controlled by an opponent.

Energy

- Energy is the resource used to play cards from a player’s hand.

Equip

- Some items have the equipment class. All equipment equips to a Wonder if able.
 - When an unequipped equipment is in the same realm as an allied Wonder, it automatically equips as a triggered effect. Its controller chooses which Wonder it equips to if necessary.
 - If the equipped Wonder leaves The World its equipment remains in the realm and equips to another Wonder there with the same controller. If there aren’t any, the equipment stays in the realm unequipped. (This includes death and portal effects.)
 - If a Wonder you control arrives in the same realm as an equipped Wonder you control, you may choose to move the equipment to the new Wonder as a triggered effect. (Note that moving doesn’t count as arriving.)
 - If an equipped Wonder moves to another realm, equipped cards move with it.
 - Players can’t normally move equipment from one Wonder to another unless an effect explicitly allows it.

Free Attack

- Whenever you attack, spend a free attack, if able, instead of spending an action.
- This means free attacks are spent automatically when their owner attacks.

- Free attacks can be used in any realm unless specified.
- If unused at end of round, free attacks are lost. This happens at the same time unused energy and actions are lost.

Move

- This means a card moved from one realm in The World to another realm in The World. It doesn't refer to cards moving to or from areas like The Abyss, a deck, a hand, or banishment.

Nullify

- When a card is nullified, it's treated as if its ability rules text were blank.
 - Nullifying a card does not affect that card's counters, + power, or other status effects granted to it, just its ability rules text.
 - If a card such as an equipment is granting an ability to a Wonder and that Wonder is nullified, the granted ability is not nullified.
 - If a card is nullified after it's played but before it resolves, it still resolves but is treated as if its rules text was blank. A nullified spell goes to The Abyss with no other effect.
 - Nullify only affects a card's ability rules text (at the bottom center of the card.) It doesn't affect stats such as a card's name, classes, cost, power, core mechanic, type, tier, or faction.
 - If a card has * for power or any other stat and that card gets nullified, that stat is 0.
 - Effects can also be nullified.
 - Note that preventing nullification of cards may not necessarily prevent nullification of their effects.
 - For example, Aetherion of Boundless says in part, "Your cards can't be nullified." However, Feline Entity of Dreams says "Whenever an opponent's spell or effect would target a Wonder you control, nullify it unless they spend 2 energy." Since spells are cards, Aetherion would prevent them from being nullified. But Feline Entity would be able to nullify targeted triggered abilities, such as that of Flying Suzzer, unless the extra cost is paid.
 - While a card is nullifying itself, it stays nullified.
 - For example, when Nova Matrixbender gets the abilities of The Lamp of Luferia, Nova stays nullified.

On Arrival

- This triggers when the card arrives in The World from a player's hand, deck, banishment, or The Abyss. It doesn't happen when a card moves from one realm to another.

On Attack

- This triggers whenever a player attacks with this card.

On Battle

- This triggers whenever any player attacks in this card's realm.

On Death

- This triggers whenever this card is put from The World into The Abyss.

On Defense

- This triggers whenever an opponent attacks in this card's realm.

On Harvest

- This triggers whenever this card is harvested.

On Play

- This triggers whenever the card is played from the hand. Pause the resolution of the card and resolve this triggered ability before the card resolves and arrives.
- If the card is being played to a realm, or has a target, or requires other player choices needed to resolve the card, the player declares those choices on play. This means if opponents have the opportunity to respond with triggered effects before the card resolves, they will know where the card is being played or what it's targeting.
- Cards that say "When you play" or "Whenever you play" use the same timing as On Play abilities.
- Cards that put a counter on themselves or otherwise modify themselves On Play allow the counter or effect to exist on the card before the card arrives.

On Round End

- This triggers at the end of each round. Then 'this round' effects end, unspent energy is lost, and players discard down to 7 cards.

On Round Start

- This triggers at the start of each round. Resolve this effect after the new realm unlocks, before players draw, gain energy or actions that round.

On Round X

- This triggers at the start of the specified round. Resolve this effect after the new realm unlocks, before players draw, gain energy or actions that round.

Power

- A stat representing a Wonder's ability to win battles. It's found in the upper right corner of the card.

Realm

- One of the seven battlefields, each with a stone to seize.

Sacrifice

- Put a card you control from The World into The Abyss.
 - Sacrifice doesn't target and can't be stopped with shields or other destruction-stopping effects.
 - Sacrifice counts as death and destruction.
 - An ability that requires a sacrifice as part of the cost is a sacrifice ability. You can choose to activate a sacrifice ability on your turn any time you could spend an action. Put the card into The Abyss when you activate it.
 - Sacrifice Free: This is a sacrifice ability that doesn't require an action. You can use it even when you have no actions.
 - Sacrifice Action: This is a sacrifice ability that requires you to spend an action.

Seize Stone

- Gain control of a stone by winning a battle.

Status Effect

- A status effect is an ongoing modification created by an ability. It may last a fixed or indefinite time. If an ability uses the term "get," it's a status effect.
- For example, "Undead Wonders get +2." is a status effect. Granted abilities are status effects.

Stone

- A stone marks control of each realm. At the end of round 7 the player with the most stones wins the game. Each stone gives its controller an additional energy at the start of each round.

Tap Ability

- You can choose to activate a tap ability on your turn any time you could spend an action. Tap the card permanently to show it's been used.
 - Tap Free: This is a tap ability that doesn't require an action. You can use it even when you have no actions.
 - Tap Action: This is a tap ability that requires you to spend an action.

Tap/Untap

- Turn a card sideways to indicate its ability has been used. Cards don't untap on their own. Tapped cards can still battle normally.

Target

- When used as a verb, this means choose a game object to receive an effect. Targeted abilities use the word "target." When used as a noun, this means the object that was chosen to receive an effect.

Tokens

- Tokens are treated as virtual cards. (see Tokens and Token Deck under the Game Objects section.)
- Tokens have a T in their rarity symbol in the lower right corner.
- When you create a token, it's either a printed token from your token deck or a stand-in object.
 - If a token would be put anywhere besides The World (such as a player's hand, deck, The Abyss, or banishment), it stops existing as soon as it enters that area.
 - Tokens entering The Abyss will trigger "whenever dies/destroyed..." abilities before they stop existing.
 - When a token is created you may be able to choose from multiple physical token options.
 - If you use a printed version of a token, it must start the game in your token deck.

Unknown Lands

- Unknown lands are token lands. They operate like other tokens. They can't start the game in a main deck except in some formats like draft and prerelease.

Wonder

- A card type that has the type Wonder and a power stat for battle.

World

- The game board, containing all 7 realms, is The World. It does not include hands, decks, The Abyss, or banishment.
- Inactive realms are part of The World.

7 Keyword Abilities

Ascend

- A card with ascend triggers an effect at the start of round 7. The effect lasts the entire round and counts as a temporary effect.
 - If a card with ascend is played after the beginning of round 7, it's too late and its ascend ability won't trigger.

Attuned

- When you would spend an action to play an attuned card, instead spend no action if you control a card meeting the requirement.
- Attuned cards that reference an orbital, such as "Attuned Petraia" require you to control a land of that orbital to function.
- Attuned cards may reference other card stats such as classes or types. Attuned Item or attuned Shark would require you to control a card of that type.
- Likewise, a card may just say attuned with no requirement.

Celestial Counter

- A Wonder with a celestial counter gets "Ascend: this gets +4."
- Multiple celestial counters on a Wonder add their effects, so 2 celestial counters would give a Wonder +8 on round 7.

Deathstrike

- Deathstrike means whenever this Wonder wins or ties a battle, it targets an enemy Wonder in the same realm and destroys it.
- Deathstrike is considered an on battle ability.
- Deathstrike is not optional.

Deny

- When you deny a card, put the specified number of cards from the top of your deck into The Abyss.

Eternal

- Eternal triggers an effect when the eternal card is put directly from a deck into The Abyss. This is often caused by a deny effect.

Faith

- Some cards generate faith, which is a separate resource tracked like energy and actions. Faith is not lost at the end of each round.
- Each player can only spend faith once per round.

Flying

- Flying means when this Wonder attacks, you may move it to an adjacent active realm at the end of the turn. This may let a flier attack in multiple realms in the same round.
- Flying counts as an on attack ability.

Harvest

- Harvest is a tap free ability found mostly on lands.
- If you harvest to gain an action, you can't use the action on the same turn.
- Unlike other tap free abilities, harvest lets you activate any number of harvest abilities at once. This is a convenience to avoid excessive passing.
- If harvesting multiple cards on one turn results in multiple triggered effects, they all trigger at once. The active player resolves them in the order of their choice.
- You can usually only harvest a card once per game unless another effect somehow untaps it.

Hoard

- Hoard means if you control a certain number of stones, the ability becomes active. Hoard abilities turn on or off immediately when the stone changes control.

Kingdom

- Kingdom abilities are active while their controller controls a certain number of lands.
- For example, "Kingdom 3: Whenever you play a Solfera Wonder, it gets +1 this round." means nothing happens until you control 3 or more lands of any orbitals anywhere.

Link

- Lands usually have orbital link abilities such as Petraia Link. An orbital link has two important effects:
 1. All cards of that orbital cost 1 less energy to play from that player's hand. This orbital link cost reduction doesn't stack with multiple links of the same orbital.
 - For example, if a player has three lands with Thalwind link and one land with Umbrathene link, all the Thalwind cards in that player's hand will cost 1 less energy, and all the Umbrathene cards in their hand will also cost 1 less.
 2. Orbital link allows the player to play core cards from their hand.
 - For example, if a Petraia card says "Core" the player can't play it from their hand until they control a Petraia Link card in The World.
- Other abilities, such as seek, may allow players to play core cards without meeting the link requirement.
- The realm location of a land doesn't matter for orbital link abilities in general.
- Link abilities can be nullified.

Null Counter

- A card with a null counter is nullified. Treat it as though its rules text were blank.

Portal

- Portal means to banish a card and then return it to The World immediately.
- Since a portaled Wonder leaves The World, its equipment unequips and stays behind.
- Cards return to The World untapped and on arrival abilities will re-trigger.
- You can't attempt to portal anything to an inactive realm.
- When it returns to The World it does not count as a new instance of the card. This means it will still trigger the same 'end of round' effects it had before it was portaled.

Protector

- As long as a card has a protector counter, that card is a protector.
 - A protector counter is a one-time stoppage of an enemy attack that would seize the stone by winning a battle.
 - When the stone would be seized, remove a protector counter from a protector in that battle instead.
 - Protectors don't prevent transfer of stones outside of battles.

Seek

- When seek resolves, reveal a number of cards from the top of your deck.
 - Choose a specified card, if able, and you may play it for no cost in that realm as if played from your hand.
 - If it's a spell you can still choose targets in other realms.
 - Bury the revealed cards that weren't played. You can play core cards using seek regardless of your links.
 - If a card has a triggered ability that says "whenever this is revealed from the top of your deck..." that triggered ability resolves before the revealed cards are buried.

Shield

- A shield counter is a one-time protection against destruction or enemy targeting.
 - Whenever a card with a shield counter would be destroyed or be targeted by an enemy card or effect, you may remove the shield counter instead.

Stun

- Stun has two effects:
 - First, it taps the stunned Wonder. Note that tapping is permanent, so the controller may not be able to use that card's tap ability, although it can still attack and defend normally.
 - Second, stun reduces the Wonder's base power to 0 until the end of the round. Effects like + and - counters and buffs from equipment are not part of the base power.

- Remember that Wonders with less than 0 power die.

Symbiosis

- Cards with symbiosis copy all the abilities of one or more other targeted Wonders on arrival.
 - Wonders with symbiosis can only copy abilities of Wonders with the same power as the card with symbiosis unless a card specifies an exception.
 - Check that the power matches when the triggered symbiosis effect resolves. If the power no longer matches when symbiosis resolves, it does nothing.
 - When symbiosis copies an on arrival ability, trigger that on arrival ability. Symbiosis won't copy on play abilities.
 - The copy effect is locked in on resolution and won't change if the copied source leaves or changes.
- Symbiosis can't copy another symbiosis ability.
- If a symbiosis ability is nullified and then un-nullified, it won't revert to the previous ability, since symbiosis abilities must be set on arrival.
- Some cards may use symbiosis to copy abilities of non-Wonder cards.
- Symbiosis counts as an on arrival ability.
- Since symbiosis targets as it resolves, it can be stopped by effects that prevent targeting, such as shield. However, once the copy effect has resolved it's no longer targeting so a later shield won't affect it.

8 The Prisoner

- The Prisoner is not free. For everyone's sake, please do not free The Prisoner.

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