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STARTING COMPANY:

- · Elrond (with Cram) controlling Elladan, and Erkenbrand (with Shield of Iron-bound Ash) controlling Orophin.
- · With multiple site-tapping resources in the initial draw split into two companies.

RESOURCE STRATEGY:

- · Travel the Orc-holds of the mountains surrounding Rivendell to acquire items and play Rescue Prisoners.
- · Store Rescue Prisoners quickly, to get its character untapped.
- · Move Elrond to Rivendell to play Vilya.
- · Defend against hazards with Gates of Morning and Many Turns and Doublings.
- · These are strong characters, so try to get many killpoints.
- · Alatar can travel along with a company, but can also teleport, so move his company last when he's at a haven (to have the option to teleport him if needed).
- · After playing the Book of Mazarbul tap Alatar to get the Blue Mountain Dwarves from sideboard. One trip to the Dwarf-hold could then both let you store the book and get you the faction. · Be wary of Muster Disperses. Keep some GI free in defense.

HAZARD STRATEGY:

STARTING COMPANIES (2):

RESOURCE STRATEGY:

resource tactical options.

· Halbarad stays in Rivendell by himself.

- · Corrupt companies then play Corpse-candle and Barrow-wight.
- · Make use of Chill Douser and The Moon is Dead combos.

CARDS IN THE DECK

CHARACTERS (9)

Alatar (3x), Balin, Beretar, Bofur, Elrohir, Gildor Inglorion, Haldir.

RESOURCES (30)

Book of Mazarbul, Crown of Flowers, Dark Quarrels, Dodge (2x), Escape, Gates of Morning (3x), Goldberry, Gollum, Many Turns and Doublings (3x), Muster, Orcrist, Rangers of the North, Rescue Prisoners (3x), Risky Blow (3x), Safe from the Shadow, Scroll of Isildur, Sword of Gondolin, The Cock Crows (2x), The Windlord Found Me, Vilya.

HAZARDS (30)

Alone and Unadvised (3x), Barrow-wight (3x), Chill Douser (3x), Corpse-candle (3x), Covetous Thoughts, Dragon-sickness, Lure of Expedience (3x), Lure of Nature (3x), Slayer (3x), Stirring Bones (2x), The Moon Is Dead (3x), Twilight (2x).

SITES (15)

Barrow-downs, Blue Mountain Dwarf-hold, Bree, Carn Dûm, Goblingate, Grey Havens, Isengard, Lossadan Cairn, Lórien, Moria, Mount Gram, Mount Gundabad, Old Forest, Rivendell, Zarak Dûm.

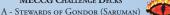
SIDEBOARD (20)

Backup Wizard: Radagast.

Resources: Blue Mountain Dwarves, Dark Quarrels (2x), Forewarned Is Forearmed, Great-shield of Rohan, Marvels Told, Promptings of Wisdom,

Hazards: Ambusher, Corsairs of Umbar (2x), Foolish Words (2x), Ghosts (2x), Seized by Terror, The Ring's Betrayal, Twilight, Veils Flung Away.

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STARTING COMPANIES (2):

- · Glorfindel II controlling Anborn
- · Fatty (with Cram), Adrazar (with Horn of Anor) & Sam

RESOURCE STRATEGY:

- · Adrazar & hobbits move to Gondor to recruit factions, and maybe pick up a major item along the way at Glittering Caves.
- · Glorfindel & Anborn pick up other resources.
- · Play Saruman in Isengard to play Palantir of Orthanc. Bring Vanishment, Wizard's Laughter & Wizard Uncloaked to the discard pile from sideboard once he comes into play. Saruman can then tap to get them to hand.
- · To use the Palantir, Saruman needs support for CCs. When using the Palantir a lot, Wellinghall is a safer place for Saruman.
- · Another option is to bring Align Palantir in from sideboard and let a hobbit use an aligned Palantir.
- · After playing Sapling of the White Tree, tap Saruman to bring in The White Tree from sideboard.

HAZARD STRATEGY:

- · Orcs & Trolls. Build up your hand waiting for Minions Stir or Two or Three Tribes Present.
- · If your opponent plays a lot of factions, bring in Muster Disperses from sideboard, combined with Rebel-talk to destroy the opponent's GI (increasing vulnerability to Muster Disperses).



CARDS IN THE DECK

CHARACTERS (8)

Balin, Haldir, Ioreth, Peath, Saruman (3x), Theoden.

RESOURCES (30)

And Forth He Hastened, Concealment (3x), Dark Quarrels (2x), Dodge (2x), Glamdring, Great Ship, Halfling Strength (2x), Hauberk of Bright Mail (2x), Knights of Dol Amroth, Marvels Told (3x), Men of Anfalas, Men of Anórien, Men of Lebennin, Palantír of Orthanc, Rangers of Ithilien, Sapling of the White Tree, Scroll of Isildur, Smoke Rings, Stealth (3x), Treebeard.

HAZARDS (30)

Alone and Unadvised (2x), An Unexpected Outpost (2x), "Bert" (Bûrat), Choking Shadows, Doors of Night (3x), Hobgoblins (3x), Little Snuffler, Minions Stir (3x), Orc-guard, Orc-lieutenant (3x), Orc-warband (2x), Orc-watch (3x), "Tom" (Tûma), Twilight (2x), Two or Three Tribes Present, "William" (Wûluag).

SITES (15)

Dol Amroth, Edhellond, Edoras, Glittering Caves, Henneth Annûn, Isengard, Isle of the Ulond, Lond Galen, Lórien, Minas Tirith, Moria, Pelargir, Rivendell, Tolfalas, Wellinghall.

SIDEBOARD (20)

Backup Wizard: Alatar.

Resources: Align Palantír, Many Turns and Doublings, Promptings of Wisdom (2x), Rebuild the Town, Riders of Rohan, The White Tree, Vanishment, Wizard's Laughter, Wizard Uncloaked.

Hazards: Call of Home, Eärcaraxë Ahunt, Incite Defenders, Muster Disperses (3x), Rebel-talk (2x), Twilight.



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· Beorn (with Black Arrow), Gimli & Legolas (with Cram).

· Play factions and allies in the hostile territories north of

influence attempts. Flatter a Foe defends against creatures.

give the opponent an easy shot at killing your Assassin.

· Try to play Forewarned is Forearmed only in response: don't

· Radagast must stay active and move through Wilderness to

draw extra cards. Don't draw more MP than you can play in

one turn though, or you might be forced to discard hazards or

· This deck is vulnerable to Muster Disperses, so free up GI by

· Against corruption, tap Radagast to get Glamour of Surpassing

letting Radagast control one or more characters with DI.

Excellence from sideboard as soon as possible.

Mordor. New Friendship will help with CCs and defend against

D - Bargain Between Friends (Radagast)



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D - BARGAIN BETWEEN FRIENDS (RADAGAST)



CARDS IN THE DECK

CHARACTERS (9)

Brand, Celeborn, Elrohir, Haldir, Háma, Radagast (3x), Thranduil. RESOURCES (30)

And Forth He Hastened, Beornings, Bow of the Galadhrim, Dark Quarrels (2x), Easterlings, Flatter a Foe (2x), Forewarned Is Forearmed, Iron Hill Dwarves, Marvels Told (2x), Men of Dorwinion, Muster, New Friendship (3x), Noble Hound (2x), Noble Steed (3x), Orcrist, Risky Blow (3x), Torque of Hues, Vanishment (2x), Wood-elves.

HAZARDS (30)

Abductor, Alone and Unadvised (2x), Ambusher (3x), Assassin, Brigands, Corsairs of Umbar (2x), Ghosts (3x), Lawless Men (3x), Rank upon Rank (3x), Seized by Terror (2x), Sellswords Between Charters (3x), Stout Men of Gondor, Thrice Outnumbered, Tidings of Bold Spies (2x), Twilight (2x).

Beorn's House, Buhr Widu, Dale, Dead Marshes, Easterling Camp, Edhellond, Gobel Mírlond, Iron Hill Dwarf-hold, Lórien, Moria, Raider-hold, Rhosgobel, Rivendell, Shrel-Kain, Thranduil's Halls.

SIDEBOARD (20)

Backup Wizard: Gandalf.

Resources: Dark Quarrels, Forewarned Is Forearmed, Gates of Morning (2x), Glamour of Surpassing Excellance (2x), Great-shield of Rohan, Marvels Told, Men of Dale, Promptings of Wisdom (2x), Wain-easterlings, Wizard's Laughter.

Hazards: Corsairs of Umbar, Horse-lords, Itangast Ahunt, Scorba Ahunt, Seized by Terror, Twilight.



STARTING COMPANY:

RESOURCE STRATEGY:

controlling Óin (with Cram).

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· Thorin II (with Cram) controlling Dori & Kíli, and Glóin

· Travel to the lairs and Shadow-holds east of Misty Mountains.

· Use Bounty of the Hoard, Lucky Search & Thror's Map to speed

up the deck when keeping all of the dwarves in one company.

· Use the powerful items to fight but be careful in the first few

· Pallando moves to Lórien and stays there to form a company

with characters from the deck. This company plays the allies

and the Book of Mazarbul - if not played by the dwarves on an

· After playing Quickbeam move Pallando's company to Riven-

dell and tap to get the Blue Mountain Dwarves from sideboard.

Remember: boost with Full of Froth and Rage & Wake of War.

There is also a roadblock subtheme that fills out the blind

spots in the dark areas against Ringwraith opponents.

Then move a company to the Blue Mountain Dwarf-hold to

turns. These may be risky, so use the avoidance cards then.

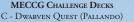
· Defend against corruption with Fellowship.

store the book and play the faction.

· Swarm the opponent with creature attacks.

HAZARD STRATEGY:







CHARACTERS (8)

CARDS IN THE DECK

Balin, Boromir II, Celeborn, Fíli, Gildor Inglorion, Pallando (3x). RESOURCES (30)

A Friend or Three (2x), Book of Mazarbul, Bounty of the Hoard, Bow of Dragon-horn, Concealment (3x), Durin's Axe, Enruned Shield, Fellowship (2x), Gollum, Great-road, Hauberk of Bright Mail, Hundreds of Butterflies, Iron Hill Dwarves, Lucky Search, Magical Harp, Marvels Told, Men of Dorwinion, Not at Home (2x), Quickbeam, Risky Blow, Smoke Rings, The Dwarves Are upon You! (2x), Thrór's Map, Wormsbane.

HAZARDS (30)

Cave Worm (3x), Despair of the Heart (3x), Full of Froth and Rage (3x), Giant Spiders (3x), Lesser Spiders (3x), Neeker-breekers (2x), River (2x), Seized by Terror (2x), Twilight (2x), Wake of War (2x), Wargs (2x), Watcher in the Water (3x).

Blue Mountain Dwarf-hold, Buhr Widu, Caves of Ûlund, Dead Marshes, Goblin-gate, Grey Havens, Iron Hill Dwarf-hold, Lórien, Moria, Ovir Hollow, Rivendell, Sarn Goriwing, Shrel-Kain, The Lonely Mountain, Wellinghall.

SIDEBOARD (20)

Backup Wizard: Saruman.

Resources: Blue Mountain Dwarves, Gates of Morning (2x), Marvels Told (2x), Not at Home, Promptings of Wisdom (2x), The Old Thrush. Hazards: Covetous Thoughts (2x), Foolish Words (2x), Ghosts (3x), Lost in Free-domains, Muster Disperses, Twilight.



- · This deck uses different kinds of Man hazards. The most powerful of these being Assassin. If possible, and when effective, use Thrice Outnumbered to recycle Assassin.
- · Bring in the Dragon Ahunt cards when you recognize your opponent moves around in their affected regions.













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E - RETURN OF THE KING (GANDALF)





STARTING COMPANIES (2):

- · Aragorn II controlling Arwen (with Star-glass).
- · Faramir (with Elf-stone) controlling Annalena.

RESOURCE STRATEGY:

- · Aragorn and Arwen gather items along the Anduin River, and eventually move to Minas Tirith to be crowned king and queen.
- · Use Concealment and Stealth to avoid attacks. Keep scouts untapped to play these cards.
- · Try to get some killpoints using the weapons in the deck. · With Arwen wearing a Lesser Ring and controlling Aragorn,
- these two form a powerful 2-character company for only 3 GI.
- · Return of the King is playable at a tapped or untapped Minas Tirith, so keep a character at the site so it doesn't discard if you play Tower Guard of Minas Tirith there first.
- · Tap Gandalf to get the 2 factions from sideboard after playing Return of the King and recruit them easily with Aragorn.
- · Gandalf can move around to help gather resources, though his primary task is testing rings. Hold on to Magic Ring of Stealth or Lesser Ring until Gandalf's test.
- · The sideboard holds helpful cards against specific oppponents.

· Mostly straightforward creature attacks with no combos, so you can always discard hazards in favor of needed resources.

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E - RETURN OF THE KING (GANDALF)

CARDS IN THE DECK

CHARACTERS (9)

Beretar, Bergil, Boromir II, Forlong, Gandalf (3x), Imrahil, Thranduil. RESOURCES (30)

Beautiful Gold Ring (3x), Concealment (3x), Dark Quarrels (2x), Dodge (2x), Glamdring, Hauberk of Bright Mail, Lesser Ring (2x), Magic Ring of Stealth, Marvels Told (2x), Narsil, Noble Steed (2x), Quickbeam, Rangers of Ithilien, Return of the King, Smoke Rings, Stealth (3x), Sword of Gondolin, Thorough Search, Tower Guard of Minas Tirith.

HAZARDS (30)

Ambusher (2x), Cave Worm (3x), Cave-drake (2x), Corsairs of Umbar., Ent in Search of the Entwives (3x), Foolish Words, Ghosts (2x), Lure of Expedience (2x), Marsh-drake (2x), Nothing to Eat or Drink, Power Built by Waiting, Pûkel-men, Rain-drake (2x), Searching Eye, Sellswords Between Charters (2x), Tidings of Bold Spies (2x), Twilight (2x).

Bandit Lair, Buhr Widu, Dead Marshes, Dol Amroth, Edhellond, Edoras, Gladden Fields, Haudh-in-Gwanûr, Henneth Annûn, Isengard, Lórien, Minas Tirith, Moria, Rivendell, Wellinghall.

SIDEBOARD (20)

Backup Wizard: Pallando.

CARDS IN THE DECK

CHARACTERS (10)

Tûma, Wûluag.

RESOURCES (30)

HAZARDS (30)

the Water (3x), Wolves (2x).

Raider-hold, The Lonely Mountain.

Sudden Call, Voices of Malice (2x).

Rebel-talk (2x), Stench of Mordor, Twilight.

Resources: Dark Quarrels, Gates of Morning (2x), Knights of Dol Amroth, Marvels Told, Promptings of Wisdom (2x), Riders of Rohan. Hazards: Alone and Unadvised, Bairanax Ahunt, Corsairs of Umbar, Foolish Words, Ghosts, Incite Denizens, Muster Disperses, Nothing to Eat or Drink, Searching Eye, Sons of Kings, Twilight.

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Bûrat, Dwar the Ringwraith (3x), Orc Captain, Orc Veteran (2x), Shagrat,

Bade to Rule, Black Mace (3x), Bold Thrust (3x), Burning Rick, Cot, and

Tree (2x), Crept Along Cleverly (3x), Diversion, Gleaming Gold Ring,

Grey Mountain Goblins, High Helm, Ice-orcs, I'll Report You, Orcs of

Gundabad, Regiment of Black Crows (2x), Swarm of Bats, Swift Strokes

Ambusher (2x), An Unexpected Outpost (2x), Dire Wolves (3x), Doors of

Night (3x), Full of Froth and Rage (2x), Giant Spiders (3x), Searching Eye,

Stay Her Appetite, Twilight (2x), Wake of War (3x), Wargs (3x), Watcher in

Carn Dûm, Caves of Úlund, Dale, Dancing Spire, Dol Guldur, Gold

Hill, Gondmaeglom, Irerock, Minas Morgul, Moria, Mount Gundabad,

Resources: Minor Ring, Orc Quarrels, Orcs of Moria, Orders from Lug-

búrz, Piercing All Shadows (2x), Regiment of Black Crows, Sable Shield,

Hazards: Eärcaraxë Ahunt, Foolish Words (2x), Nameless Thing (2x),

(3x), The Arkenstone*, Thrór's Map, Under His Blow (3x).

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controlling Dôgrib.

RESOURCE STRATEGY:

HAZARD STRATEGY:

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· Ciryaher controlling Ostisen (with Foul-smelling Paste).

Mîonid, Luitprand & Asternak (with *Blazon of the Eye*)

This is a slow deck that requires holding cards in hand for a

· Amassing MP's from characters is key, so look for extra influence.

With a Dwarven Ring, Asternak should try and influence the

Woses of the Eryn Vorn (alternatively use Join With that Power).

against a moving 2-character company containing Ciryaher.

Adûnaphel sits in Dol Guldur and cancels one attack each

turn. If you have many attack avoidance cards in hand, she

Effectively recycle Drakes with From the Pits of Angband.

· Look for an opportunity to half your opponent's hazard limit and

sideboard Ithangast Ahunt, Sand-drake and True Cold-drake to your

discard pile, making them available for From the Pits of Angband.

use of Summons From Long Sleep, even though this sacrifices

· This deck requires a lot of resources to be held, so make good

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H - Stealthy Tribe (Hoarmûrath)

Note that Deeper Shadow cancels and discards the 2nd hazard

STARTING COMPANIES (2) AT DOL GULDUR:

long time while you prepare resources.

should tap to sideboard in a resource.



MECCG CHALLENGE DECKS F - Spies and Traitors (Adûnaphel)



CHARACTERS (9)

Adûnaphel the Ringwraith (3x), Eradan, Layos, Nevido Smôd, Orc Captain (2x), Perchen.

A Nice Place to Hide (3x), Bade to Rule, By the Ringwraith's Word, Deeper Shadow (2x), Dwarven Ring of Thrár's Tribe, Dwarven Ring of Thélor's Tribe, Join With That Power, Not Slay Needlessly (3x), Orc Quarrels (2x), Red Book of Westmarch, Ruse, Secrets of Their Forging (2x), Stinker, That's Been Heard Before Tonight (2x), The Least of Gold Rings (2x), To Satisfy the Questioner (2x), Tokens to Show, Weigh All Things to a Nicety, Well-preserved, Woses of the Eryn Vorn.

HAZARDS (30)

An Unexpected Outpost (2x), Cave Worm (3x), Cave-drake (3x), Doors of Night (3x), From the Pits of Angband (2x), Marsh-drake (3x), Nameless Thing, Rain-drake (2x), Searching Eye, Slayer (3x), Summons from Long Sleep (3x), True Fire-drake (2x), Twilight (2x).

Bag End, Bandit Lair, Barad-dûr, Beorn's House, Carn Dûm, Dimrill Dale, Dol Guldur, Eagles' Eyrie, Edoras, Goblin-gate, Moria, The Worthy Hills, Thranduil's Halls.

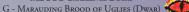
SIDEBOARD (20)

Resources: Crept Along Cleverly, Goblins of Goblin-gate, Orc Quarrels, Orcs of Moria, Piercing All Shadows (2x), Poisonous Despair, Regiment of Black Crows, Sudden Call, Voices of Malice (2x).

Hazards: Ambusher (3x), Itangast Ahunt, Lure of Nature (2x), Sanddrake, True Cold-drake, Twilight.



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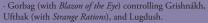




G - Marauding Brood of Uglies (Dwar)



STARTING COMPANIES (2) AT DOL GULDUR:



· Ill-favoured Fellow starts by himself waiting for more characters to join his company.

RESOURCE STRATEGY:

- · Try to move very little and play multiple site-tapping resources at a small number of Shadow-holds, using Records Unread.
- Once a Shadow-hold is tapped, play one of the many playable
- 1 MP resources (including factions, items & allies).
- · Hoarmûrath stays at Dol Guldur, increasing your handsize by one, and taps each turn to sideboard in resources, unless you have Voices of Malice in hand - he's your only sage.
- · Sideboard in Fell Rider near the end of the first cycle, to have the option of moving Hoarmûrath for the second cycle.

- · Try to make the most out of combinations with *Doors of* Night, The Moon is Dead, Plague of Wights and Chill Douser.
- · Discard hazards in favour of keeping your numerous MP resources in hand, though.
- · Use An Unexpected Outpost to recycle your best Undead creatures or enhancers if you are making good use of them. Otherwise, sideboard in hazards to hit elusive opponents in new ways.



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CARDS IN THE DECK

CHARACTERS (10)

Hoarmûrath the Ringwraith (3x), Ill-favoured Fellow (2x), Orc Tracker (2x), Sly Southerner (3x).

RESOURCES (30)

A Nice Place to Hide (3x), Bade to Rule, Blasting Fire (3x), Crept Along Cleverly (3x), Great Lord of Goblin-gate, High Helm, Orc Quarrels (2x), Orcs of Moria, Records Unread (3x), Sable Shield, Scroll of Isildur, Snaga-hai (2x), Sneakin', Stinker, The Arkenstone, Vile Fumes (3x), War-wolf (3x).

HAZARDS (30)

An Unexpected Outpost (2x), Barrow-wight (2x), Chill Douser (3x), Choking Shadows, Doors of Night (3x), Exhalation of Decay, Ghouls (3x), Plague of Wights (3x), Power Built by Waiting, Stirring Bones (3x), The Moon is Dead (3x), Twilight (2x), Wisp of Pale Sheen (3x).

SITES (13)

Barad-dûr, Carn Dûm, Caves of Ûlund, Dead Marshes, Dol Guldur, Goblin-gate, Minas Morgul, Moria, Mount Doom, Mount Gram, Mount Gundabad, Sarn Goriwing, Shelob's Lair.

SIDEBOARD (20)

Resources: Black Mace (2x), Crept Along Cleverly, Fell Rider, Orc Quarrels, Orcs of Mirkwood, Piercing All Shadows (2x), Sudden Call, Voices of Malice (2x).

Hazards: Ambusher (3x), Foolish Words (2x), Ghosts (2x), Stench of Mordor, Twilight.



STARTING COMPANY AT DOL GULDUR:

· Lieutenant of Morgul controlling Muzgash & Lagduf (with Foulsmelling Paste), Radbug (with Foul-smelling Paste), and Tros Hesnef.

RESOURCE STRATEGY:

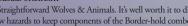
- · Go for trophies, preferably placed with the Lieutenant of Morgul (or Shagrat) to increase his DI. Use that for I'll Report You, freeing GI, and recruiting factions (particularly Ice-orcs).
- · Members of the Troll trio Bûrat, Tûma & Wûluag should be kept in hand until the trio is playable.
- · At the two Border-holds play Gleaming Gold Ring and High Helm, after you get Burning Rick, Cot and Tree in hand.
- · Dwar stays at Dol Guldur, tapping for combat bonuses in earlier turns. Later, when the characters' prowess increases, he can tap to sideboard in resources (remember Sudden Call).
- · Sideboard Minor Ring to the discard pile at the first safe opportunity, making it available when Gleaming Gold Ring is tested. · Orders from Lugbúrz lets the Lieutenant and Shagrat be in the
- same company.

· Straightforward Wolves & Animals. It's well worth it to discard a few hazards to keep components of the Border-hold combo in hand.

· Consider sideboarding in Rebel-talks and recycling Stay Her Appetite to possibly remove all of your opponent's allies.







HAZARD STRATEGY:









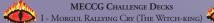


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MECCG CHALLENGE DECKS I - MORGUL RALLYING CRY (THE WITCH-KING)







STARTING COMPANIES (3) AT MINAS MORGUL:

- · Orc Captain controlling Ill-favoured Fellow.
- · Horseman in the Night (with Blazon of the Eye) controlling Orc Veteran.
- · Orc Captain (with Blazon of the Eye) & Orc Brawler.

RESOURCE STRATEGY:

- · Move the first Captain & Ill-favoured Fellow to Mount Doom, Horseman & Veteran to Nûrniag Camp and the other Captain & Brawler to Cirith Gorgor to sit for most of the game.
- · Play the *Awaiting the Calls* on the two Orc Captains to free enough GI for new characters to be played. The Captains should not move.
- · Move only the lower mind characters, 'shuttling' them between sites, storing resources, delivering *Records Unread* to Nûrniag Camp, etc.
- · Lower mind characters can come into play under DI at the Dark-holds.
 · The Witch-king moves with Fell Rider to Minas Tirith to play the Palantif, and to Barad-dûr to play Helm of Fear. For the rest, The Witch-king stays untapped, ready to play Voices of Malice should Foolish Words or other debilitating hazards come up. Foolish Words can be revealed as an on-guard in response to a
- · Sideboard in Above the Abys against Wizard opponents, and Last Child of Ungoliant when a company of 3 or more Orcs froms at Minas Morgul.

faction influence attempt, so be ready for that.

STARTING COMPANY AT DOL GULDUR:

HAZARD STRATEGY:

RESOURCE STRATEGY:

· Classic roadblock strategy. Use An Unexpected Outpost to recycle your effective hazards.

CARDS IN THE DECK

CHARACTERS (9)

Orc Brawler (2x), Orc Captain, Orc Tracker (3x), The Witch-king (3x).

Resources (30

Asdriags, Awaiting the Call (2x), Blasting Fire (3x), Fell Rider (2x), Gifts as Given of Old (2x), Great Bats (3x), Helm of Fear, Nûrniags, Orcs of Udûn, Orcs of the Ash Mountains, Palantir of Minas Tirith, Records Unread, That Ain't No Secret (3x), Under His Blow, Uruk-hai, Vile Fumes (3x), Voices of Malice (2x), Weigh All Things to a Nicety.

HAZARDS (30)

Ambusher (2x), An Unexpected Outpost (3x), Doors of Night (3x), Ghosts (2x), Long Winter (3x), Lure of Nature (3x), Rain-drake (3x), Slayer (2x), Snowstorm, True Fire-drake (3x), Twilight (2x), Withered Lands (3x).

SITES (13)

Barad-dûr, Carn Dûm, Cirith Gorgor, Cirith Ungol, Dead Marshes, Dol Guldur, Minas Morgul, Minas Tirith, Moria, Mount Doom, Nûrniag Camp, Sarn Goriwing, Shelob's Lair.

SIDEBOARD (20)

Resources: Above the Abyss (2x), Black Trolls, Crept Along Cleverly, Last Child of Ungoliant, Sudden Call, Voices of Malice.

Hazards: Alone and Unadvised, Corsairs of Umbar (2x), Cruel Caradhras, Eärcaraxë Ahunt, Foul Fumes (2x), Ghosts, Nameless Thing (2x), Scatha Ahunt, Stench of Mordor, Twilight.





MECCG CHALLENGE DECKS - SEDUCING NATIONS OF MEN (INDÛR)

· The Mouth (with *Strange Rations*) controlling Horseman in the Night (with *Blazon of the Eye*), and Hador controlling Odoacer.

· Try to play 5 of the 6 man factions at the 3 Border-holds sur-

rounding Mordor, using Secret Book to play 2 at the same site.

· High Helm can help with influence attempts, and take care to

· Hador is key in the succes of this deck, since he can cast the

· Slayers are a real threat. Get rid of them with Ready to His Will.

non-faction resources, and never hesitate to sacrifice an Orc to

· Indûr doesn't move, and brings discarded Tormented Earths back

to your hand with his special ability. Sideboard in Poisonous Despair

if your opponent becomes a threat to influence your MP's away.

· Sideboard in more resources near the end of the first deck

cycle, or sooner if your companies are in good shape tactically.

· Form one or more companies of Orcs to play most of the

check the standard modifications factions in play give.

powerful attack avoidance spell Tormented Earth.

a large attack for the greater good of Sauron.



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CARDS IN THE DECK

CHARACTERS (11)

Ill-favoured Fellow (3x), Indûr the Ringwraith (3x), Jerrek, Nevido Smôd, Orc Captain (3x).

RESOURCES (30)

Bade to Rule, Balchoth, Bold Thrust (3x), By the Ringwraith's Word, Corsairs of Rhûn, Crept Along Cleverly (2x), Crooked Promptings, Easterlings, Haradrim, High Helm, Ore Quarrels (3x), Palantir of Orthanc, Ready to His Will, Scroll of Isildur, Secret Book (3x), Southrons, Stinker, The Arkenstone, The Tormented Earth (3x), Voices of Malice, Wain-easterlings.

HAZARDS (30)

Alone and Unadvised (3x), Cave Worm (2x), Corpse-candle (3x), Covetous Thoughts, Dragon-sickness (2x), Ghosts (2x), Lure of Expedience (3x), Lure of Nature (3x), Lure of the Senses (3x), Marsh-drake (2x), Sellswords Between Charters, Slayer (2x), Twilight (2x), Weariness of the Heart.

SITES (13)

Barad-dûr, Caves of Ûlund, Dol Guldur, Easterling Camp, Goblin-gate, Gondmaeglom, Isengard, Minas Morgul, Moria, Mount Gundabad, Raider-hold, Southron Oasis. The Wind Throne.

SIDEBOARD (20

Resources: Crept Along Cleverly, Focus Palantír, Great Bats, Grey Mountain Goblins, Hold Rebuilt and Repaired, Orcs of Gundabad, Piercing All Shadows, Poisonous Despair, Regiment of Black Crows, Skies of Fire (2x), Sudden Call, Voices of Malice (2x).

Hazards: Covetous Thoughts, Lost in Free-domains (2x), River (2x), Twilight.



- · The hazards have a high frequency of play so that the *Secret Books* cycle in your hand quickly.
- · Corruption should have more of an effect than your creatures.

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Instructions

- 1) Print (disable page-scaling!).
- 2) Check where to fold, but don't fold yet.
- 3) Cutout using the cutting markers.
- 4) Remember where to fold? Fold now.
- 5) Stick in cardsleeves (optional).
- 6) Keep with according decks.
- 7) Enjoy!



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