

# Middle-earth: The Balrog (July 1998)

## Card List (104 Cards)

Original Promotional Material: With this expansion, you play the terrible Balrog of Moria leading a host of Orcs and Trolls. Unlike previous expansions, The Balrog is sold in two preconstructed sub-set boxes, together making one complete set of this 104 card expansion. Each box retails for under \$20. Assembling the complete set is significantly less expensive and troublesome with than the booster pack format [as of 2021 due to its short production run, this is one of the most expensive and difficult set to acquire].



Each box of The Balrog contains 132 cards. Amongst these are multiples of basic Balrog cards and enough cards from earlier expansions to play a tuned Balrog deck out of the box. The enclosed insert provides the deck list along with tips for its play, brief Balrog player rules, and the easy to learn Challenge Deck rules. Like all MECCG expansions, The Balrog features brand new beautiful and evocative card art. While it is fully compatible with both Middle-earth: The Wizards and Middle-earth: The Lidless Eye; The Balrog expansion focuses on a player using resources from The Lidless Eye.

The Balrog is supremely confident of his own immense personal power. After all, just like Sauron, he was one of Morgoth's chief lieutenants. The Balrog tends to rely on brute force and direct confrontation rather than more subtle approaches often used by Ringwraiths and Wizards. His goals are basic and simple-accumulate power and destroy his enemies. If he can do this, he can become a mover and shaker in Middle-earth-a factor to which both the Dark Lord and the Free Peoples will be forced react. S#: appears # times in The Shadow-deeps; B#: appears # times in Balrog's Host. Some minion cards in this set are Balrog specific, including the locations.

### Hero Character

Strider B1

### Hero Resources - Items

Elven Rope B1

Longbottom Leaf S1

### Hero Recourses - Events

Crept Along Carefully B1

Rumours of Rings S1

Show Things Unbidden B1

To Fealty Sworn B1

### Minion Characters

Azog S1

Bolg B1

Búthrakaur S1

Crook-legged Orc S1+B1

Hill-troll S1+B1

Mountain-maggot S2+B1

The Balrog S3+B3

Umagaur B1

### Minion Resources - Allies

Cave Troll S1

Evil Things Linger S1

Great Troll S1

Nasty Slimy Thing B1

### Balrog Resources - Faction

A Few Recruits B1

### Balrog Resources - Items

Stabbing Tongue of Fire B1

Whip of Many Tongues B1

### Minion Resources - Events

A More Evil Hour B1

Ancient Secrets S2+B1

Angband Revisited S2+B2

Breach the Hold S1+B1

Caverns Unchoked S1+B1

Challenge the Power B1

Cloaked by Darkness S1

Crowned with Storm B1

Darkness Wielded S1

Descent through Fire S1

Eddy in Fate's Tide B1

Flame of Udûn S1+B1

Foe Dismayed S1+B2

Gangways over the Fire S1+B1

Going Ever Under Dark S1

Great Army of the North B1

Great Fissure S2+B1

Great Shadow S2

Gron d B1

Heart of Dark Fire B1

Invade Their Domain B1

Long Grievous Siege B1

Lord and Usurper B1

Maker's Map S1

Memories of Old Torture S1

Mine or No One's B1

No Better Use S1

Obey Him or Die B1

Orders from the Great Demon S1+B1

Out He Sprang S1+B2

People Diminished B1

Prone to Violence B1

Roam the Waste B1

Roots of the Earth S1+B1

Sauron B1

Scourge of Fire B1

Strangling Coils B2

Tempest of Fire S1

Terror Heralds Doom S1

Vanguard of Might S1

Whispers of Rings B1

### Hazards - Creatures

Beorning Skin-changers S1

Carrion Feeders S1

Monstrosity of Diverse Shape S1

Olog Warlords B1

Shelob's Brood S2

Spawn of Ungoliant S1

Ungoliant's Foul Issue S1

Ungoliant's Progeny S1

### Hazards - Events

Black Vapour S1

Darkness Made by Malice S1

Desire All for Thy Belly S1

Diminish and Depart B1

Fled into Darkness B1

Glance of Arien S1

Imprisoned and Mocked B1

Press Gang B1

The Reek S1

The Sun Shone Fiercely S1

Unabated in Malice S1

### Balrog Sites

Ancient Deep-hold B1

Barad-dûr S1

Carn Dûm S1

Cirith Gorgor S1

Cirith Ungol S1

Dol Guldur S1

Minas Morgul S1

Moria S1+B1

Remains of Thangorodrim S1

The Drowning-deeps S1

The Gem-deeps B1

The Iron-deeps S1

The Pûkel-deeps B1

The Rusted-deeps B1

The Sulfur-deeps S1

The Under-courts S1

The Under-galleries S1

The Under-gates S1+B1

The Under-grottos S1+B1

The Under-leas S1+B1

The Under-vaults S1+B1

The Wind-deeps B1

