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REALM

RECKONING

## THE GAME OF MONUMENTS AND RECKONINGS

The realm was once a magnificent afterlife, ruled by the Queen of All Souls and held together by the Five Pillars, relics embodying the land's guiding forces. But civil war shattered the Queen, scattered the relics, and plunged the realm into ruin, leaving five warring factions vying for dominance.

In Realm of Reckoning, players compete in the great reckonings. Each turn, you'll draft action cards, gain unique abilities and collect artifacts. These cards can also trigger reckonings, forcing players to spend resources in a high-stakes struggle for power. The victors claim greater rewards—but at great cost—granting them the power to shape the game's victory conditions. As players build monuments, reclaim relics, and maneuver for control, they determine how power is measured, and in turn...the fate of the afterlife.



## GAME OVERVIEW



In Realm of Reckoning, you lead 1 of 5 factions competing for influence in an afterlife of shifting powers and alliances. The game unfolds across 3 ages, with players strategically maneuvering to shape the scoring rules and accumulate victory points.

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1 Game Board



5 Artifact Boards



5 Player Dials



5 Player Boards



75 Acolytes  
(15 per player)



35 Score Trackers  
(7 per player)



10 Claim Tokens  
(2 per faction)



25 Wardens  
(5 per faction)



9 Monuments



25 Coins



72 Action Cards



40 Mercenary Cards



15 Reckoning  
Location Cards



5 Final  
Reckoning Cards



36 Reckoning  
Reward Cards



1 First Player Card  
5 Guide Cards

2-Player Components can be found on page 19.

## CORE MECHANICS

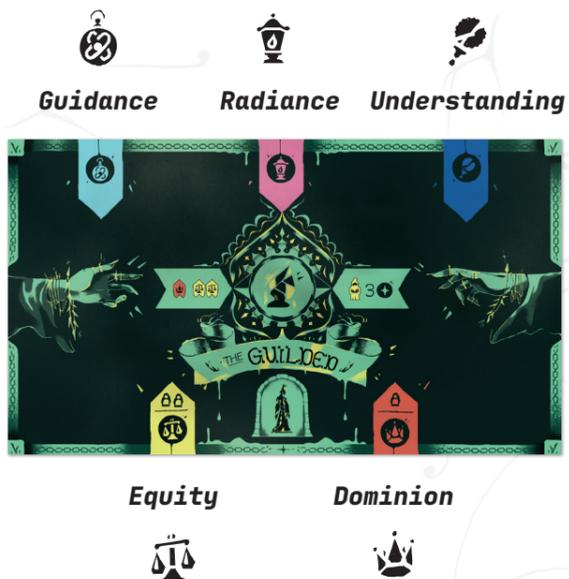
### Action Cards

Each round, players draft and play action cards to place acolytes in different regions, gather coins, recruit mercenaries, or recruit wardens.



### Pillar Alignment

After resolving an action card, players tuck it under their board, corresponding to 1 of the 5 pillars (**Guidance, Radiance, Understanding, Equity, and Dominion**) to gain potential scoring benefits and advance on the corresponding influence track.



This action card is tucked under **Guidance** or **Dominion**

### Reckonings

During each age, 2 reckoning events will occur in specific regions, triggering competitive bidding wars among players. Each reckoning gives 1 player the chance to place a monument that defines a new scoring rule for the remainder of the game.

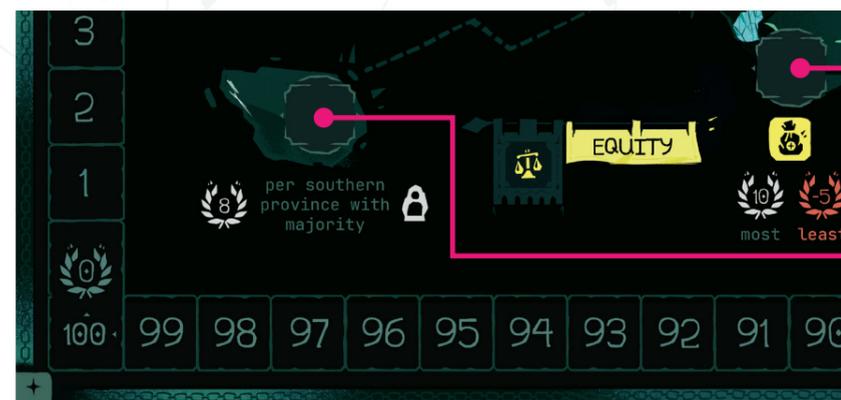


A reckoning has occurred in **Fragmented Forest**



### Monument Placement

Monuments determine how players score points. Each monument placed will score during every end-of-age scoring phase for the rest of the game, making early monuments particularly valuable.



Place monuments to enable scoring opportunities

### End of Age

After all action cards in an age have been played, the public final reckoning occurs, followed by placement of the final monument and scoring phase of all constructed monuments.



### Winning the Game

The game ends after 3 ages. All monuments will score after each age. By the final scoring:

- The monuments placed in age 1 will score 3 times during the game.
- The monuments placed in age 2 will score 2 times during the game.
- The monuments placed in age 3 will score 1 times during the game.

The player with the most victory points at the end of the third age wins the game.



5P  
5 Players

4P  
4 Players

3P  
3 Players &  
2 Players

TABLE SETUP

1. Place the game board in the center of the table.
2. Place the 9 monuments next to the board.
3. Place the 25 wardens next to the board.
4. Shuffle the mercenary cards and place them in their designated spot on the board.
5. Shuffle the final reckoning cards and place them next to the board, adjacent to the final reckoning space.
6. Shuffle the reckoning reward card deck based on your current player count and place it next to the board below the reckoning cards.
7. Place 2 claim tokens of the matching color in each of the 5 regions.
8. Place the 5 artifacts next to the board.
9. Create a supply of 25 gold coins.



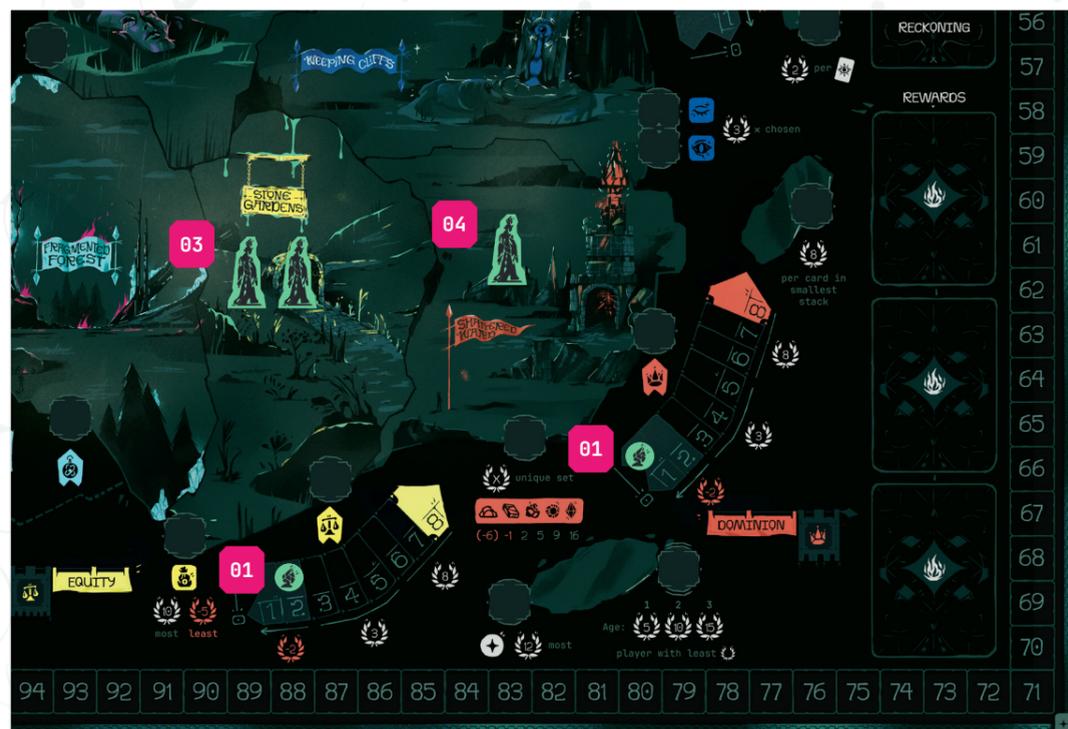
PLAYER SETUP

1. Choose a faction (Watchers, Remnants, Archivists, Gilded, or Veil Wardens) and take the corresponding player board.
2. Take the dial, guide card, and acolytes matching their chosen faction.
3. Take all score trackers for their faction.
4. Place 5 small score trackers on the 0 space of all 5 pillar influence tracks on the board.
5. Place 1 large score tracker on the score track at the space marked with their faction icon.
  - ♦ 1 remaining tracker is available for use during reckoning reward selection (p. 13).

For factions not being played, remove all corresponding colored components from the game.

## FACTION-SPECIFIC SETUP

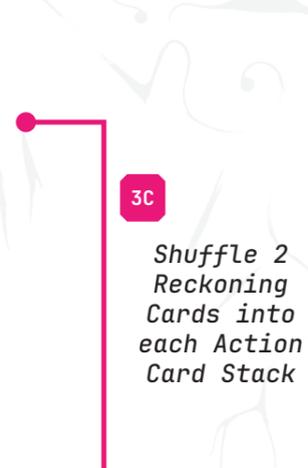
Starting resources and influence for all factions are listed on each player board. Below is an example to follow of the Gilded's player board as well as an icon guide.



### The Gilded

1. Gain starting influence: 2 on Equity track, 1 on Dominion track, 0 on all other tracks.
2. Take 1 yellow warden (Equity) and 3 gold coins.
3. Place 2 acolytes in Stone Gardens.
4. Place 1 acolyte in Shattered Ward.

## ACTION DECK SETUP



1. Assemble the action card deck based on your player count:
  - A. For 2 or 3 players: Use the base deck.
  - B. For 4 players: Add the "4+ player" cards to the base deck.
  - C. For 5 players: Add both the "4+ player" and "5 player" cards to the base deck.
2. Create 3 separate stacks from this deck:
  - ◆ In a 2-player game: 12 cards in each stack.
  - ◆ In a 3-player game: 13 cards in each stack.
  - ◆ In a 4-player game: 18 cards in each stack.
  - ◆ In a 5-player game: 23 cards in each stack.

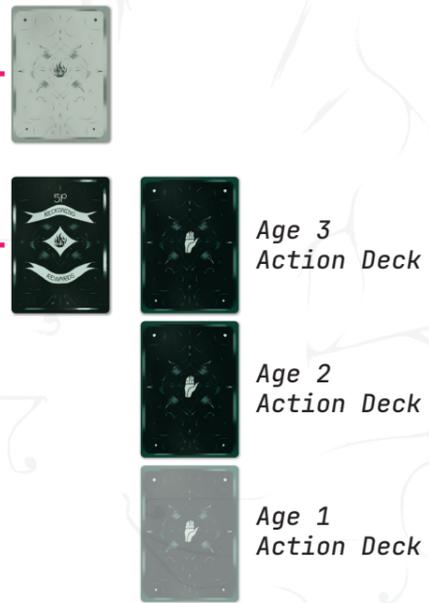
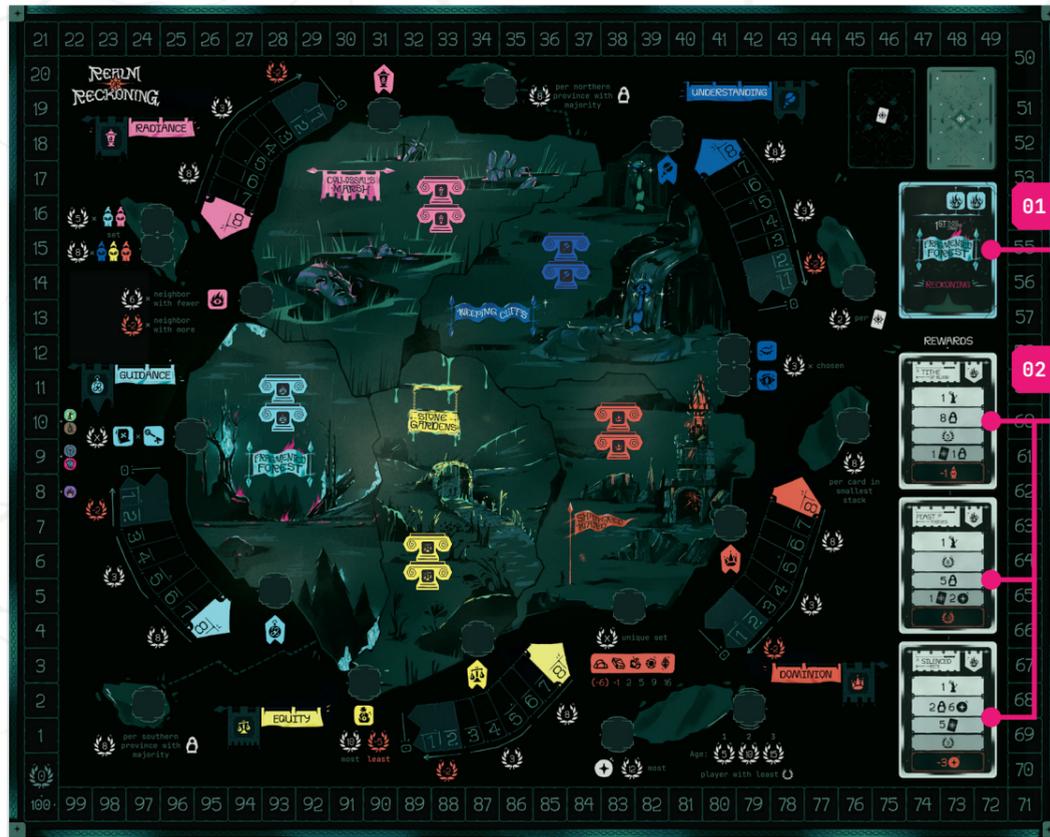
Any unused cards can be set aside, they will not be used this game.

3. Prepare the reckoning cards:
  - A. Divide the reckoning cards into 3 identical decks, each containing 1 card for each region (5 cards per deck).
  - B. Shuffle each reckoning deck separately.
  - C. Deal 2 cards from the first reckoning deck into the first stack of action cards, then shuffle that stack.
  - D. Repeat this process for the second and third stacks.

These 3 stacks now form 3 age decks. Each deck should contain 2 reckoning cards, and be enough cards for each player to have exactly 5 cards.

4. Give the first player card to the player lowest on the score track.

In the case of a 2-player game, please refer to the additional rules on page 17

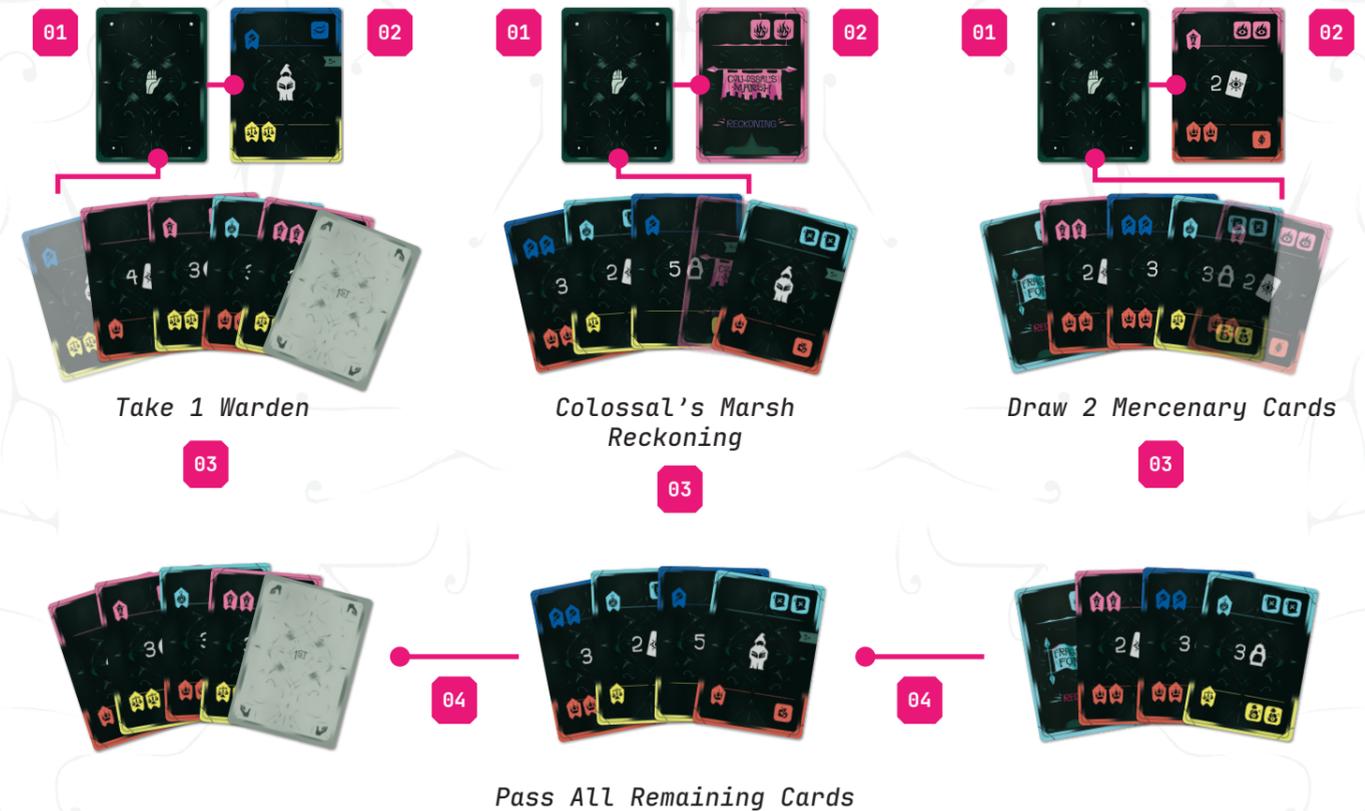


5 Cards per Player from Current Action Deck

## AGE SETUP

1. Shuffle the final reckoning cards and place 1 face-up on the final reckoning spot.
2. Shuffle and reveal 3 reckoning reward cards.
3. Deal each player 5 cards from the current age deck (no cards should be remaining in the age deck).

**The player with the first player card will have 6 cards in hand (5 action cards plus the first player card).**



## PLAYING AN AGE

### During a Round

Each round of the age follows this sequence:

1. All players simultaneously select 1 card from their hand and places it face-down in front of them.

**The first player card cannot be played and remains in hand.**

2. All players reveal their selected cards simultaneously.
3. Starting with the first player and proceeding in the drafting order (clockwise in the first and third ages, counterclockwise in the second age), each player takes their turn:
  - ◆ If the card is an action card, perform the action in the center of the card (see "Action Types p.12), otherwise if the card is a reckoning card, initiate a reckoning (see "executing and Reckoning" p.13).
  - ◆ After that is complete, tuck the card (see "Tucking Cards" p.12).
4. After all players have taken their turns, pass the remaining cards (including the first player card) in hand to the next player:
  - ◆ First Age: Pass clockwise
  - ◆ Second Age: Pass counterclockwise
  - ◆ Third Age: Pass clockwise
5. Repeat steps 1-4 until all players have played all 5 cards from their hand.
6. After all cards have been played, the player with the least victory points will execute the final reckoning (p.15).

## ACTION TYPES

When playing an action card, first perform the action shown in the center of the card:



### Deploy Acolyte Action

Place the indicated number of acolytes from your reserve into any region(s) on the board.

If you have no acolytes in your reserve, you may instead move your acolytes already on the board to different regions.



### Amass Wealth Action

Take the indicated number of coins from the supply.

If the supply is empty, take coins from other players of your choice.



### Hire Mercenary Action

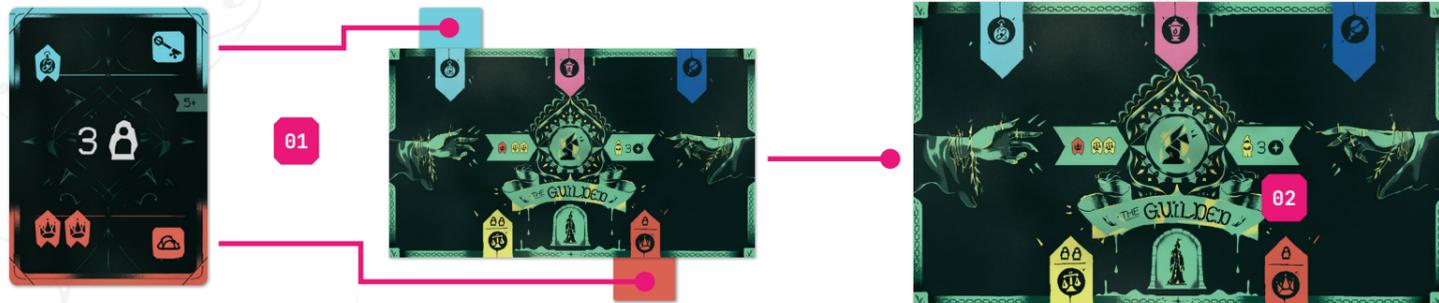
Draw the indicated number of cards from the mercenary deck. Then, if you have more than 8 cards in hand, you must discard down to 8. If this deck is ever empty, shuffle and form a new deck from the discard pile.



### Recruit Warden Action

Take 1 warden of any color from the general supply and place it in front of you.

## TUCKING CARDS

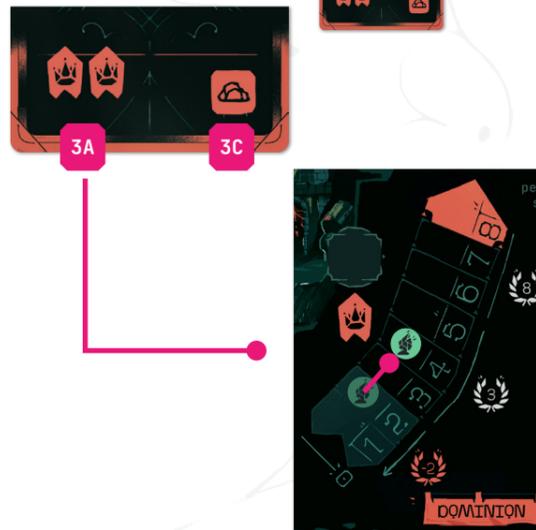


This action card can tuck under **Guidance** or **Dominion**.

After performing your chosen action or reckoning, you must align your card with 1 of the 2 pillars on the card:

- Choose whether to tuck the card under the top or bottom of your player board, showing either the top or bottom of the card.
- Tuck the card under the corresponding pillar of power (Guidance, Radiance, Understanding, Dominion, or Equity) on your player board.
- Gain the benefits shown on the visible portion of the tucked card:
  - Advance on the corresponding influence track.
  - Gain that pillar's artifact if you alone have the most influence on that track (see "Gaining Artifacts" p.18).
  - Gain icon(s) for potential monument scoring.

**Example:** After placing 2 acolytes, you tuck your card under the Dominion (red) pillar. This allows you to advance twice on the Dominion influence track and gain 1 stone icon.



## EXECUTING A RECKONING



A Reckoning has Occurred in **Fragmented Forest**



Select an Available Reward Card



Move a Claim Token

When a player has played a reckoning card, the reckoning for that region will occur when it is their turn (after the red artifact ability if it is in play p.18), which triggers a bidding war:

- The player who played the reckoning card:
  - Selects 1 of the available reward cards to use for this reckoning
  - Takes 1 claim token (any color) from any other region and moves it to the region where the reckoning is occurring
- All players secretly dial in a bid according to what they can pay with their available resources (see "Bidding Resources" p.14). **You may not overbid.**



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Select Rewards in Bid Order (Reckoning Rewards p.15)

- All players simultaneously reveal their bids.
- In highest to lowest bid order, players first demonstrate how their bid is to be paid for, then selects a reward:
  - Ties are broken by the player with the lower score; if still tied, ties are broken by proximity to the first player in drafting order.
  - The highest bidder gets to pick which reward they want first.
  - The second highest bidder picks next, and so on.
  - When a player is choosing the monument reward, they immediately choose which scoring space they wish to place their monument in. This scoring will trigger at the end of the age.
  - Each player who chose a positive reward must spend resources equal to their bid.
  - The player who takes the last-place reward (always negative) does not have to spend their bid, but must demonstrate how they would have paid for their bid. If you cannot pay the penalty, lose 1 victory point per resource instead.
- Players receive Non-monument positive rewards.



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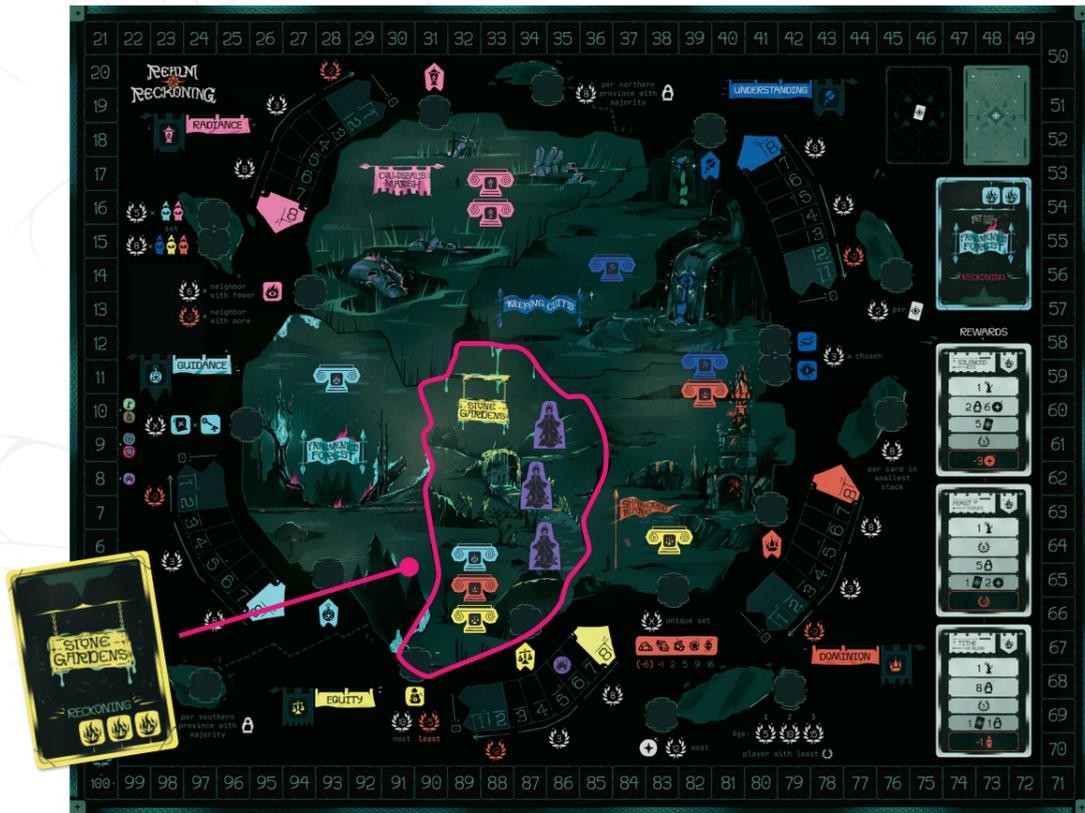


Reckoning Scoring Icons are "Wild"

Only 1 player may select each reward, and all players must select a reward. If a player bids more than they can pay for on accident, their bid is lowered to the maximum amount they can pay for.

- The player who played the reckoning card keeps the reckoning card and tucks it under the corresponding pillar.
- Play continues with the next player in turn order.

Paying Bids with Resources



Players may spend the following resources to pay their bid:

**Acolytes** in the reckoning region.

- ◆ 1 bid per acolyte.
- ◆ Spend by removing from board back to your supply.

**Gold Coins**

- ◆ 1st bid = 1 coins, 2nd bid = 2 coins, 3rd bid = 3 coins, etc.
- ◆ Spend by discarding back to main supply.

If coins are stolen from you during the resolution of a reckoning, they can still be used as part of your bid.

**Pillar Influence** on tracks that match the claim tokens in the region.

- ◆ 1 bid per influence.
- ◆ Spend by moving down.

**Mercenary Cards** that match claim tokens in the region.

- ◆ 1 bid for 1 match, 2 bids for 2 matches.
- ◆ Spend by discarding.

**Wardens** matching a claim token in the region.

- ◆ 1 bid if kept OR 3 bid if instead discarded back to main supply.



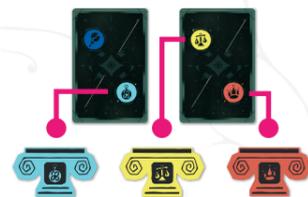
6 Coins Spent: 3 Bids



2 Acolytes Removed:  
2 Bids



4 Influence Spent:  
4 Bids



2 Discarded Matching  
Cards: 3 Bids



3 Matching Wardens,  
1 Discarded: 5 Bids

RECKONING REWARDS

After bidding is complete, players select rewards available on reckoning reward cards. Possible rewards are listed below:



Place  
a Monument



Gain  
Victory Points



Gain  
Coins



Take  
a Warden



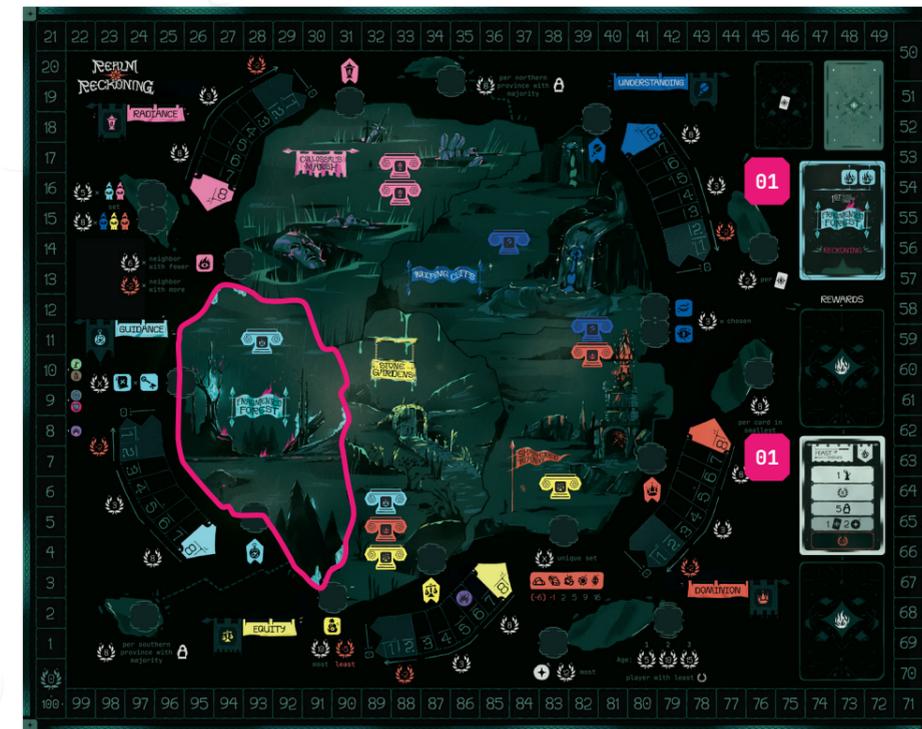
Place  
an Acolyte



Draw  
Mercenary Cards

Don't Forget: Negative rewards must be removed or discarded. The number of items that are unable to be discarded are converted to a loss in victory points instead.

FINAL RECKONING



After all cards have been played in an age:

1. The player with the least victory points executes the final reckoning following the steps on p.13. Only one reward card will be available.
  - ◆ A tie for least points is broken by drafting order, starting with the player currently holding the first player card.
2. The player who selects the monument reward in the final reckoning (rather than the player who executed it) takes the final reckoning card and tucks it under their player board. They also take the first player card for next round.

After the final reckoning is complete, proceed to monument scoring (p.18).

After scoring monuments in age 1 or 2, reset for the next age (p.10).

## GAINING ARTIFACTS

There are 5 artifacts in the game, each corresponding to 1 of the 5 pillars of rule. These powerful items provide special abilities to the player who controls them.

### How to Acquire Artifacts

You gain an artifact when you have the outright lead (no tie) on the corresponding influence track AND you are at position 3 or higher on that track.

- ◆ If there is ever a tie for the lead on an influence track, the artifact is immediately returned to the center of the table.
- ◆ You keep the artifact until someone else takes the lead or ties with you on the track.



Purple owns the Yellow Artifact

## ARTIFACT ABILITIES



Each artifact grants a unique ability that enhances specific actions. The artifact benefits given applies to anytime you are taking the corresponding action, not just when playing action cards.

### Understanding Artifact (Blue)

Ability: Whenever you draw mercenary cards, draw 2 additional mercenary cards.

### Radiance Artifact (Pink)

Ability: Whenever you deploy acolytes, deploy 2 additional acolytes.

### Guidance Artifact (Teal)

Ability: Whenever you gain any wardens, advance 1 space on an influence track that matches 1 of those the wardens' colors.

### Equity Artifact (Yellow)

Ability: Whenever you amass wealth (gain coins), gain 2 additional coins.

### Dominion Artifact (Red)

This ability can trigger the effect of another artifact you control.

Ability: Right before a reckoning occurs, you may choose ONE of the following:

- ◆ Gain 1 mercenary card
- ◆ Gain 1 coin
- ◆ Place 1 acolyte in any region

**Remember: You gain your action before you gain influence, so an artifact won't affect the card you used to gain the influence.**

## GAME END

After playing through all 3 ages and completing the monument scoring phase after Age 3, the game ends.

**The player with the most victory points is the winner!**

In case of a tie, the player closest to the first player (in drafting order) of Age 3 wins the game.

## 2 PLAYER VARIANT

After following action deck setup on page 9, follow the remaining rules below:



### Card and Bag Setup

1. Each player draws 5 cards from the current age's action deck.
2. Place the remaining 4-card stack between both players as a middle stack, this is referred as the table hand.
3. The player sitting to the right of the table hand receives the first player card.
4. Take the 2-player bag and place all 2-player tokens within the bag.
5. As noted on page 6, use the 3-player reckoning reward cards.

### During an Age

Card play and drafting occur normally with these exceptions:

- A. After both players have drafted their cards, the player to the right of the table hand discards 1 card (excluding reckonings) from their hand.
- B. All remaining cards are passed to the left (clock-wise), including the table hand which does not play any cards.

**If the first player card is in the table hand, the player to the left of that hand goes first.**

In the second age, **these directions reverse**. After cards are drafted, the player to the left of the table hand will discard a card from their hand. Cards pass to the right (counter clock-wise). Finally, if the first player marker is in the table hand, the right player goes first. The third age returns to original directions.

**The last card that is passed to the table hand will not be played, this can possibly result with only 2 reckonings each age.**

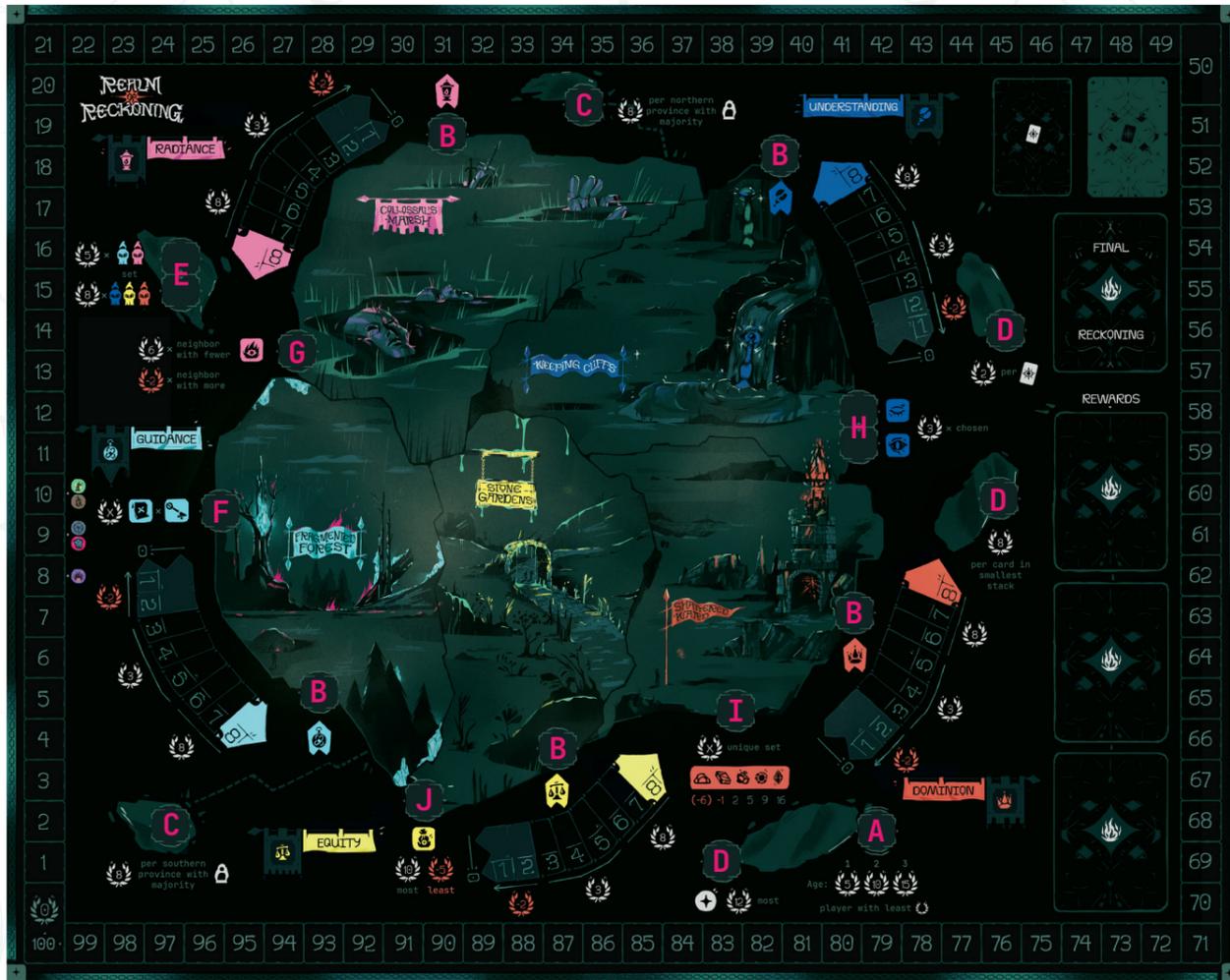
### Reckonings

The bag will be used in reckonings by drawing an amount of tokens that match the current age number from the included 2-player bag:

- ◆ Draw 1 token during reckonings in Age 1.
- ◆ Draw 2 tokens during reckonings in Age 2.
- ◆ Draw 3 tokens during reckonings in Age 3.

The sum of all tokens drawn will be the table hand's bid. When this bid is resolved, it will remove the highest available reward on the card (ties broken by turn order). Play continues as normal.

MONUMENT SCORING



When monuments score at the end of each age, they provide points based on different game elements. Below are all possible monument scoring options:

*Ties that occur during monument scoring are always "friendly," unless otherwise noted. All tied players will receive the points (or penalty) in its entirety. It is possible to have a negative score by receiving a penalty at 0 points (move your tracker below 0 to 99, 98, etc.)*

**A. From the Ashes Monument**

Scored first in a scoring phase. Points for the player with the least victory points:

- ◆ Age 1: 5 points
- ◆ Age 2: 10 points
- ◆ Age 3: 15 points

**B. Influence Track Monuments**

Each of the 5 pillars has a corresponding monument that scores based on your position on that influence track:

- ◆ Bottom Zone (0-2): -2 points
- ◆ Middle Zone (3-5): 3 points
- ◆ Top Zone (6-8): 8 points

**C. Region Control Monuments**

- ◆ Southern Regions: 8 points for each region (Fragmented Forest, Stone Gardens, and Shattered Ward) where you have the more acolytes than any other player.
- ◆ Northern Regions: 8 points for each region (Colossal's Marsh and Weeping Cliffs) where you have the more acolytes than any other player.

**D. Resource Monuments**

- ◆ Coin Monument: 12 points for the player with the most coins.
- ◆ Mercenary Monument: 2 points for each mercenary card in your hand (max of 8 cards).
- ◆ Balanced Stacks Monument: 8 points for each card in the pillar with the fewest tucked cards.

**E. Warden Monument**

This monument has 2 possible scoring options (when placing this monument, choose only one, and the other can't be chosen later):

- ◆ Top Option: 5 points per set of Radiance (pink) and Guidance (teal) wardens.
- ◆ Bottom Option: 8 points per set of Understanding (blue), Equity (yellow), and Dominion (red) wardens.

Each pillar has a corresponding icon monument:

**F. Guidance Icons (Maps and Keys)**

Score points equal to your number of Maps multiplied by your number of Keys.

**G. Radiance Icons (Spirits)**

- ◆ Gain 6 points for each neighbor who has fewer Spirit icons than you.
- ◆ Lose 2 points for each neighbor who has more Spirit icons than you.

*In case of a tie, no points are awarded.*

**H. Understanding Icons (Open Eye and Closed Eye)**

This monument has 2 possible scoring options (when placing this monument, choose only one, and the other can't be chosen later):

- ◆ Open Eye Option: 3 points per Open Eye icon you have.
- ◆ Closed Eye Option: 3 points per Closed Eye icon you have.

**I. Dominion Icons (Collection Set)**

Score based on how many unique Dominion icons you've collected:

- ◆ 0 icons: -6 points
- ◆ 1 icon: -1 point
- ◆ 2 icons: 2 points
- ◆ 3 icons: 5 points
- ◆ 4 icons: 9 points
- ◆ 5 icons: 16 points

*You cannot score multiple sets.*

**J. Equity Icons (Coin Purse)**

- ◆ Most Coin Purse icons: 10 points
- ◆ Least Coin Purse icons: -5 points



Wild Reckoning Icon



Guidance Icons



Radiance Icons



Understanding Icons



Dominion Icons



Equity Icons

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