

RETURN OF THE KING

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Deck Requirements : Aragorn or Strider is played as the first character

Winning Requirements : 3 of the following cards are successfully played: Army of the Dead, The White Tree, Return of the King, Choice of Luthien

Character Pool :

Starting Company :

Aragorn II

Arwen

Beretar

Elf-stone

Haldir

Rumour of the Rings

Wizards & Characters :

Annalena

Beregond

Celeborn

Faramir

Gildor Inglorion

Strider

Gandalf

Gandalf

Alatar

Resources :

Beautiful Gold Ring

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Glamdring

Knights of Dol Amroth

Noble Hound

Noble Steed

Orcrist

Rangers of Ithilien

Return of the King

Sapling of the White Tree

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Scroll of Isildur

Sword of Gondolin

A Friend or Three

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Block

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Dark Quarrels

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Forewarned is Forearmed

Hazards :

Ambusher

Ambusher

Assassin

Cave-drake

Cave-drake

Cave Worm

Cave Worm

Giant Spiders

Itangast

Hoarmûrath of Dir

Mouth of Sauron

Smaug

Sellswords Beetween Charters

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Wild Trolls

An Unexpected Outpost

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Awaken Minions

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Call of Home

Glamour of Surpassing Excellence
 Longbottom Leaf
 Lucky Strike
 Lucky Strike
 Many Turns and Doublings
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 Marvels Told
 Marvels Told
 Paths of the Dead

Dragon's Desolation
 Great Secrets Buried There
 Greed
 Redoubled Force
 Redoubled Force
 Rumor of Wealth
 Rumor of Wealth
 Summons From Long Sleep
 Twilight
 Twilight

Sideboard :

Lesser Ring
 Lesser Ring
 Magic Ring of Courage
 Magic Ring of Stealth
 Longbottom Leaf
 Ringlore
 Withdrawn to Mordor
 Wizard's River-horses
 Army of the Dead
 Choice of Luthien
 Noble Hound
 Palantir of Minas Tirith
 The White Tree
 Tower Guard of Minas Tirith
 Woses of the Druadan Forest

Dror
 Wormtongue
 Nameless Thing
 Nameless Thing
 Slayer
 Thief
 Bane of the Ithil-stone
 Doors of Night
 Foolish Words
 Muster Disperses
 Pilfer Anything Unwatched
 Rolled Down to the Sea
 The Ring Will Have But One Master
 The Ring's Betrayal
 The Roving Eye

Sites :

Rivendell * 2
 Lorien * 2
 Edhellond * 2
 Grey Havens * 2
 Amon Hen
 Dead Marshes
 Dol Amroth
 Druadan Forest
 Dunharrow
 Gobel Mirlond
 Haudh-in-Gwanûr
 Henneth Annûn
 Himring
 Isle of the Ulond
 Isles of the Dead That Live
 Minas Tirith
 Ost-in-Edhil
 The Stones
 Tolfalas
 Vale of Erech

Noble Steed	1 MP	Dunharrow, Amon Hen, Gobel Mirlond, Haudh-in-Gwanûr
Return of the King	3 MP	Aragorn in Minas Tirith
Beautiful Gold Ring	1 MP	Ost-In Edhil, Isles of the Dead That Live

Glamdring	2 MP	Himring, Isle of the Ulond, Gobel Mirlond, Haudh-in-Gwanûr
Sapling of the White Tree	1/2 MP	Himring, Isle of the Ulond, Gobel Mirlond, Haudh-in-Gwanûr
Sword of Gondolin	2 MP	Himring, Isle of the Ulond, Gobel Mirlond, Haudh-in-Gwanûr
Orcrist	4 MP	The Stones, Dead Marshes
Scroll of Isildur	3 MP	Tolfalas, Dead Marshes
Knights of Dol Amroth	3 MP	Dol Amroth
Rangers of Ithilien	3 MP	Henneth Annûn
Army of the Dead	6 MP	Vale of Erech
The White Tree	5 MP	Sage in Minas Tirith
Choice of Luthien	1 MP	Arwen in Minas Tirith
Noble Hound	1 MP	Dunharrow, Gobel Mirlond, Vale of Erech, Druadan Forest, Henneth Annûn
Tower Guard of Minas Tirith	2 MP	Minas Tirith
Woses of the Druadan Forest	3 MP	Druadan Forest
Palantir of Minas Tirith	2 MP	Minas Tirith

Deck description :

This deck is not difficult to play, but there is a technique to surprise your opponent. You seem to play a Ring deck (with *Rumours of the Rings*), but it is not your main objective. However, you can succeed to put in play a *Lesser Ring* (useful to control *Aragorn* with *Arwen*) or a magic ring. At the beginning of the game, your opponent may suspect you to play a *Return of the King* deck. So go to Grey Havens, and explore the islands to find major and greater items (make points !). Your wizard appears in Edhellond, and taps to take your mission cards (*Army of the Dead*, *The White Tree*, *Choice of Luthien*) from your sideboard to your deck (you can also use *Longbottom Leaf*). When you have the needful cards in hand, go to Minas Tirith, and then to Dunharrow.

It is not very difficult to put in play 3 of the 4 mission cards, and succeed the scenario. With your items and faction points, you can also have the MP victory.

A question is whether to play or not *Arwen* at the beginning of the game (her substitute is *Annalena*). She will be a target for your opponent. But the risk is that your opponent plays *Arwen* himself and tries to influence *Aragorn*. So, it's your choice...

Your creature hazards are varied and playable. You have also two unique dragons, which can be deadly with *Dragon's Desolation* and *Rumor of Wealth* (you can add a strike with *Hoarmûrath of Dir*). *Awaken Minions* and *Redoubled Force* will hinder your opponent at Shadow-holds and Dark-holds.