START OF EACH ROUND

Each Wizard draws from the Main Deck until he or she has a full hand of eight cards. Each dead Wizard draws a Dead Wizard card.

CREATE YOUR SPELL

Each Wizard places up to three different types of Spell Components face down in front of him or her.

TURN ORDER

Each Wizard announces how many Components are in his or her Spell. Wizards who played one card go before Wizards who played two cards, and they go before Wizards who played three. Ties are broken by the Initiative number on Deliveries. A Wild Card in the Delivery Slot or no Delivery Component is Initiative 0. The higher your Delivery’s Initiative, the sooner you act.

If there is an Initiative tie, each tied Wizard rolls a die, and the high roller resolves his or her Spell first.

RESOLVE YOUR SPELL

Read the name of your Spell in a wizard voice. Resolve the effects of the cards in your Spell in the order they are read:

Source, then Quality, then Delivery.
Once upon a time, there was a world filled with radical magic. And not pussy magic, like rabbits in hats or shit like that. No, it was kick-ass magic, where one guy blows another guy’s head off with like a fireball or something! You know—

**Ball-Rocking Magic!**

What’s the name of this radical world? Who’s in charge? What’s the point of all this radicalness? Take it easy, dude—I’ll answer all those questions, and some other less-important ones, and then some you don’t give a shit about... but you will listen because I’m telling this story, and if you don’t like it, there’s the door, smart guy.

I hope you’re ready for this shit...

The Kingdom of Carnage wasn’t always as kick-ass as it is today. No, for eons it was totally fucking dull, with people farming, and banking, and blah blah blah... seriously, I can’t even think about it without wanting to kill myself from the boredom. Shit, even its name was different, but there’s good news—news that goes by the handle Uncle Andy. Yes, our most righteously revered and ultimately awesome leader delivered our world from boredom and made everything epic always!!!

How did he deliver this miracle? No one knows... or gives a shit, since they’re all too busy using magic to blow each other to bits in high-stakes tournaments of sorcery. Gone are the days of simple pleasures, the love of family, and the reward of a job well done. No! How can that compare to combining the power of a supporna with the thundering fury of a lightning god... and then using that sorcery to turn your opponent’s head into bloody shrapnel? Compared to the high-octane thrills of the Epic Spell War, ordinary life was total bullshit, and that could not be tolerated. Uncle Andy saved us from ourselves, from being normal and lame.

The tournaments are all happening now, after the great purge. Those of us totally awesome enough to embrace Uncle Andy’s gift of radicalness were spared the weeping death and transformed into **Battle Wizards** imbued with the power to bend reality to our whims. The revolving roster of tournaments spans the length and width of Carnage Kingdom. Gone are the simple villages and towns—now, towering skull-headed volcanoes and islands floating above whirlpools of blood dominate the landscape and serve as a reminder of how our world is now his playground... which is... uh... awesome.

Death has also lost all meaning, as it no longer marks the end of our existence, but only sends us from one round of the endless tournaments to the next. The wickedly tough earn the honor of last Wizard standing, and all glory to that Wizard, as he is KICK-ASS in the eyes of our beloved Uncle Andy. But all glory fades, and the brief thrill of victory gives way to the start of a new tournament, and each tournament is a step in the march toward the **GRAND TOURNAMENT... ANNIHLAGEDDON!** Glorious Annihlageddon, the yearly tournament that pits the most totally fucking righteous of Wizards in a brutal contest of ass-kicking unlike anything else... except the hundreds of tournaments during the year that lead up to it.

You have chosen to become a Battle Wizard, and now you will know the adrenaline-pumping madness of magic-fueled bloodsport. Nothing will ever be the same, no thrill will compare, no satisfaction life can offer will scratch the itch to unleash arcane death on an opponent until he melts into a bubbling pile of blood and bone. Your addiction will consume all desire for anything but battle—even telling you this story has been too much time away from the arena for me. To end this tale, I will destroy you, my enraptured audience, with my favorite spell, **GORENADO!** But don’t worry, dude, you’ll be back in time for your first tournament. And who knows? Maybe someday you’ll be awesome enough to win the Annihlageddon and its secret prize... which I pray is to die permanently and escape this hell... this radically awesome hell.
components
10 Source Cards
40 Quality Cards
40 Delivery Cards

Object of the Game
Blast your opponents into splintering bits of goo.
If you defeat each of your foes, you earn a Last Wizard Standing token.
Earn two of these, and you win the match!

Set Up
Shuffle each deck separately.
Each player chooses a Hero to play.
Each Wizard starts with 20 Hit Points.
Place a skull counter on the 20 (round on your Hero card) and use it to mark your gains and losses of Hit Points.
You can raise your HP above 20 during play, up to a maximum of 25.
Place the Spell deck in the middle of the play area. Place the Treasure and Dead Wizard decks off to the side.

Match Play
A match consists of number of short games.
A game consists of enough rounds for a player to win that game.
During each round, players will create spells, blast their opponents, collect fabulous treasures, and most importantly, try to survive. The Wizard who can stand tall when all other Wizards have been disintegrated wins that game and earns a Last Wizard Standing token.

Start of each Round
Each Wizard draws from the Main Deck until he or she has a full hand of eight cards.

The Cards
Your hand will consist of various Spell Components:

Source
Quality
Delivery

Building a Spell
Each Spell may contain up to three different Components.
A Spell can contain no more than one of each type of Component.
(Source, Quality, and Delivery)

These are All Legal Spells:

Illegal Spells:

Notice the immediate danger! A full three-card spell will always have a completely implicit with a beginning, middle, and end. Spells are always the topmost card of your spell, qualities are always found in the middle, and a delivery is always the bottom card of a spell.

If a Wizard reveals an illegal spell, he or she must choose and remove cards from it until the spell becomes legal. Place those removed cards into the discard pile.

Placing Your Spell
A Wizard must play all the Components of a Spell face down into the play area directly in front of him or her. You may stack your cards up, spread them out, or even keep them under your hand if you wish to hide the number of Components you are playing—opposing Wizards don’t have the right to thumb through your cards to check. Here is what the table looks like when all Wizards have placed their Spells.
When all Wizards are done placing their cards on the table, the order of Spell resolution must be determined. At this time, each Wizard should call out the number of Components in his or her Spell: one, two, or three.

Wizards who played one Spell Component take their turns before Wizards who played two or three Spell Components. Wizards who played two Spell Components take their turns before Wizards who played three Spell Components. If two or more players declare the same number of Components in their Spell, then those Wizards announce their Initiative numbers. You may peer at your Deliveries to find this out, but don’t reveal the card yet. A Wizard who didn’t play a Delivery Component or has a Wild Magic Card in his Delivery slot has an Initiative of 0. (More on Wild Magic Cards later.)

The highest Initiative Delivery acts first. If there is a tie for highest Initiative, each tied Wizard rolls a die, and the high roller resolves his or her Spell first.

**Example:** In a four-player game, three players each declare three Components, while one player declares two Components. The player with only two Components will act first in the round. When that player’s Spell is done resolving, the other three players call out their Initiative numbers. Let’s say they are 18, 14, and 12. The 18 Initiative will act first, followed by the others, in descending order.

Note: If the number of Components in your Spell changes before your turn, your place in the turn order sequence will change.

**When your Initiative comes up, reveal the Components of your Spell.**

Now, in your best Epic Wizard Voice, name the source of your Spell in dramatic fashion in this order: **Source, Quality, Delivery**. Your opponent or your group can decide the proper punishment for a Wizard who fails to read the full name of their Spell before starting to resolve it.

**If your Spell is missing any of the elements:**

Missed the Source: Use your hero’s name or use your own name.

Missed the Quality: You don’t have to add an adjective here, but feel free to make up something creative.

Missed the Delivery: Use any magical word, like contrap, conjuration, or invocation.

**Resolve your Spell**

Resolve the effects of the cards in your Spell in the order they are read:

1. **Source**
2. **Quality**
3. **Delivery**

**Magical Glyphs**

Each Spell Component has a magical type, represented by a word and a glyph on the card.

- **DARK:** Sophisticated magic splatters your foes while gaining you Treasure.
- **ELDAR:** A touch of magic backlash to send your foes to their messy deaths.
- **DARK-ELDAR:** Blast your foes to kingdom come.
- **DARK-EVIL:** Quick and tricky spells that often allow you to choose your victims.
- **EARTH-ELDAR:** The forces of nature can either heal you or deliver a slow death to your foes.

**Power Rolls**

When you make a Power Roll, look at the glyph on the card that requires the roll. You roll one six-sided die for each card in your Spell that has that glyph.

In other words, if you play one Primal Component and it requires a Power Roll, you’ll roll one six-sided die. If you have played three Primal Components in that Spell, you would have rolled three six-sided dice instead.

There are many other effects, combos, and Treasures that let you roll more dice with certain Power Rolls.

**Targets**

Most Spells have targets. Most of the time, your Spell will dictate its own target. Keep these targets in mind when creating your Spell! A target can be random: a foe or on your left, right, or left and right, either foe or another object. There are other criteria.

If it’s a healing Spell, the target will be you.

The strongest foe is the foe with the most Hit Points. The weakest foe is the foe with the fewest Hit Points.

If there is a tie, you get to choose who you want to consider strongest or weakest. You are not your own foe, so if you are the strongest or weakest Wizard, you don’t count.

A stronger foe is any foe with more Hit Points than you. A weaker foe is any foe with fewer Hit Points than you. If there is a tie, you get to choose who you want to consider strongest or weakest.

If a foe has the same amount of HP as you, they are neither stronger nor weaker.

**Random Foes**

Starting with the player to your left, distribute values on a single six-sided die to each of the legal targets for the effect.

Then roll a die to see who the victim will be. (See table below.)

**Addition Cards to your Spell**

Some Spell Components can add cards to your Spell. Adding cards this way doesn’t make a spell illegal. Added cards should be placed vertically adjacent to the Components of the same type. If you have multiple unresolved Spell Components of the same type, you resolve them in the order of your choice.

**Wild Magic**

You might be lucky enough to draw a Wild Magic card from the main deck. These spell cards don’t have a component type. Instead, they may take the place of any Component type. For example, if you don’t have a Quality in your hand but you still wish to play a three-Component Spell, you can place a Wild Magic card in your Spell to act as the missing Component.

When your Spell is revealed, immediately reveal cards from the top of the main deck until you find the type of Component you’re missing. Add it to your spell and then discard the Wild Magic card and the rest of the revealed cards. If you played more than one Wild Magic card in your Spell, repeat this process for each one. Read the name of your Spell only after you have replaced all of your Wild Magic cards.

**Treasure**

Treasures are powerful items that several Spells can award you. When you gain a Treasure, it is always placed face up in front of you for all to see. Treasures are never placed into your hand. But look out! Some common Treasures may try to steal your Treasures.

Some Treasures have effects that lock at Power Rolls. There are also some effects in the game that allow a Wizard to reroll a Power Roll. A Treasure like Foed’s Gold does not have this effect until after a Wizard has completed any reveals.
The Dead Wizard Deck:
When a Wizard is slain, he or she discards the cards in his or her hand, discards his or her Treasures, and immediately draws a card from the Dead Wizard Deck. Being dead isn’t enough to put a Wizard completely out of the action. At the start of each new round of the game, each dead Wizard draws a Dead Wizard card. If the other Wizards take a few rounds to kill each other off, you will end up with several Dead Wizard cards. These cards will help you win the next game.

In a four-player game, a foe who played a two-Component Spell has already acted. With an initiative of 18, you are the fastest of the three-Component Spells, so yours resolves first.

FULL SPELL RESOLUTION EXAMPLE

Bleemax Brainiac is now done resolving, so we move to your Quality, but there are two of them. You get to resolve them in the order of your choice. The card Mysterious deals damage equal to the number of glyphs and Treasures you have. You have three different glyphs in your Spell and no Treasures, so it would deal 3 damage. However, your Mind-Altering card will earn you (and a foe) a Treasure. Let’s resolve that one first!

Mind-Altering reads, “Deal 3 damage to a random foe.” To find a random foe from amongst your three foes, you assign numbers on a six-sided die to each of your foes in clockwise order. Assign the player to your left the numbers 1 and 2, the next player 3 and 4, and the last 5 and 6. Then roll a die to determine which Wizard takes the damage. In addition to dealing damage, the Mind-Altering cards reads, “You and that foe each gain a Treasure.” So you each draw a card off the top of the Treasure Deck and immediately put those cards into play face up. You now have a Treasure!

You have drawn the The Demon Shoes, which reads, “This Treasure counts as a Dark card in each of your Spells.” This may come in handy, as your Delivery Component is also a Dark card.

Fist of Nature is a Primal Spell Component that does not match any of the glyphs in your Spell, so it gets discarded, but the card Mysterious shares a glyph with a Component of your Spell. Its Arcane glyph matches the Arcane glyph of your Source. Since it’s a Quality, it is placed into the Quality slot, or above it in this case, as you now have two!
Now that you have finished resolving Mind-Altering, it’s time to resolve your other Quality. Mysterious reads, “Deal 1 damage to the foe on your right for each different glyph in your spell and each Treasure you have.” You have three different glyphs (Arcane, Illusion, and Dark) in your spell and one Treasure. Nice! So you deal 4 damage to the player on your right.

Finally, it’s time to resolve your Delivery, Pact with the Devil. Targets your “strongest foe.” Check on your foe’s current HP. If there is just one player with the highest HP, that player is your target. If there are two or more tied for most HP, you decide which of those tied foes will be your target. When you have determined your target, it’s time to make a Power Roll. You have one Dark glyph on the Pact with the Devil, but you have also acquired another Dark glyph by way of your Treasure. That gives you two dice to roll. You roll a 3 and a 5, totaling 8. The Pact card Power Roll table reads “8: 3 damage.” So you deal 3 damage to the target you previously determined.

When you are done resolving all the Components of your Spell, discard each of your resolved Components, and the next Wizard gets to reveal his or her Spell and start resolving it.

End of a Game

When the dust settles and there is but one Wizard alive, the game ends and that Wizard earns a Last Wizard Standing token. In the unlikely event that a Wizard kills himself, leaving no Wizards alive, that Wizard still earns the token. Going out in a blaze of glory is never frowned upon in an Epic Spell War!

All Treasures and all cards in each Wizard’s hand are discarded at the end of each game. None of the decks should be reshuffled until they run out of cards. This ensures that you will see a wide variety of different cards during each match. After everyone has cleared their cards, Wizards with Dead Wizard cards should then gather the bonuses those cards have granted (extra HP, Treasure, etc.) and then discard the Dead Wizard cards.

NOW GO MELT SOME FACES!