



The Interactive Storyline Game

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Legend of the Five Rings, or L5R, is the premiere interactive Collectible Card Game. Set in the mythical land of Rokugan, inspired by feudal Asia, it puts you in the role of a prominent samurai of one of the nine Great Clans, serving your family and the Emperor in order to bring glory to the Emerald Empire.

Unlike many collectible card games, L5R offers multiple victory conditions that all fit perfectly with the world it is set in. Attaining victory can be done through military supremacy (Military), but also through political clout - be it acting beyond reproach (Honor) or discrediting your opponents (Dishonor) - or spiritual dominance (Enlightenment).

In order to do so, you will need to recruit troops, use timely resources and protect your lands against your opponents. The ultimate recognition will be the blessing of the Emperor as his most trusted vassal.

Ready to play L5R right away and affect the story? You can print FREE full decks for every Clan that are LEGAL in tournaments from now through the end of March! This is your chance to have the full L5R experience at no cost to you!

In Rokugan, battlefields are everywhere. While you can use samurai (warriors), shugenja (priests) and monks to hamper the military goals of the other Clans, you can also achieve greatness by the clever use of courtiers (politicians). After all, alliances and reputations are forged and easily destroyed at the Imperial Court, where the political masterminds of the Empire interact with one another. But beware, for while the Great Clans fight one another, evil roams outside of Rokugan. The Shadowlands and its infernal creatures only seek to rampage through the Empire and against those monstrosities, Honor will be your best weapon.

For over 15 years, players have shaped the Emerald Empire of Rokugan through their achievements (both individual and collective, see below for more information). They have turned simple characters into legends (and even into Emperors), defeated terrible foes and unveiled dreadful conspiracies thanks to their involvement in the game, forever altering the destiny of Rokugan and its characters in the process. All those events have led to the rich development of a world players have had a great hand in, supported by weekly fictions and a line of **Role-Playing books**.

Choose a Clan and let us welcome you to Rokugan, a world where Honor is Stronger than Steel!



How You Interact in Legend of the Five Rings

L5R prides itself on multiple levels of interaction with the story. One can have a meaningful impact through his proficiency at the game but also for being part of a community of players and even being a first time customer!

With Emperor Edition players will, for the first time, be able to have a say in the destiny of a character from his introduction in the game forward. You will find, inside each Starter Deck, short biographies of the personalities from that Clan, detailing who that personality is. Coupled with his card, it will let you pick which you want to see upgraded (experienced) in a future expansion of the game. Votes across the customer base will allow us to determine which is the Clan favorite (one per Clan), and as a result, is rewarded with a new version.

Purchasing L5R makes you more than a customer. It makes you part of a community.

By being involved in the L5R community, you will have multiple chances to affect the game as a whole. In L5R, dedication comes in many forms, one of which is obviously the proficiency at playing cards. But that is not all: craftsmanship (for costumes), local community building (through the Stronghold Store program) or even simple knowledge of Rokugan are all avenues through which you can have a say in the future of the Emerald Empire.

In L5R, tournaments are a means to meet other people who share a common interest in the game and while card play is rewarded, so is non-card play in the form of contests (costumes, banners, quiz) all of which lets the winner alter the world of Rokugan in some way.

Sometimes, attendees of special events even have the opportunity to decide the overall direction their respective Clan will be taking (for instance by declaring war onto another Clan), as opposed to altering the fate of one specific character.

Finally, you can change destinies and turn basic personalities into heroes thanks to your adept play of the game as L5R revolves around Storyline Events.

All year long, and around the world, special tournaments are run at stores or during special events. The prize of those tournaments –besides cards – is the opportunity to change the fate of a personality from the Clan you played at the

tournament. You can make him become a general for your clan, a hero of a war or even the Emperor if such a prize is offered!

Tournaments are tiered based on their importance throughout the year and the more important the tournament is, the better the prize will be – and it even can include naming a personality and having your name written on the side of the card, forever making you part of the game.

Join the L5R community and get ready to etch your name in the lore of the game!



The Great Clans of the Emerald Empire



Led by the mighty Hida Kisada, the Crab Clan values courage and duty above all things. They are the sentinels of Rokugan, standing guard against dark forces that threaten to overwhelm the Emerald Empire and all within it. The other clans find them crude and brutish but the Crab care little about it, for they understand that they are all that stands between the Empire and a relentless army of evil.

[Click Here](#) to download a printable Crab Clan deck themed around Berserkers.

The Crane Clan are the unparalleled masters of court. No other clan can utilize politics and status as weapons quite in the way the Crane do. Guided by Doji Makoto, the darling of a dozen Winter Courts, the Crane carefully navigate the perils of alliances and enmities, always one step ahead of those who might prove to be an opponent. If court is a battlefield, then Crane are the ultimate warriors.



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No one truly understands the enigmatic Dragon Clan, nor their unique and eccentric Champion, the lord Mirumoto Shikei. Philosophers, monks, and deadly swordsmen, there are few within the clan's ranks that might be described as typical or average. It is the Dragon who now fulfill a most difficult task: monitoring the activities of and ensuring the loyalty of the sinister Spider Clan.

[Click Here](#) to download a printable Dragon Clan deck featuring Military Dueling.

[Click Here](#) to download the Legend of the Five Rings Emperor Edition Rulebook. Note that the book was sized to fit into a starter deck, so it may appear oversized on your screen.



The Great Clans of the Emerald Empire



For one thousand years, there has been no more feared military force than the assembled armies of the Lion Clan. Despite the devastating losses suffered a generation ago in the Destroyer War, the Lion and their Champion Akodo Dairuko have worked ceaselessly to return to their former might, and once again the world trembles at the march of their armies. In a drastically changing world, however, the Lion's greatest enemy might be the death of tradition itself.

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Alone among the Great Clans, the Mantis embrace the new world with all of their being, and at the direction of their lord Yoritomo Hiromi, they work tirelessly to make the Colonies their domain. The other clans may rule the Empire, but the Colonies and the seas that separate the two are the dominion of the Mantis Clan, and they will tolerate none who seek to say otherwise.



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Few organizations in the known world can claim even a fraction of the sheer volume of knowledge possessed by the brilliant Phoenix Clan. Led by Shiba Tsukimi and the Council of Elemental Masters, the Phoenix have proven that none deserve the accolade "masters of magic" more so than they. Now, with an entirely new land and many hidden secrets waiting to be discovered, the Phoenix must fight against the temptation and ruin that too much dark knowledge can bring.

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The Great Clans of the Emerald Empire



The secret blade of the Empress, the Scorpion Clan is the villain that must exist for the Empire to function. For one thousand years, they pitted the clans against one another so that war would not come to the throne, and now they have no choice but to delve into the shadows to protect their Empress and the Empire against a myriad of foes, known and unknown. Bayushi Nitoshi and his loyal legions serve the Empress, but the welfare of the other clans is of little interest to them.

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Reviled by the other clans, the dark and sinister Spider Clan embraces the terrible secrets that others find repugnant. Accepted as a Great Clan only as a means of placating a great spiritual evil, the Spider owe their allegiance to the Realm of Evil and its favored scion, their dark lord Daigotsu Kanpeki. One day the Spider shall rule the Empire. Until that day, they grudgingly serve the Empress and wait in the shadows for the dawn of their age.



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Forever outcasts in an empire of traditionalists, the Unicorn Clan were absent from the Empire for seven centuries while they explored the world and catalogued the various dangers Rokugan might once face. Even four centuries after their return, the Unicorn stand apart from the other clans, ostracized for their strange customs and their compassion for the lesser castes. Few dare speak their distaste, however, for the power of the Unicorn cavalry is feared throughout the known world.

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Where to Get Involved

With its rich world and community, L5R's involvement is a daily affair that can be enjoyed locally and also online.

The first spot to get involved in the game is the place where you bought the product and where playing happens: your Friendly Local Gaming Store.

To encourage you to support your local gaming store, Legend of the Five Rings is supported by the Stronghold Store Program, a free plan for retailers in which both the retailer and the final consumer benefit from getting involved in the game. Rewards are tied to the number of active players in the store: the more a store is active, the cooler the rewards. Joining the Stronghold Store Program is free for any store carrying the game so there is no reason to miss out on great rewards such as free promos, alternate arts and even special storyline tournaments!

In this day and age, the online scene is also a great place to share your passion of the game with the community of L5R players.

Most players are involved in forums, be they the official **game forums** or fan based ones. The fan based forums are the place where Clan Previews are posted when a new expansion is nearing and where the community from that specific Clan gathers in order to share their ideas on the game, the characters from their Clans and the potential for improvement. They are a great place to assist each other as well in deck construction and getting overall tips about the Clan you have chosen to play. Finally, when community wide challenges are created (such as craftsmanship or knowledge contests),

the Clan forums are the place where the ideas are gathered and the strategy is crafted.

The Imperial Assembly is L5R's online fan club. Being a member grants you rewards (in the form of exclusive promotional cards) and also sneak peeks about the game. It also lets you participate in various votes and community efforts throughout the year, votes that alter the fate of Clans and personalities alike. Finally it is the medium by which you and your store will benefit from the Stronghold Store Program as Imperial Assembly accounts are tied to a Stronghold Store, enabling him to climb up the rewards ladder. Tournaments are also a way for you to be involved. While there would be no game without stores and players, there would also be no events (one of the important vehicle for interaction) without Tournament Organizers.

TOs are the glue that holds communities together as they devote time and energy in making sure that their local scene stays vibrant within a store. As their involvement increases, they get the opportunity to run larger tournaments, and share their passion of the game with a state or nationwide crowd of players. They support local and international charities, using L5R as a springboard to assist people in need and proving time and time again that L5R is more than just a game: it is a community of which every player is an integral part, a sum larger than its parts.

Don't wait! Head to your local store, join the Imperial Assembly and get ready to help your Clan rise to new heights in Rokugan!



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