# HUNT FOR THE RING A GAME BY MARCO MAGGI, GABRIELE MARÍ & FRANCESCO NEPITELLO ARES

"If you want my advice,
make for Rivendell.
That journey should
not prove too perilous,
though the Road is less
easy than it was, and it
will grow worse as the
year fails."



## INTRODUCTION

n *Hunt for the Ring*, one player, the Ring–bearer, must bring Frodo Baggins and his Hobbit friends safely to the sanctuary of Rivendell, while escaping the pursuit of the terrible Nazgûl, led by up to four Ringwraith players. The Ringwraith players cooperate to find Frodo, using all four Nazgûl figures regardless of the number of players.

## COMPONENT LIST

Rulebook

- Game Board (double-sided)
- 7 Plastic figures (Frodo, 4 Nazgûl, Gandalf the Grey, Lord of the Nazgûl)
- Ring-bearer's screen
- Journey log cardboard sleeve (double-sided)
- 36 Journey cards (two decks of 18 cards each)
- 22 Sorcery cards
- 44 Ally cards (two decks of 22 cards each, one for Part 1 and one for Part 2)
- 5 Company cards
- 5 Ringwraith reference cards
- Gandalf the Grey reference card
- The Black Riders reference card
- 7 Ringwraiths Action dice (6 standard Action dice plus 1 special Lord of the Nazgûl Action die)
- "Letter from Gandalf" envelope
- 90 Tiles and Tokens

## **OVERVIEW OF THE GAME**

Hunt for the Ring is played in two parts, using the double–sided board and many different components. The two parts of the game can be played consecutively in a long evening of play; however, we suggest you play each part in a separate session. Should you choose to do so, store all the components following the instructions on page 25 and using the Letter from Gandalf envelope — you will open the envelope the next time you'll meet to play the game to start playing Part 2.

- In Part 1, Three is Company played on the side of the board with the green frame the Hobbits set upon their journey and head for Bree, beyond the easternmost border of the Shire. The Ring—bearer player records Frodo's moves secretly, while the Ringwraith players try to find him, guessing which will be his chosen path.
- In Part 2, Flight to the Ford played on the side of the board with the orange frame Frodo leaves Bree and heads for Rivendell, led by Strider. This time, Frodo's path is generated automatically, and the Ring-bearer player controls Gandalf the Grey instead, and will try and protect the Ring and lead the Nazgûl astray.

The Ring-bearer player wins if Frodo brings the One Ring to Rivendell before he is corrupted and falls to the Shadow. The Ringwraith players win if Frodo is corrupted at any time during the game.

Chapter 1 (pages 8 to 25) presents the setup and rules concerning Part 1; since the gameplay for Part 2 mostly uses the same mechanics, Chapter 2 (pages 26 to 34) presents the rules for Part 2 listing the differences. A Glossary of important game terms is included at the end of the rules (pages 38–39).

## CORRUPTION

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Corruption is a key concept in the game, as the game is won or lost based on Frodo's Corruption.

During the game, Frodo accumulates
Corruption points, representing the
increasing burden of carrying the One Ring
in the face of the relentless hunt of the Ringwraiths.
Corruption can increase because of a Nazgûl
encounter (see page 22), as an effect of weariness
due to moving during the night (see page 12), or
because of Sorcery cards (see page 20).

Corruption is kept track of using the Corruption marker placed on the Corruption track, on the right side of the board. When Frodo gains Corruption, the Corruption marker is advanced, one step for each Corruption point gained.

As indicated by the victory conditions of each part of the game (see page 25 and page 34), there is a maximum amount of Corruption that Frodo can accumulate before the Ring-bearer player loses the game.

If the Corruption marker reaches or surpasses this threshold, Frodo is corrupted and all the Ringwraith players win the game.

# THE JOURNEY LOG PART 1 PART 2 1 Starting location PART 2 3 4 Fellowship tokens Journey log deed tokens

## COMPONENT OVERVIEW

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Rulebook



"Letter from Gandalf" envelope



Ring-bearer's screen





Journey log cardboard sleeve (double-sided)





Game board (double-sided)



FRODO BAGGINS



GANDALF THE GREY



NAZGÛL



NAZGÛL



NAZGÛL



NAZGÛL



LORD OF THE NAZGÛL

7 Plastic figures



6 standard action dice



1 Lord of the Nazgûl action die

## COMPONENT OVERVIEW (CARDS)



22 Part 1 Ally cards



22 Part 2 Ally cards



22 Sorcery cards



18 Short Journey cards



18 Long Journey cards



















5 Company cards









4 Ringwraith reference cards



Gandalf the Grey reference card



**Black Riders** reference card



Lord of the Nazgûl reference card

## COMPONENT OVERVIEW (COUNTERS)

## PART 1 ONLY



3 Frodo's starting location tokens





BACK

12 Information tokens

## PART 2 ONLY





BACK FRONT

10 Gandalf's deed tokens



BACK



FRONT

2 War of the Ring Free Peoples action tokens



BACK





FRONT

2 War of the Ring Shadow action tokens

## **BOTH PARTS**









Corruption marker



4 Fellowship tokens



4 Company log tokens





12 Track tokens



















6 Ringwraith log tokens



8 Ally tokens

4 Nazgûl tokens



BACK



BEIGE x 15

RED x 2



GREY x 3





Lead player token

## THE GAME BOARD

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Corruption track

3

Turn track 4

Section label (I–VI) 5

Area label (A–D)

## LOCATIONS



Normal location



Ally location



Dark location



Exit location



Frodo's starting location



Nazgûl starting location

## OTHER SYMBOLS



Dot



Path



Road



Area border



Section border

hold of Frodo, and he thought of his Ring. He hardly dared to breathe, and yet the desire to get it out of his pocket became so strong that he began slowly to move his hand. He felt that he had only to slip it on, and then he would be safe." The Fellowship of the Ring

Book I, Chapter 3: Three is Company

"A sudden unreasoning

fear of discovery laid

## THREE IS COMPANY

efore playing Part 1, you should set aside some of the components only needed when playing Part 2:

- the Corruption tiles for Part 2 (grey);
- the two decks of Journey cards;
- the deck of Part 2 Ally cards (orange card back);
- everything concerning Gandalf (reference card, figure, and Gandalf's deed tokens);
- everything concerning the Lord of the Nazgûl (reference card, figure, and action die);
- Strider's Company card.

All the other components can be used during Part 1.

## SETTING UP THE GAME

Before each game, choose the player who will be playing as the Ring–bearer player, and the Ringwraith player(s), who will control the Nazgûl. If there is more than one Ringwraith player, divide the Nazgûl among them in any way you see fit, giving at least one Nazgûl to each player. Then, place the board, showing the Part 1 side, in the center of the table.

### RING-BEARER PLAYER

- 1. Take the **Ring–bearer's screen** and place it in front of you, with the image of the Part 1 game board vertically in front of you. Then, take one blank sheet of paper, fold it to size, insert it into the **Journey log**, and place it at the bottom of the screen, with the Part 1 side up.
- 2. Set aside three **Fellowship tokens**, to form the **Fellowship pool**, and place them on the appropriate space on the Journey log.
- 3. Draw randomly one **Frodo's starting location** token and look at it secretly. Record Frodo's starting location placing the token behind the screen, on the appropriate space of the Journey log; return the other tokens to the game box.

4. Take the Company cards Frodo Baggins, Samwise Gamgee and Peregrin Took and place them in front of you, with their ability visible. Set the Meriadoc Brandybuck Company card aside for the moment.

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- 5. Shuffle the **Ally card deck** for Part 1 (green card back), then draw three cards to form your starting hand.
- 6. Place the **Turn marker** on the leftmost Daylight box on the Turn track, Ring side facing up.
- 7. Place the **Corruption marker** on the box labeled '0' of the Corruption track.
- 8. Place the **Frodo figure** on the box labeled '0' of the Movement track.
- 9. Draw randomly five **Information tokens** and look at them secretly. Then, choose one token and give it to the Ringwraith players. Keep the remaining four tokens behind the screen, on the appropriate space on the Journey log. Return the remaining tokens to the box, without showing them to the Ringwraith players.

## RINGWRAITH PLAYER(S)

- 1. Take the Nazgûl figures and the corresponding Ringwraith cards and divide them among the players. Players controlling two or more Nazgûl must now arrange their Ringwraith cards in the order that they want them to act during the game.
- 2. Take the **Black Riders** reference card and place it in plain view of all players. Place the Information token received by the Ring–bearer player on the card, unlocking the first ability.
- 3. Take the **Ringwraith log tokens** and place them in easy reach of all Ringwraith players.
- 4. Shuffle the **Sorcery card deck**. Then, each Ringwraith player draws one Sorcery card to form his starting hand (only one card per player, regardless of the number of Nazgûl he controls). During the game, each Ringwraith player holds a separate hand of Sorcery cards.
- 5. Place the standard **Corruption tiles** for Part 1 (beige color) in an opaque container or a stack. Keep the two red special Corruption tiles within reach, but don't shuffle them with the other ones.

- 6. Give the **Lead player token** to one Ringwraith player chosen at random (if there is a single Ringwraith player, he takes the token). Then, starting with the lead player, all Ringwraith players place their **Nazgûl figures** on the board, each in a different location among the six available Nazgûl starting locations.
- 7. The lead player takes the six **Ringwraith Action dice** (forming the Ringwraith action dice pool) and rolls them. The Ring-bearer player receives from the Fellowship pool one Fellowship token for each Shadow result rolled on the dice and places it on Frodo's Company card.

## **BALANCING THE GAME**

Hidden movement games like *Hunt for the Ring* are easy to play, but they are difficult to master. A player with more experience may easily win against less experienced opponents, making the game appear unbalanced in favor of one side. Should you experience a similar situation, feel free to apply the following adjustments, aimed to find the perfect balance for your group of players.

## FRODO IS UNSTOPPABLE!

If, in your games, Frodo succeeds in reaching Rivendell with excessive ease, during the setup of Part 1 — when the Ring-bearer player is instructed to choose one Information token and give it to the Ringwraith players — he must give them two tokens instead (choosing them among the five tokens drawn randomly, thus keeping only three of them instead of four).

## THE NAZGÛL ARE TERRIBLE!

If the Ringwraiths seem too powerful, and Frodo is easily corrupted, the Ring-bearer player should give them **no** Information tokens at all, keeping all five. If you want to give further help to the Ring-bearer player, you may also set the initial pool of Fellowship tokens to four (instead of three).

## HOW TO PLAY

Gameplay is divided into **Days**. Each Day represents one day of travel and is divided into three **turns**: two Daylight turns and one Nightfall turn. Use the **Turn marker** to keep track of which turn is being played. When a Nightfall turn is over, a **Refresh** step is played out, then a new Day begins.

During each turn, the Ring-bearer player goes first. Then, the Ringwraith players take their turns in order, starting with the lead player and then proceeding clockwise around the table. Ringwraith players controlling two or more Nazgûl take a turn for every Nazgûl under their control, in the order chosen during setup.

If there is more than one Ringwraith player, they are free to talk and cooperate to create a common strategy, but they cannot show their cards, nor can they exchange secret information (the Ring-bearer player must always be able to hear what they say).



## DAY SEQUENCE (PART 1)

Each Day is composed of two Daylight turns and one Nightfall turn, and ends with a Refresh step.

## DAYLIGHT TURN 1

{Frodo's Company card's first ability may apply here}

- 1. Ring-bearer's turn (Frodo must move) {Meriadoc's Company card's first ability may apply here}.
- 2. Ringwraiths' turn one turn for each Nazgûl.
- 3. Nazgûl encounter (if Frodo was successfully hunted).
- 4. Advance the Turn marker.

## **DAYLIGHT TURN 2**

Repeat steps 1-4 above.

## NIGHTFALL TURN

- 1. Ring-bearer's turn (Frodo may move or rest) {Samwise's and Meriadoc's Company cards' first abilities may apply here}.
- 2. Ringwraiths' turn one turn for each Nazgûl.
- 3. Nazgûl encounter (if Frodo was successfully hunted).
- 4. Reset the Turn marker to turn 1.

## REFRESH STEP

- 1. The Ring-bearer player draws one Ally card {Peregrin's Company card's first ability may apply here |.
- 2. If there is more than one Ringwraith player, the current lead player gives the Lead player token to the Ringwraith player to his left.
- 3. The lead player draws one Sorcery card and rolls the Action dice.
- 4. The Ring-bearer player receives one Fellowship token for each Shadow result rolled.

## THE RING-BEARER'S TURN

Each turn, the Ring-bearer player can take *each* of the following actions *once*, in any order:

- Move Frodo (or rest).
- Play one Ally card.
- Spend one Fellowship token to draw an Ally card.

During the two Daylight turns of a Day, Frodo must move. During a Nightfall turn, Frodo may either move or rest (see *The Nightfall Turn*, page **12**).

## **MOVING FRODO**

The Ring-bearer player looks at Frodo's current position — marked on the Journey log — and decides his next move. (To avoid giving too much away to his adversaries, the Ring-bearer player may look at the map on the back of the screen instead of at the board).

When his choice is done, the Ring-bearer player records the move by writing it with a pencil on the next empty space of the Journey log; the Frodo figure is advanced one step on the **Movement track**, to match the number of the space just filled.

— The new entry on the Journey log can be either a dot, or the number of a location. To record a dot, the Ring-bearer player draws a small circle in the next empty space on the Journey log; to record a location, he writes the relevant number.

## MOVING TO A LOCATION

Entering a numbered location on the Journey log indicates that Frodo has reached a specific place. The last numbered entry on the Journey log is called **Frodo's last location**. The Ring-bearer player can mark a location as Frodo's new move if the location is **connected** to Frodo's last location, and if the location is **within reach** (see box on page 12). This location can be one he has moved to before, and thus already appears on the Journey log, including his last location.

## COMPANY CARDS









Company cards grant the Ring-bearer player additional abilities, and they may have an effect outside the normal turn sequence. The top part of each card gives an ability which is always present if the card has not been flipped. The bottom part of each card shows a second ability which can be used once — the card is then flipped to show the character portrait, and its abilities are not available anymore.

## MOVING TO A DOT

Entering a dot indicates that Frodo is somewhere in the Wild, between his last location and the next one: his last location is still considered to be the numbered location that was recorded last on the Journey log.

**Note:** The Ring-bearer player can *always* mark a dot as Frodo's new move — keeping him in the Wild — regardless of which one his last location is, and of how many dots in a row he already marked on the Journey log.

## THE NIGHTFALL TURN

During the Nightfall turn, Frodo can either move or rest.

## Moving

If the Ring-bearer player chooses to move, Frodo gains one Corruption: advance the Corruption marker one step on the Corruption track.

Then, the Ring-bearer player records his move normally.

Additionally, the Turn marker is flipped to show

the Eye side, to remind the Ringwraith players that for the length of the Nightfall turn they will have a free Hunt instead of a Search (see page 19). Flip the Turn marker back to the Ring side at the end of the Nightfall turn.

## Resting

If the Ring-bearer player chooses to rest, nothing is recorded on the Journey log; the Frodo figure

## KEY CONCEPTS



## **ADJACENT**

Any two spaces on the board (dots or locations) are considered **adjacent** if they are directly joined by a path or road, and thus within one step of movement from each other.

Location 31 is adjacent to 33, and to the dot to its left.



### CONNECTED

Any two spaces on the board (dots or locations) are considered **connected** if they are adjacent to one another or are separated only by dots. A location is also considered to be connected to itself.

Location 37 is connected to itself, to locations 33, 35, 38 and 39, and to the dot to its left.



## WITHIN REACH

A location is considered within reach if it is adjacent to Frodo's last location, or, if it is connected to Frodo's last location by a number of dots equal to, or less than, the number of dots marked on the Journey log after the last location.

If Frodo's last location is 31, and the Ring-bearer player has one dot entered on the log, location 26, 32 and 33 are all within reach.

If he has two dots entered, locations 27 and 29 are also within reach.

is not advanced on the Movement track, Frodo's Corruption does not increase, and the Turn marker remains on the Ring side.

## USING ALLY CARDS TO MOVE

The *Frodo Baggins* Company card and some Ally cards (for example, *Tom Bombadil*) allow the Ring-bearer player to move Frodo. Such moves can be in addition to a normal move, and can also be executed at Nightfall, without gaining Corruption nor flipping the Turn marker. For each such

move, Frodo's figure is advanced one step on the Movement track, as usual, and the move is entered on the Journey log.

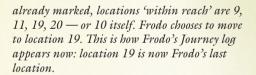
### MOVEMENT AND THE NAZGÛL

When moving, Frodo is unaffected by the position of any Nazgûl figures on the board (the Nazgûl do not block or otherwise influence Frodo's movement, except as a consequence of a Nazgûl encounter, see page 22).

## FRODO'S MOVEMENT EXAMPLES



(1) Frodo started in location 1 (Bag End). He has moved three times already — twice marking a dot on the log, the third time moving to location 10. The last entry on the Journey log — location 10 — is Frodo's last location. As his new move, the Ring-bearer player may choose between entering a dot; location 11; or location 9 (both locations are adjacent to location 10). The Ring-bearer player chooses to enter a dot. Frodo is now in the Wild. Location 10 is still considered to be Frodo's last location while Frodo is in the Wild.





(3) The Ring-bearer moves again, and chooses to move directly to location 22, an adjacent space (an adjacent space is always considered connected and within reach).



(2) As his next move, the Ring-bearer player may choose again to enter a dot, or to enter any location within reach. Considering one dot is



## PLAYING ONE ALLY CARD





Ally cards represent favorable events and characters that the Ring-bearer player may use to hinder the Ringwraiths.

## DRAWING ALLY CARDS

The Ring-bearer player receives three Ally cards during setup, and draws one Ally card during each Refresh step. The Ring-bearer player may have a maximum of five Ally cards in hand at any time; when this hand limit is exceeded, the player must immediately discard down to 5 cards, choosing which cards to discard.

## PLAYING ALLY CARDS

During his turn, the Ring-bearer player can play from his hand a maximum of one Ally card, before and/or after he has resolved Frodo's move or rest action for the turn. Played Ally cards are placed in a discard pile. When an Ally deck is exhausted, the cards are not reshuffled — no more Ally cards for that part are available to the Ring-bearer player.

- A text in bold at the top of the card (normally starting with "Play..." or "Play if...") indicates the card has a pre-requisite: the indicated condition must be true to play the card.
- Some cards show two effects (indicated with an "or"). When the Ring-bearer player plays one such card, he must choose only one of the two effects.
- The actions indicated by an Ally card are mandatory. If the effects of the card cannot be fully applied, the card can still be played, and its effects are applied to the maximum possible extent.

## **OUT OF TURN CARDS**

Some Ally cards are marked as Out of Turn. These cards can be played only during the individual turns of the Nazgûl. The Ring-bearer player may play any number of out of turn Ally cards. When using such a card to cancel the effect of a Nazgûl action, the Ring-bearer player may wait until the Ringwraith player declares the specific effect (the area



of a Perception, for example) before deciding whether to cancel it.

## **ALLY TOKENS**



Some Ally cards allow the Ring–bearer player to put in play tokens representing allies and friends of the Ring–bearer. These tokens are placed on locations, and can move from one location to another as an effect of some

Ally cards.

Ally tokens limit the capabilities and movement of the Nazgûl:

- A Nazgûl cannot enter, or move through, a location containing an Ally token.
- Sorcery cards allowing a Search or a Hunt cannot target a location containing an Ally token (Perception is unaffected).

When brought into play, Ally tokens must be placed in a location *not* containing a Nazgûl or another Ally token. When moved (playing a pertinent Ally card), a token can be moved from its location directly to any other connected location, if the destination does not contain a Nazgûl or another Ally token. Ally tokens *can* move through dots containing Nazgûl.

There can be a maximum of eight Ally tokens in play at the same time. The Ring-bearer player is free to remove Ally tokens anywhere on the board when an Ally card allows him to place an Ally and no token is available.

When removed by a Nazgûl spending a Sword die result (see page 17), an Ally token is placed back among the available components.

## **COMPANY LOG TOKENS**



The four Company log tokens are used by the Ring-bearer player to mark an area, section or location targeted by an Ally card effect requiring an identification. The Ring-bearer player

simply places a log token on the required space, as a reminder of the effect of the card, and removes it when the effect expires.

## SPENDING ONE FELLOWSHIP TOKEN



During his turn, the Ring-bearer player can spend a maximum of one Fellowship token to draw one Ally card, removing it from Frodo's Company card and placing it back in the Fellowship pool.

Additional Fellowship tokens can be spent in conjunction with the play of a Company or Ally cards to achieve the specified effect, as indicated by the card itself. This spending does not count against the limit of one per turn.

## THE FELLOWSHIP POOL

In a standard game, there are three Fellowship tokens available at the beginning of a game, forming the **Fellowship pool**: this means the Ring–bearer player may normally have a maximum of three tokens in play at the same time. The size of the pool may change during the game: in Part 1, one Fellowship token can be removed permanently from the pool when using Frodo's Company card special ability, thus reducing the maximum number of tokens available. Other ways to reduce the Fellowship pool will be added during Part 2.

## RECEIVING FELLOWSHIP TOKENS

When the Lead player rolls the Action dice during each Refresh step of a Day (and at the start of a Part), the Ring-bearer player receives one Fellowship token for each Shadow result rolled. Additional Fellowship tokens may be received as an effect of an Ally card and Frodo's Company card ability.

- The Ring-bearer player may never have more Fellowship tokens in play than those in the Fellowship pool.
- Unspent Fellowship tokens are kept from Day to Day.

## THE RINGWRAITHS' TURN

After the Ring-bearer player completes his turn, the Ringwraith players take actions in clockwise order, activating the four Nazgûl, one after the other, starting with the Lead player. As stated before, if a player controls more than one Nazgûl, he activates them in the order set at the start of the game.

- In each turn, the active Nazgûl may both move and take one action (in any order — movement and action, or action and movement).
- The action may either require spending an Action die to do something (see Spending an Action Die, page 17) or it can be a free action.
- Normally, the only free action available is a Search, if the active Nazgûl is in a location (see *Performing a Search*, page 18). However, during a Nightfall turn, when the Turn marker is flipped to its Eye side (that is, when the Ring-bearer player chose to move), the active Nazgûl performs a Hunt if in a location (see *Performing a Hunt*, page 19) instead of a Search.

## MOVING THE NAZGÛL

When moving, a Nazgûl figure advances on the board to an adjacent space (dot or location). A Nazgûl moves faster, when one of the following conditions apply:

- Road movement. A Nazgûl may move up to three spaces, if the movement is entirely performed along a road (both in a Daylight or Nightfall turn).
- Nightfall movement. During a Nightfall turn only, a Nazgûl may move up to two spaces if the movement is performed along a path, or along a combination of path and road.

Moving is never mandatory: for example, a Nazgûl might choose not to move at all, just performing a Search or spend an Action die where it stands; or he may choose to do nothing at all.

## NAZGÛL MOVEMENT EXAMPLES



During the first Daylight turn, the blue Nazgúl moves one step, from location 48 to the adjacent dot along the path going to the left. He might have moved to location 47 instead.

The green Nazgúl, starting the game in location 49, decides to take advantage of road movement — he might reach location 48 (dot-dot-48) or location 46 (dot-dot-46). He decides to move to 46.



At Nightfall (third turn), the green Nazgúl is in location 34. He might continue to move along the road (up to three spaces away, for example dot–30–dot); but it is Nightfall, so he may choose to move two steps, taking advantage of the darkness. He decides to move to Quarry (dot–23).

## MOVEMENT LIMITATIONS

A Nazgûl cannot ever move into or through an Exit location. Additionally, Nazgûl cannot enter, or move through, any location containing an Ally token.



Nazgûl figures do not block or hinder the movement of another Nazgûl; more than one Nazgûl can occupy the same space (replace the figures with the corresponding

Nazgûl tokens when there is not enough space for multiple figures).

## SPENDING AN ACTION DIE

The Ringwraith player may spend a die result from the Ringwraith Action pool to take an action.

An Action die can be spent before or after the player has moved the active Nazgûl, instead of doing a free action (Search or Hunt at Nightfall).

Dice thus spent will not be available again until the next Refresh step, so the Ringwraith players must agree between themselves how to spend the dice, considering that there are six dice to spend, but 12 Nazgûl turns in a day.

Example: It is the first Daylight turn, and the Ringwraith players just rolled their action dice: the available results are Ring, Ring, Ring, Sword, Sorcery, Shadow.

The lead player (blue) starts to play: he decides not to use a die. He performs a free Search in location 48, then moves away to the adjacent dot.

Next, the player of the green Nazgûl moves, using road movement, from 49 to 46. He then spends a Ring die result to do a Perception in section III, and removes that die from the pool.

Then, the player of the red Nazgûl uses a Sorcery die to draw a Sorcery card, then moves his figure.

Last, the player of the purple Nazgûl moves his figure, and does not do anything else.

The turn is over with four dice remaining in the pool (Ring, Ring, Sword, Shadow), which will be available during the next Daylight turn and the Nightfall turn.

## THE ACTION DIE

Each Ringwraith Action die shows the following icons:









Ring (x 2)

Sword (x 2)

Sorcery

Shado

RESULT ACTIONS



Spend a Ring die result to:

- Perform a Perception in the area where the active Nazgûl is located; or
- Perform a Perception in the section where the active Nazgûl is located.



Spend a **Sword** die result to:

- Perform a **Hunt** in the location occupied by the active Nazgûl; or
- Remove an Ally token from a location adjacent to the active Nazgûl.



Spend a **Sorcery** die result to:

Draw one Sorcery card; orPlay one Sorcery card.



Spend a **Shadow** die result as if it were a Ring, Sword, or Sorcery result, at player's choice.

Note: The small 'Gandalf' icon in the center is a reminder that the Ring-bearer player receives one Fellowship token for each Shadow result rolled (see page 25).

## PERFORMING A SEARCH

A Search can be done as a free action by the active Ringwraith player — before or after he moves the active Nazgûl — if the active Nazgûl is in a location and the player chooses not to spend an Action die.

A Search can also be possible as an effect of a Sorcery card.

When performing a Search, the Ringwraith player asks the Ring-bearer player if the location currently occupied by the active Nazgûl is featured on Frodo's Journey log at least once. The Ring-bearer player must answer truthfully, with a simple "yes" or "no," after checking if the location appears on Frodo's Journey log.

- If the answer is "yes," the Search is successful: place a **Track token** on the searched location, "eye" side up. The Ring–bearer player is *not* required to reveal if the searched location is Frodo's last location or not.

  If the answer is "no," the Search failed.
- A Search cannot be performed on any of Frodo's starting locations.
- It is not possible to make a Search in a location already containing a Track token (while a Hunt is allowed — see *Performing a Hunt*, page 19).

**Example:** Frodo started in location 1 (which cannot be searched).



After six moves, he moved through locations 10, 19, 22. A Search in any of these three locations would give "yes" as result, and a track token would be placed in the appropriate place; a Search in any other location would give "no" as result.

## PERFORMING A PERCEPTION

A **Perception** can be performed by the active Ringwraith player by spending a **Ring** die result. The game board (see page 7) is divided into **sections** (marked with roman numerals), each further divided into **areas** (marked with a letter). The player must choose if the Perception is aimed at the **area** *or* the **section** where the active Nazgûl is located

A Perception can also be possible as an effect of a Sorcery card.

When performing a Perception, the active Ringwraith player asks the Ring-bearer player whether Frodo's **last location** (the last number entered on the Journey log) is inside the targeted area or section (the Ringwraith player points to the area or section, or refer to its coordinates). The Ring-bearer player must answer truthfully with a "yes" or a "no", checking Frodo's position as marked on the Journey log.

If the answer is "yes", place a **Ringwraith log token** on the appropriate area or section, as a reminder (see *Ringwraith Log Tokens*, page 19).

Example: Frodo's last location is 22, in section II, area II•A (the dot does not count; the last numbered entry is relevant).



- A Nazgûl in location 31 performs a
   Perception targeted at section II. The result is "yes."
- A Nazgûl in location 31 performs a Perception targeted at area II•B. The result is "no."
- A Nazgûl in location 24 performs a
   Perception targeted at area II•A. The result
   is "yes."



## PERFORMING A HUNT

A Hunt can be performed by the active Ringwraith player by spending a Sword die result. To hunt, the active Nazgûl must be in a location (including one of Frodo's starting locations).

By Nightfall (if Frodo chose to move flipping the turn marker to the Eye side) a Nazgûl can perform a Hunt — instead of a Search — as a free action, without spending an Action die. A Hunt can also be possible as an effect of a Sorcery card.

A Hunt is similar to a Search, but more powerful. When performing a Hunt, the Ringwraith player asks the Ring-bearer player if the location currently occupied by the active Nazgûl is featured on Frodo's Journey log at least once. The Ring-bearer player must answer truthfully, with a simple "yes" or a "no," after checking if the location appears on Frodo's Journey log.

- If the answer is "yes", the Hunt is successful: place a Track token on the hunted location, "sword" side up. If the answer is "no", the Hunt failed
- If the Hunt is successful and the hunted location is also Frodo's last location, the Ring-bearer player must declare "Frodo is here." When all Ringwraith players are done taking their actions for the turn, a Nazgûl Encounter ensues (see Encountering the Nazgûl, page 22).

Example: Frodo's last location is 22 (the dots do not count; only the last numbered entry is relevant).



- A Nazgûl in location 19 performs a Hunt. The result is "yes", but as this is not Frodo's last location, there is not a Nazgûl Encounter. A Track token is placed in location 19.
- A Nazgûl in location 22 performs a Hunt. The result is "yes, Frodo is here", as this is Frodo's last location. A Track token is placed in location 22, and a Nazgûl Encounter will ensue at the end of the turn.

## TRACK TOKENS





Track tokens are placed on the board to mark a location where a Search or a Hunt was successful. When this happens, the token is placed on the

appropriate side ("eye" for a Search, "sword" for a Hunt).

- A location containing a Track token *cannot* be chosen to perform a Search.
- A location containing a Track token can be selected to perform a Hunt. If the location is Frodo's last location, there will be an Encounter with the Nazgûl (see page 22).
- Track tokens do not hinder movement. Frodo can always enter a location that appeared previously on the Journey log, even if it now contains a Track token.

Track tokens remain on the board until the end of Part 1.

## RINGWRAITH LOG TOKENS











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The Ringwraith players are not allowed to take notes during the game, but they may use the Ringwraith log tokens as reminders, in any way they see fit.

For example, a log token could be placed on the board on its Ring side to mark an area that was successfully scanned with a Perception, while another token showing one gem is placed on the Movement track to mark the move corresponding to that Perception result. Or, the Ringwraiths could use one or more Crown tokens to mark possible destinations of Frodo, considering the number of moves he has taken since the last time he was detected.

## **SORCERY CARDS**





Sorcery cards represent the dark enchantments of the Nazgûl and the activities of their spies and minions. Each Ringwraith player holds a separate hand of Sorcery cards. The players cannot show their hands to each other, and any communication concerning their cards must be audible by the Ring-bearer player.

Each Ringwraith player can have a maximum of **five** Sorcery cards in hand, regardless of the number of Nazgûl under the player's control.



If this hand limit is exceeded, the Ringwraith player must immediately discard down to five cards, choosing which cards to discard.

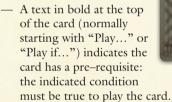
## DRAWING SORCERY CARDS

The lead player draws one Sorcery card during setup, and during the Refresh step of each Day.

The active Ringwraith player can draw one card from the Sorcery deck by spending a **Sorcery** die result.

### PLAYING SORCERY CARDS

The active Ringwraith player can play one Sorcery card from his hand by spending a **Sorcery** die result. Follow the text on a played Sorcery card closely to apply its effects.





- Some cards show two effects (indicated with an "or"). When a Ringwraith player plays one such card, he must choose only one of the two effects.
- The actions indicated by a Sorcery card are mandatory. If the effects of the card cannot be fully applied, the card can still be played, and its effects are applied to the maximum possible extent
- Some effects are indicated as "Part 2" ignore these effects during Part 1.

Played Sorcery cards are placed in a discard pile. When the Sorcery deck is exhausted, the cards in the discard pile are shuffled to form a new Sorcery deck.

## DARK LOCATIONS AND SORCERY

**Dark locations** represent evil places, advantageous to the Ringwraiths. When a Nazgûl is in a Dark location, the Ringwraith player may spend *any* Action die result as if it were a Sorcery result (that is, any Action die can be used to draw or play a Sorcery card).

## INFORMATION TOKENS AND BLACK RIDERS' POWERS



During their incursion into the Shire, the Nazgûl seek information about "Baggins." This is represented in the game by Information tokens.

During Part 1, the Ringwraith players may find Information tokens and accumulate them to enhance the capabilities of the Nazgûl, representing their increasing haste and need for urgency.

For each Information token collected by the Ringwraith players, one new special ability is unlocked, as indicated by the Black Riders card.

Remember that one Information token is available to the Ringwraiths at setup, so the first ability is already unlocked at the start of the game (this may change depending how you balance the game, see page 9).

## FINDING INFORMATION

The 12 Information tokens all show a number, each corresponding to a different Ally location on the Part 1 board.

When a Ringwraith player performs a Search or a Hunt in such a location, the Ring-bearer player must check if its number appears among the Information tokens drawn during setup and hidden behind the screen.

If it is so, in addition to communicating the normal result of the Search or Hunt action, the Ring-bearer player must reveal the token and place it on the next available space on the Black Riders reference card

(whether the

Search or Hunt



was successful or not), immediately unlocking a new ability.



Mostly, Black Riders abilities grant to the Ringwraith players additional uses for their Action dice. The active Nazgûl can use one of these abilities instead of the normal use of an Action die (and instead of a free Search or Hunt).

1 token	Spend 1 Action die result of your choice to move 1 additional step.
2 tokens	Spend 2 Action die results of your choice to perform a Hunt or a Perception.
3 tokens	Spend 1 Sword result to move 1 additional step and then perform a Search.
4 tokens	Spend 1 Ring result to move 2 additional steps.
5 tokens	Start Part 2 with the Lord of the

These abilities are cumulative: for example, if the Ringwraith players collected three tokens, they have the first three abilities available to choose from.

Nazgûl already in play.

## HIDING INFORMATION

To prevent the Nazgûl collecting Information, the Ring-bearer player can get Frodo to journey to the Ally locations featured on the Information tokens he still has behind the screen.

If the Ring-bearer player marks, on Frodo's Journey log, the number of an Ally location on one of the Information tokens still in his possession, that token cannot be collected anymore by the Ringwraith player. The Ring-bearer player secretly flips the Information token to show its back, as a reminder it is not considered to be in play anymore: Ringwraiths will not be able to find information in that location for the rest of the game.

## ENCOUNTERING THE NAZGÛL

As described on page 19, if Frodo is found by a successful Hunt, a Nazgûl Encounter is resolved at the end of the turn (after all Nazgûl have had a chance to take their turns).

## THE HUNT POOL







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The **Hunt pool** is the set of Corruption tiles in play, and it is used to represent the effect of encounters between the Ring-bearer and the Nazgûl. These tiles are placed in an opaque container (such as a cup or bag) at the beginning of a game, as tiles must be drawn randomly from it each time a Hunt is successful.

At the start of Part 1, the Hunt pool is composed solely by the regular Corruption tiles for Part 1 (beige color). Up to two special Corruption (red color) tiles can be put into play by the Ringwraith players during the game, by playing the two corresponding Sorcery cards.

## RESOLVING AN ENCOUNTER

To resolve the Nazgûl Encounter, the Ring-bearer player goes through the following steps:

- 1. Draw Corruption tiles.
- 2. Use Company cards.
- 3. Receive Corruption.
- 4. Aftermath.

## 1. DRAWING CORRUPTION TILES

All Nazgûl in the hunted location or adjacent to it (both in a dot or a location) are **involved in the**Encounter. The Ring-bearer player must draw one

Corruption tile for each Nazgûl involved in the

Encounter.

## 2. USING COMPANY CARDS

Several Company cards feature a special ability allowing the Ring-bearer player to choose one Corruption tile among those drawn, and cancel its effects, thus reducing the damage of the Hunt.

When all tiles have been drawn, the Ring-bearer player may flip a maximum of one Company card to use its ability.

The chosen tile is returned to the Hunt pool without effect.

Special Corruption tiles cannot be cancelled in this way.

## 3. RECEIVING CORRUPTION

After the tiles have all been drawn — and one, possibly, cancelled — Frodo's Corruption increases for each remaining tile left, if any, as follows:

 If a tile is numbered, Frodo receives Corruption points equal to its value; then, the tile is discarded (it is out of the game).



— If one Eye tile is drawn, Frodo receives one Corruption point, plus as many Corruption points as the number of Eye tiles already next to the Corruption track, if any; then, place the Eye tile next to the Corruption track.

— If more than one Eye tile is drawn, apply the tiles one by one: Frodo gains Corruption for the first Eye tile, and then it is placed next to the Corruption track; then, the Corruption gain for the second Eye tile is applied, and the tile is placed on the Corruption track, and so on.

## 4. AFTERMATH

Corruption tiles drawn during an Encounter, and not cancelled, are out of play. If Frodo's Corruption is less than 12, then the Ring-bearer player performs an **Escape** (see below), then play resumes normally, with the next turn of the Ring-bearer player.

If the Corruption is 12 or more, the Ring-bearer player loses the game (see *End of Part 1*, page **25**).

## **ESCAPE**

The Ring-bearer player must choose between:

- moving Frodo to a new numbered location; or
- not moving Frodo at all.

This choice is made secretly, without revealing anything to the Ringwraith players.

**If Frodo moves**, the Ring-bearer player moves Frodo to a location within reach that is *connected* to his last location (Frodo cannot 'jump' over a location).

- When determining whether the connected location is within reach, any dots marked on the Journey log can be counted, as well as two additional "bonus" dots for the escape move.
- The number of the chosen location is entered on the next empty box on the Journey log, to the right of the last recorded move.
- The new location cannot be an Exit location.

If Frodo does not move, the Ring-bearer player marks with a slash the next empty space on the Journey log, to the right of the last recorded move. Frodo is considered to be where he was on the previous move.

In both cases, Frodo's figure is advanced by one step on the Movement track (regardless if he moved 1 or more steps, or if he did not move at all).

## NAZGÛL ENCOUNTER EXAMPLE (DRAWING CORRUPTION TILES)



Frodo has been found by the Green Nazgûl with a Hunt in location 23. After all the Nazgûl completed their turns, one of them (the Green one) is in location 23, and two are adjacent (the Purple one in location 21, the Red one on the dot to the right of 23). The Blue Nazgûl, in location 19, is too far away (19 is connected to 23, but not adjacent). A total of three Nazgûl are involved in the Encounter, and three Corruption tiles are drawn.

## NAZGÛL ENCOUNTER EXAMPLE (RECEIVING CORRUPTION)

The Encounter involves three Nazgûl, so the Ring-bearer player draws three Corruption tiles: a "3" and two Eye tiles. The Ring-bearer player has not drawn any Eye tiles yet, and decides to flip Samwise's Company card to cancel the "3" Corruption tile and returns it back into the Hunt pool. Then, the two Eye tiles are applied: because of the first Eye tile, Frodo receives 1 Corruption and then the tile is placed next to the Corruption track; therefore, the second Eye tile is worth 2 Corruption (1 for the tile itself, I for the other Eye tile already next to the Corruption track). The second tile is added to the Corruption track. Frodo suffered a total of 3 Corruption, and the Corruption track is adjusted accordingly.

## NAZGÛL ENCOUNTER EXAMPLE (AFTERMATH)



Frodo was found by a Hunt in location 23, with two dots marked on the Journey log.



## Example 1: To escape, the Ring-bearer player chooses to move.

The Ring-bearer player might decide to move to several connected locations: any connected location within four steps from location 23—as he has two dots already marked on the log, and he can move further up to two steps away. For example, he might move to 33, 36, 45, 46, or even back to 23 or 19. He could not choose, for example, location 38: it is only three steps away, but not connected to 23.

He selects to go to location 46 — he wants Frodo to reach Bree as soon as possible, and he thinks it's the safest bet.

Location 46 is added to the log, and Frodo's figure advances on the Movement track.



## Example 2: To escape, the Ring-bearer player chooses not to move.

The Ring-bearer player chooses not to move, to mislead the Ringwraith players, by not choosing the most predictable movement.

In this case, he would just add a slash on the log, and advance Frodo's figure on the Movement track.

Frodo would still be in the wild, with 2 dots marked on the log, and he would still have many options available for his next movement — while leaving the Ringwraiths in the dark about his whereabouts.



## REFRESH STEP

When a Nightfall turn is over, a Refresh step is played through.

- 1. The Ring-bearer player draws one Ally card.
- 2. When not playing a 2-player game, the Lead player token is passed to the Ringwraith player to the left of the previous owner.
- 3. Then, the lead player draws one Sorcery card and rolls all the Action dice the dice used in the previous turn, as well as any unused ones.
- 4. The Ring-bearer player receives one Fellowship token for each Shadow die result rolled.

A new Day of the game now begins.

## **END OF PART 1**

Part 1 ends when one of the following situations applies:

## FRODO ARRIVES AT DESTINATION

If Frodo reaches an exit location in 16 or less moves he must immediately declare it: Frodo reached Bree safely and Part 1 is over.

## FRODO MUST BE RESCUED

As soon as the marker on the Movement track reaches step 16 (either because of a movement, or due to an escape) and Frodo did not reach an exit location, Part 1 is immediately over (the Ringwraiths do not get to play their turns).

When this happens, the Ring-bearer player must count the number of moves that Frodo would need to reach the closest exit location, and proceeds to draw an equal number of Corruption tiles, raising Frodo's Corruption level accordingly:

- For each numerical or Eye tile, increase Frodo's Corruption normally;
- The Ring-bearer player may flip one Company card to cancel one Corruption tile, just as during a Nazgûl encounter.

Example: Frodo is on the last step of the Movement track and the last entries in the Journey log are 53/•. The closest Exit location,



"C," is two steps away: the Ring-bearer player draws two Corruption tiles.

### FRODO IS CORRUPTED

Should the Corruption level of Frodo reach step 12 of the track at any time (including during a rescue, see above), the Ring-bearer is lost to the Shadow and the Ringwraith players win instantly (without playing Part 2).

## STORING THE GAME AFTER PART 1

Should you wish to play Part 2 in a separate gaming session, you must now store the game appropriately, using the *Letter from Gandalf* envelope. Place inside the envelope the following materials:

- Unspent Fellowship tokens;
- Company cards not flipped;
- the Ring-bearer player's hand of Ally cards;
- all the Sorcery cards in the hands of the Ringwraith players. (Place the remaining Sorcery cards back into the box, keeping the draw deck separate from the discard pile);
- Information tokens found by the Ringwraiths;
- discarded Corruption tiles;
- special Corruption tiles that were put in play;
- any Eye tiles in possession of the Ring-bearer player (including the "Fear of the Barrowwights" Sorcery card, if played).

Then, place all the remaining components back into the box. Finally, record on Frodo's Journey log the amount of Corruption he accumulated by the end of Part 1.

When you are ready to start playing Part 2, take out all the materials stored in the *Letter from Gandalf* envelope, then follow the setup instructions for Part 2.

"There was still an echo as of following feet in the cutting behind them; a rushing noise as if a wind were rising and pouring through the branches of the pines. One moment Glorfindel turned and listened, then he sprang forward with a loud cry. 'Fly!' he called. 'Fly! The enemy is upon us!"" The Fellowship of the Ring Book I, Chapter 12: Flight to the Ford

## FLIGHT TO THE FORD

f Frodo was not defeated at the end of Part 1, the game continues with Part 2.

Playing Part 2 requires all the game components that were set aside before playing Part 1:

- the Corruption tiles for Part 2 (grey);
- the two decks of Journey cards;
- the deck of Part 2 Ally cards (orange card back);
- everything concerning Gandalf (reference card, figure, and Gandalf's deed tokens);
- everything concerning the Lord of the Nazgûl (reference card, figure, and action die);
- Strider's Company card.

The following components are not required any more, and can be set aside:

- the deck of Part 1 Ally cards (green card back);
- Information tokens (except those collected by the Ringwraith players);
- Frodo's Starting location tokens;
- discarded Corruption tiles;
- flipped Company cards.

## SETTING UP THE GAME

If you played Part 1 as a separate game session, open the Letter from Gandalf envelope and distribute to the respective players all the components that were stored inside it at the end of Part 1. If you are playing Part 2 immediately after completing Part 1, each player simply keeps these components at hand.

All the players assume the same roles they assumed during Part 1. Place the board to show the Part 2 side in the center of the playing area.

## SECRECY AND SORCERY

The only materials that are stored in the Letter from Gandalf envelope that require some discretion during setup are the Sorcery cards that were left in the hands of the Ringwraith players at the end of Part 1. For this reason, we suggest that those cards should be taken out of the envelope by a Ringwraith player.

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## RING-BEARER PLAYER

- 1. Take the Ring-bearer's screen and place it in front of you, with the image of Part 2 game board vertically in front of you. Then, take one blank sheet of paper, fold it to size, and insert it into the Journey log and place it at the bottom of the screen, with the Part 2 side up.
- 2. Take the **Company cards** you had at the end of Part 1; add the *Strider* and *Meriadoc Brandybuck* cards (unless Meriadoc entered play already during Part 1), with their ability visible.
- 3. Take the Gandalf reference card.
- 4. Take the **Fellowship tokens** you had at the end of Part 1 and place them on Frodo's card. Then, prepare the **Fellowship pool** for Part 2 by taking the appropriate amount of Fellowship tokens (three if Frodo is not flipped, or two if Frodo is flipped, less the tokens on Frodo's card) and placing them on the appropriate space of the Journey log.
- 5. Separate the **Journey cards** by type, looking at their front (shorter or longer journey), and shuffle separately the two resulting decks. Then, draw one card from each deck, look at the cards and choose one to keep as your current Journey card. Put the other card back into its deck. Keep close at hand the deck corresponding to the card you have chosen, and place the other deck of Journey cards back into the box (without revealing it). Finally, place your Journey card behind the screen, on the appropriate space of the Journey log.
- 6. Shuffle the **Ally card deck** for Part 2 (orange card frame); then, discard the Ally cards you had at the end of Part 1, drawing an equal number of cards from the new deck.
- 7. Place the **Turn marker** on the leftmost Daylight box of the Turn track, Ring side facing up.

- 8. Place the Corruption marker on the Corruption track, in the box matching Frodo's Corruption at the end of Part 1 (recorded on the Part 1 Journey log). Place any Eye Corruption tiles in possession of the Ring-bearer player (including the "Fear of the Barrow-wights" Sorcery card, if played) next to the Corruption track.
- Place the Frodo figure on the box labeled '0' of the Movement track.
- 10. Draw randomly four **Gandalf's deed tokens** and look at them secretly. Then, choose one token and place it on the appropriate box in the Journey log this is Gandalf's starting location. Keep the other three drawn tokens behind the screen, on the appropriate space on the Journey log. Set aside the remaining tokens, without showing them to the Ringwraith players.

## RINGWRAITH PLAYER(S)

- 1. Take the 4 Nazgûl figures and the corresponding Ringwraith cards and divide them among the players. Players controlling two or more Nazgûl must now arrange their Ringwraith cards in the order that they want them to act during the game.
- 2. Take the **Black Riders** reference card and place it in plain view of all players. Place on the card the Information tokens collected by the Ringwraith players during Part 1.
- Take the six Ringwraith log tokens and place them in easy reach of all Ringwraith players.
- 4. Take the Sorcery deck and Sorcery discard pile from the box, returning them to play as they were at the end of Part 1.
- 5. Take the **Sorcery cards** you had in hand at the end of Part 1. You may redistribute them among the Ringwraith players as you see fit, possibly giving the same number of cards to each player.
- 6. Form the **Hunt pool**, adding to the **Corruption tiles** not drawn during Part 1 the three **Corruption tiles** for Part 2 (grey), along with any special tiles that were brought into play during Part 1. Do not put back in the pool the Corruption tiles that were discarded during Part 1.

- 7. Give the **Lead player token** to one Ringwraith player chosen at random (if there is a single Ringwraith player, he takes the token). Place the Ringwraith cards following the instructions for Part 1, to set their playing order. Keep the figure, card and special die for The Lord of the Nazgûl close at hand.
- 8. Starting with the lead player, all Ringwraith players place their Nazgûl figures on the board, in either of the two available starting locations (location 28 and location 33). Two Nazgûl must be placed in each location. If the fifth ability on the Black Riders reference card is unlocked, the Lord of the Nazgûl replaces the Nazgûl (or one of the Nazgûl) of the lead player.
- 9. The lead player takes the six Ringwraith action dice and rolls them. The Ring-bearer player receives from the Fellowship pool one Fellowship token for each Shadow result rolled on the dice and places it on Frodo's Company card.

## HOW TO PLAY

There are two important differences between Part 1 and Part 2.

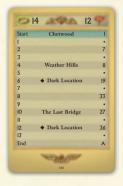
During Part 2, the Ring-bearer player moves Gandalf secretly — using the Journey log — in a similar way to how he did with Frodo during Part 1. Gandalf will move around, to protect Frodo and his companions, encourage them through his deeds, and mislead the Ringwraiths.

Meanwhile, Frodo is being led to Rivendell by Strider: the route he will follow is not under the direct control of the Ring-bearer player, but it is a fixed itinerary shown on the current Journey card. The Ring-bearer player does not choose nor record the movement of Frodo on the Journey log, but keeps track of his position using the Movement track and the Journey card.

The Ringwraith players will try to stop Frodo, similarly to what they did during Part 1. This time, however, they have on their side the presence of the powerful Lord of the Nazgûl. The Lord of the Nazgûl is not controlled by just one of the players, but may enter the game replacing one of the other Nazgûl. At the same time, their search will be

hindered and misled by the actions of Gandalf, and they must take the presence of the Wizard into proper consideration.

## THE RING-BEARER'S TURN





Frodo's movement during Part 2 is determined by a **Journey card**.

There are two decks of Journey cards: one deck contains **shorter itineraries** requiring 14 moves for Frodo to reach Rivendell, and allowing him to be corrupted at 12 Corruption points.

The second deck contains **longer itineraries**, taking Frodo 16 moves to reach his destination, but enabling him to be corrupted at 14 Corruption points.

The two decks have the same card back, but they are easily recognizable by the different design of the card front.

## **MOVING FRODO**

At the start of each Daylight turn, the Ring-bearer player advances Frodo's figure on the Movement track by one step. At the start of a Nightfall turn, the Ring-bearer player may decide if Frodo moves (and advances one step) or rests, exactly like during Part 1.

The destination of Frodo's movement, however, is *not* decided by the Ring-bearer player. The destination of each movement is determined by the Journey card, and Frodo's position can be

discerned, at any time, simply by matching where Frodo's figure is on the Movement track with the appropriate row of his Journey card: the column on the left of the card corresponds to the occupied position on the track, while the column on the right shows where Frodo is on the board.

When Frodo's figure on the Movement track moves onto the last step indicated by the Journey card (14 for a shorter itinerary, 16 for a longer one), Frodo has reached one of the Exit locations leading to Rivendell, and the game is immediately over.

Example: If this is the current Journey card in play, and Frodo's figure is on step 7 of the Movement track, Frodo is in location 27 (The Last Bridge). (Previously, he moved through locations 2, 10, and 23.) His next move will automatically be a dot.



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When Frodo's figure moves onto step 14, the

Ring-bearer exits from Exit location A, and the game ends — unless the Nazgúl got him first!

## **GANDALF THE GREY**

During Part 2, the Ring-bearer player records Gandalf's moves secretly, using the Journey log. There are two important differences between his and Frodo's movement, however:

- Gandalf moves every turn Daylight or Nightfall.
- Gandalf moves directly from his current location to any connected location (the dots between the two locations, if any, do not affect his movement).

There are several other important rules to note regarding Gandalf, explained in this and the next section.

## **GANDALF LEAVES NO TRACKS**

Even though each movement of Gandalf is recorded on the Journey log normally, the Nazgûl can only detect him in Gandalf's last location.

## BALANCING THE GAME: SHELTERS

If you find winning the game is too difficult for the Ring-bearer player, you may optionally include this rule in your game.

The longer Journey cards offer a second advantage in addition to a higher resilience to Corruption: on each Journey card, one or more Ally locations are marked with a round dot to the right of the name of the location, indicating they are **shelters**.

Unbeknownst to the Ringwraith players, if Frodo's last location is marked as a shelter, then the Nazgûl can find Frodo only by performing a Hunt (a Search always fails). If the sheltered location is not Frodo's last location, then a Search succeeds in finding Frodo's passage and a Track token is placed normally.

All the previous entries are ignored for any Hunt purposes, and a Search can never detect him (see Frodo, Gandalf and the Nazgûl, page 31).

### REVEALING GANDALF

The Ring-bearer player may reveal Gandalf if, after moving, the Wizard is in a location containing one or more Nazgûl. To do so, the Ring-bearer player spends one Fellowship token and permanently removes it from the game (reducing the Fellowship pool by one), then places Gandalf's figure on the board, on the location corresponding to his last location.

Then, the Ring-bearer player:

- Moves all Nazgûl in the location occupied by Gandalf up to 2 steps away (together or separately).
- Discards one standard Action die from the Ringwraith Action pool (Ring-bearer player's choice but not the Lord of the Nazgûl Action die). The die will be added to the pool again, during the next Refresh phase.

## GANDALF'S AND FRODO'S MOVEMENT EXAMPLES



Gandalf started in location 8 (Weather Hills).
To mislead the Nazgûl, the Ring-bearer player
wants to keep him close to Frodo, but not in the
same area.

The Journey card gets Frodo to move across the northern portion of the board (from 1 to 7, then to 8, then to 19), so he would like Gandalf to go south and move across the middle portion of the board. However, he also wants Gandalf to journey to Weathertop (location 18), as it matches one of the Gandalf's deed token he has drawn.



In the first turn, Gandalf moves to location 7, while Strider takes Frodo through the woods between 1 and 7.

In the second turn, Gandalf moves to location 10, and Frodo reaches location 7.

In the third turn, night falls, and Frodo rests (Frodo's figure remains on step 2 of the Movement track), while Gandalf rides forward to location 18.

He then reveals he has a Gandalf's deed token matching this location number, and places it close to the Corruption track, as a reminder that Frodo's resistance to Corruption is increased by 1 (from 14 to 15).

If, at some later moment, the Nazgúl search location 7, they will find Frodo's tracks, but not Gandalf's tracks — a Search cannot detect Gandalf.

## **GANDALF HIDES AGAIN**

In the Ringwraith turn after Gandalf's figure is placed on the board, no Nazgûl can enter, or move through, the location it occupies. Moreover, the location cannot be targeted by any Search or Hunt (performed playing a Sorcery card, for example).

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When all the Ringwraiths are done with their turns, Gandalf's figure is removed from the board.

Then, the Ring-bearer player draws two new Gandalf's deed tokens and chooses one, recording the corresponding location on the next empty box on the Journey log. The chosen token is then removed from play, while the other is placed back among the available Gandalf's deed tokens.

## COMPLETING GANDALF'S DEEDS AND CORRUPTION

If Gandalf is in a location corresponding to one of the Gandalf's deed tokens still behind the Ring-bearer's screen, the Ring-bearer player may reveal that token and place it close to the

Corruption track, face up: Gandalf has completed one of his deeds, with a show of power that lifts the spirits of the Ring-bearer and intimidates the Nazgûl.

Completing a deed requires that Gandalf's location is announced to the Ringwraith players; however, Gandalf is not "revealed" as explained above — his figure is not placed on the board, and the Nazgûl are not chased away from that location.

## The maximum Corruption that Frodo can withstand is raised by one for each deed completed by Gandalf.

The Ring-bearer player may further increase Frodo's resistance to Corruption by moving Gandalf to Rivendell. If, at any time during the game, Gandalf reaches Rivendell (that is, any Exit location), the Ring-bearer player may announce it, placing Gandalf's figure in Rivendell. From that moment on, Gandalf is out of play, and the maximum amount of Corruption that Frodo can withstand is raised by one.

## THE RINGWRAITHS' TURN

The Ringwraith players play their turn following the same rules as in Part 1. However, their search for the location of Frodo is strongly influenced by the presence of Gandalf. They may also receive support from the Lord of the Nazgûl, which may temporarily replace one of the "normal" Nazgûl.

## FRODO, GANDALF AND THE NA7GÛL

Frodo's and Gandalf's secret positions can be detected or discovered by the Ringwraiths, using their actions.

However, looking for Frodo is not the same as trying to locate the Grey Wizard, and the Ring-bearer player can exploit this to his advantage, maneuvering Gandalf to hinder or confuse the Ringwraith players. The following rules explain how the presence or the passage of Frodo and Gandalf are perceived by the pursuing Ringwraiths during Part 2.

## THE JOURNEY CARD

The Journey card is used to determine Frodo's position in Part 2, in a similar way to the Journey log during Part 1. Frodo's position can be determined, at any time, simply by matching where Frodo's figure is on the Movement track with the appropriate row of the Journey card. Any location above that row is considered to have been moved through. On the other hand, any location on the Journey card below that row has not been moved through yet, and it is not considered to be "featured on Frodo's Journey Log" for the purposes of a Search, a Hunt, or any other game effect.





## **PERCEPTION**

Gandalf's presence confuses the senses of the Nazgûl. When a Ringwraith player performs a Perception, if the last location of Frodo, Gandalf, or both is inside the target area or section, the Ring-bearer player answers with a simple "yes" (in other words, the Ring-bearer player does not have to specify who has been perceived — the answer is the same if one of them, or both, are in the target area or section).

Note: A Perception done using the special result on the Lord of the Nazgûl die (see page 33) is an exception to this rule.

## **SEARCH**

A Search performed in a location featured on Frodo's current Journey card successfully locates him (the Ring-bearer player answers with a "yes"), similarly to what happened with Frodo's locations marked on the Journey log during Part 1.

Gandalf does not leave tracks, and he cannot ever be located by a Search: searching a location featured on his Journey log always results in a "no" answer (including his last location).

## **HUNT**

A Hunt performed in a location featured on Frodo's current Journey card is resolved normally and, if it is the last location, a Nazgûl Encounter ensues (see page **34**).

A Hunt succeeds in locating Gandalf only if it is performed in his last location (all other entries in the Journey log are ignored). When this happens, the Grey Wizard is found and forced to flee:

— The Ring-bearer player declares that Gandalf has been found. Then, he draws one new Gandalf's deed token, entering its number on the next empty space on the Journey log as Gandalf's new location, then discards it without showing it.

## SPECIAL CASES

- If a Search is performed in a location appearing both on Frodo's current Journey card and on Gandalf's Journey log, a Track token is placed to mark the passage of Frodo (the Wizard is not discerned in any way).
- If a Hunt is performed in Gandalf's last location, and the same location appears on Frodo's Journey card, the Wizard is found and forced to flee, and a Track token is placed to mark the passage of Frodo.
- If Gandalf is found by a **Hunt** in a location that corresponds also to Frodo's last location, the Wizard is forced to flee, a Track token is placed, and a Nazgûl Encounter begins.

## THE LORD OF THE NAZGÛL

The Lord of the Nazgûl enters play if one of the *Captain of the Nine* Sorcery cards is played, or starts in play if the last ability on the Black Riders card was unlocked during Part 1. When the Lord of the Nazgûl is in play, add the special Lord of the Nazgûl Action die to the Ringwraiths Action pool: it will be rolled together with the other Action dice in the next Refresh phase.

**Note:** The Lord of the Nazgûl is considered a Nazgûl for the purposes of card effects, and of any rule not explicitly modified here.

## BRINGING THE LORD OF THE NAZGÛL INTO PLAY

If the Lord of the Nazgûl enters play using a card, the player playing it replaces the currently active Nazgûl with the Lord of the Nazgûl, swapping their figures and placing the corresponding character card on top of that of the replaced Nazgûl.

If the Lord of the Nazgûl enters play during setup of Part 2 (due to the fifth ability on the Black Riders reference card), he replaces the Nazgûl of the Lead player (or one of his Nazgûl, if he controls more than one).

## USING THE LORD OF THE NAZGÛL

On each given turn, the Lord of the Nazgûl may move and take one of the following actions (as usual, before or after moving):

- Spend an Action die; or
- Perform a **Hunt** (if in a location).

For the Lord of the Nazgûl, performing a Hunt does not require the spending of an Action die.

## THE LORD OF THE NAZGÛL AND THE HUNT

If the Lord of the Nazgûl is involved in a Nazgûl Encounter, apply the following rules:

- The Ring-bearer player draws two Corruption tiles due to his presence, instead of one;
- At the end of the Encounter, the Lord of the Nazgûl leaves play: replace him with the corresponding Nazgûl.

## THE LORD OF THE NAZGÛL DIE

Once added to the Action dice pool, this special die is rolled along with the other Action dice and can be used by any Ringwraith player (not just by the player controlling the Lord of the Nazgûl).

Differently from the other dice, though, once rolled, its result and corresponding effects cannot be cancelled, modified nor rolled again. (For example, the die result cannot be discarded by Gandalf when revealed.)

Should the Lord of the Nazgûl leave play, the Lord of the Nazgûl die is removed from the pool at the end of the current Day.

## THE LORD OF THE NAZGÛL DIE

The Lord of the Nazgûl Die shows three normal icons (Ring, Sorcery, Sword) plus three special results: Morgul Ring, Morgul Shadow, Seek. These special results work as follows:







Ring

Sword

Sorcery







Morgul Ring

Seek

Morgul Shadow

### RESULT ACTIONS



Spend a **Morgul Ring** die result to:

- Perform a Perception in the area where the active Nazgûl is located; or
- Perform a Perception in the section where the active Nazgûl is located.

If the Perception is successful, the Ring-bearer player must specify who is inside the area or the section: Frodo, Gandalf, or both.



Spend a **Seek** die result to move all Nazgûl 1 step (starting with the active Nazgûl).



Spend a **Morgul Shadow** die result as if it were a Ring, Sword, or Sorcery result, at player's choice.

Differently from a normal Shadow die result, the Ring-bearer player does not receive one Fellowship token when this result is rolled.



## ENCOUNTERING THE NAZGÛL

As described on page 32, if Frodo is found by a successful Hunt, a Nazgûl Encounter is resolved at the end of the turn, after all Nazgûl have had a chance to move and act. There is an important difference in the way Frodo's escape works between Part 1 and Part 2.

## **ESCAPE**

When Frodo escapes at the end of the Encounter, the Ring-bearer player must choose between:

- 1. Moving Frodo's figure one step back on the Movement track, and replacing the current Journey card with a new one (see *Changing Course*, below); *or*
- 2. Keeping the current Journey card (and position) to resume playing normally this is normally a good option only if Frodo is about to reach an Exit location.

This choice is made openly, declaring it to the Ringwraith players.

## **CHANGING COURSE**

Should the Ring-bearer player choose to change the current Journey card with a new one:

- Frodo's figure is moved back one step on the Movement track.
- 2. All Track tokens placed on the board are discarded.
- 3. The Ring-bearer player discards the old Journey card and secretly draws a new card from the same deck (same length of journey).

Note: If Strider's Company card has not been flipped, his ability may be used at this step.



The selected card is now Frodo's current Journey

card. The new position of Frodo is determined normally, simply by matching where Frodo's figure is on the Movement track with the appropriate row of the Journey card.

## END OF PART 2

Part 2 ends when one of the following situations applies:

### FRODO REACHES RIVENDELL

If the Frodo figure reaches the step of the track (14 or 16) corresponding to the last entry of the current Journey card, the game is immediately over: Frodo is safe and the Ring-bearer player wins.

## FRODO IS CORRUPTED

If Frodo's Corruption level reaches or exceeds the current Corruption threshold (determined by the Journey card, plus one for each completed Gandalf's deed, plus one if Gandalf is in Rivendell), the game is immediately over: Frodo has been enslaved by the will of the One Ring, and the Ringwraith players win.

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## PLAYING HUNT FOR THE RING WITH WAR OF THE RING

ur War of the Ring board game features the journey of the Fellowship of the Ring from Rivendell to Mount Doom, and Hunt for the Ring may be considered the prologue to it.

If you own a copy of *War of the Ring*, you may decide that the outcome of your *Hunt for the Ring* game has a consequence on your next *War of the Ring* game, effectively linking the two game experiences in one grand re–playing of the entire *The Lord of the Rings* saga.

The rules presented here allow you to do just this, assuming that, even in the case *Hunt for the Ring* ends with a defeat for the Ring–bearer, Frodo is somehow rescued by Elrond and brought to Rivendell — but his recovery may take longer than it did in the novel, giving an advantage to the Shadow. On the contrary, if the outcome of *Hunt* is more advantageous to the Free Peoples than the one in the novel, the Free Peoples player will have an advantage. This advantage is handled by the use of Action tokens.

## RECEIVING ACTION TOKENS

Depending on the ending of your *Hunt for the Ring* game, players receive Action tokens during the setup of *War of the Ring*, as follows:

Frodo is Corrupted during Part 1, or before step 8 of Movement track in Part 2	Shadow: 2 tokens	
Frodo is Corrupted during Part 2, at step 8 or later of Movement track	Shadow: 1 token	
Frodo has reached Rivendell with no Company cards	Shadow and Free Peoples: 1 token each	
Frodo has reached Rivendell with 1 or 2 Company cards	Free Peoples: 1 token	
Frodo has reached Rivendell with 3 or more Company cards	Free Peoples: 2 tokens	

When a player receives only one token, he may choose which one to take.

## PLAYING WITH LORDS OF MIDDLE-EARTH

If you play War of the Ring with the Lords of Middle-earth expansion, these tokens are in addition to any Action tokens the Shadow player receives when the Free Peoples player starts the game with companions outside the Fellowship (as indicated by the Council of Elrond optional rules).

## **ACTION TOKENS**

Hunt for the Ring includes four Action tokens: two for the Free Peoples player, two for the Shadow player.

A player may use one Action token during Action resolution, in place of using an Action die result.



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- Each Action token can only be used once during the game and can only be used for its specific effect.
- Only one Action token can be used in a turn.
- Action tokens are not counted among the number of actions available to the player for the purpose of deciding if he can pass an action.
- An Action token cannot be used as "Any Action Die result" (to activate an Event card or Character ability with such a wording) and cannot be modified by an Elven Ring.
- In a multi-player game, either Free Peoples player may use a Free Peoples Action token, and either Shadow player may use a Shadow Action token.

FREE PEOPLES ACTION TOKENS		SHADOW ACTION TOKENS	
Back			Back
Front: Draw one Event card	P	1	Front: Move Nazgûl and Minions
Front: Advance a Free Peoples Nation on the Political track.			Front: Advance a Shadow Nation on the Political track.

The Shadow Action tokens have the following effects:

- Move Nazgûl and Minions (same as the option allowed by a Shadow Character die result).
- Advance a Shadow Nation on the Political Track (same as the option allowed by a Shadow Muster die result).

The Free Peoples Action tokens have the following effects:

- Draw one Event card (same as the option allowed by a Free Peoples Event die result).
- Advance a Free Peoples Nation on the Political Track (same as the option allowed by a Free Peoples Muster die result).



## **GLOSSARY**

- ACTION DICE: The special dice used by the Ringwraith players, optionally used during a Nazgûl turn to take an action.
- **ACTION DICE POOL:** The set of action dice available to the Ringwraith players in a turn.
- **ADJACENT:** Two **spaces** are adjacent if they are joined by a path or road, and thus within one movement step from each other.
- **ALLY CARD:** A card used by the Ring-bearer player (normally once a turn at most) to help Frodo. There are two different Ally card decks, used in Part 1 and Part 2 respectively.
- **ALLY LOCATION:** Circled **space** marked with a name in a scroll.
- **ALLY TOKEN:** A token used to mark the location of an Ally. Blocks the movement of the Nazgûl.
- **AREA:** Each board is divided into 10 areas, divided among its 3 sections (I, II, III). Each area within a section is identified by a letter (A, B, C, D). An area is identified by a number (its section) and its specific letter (for example, *area II B*).
- **BLACK RIDER REFERENCE CARD:** Special card indicating additional abilities gained by the Ringwraith players.
- COMPANY CARD: A card representing Frodo or one of his companions. It has two abilities: one is valid until the card is flipped, the other may be used once, then the card is flipped and both abilities are lost.
- **COMPANY LOG TOKEN:** Token used to mark the effect of certain **Ally cards**, as a reminder.
- **CONNECTED:** Any two **spaces** (**dots** or **locations**) are connected if they are adjacent or separated only by dots (a **location** is considered always connected to itself).
- **CORRUPTION:** A measure of the amount of Frodo's physical and mental suffering, and the lure of the One Ring. Used to determine victory in the game.
- **CORRUPTION MARKER:** Marker used to keep track of Frodo's current **Corruption** on the **Corruption track**.
- **CORRUPTION TILE:** A tile drawn during a **Nazgûl encounter** to determine the amount of **Corruption** suffered by Frodo.
- **CORRUPTION TRACK:** The numbered bar on the right–hand side of the board.

**DARK LOCATION:** Circled **space** with a red background and black frame.

- **DAY:** Represents one day of travel and is split into three turns.
- **DAYLIGHT (TURN):** The first or second turn in a **day**, when Frodo must move.
- **DOTS:** Small diamond–shaped **spaces**, without a number.
- **ENCOUNTER (NAZGÛL):** The possible outcome of a **Hunt**, normally if the Nazgûl is in Frodo's last location.
- **ESCAPE:** The outcome of a **Nazgûl encounter** unless Frodo is corrupted. Follows different rules in Part 1 and Part 2.
- **EXIT LOCATIONS:** Lettered locations, with shield frame, located on the right-hand side of each board.
- **FELLOWSHIP POOL:** The set of **Fellowship tokens** available to the Ring-bearer player.
- **FELLOWSHIP TOKEN:** Token used by the Ring-bearer player (normally once a turn at most) to draw one Ally card, or together with an **Ally card** or **Company card** ability.
- **FRODO'S JOURNEY:** The sequence of Frodo's moves, tracked by the Frodo's **Journey log** (Part 1), or Frodo's **Journey card** (Part 2).
- FRODO'S STARTING LOCATION: Circled space with a blue background and gem-studded frame.
- **FRODO'S STARTING LOCATION TOKEN:** Token used to determine **Frodo's starting location** during Part 1.
- **GANDALF'S DEED:** During Part 2, each completed Gandalf's deed increases the amount of corruption Frodo may endure by one.
- **GANDALF'S DEED TOKEN:** Token indicating a **location** where Gandalf may complete a **Gandalf's deed**. Also used to determine Gandalf's position at the start of Part 2 and after a **Hunt** when he is found.
- HUNT: An action of the Nazgûl, used to find out if Frodo is or was in a specific location. A Hunt can produce a Nazgûl Encounter, if it is done in Frodo's last location. During Part 2, also effective to find Gandalf. Normally done using a Sword action die result, or as a free action during a Nightfall turn when Frodo moved.
- **IN THE WILD:** Frodo is said to be "in the Wild" if the last entry on his Journey log or card is a **dot**.

- **INFORMATION TOKEN:** Used in Part 1, a token indicating a **location** where the Nazgûl may find information and receive additional powers indicated by the **Black Rider reference card**.
- **JOURNEY CARD:** A card used during Part 2 to determine Frodo's movement. There are two different Journey card decks (shorter or longer journey).
- **JOURNEY LOG:** The sheet, inserted into a specific cardboard sleeve, used to record the movement of Frodo (during Part 1) or Gandalf (during Part 2).
- **LAST LOCATION:** the last **location** entered on Frodo or Gandalf's **Journey log** (that is a circled numbered **space**, not a dot).
- **LEAD PLAYER TOKEN:** Token used to keep track of the Ringwraith player who is currently first in a turn.
- **LETTER FROM GANDALF:** Envelope used to save the result of playing Part 1, if Part 2 is to be played later.
- LOCATION: Circled numbered space.
- **LORD OF THE NAZGÛL DIE:** The special die used during Part 2 by the Ringwraith players, when the Lord of the Nazgûl is in play.
- **MOVEMENT TRACK:** The numbered bar on the left—hand side of the board. It is used to mark the number of moves since the start of **Frodo's journey**.
- NAZGÛL ENCOUNTER: See Encounter (Nazgûl).
- NAZGÛL STARTING LOCATION: Circled space marked with an Eye.
- NAZGÛL TOKEN: Token optionally used to replace a Nazgûl figure when too many of them are in the same spot on the board.
- **NIGHTFALL (TURN):** The third turn in a **day**, when Frodo may either move (and suffer **Corruption**) or rest.
- **OUT OF TURN:** Indication on an Ally card that its effect may be used during the Ringwraith players' turn.
- PATH: Thin brown line connecting spaces on the board.
- **PERCEPTION:** Action by a Nazgûl trying to determine whether Frodo (and/or Gandalf in Part 2) is currently in a specific **area** or **section**. Normally done using a Ring action die result.
- POSITION: Any space on the board where Frodo, Gandalf, Nazgûl or Allies can be located (a **dot** or **location**).

**REFRESH STEP:** After each Nightfall turn, perform a Refresh step before starting a new **day**.

- **REST:** Decision not to move Frodo during a **Nightfall** turn, to avoid **Corruption**.
- RINGWRAITH ACTION POOL: The set of Action die results available for the day.
- **RINGWRAITH LOG TOKEN:** Token which can be used by the Ringwraith players as a reminder.
- ROAD: Thick white line connecting spaces on the board.
- **SEARCH:** Action by a Nazgûl trying to locate if Frodo is or was in a specific **location**. Normally done as a free action, before or after the Nazgûl moves.
- **SECTION:** Each board is divided into three sections, numbered progressively from left to right (I, II, III in the Part 1 board; IIII, V, VI in the Part 2 board). Each section is further divided into three or four **areas**.
- **SORCERY CARD:** A card used by the Ringwraith players to help the Nazgûl or hinder the Ring-bearer. Normally played using a Sorcery action die result.
- **SPACE:** Any position on the board used for movement: either a **dot** or a **location**.
- **STEP:** The distance separating two **spaces** joined by a road or path.
- TRACK TOKEN: Token used to mark a location Frodo moved through, when determined by a **Search** or **Hunt**.
- TURN: There are three turns in a day: Daylight, Daylight, Nightfall.
- TURN TRACK: The group of three boxes at the bottom of the board, divided into two **Daylight** turns (numbered 1 and 2 in Elvish Tengwar runes) and one **Nightfall** turn (numbered 3 in Tengwar).
- TURN MARKER: Marker used to keep track of the current turn within each day.
- **WAR OF THE RING ACTION TOKEN:** Token used when playing *War of the Ring*, based on the outcome of playing *Hunt for the Ring*.
- WILD: See In the Wild.
- WITHIN REACH: A location is within reach of another connected location if the distance between them is no more than the number of dots marked on the Journey log.

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