

**Productions** 

# Expassi-os # 1

Battle Axe is a simple to play tabletop system for skirmish level battles. Using cards instead of dice, you will find the game to be less luck based and much more tactical in nature. The rules and cards provide here will be enough to get you started, and new characters and rule expansions are on the way so you can continue to increase both the size and composition of your War Bands.

This first expansion to the system offers new and exciting ways to play the game, including scenarios and various options for expanded game play.

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# Introduction

This expansion to the Battle Axe system will offer players a new way to set up the game and add additional features to the game as a whole. It is advised that players use these rules in their Battle Axe game as it will aid in game balance and add excitement to each and every game you play.

# **New Command Rules**

This expansion will allow the Command Skills of one or more characters to have effects not only on the characters around them, but also on the battlefield itself. War Bands with a high combined Command Skill will be able to dictate not only the type of game to be played, but also the terrain, objectives and conditions.

# **Game Set Up**

Before the game begins each player should total the combined Command Skill of all characters within their War Band. This combined Command Skill is then used to purchase additional effects and conditions within the game. The player with the highest combined Command Skill will be known as the General.

Players will receive a number of purchase points equal to their combined Command Skill. Assets are then bought at a cost of one card, or terrain piece, per Command Skill point spent.

The General starts the game off by selecting a single piece of terrain and placing it as per a standard game set up. Each player starts the game with one piece of terrain for free, but additional pieces of terrain can be bought at a cost of one terrain piece per Command Skill point spent. When all terrain pieces are set, the General player may pick which side of the battlefield he or she will set up on, as outlined in the Scenario to be played.

Next the General may buy as many Faction Objectives, Tactical Advantages and Battlefield Condition Cards and as they may want and have points to spend. Each purchase allows this player to draw a single card from the appropriate deck. After the General has purchased and drawn his or her cards, the other player may buy whatever cards he or she wishes. (If you are playing in a multiple player game, the second highest Command Skill player buys his or her cards, and so on until all players have bought cards and or terrain.)

Last but not least the General may draw one Scenario Card. He or she may draw more then one by buying more cards, but only one Scenario Card will be used. The advantage to drawing more then one is you get to pick which one the game will use.

The General then may take the first turn or have his or her opponent go first. (In multiple player games order of turns is based on the Command Skill, with highest to lowest the order of game turns.)

Note that you do not have to play Tactical Advantage, Objective and Condition Cards you have drawn, and may always elect to discard these cards before the game begins.

# **Design Notes**

Because neither player will know what the Scenario will be until the end of the set up phase of the game, it is suggested that well balanced War Bands be created, so that you can deal with just about any sort of situation that comes up. As many of the Scenarios call for set actions to be completed to win the game, just killing your opponent's characters will often not be enough. You could have killed your foe's entire War Band and still lose the game because the Scenario called for a different type of victory condition.

Faction Objectives offer players a Faction based set of minor victory conditions. These can turn the balance of the game one way or another if played the right way and can add quite a bit of excitement to the game as players try to achieve, or stop, these minor victories from taking place. Often a Faction Objective that is achieved can mean victory in a close game.

Tactical Advantages do just that; offer a player a set of minor advantages. None will throw the game out of balance, especially if both players play these sorts of cards. What these cards can do is add more fun to the game and offer additional challenges.

Battlefield Condition can change the nature of the game, in both minor and major ways. A well-balanced force can deal with these changes, while more dedicated forces might find that they have been dealt a bad condition and rendered more or less ineffective.

The point of these various Command Cards is to change the game's play so that it is always a challenge and never just the same game over and over again. It also forces players to build well balanced forces and stop the power gamer mentality, as those that build overly powerful War Bands may find that they are not as useful as they had hoped once these various conditions and objective are put into play.

#### **Scenarios**

There are several Scenarios that now can be played as part of the new Command Rules. Each Scenario is described in detail here so be sure to read each before you play a game.

# **Stand and Fight**

Pitched battle with standard Victory Points awarded at the end of the battle.

# Set Up:

Standard Command Skill purchase of terrain and cards is allowed.

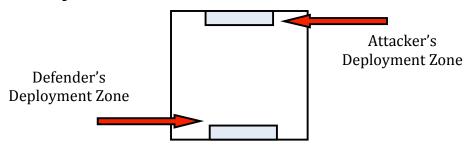
#### **Points Total:**

This game uses 150 points for each War Band involved in the game. All standard War Band creation rules apply.

# Time Length:

The game will end when the last Fate Card is drawn from the Fate Card Deck.

### **Battlefield Example:**



#### Winning the Game:

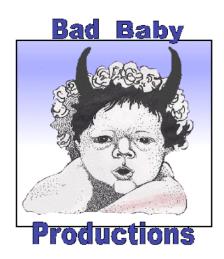
At the end of the game players will total the Victory Points gained by slain characters. Characters that have left the battlefield are also consisted to have been slain for Victory Point purposes. (Unless allowed by a Faction Objective Card)

The player who has the most Victory Points at the end of the game is declared the winner.

Victory Points Awarded		
<b>Characters Point Total</b>	<b>Victory Points</b>	
1 to 10	1 Point	
11 to 20	2 Points	
21 to 30	3 Points	
31 to 40	4 Points	
41 to 50	5 Points	
Etc		

#### **Design Notes:**

This is your typical knock down brawl, with both players trying to kill as many of their foes as possible. A hard list can do well in this sort of game, but battlefield conditions can of course bring that advantage close real fast. The player with the best skill and the most guts will often win the day.



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#### **Battle Tiles**

Battle Tiles, by Bad Baby Productions, is a fun, and exciting way to improve your gaming experience. Use these high quality map tiles to create new and challenging battle arenas for your miniature gaming, or use them to create maps for role playing games of all types.

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## **Dragon Lords**

Dragon Lords is an exciting and very different type of board game. Using a unique card based system to create the playing area, and so each game is both different from the next, and a challenge, for players will need to lay down a path that will gain them access to the many special locations that will allow them to possibly draw more dragons.

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### **Mini-Games**

Bad Baby is happy to offer tons of little games, that we like to call Mini-Games, and with over 30 titles, you are sure to find one or more games that will blow your mind. Little, however, does not mean lame. No, these are great gaming gems, just in small bite sized forms. Fun, fast and cheap, they are a great way to get some gaming fun into a short block of time. Have a look, you might be surprised at what you find.

#### **Mystic Adventures**

A fast paced game of heroic adventure, war and struggle. Be the one to stand over the fallen bodies of your foes and rule the known world.

Mystic Adventures is a board game for 2 to 6 players, and comes now with five expansions to increase your gaming fun.

#### Web of Tears

Web of Tears is a game of politics, intrigue, struggle and conquest. Web of Tears allows players to take control of a Dark Elf noble house, where they must then compete with other Dark Elf houses as each tries to achieve multiple victory conditions and goals. Can you train your nobles to their ultimate in skill, or will you need to amass a great army of slaves and skilled warriors? Maybe you will work the political side of the social order and have yourself proclaimed the queen of the city.

Web of Tears uses a unique system of influence peddling, intrigue, political plotting and all out war to allow players to interact in the nastiest of ways.

Can you out smart, out fight and out survive your foes?

### **Worlds of Wonder**

Worlds of Wonder is a fast, simple to play RPG system designed for use by advanced players who wish to create detailed characters without having to roll on endless charts and deal with endless rules.

After 30+ years of playing, running and designing games, be they RPG's or board games, we at Bad Baby have come to one conclusion. Its not the game's rules that make it enjoyable, but the people you play with. With that in mind, Worlds of Wonder takes the most important aspect of any RPG, the character creation, and tries to offer players, and their GM, the tools needed to make the time spent playing together well worth the time spent creating the characters.

Yes, Worlds of Wonder will offer you a detailed combat system, and several magic options, but the majority of the information presented will deal with the creation of your character and the many options that will be open to you.

What we have tried to present to you with Worlds of Wonder is a detailed means of generating the kind of characters that you will all find enjoyable, and a system that will keep you thinking on just what to do next with those characters.

Worlds of Wonder offers players, and GMs, a fully developed RPG system. The core system rules comes with the following...

- \* A fully illustrated set of rules, completely booked marked for easy use.
- \* Rules for generating and running a game using the WoW System,
- \* An RPG system that is fully expandable, and easy to use.
- \* 15 Skill Sets, each with 4 skills and 10 levels of advancement within each skill.
- \* Over 100 Arcane spells, set within 5 schools of magic.
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- \* 20 fully detailed monstrous foes to battle, with hundreds more coming soon.
- \* A full color character sheet.
- \* Lifetime updates should we upgrade and/or revise the system in any way.
- \* A full copy of the core rules set in a print friendly format.

Besides the core system, we here at Bad Baby are also including, for free, a copy of out most popular Battle Tile sets, Dungeon Chambers. Use these full color battle tiles to liven up your RPG games and to run the many battles you will encounter while adventuring in Worlds of Wonder.

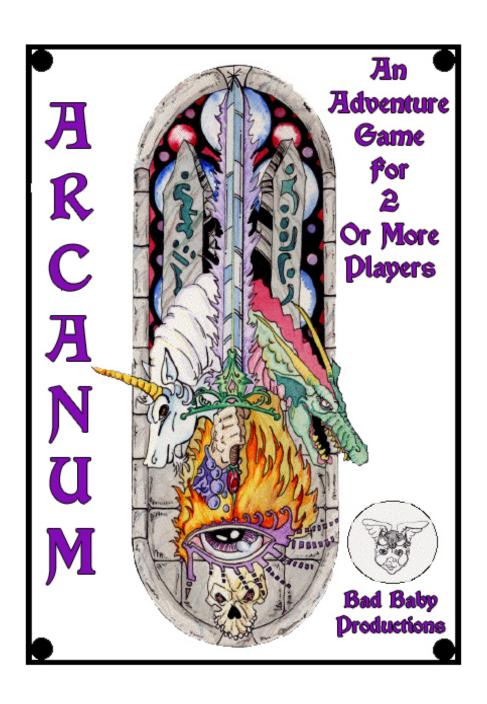
# **Worlds of Wonder Expansions**

Want more Worlds of Wonder? Try one of the many expansions for the system. More monsters, foes, magic, skill sets and gaming stuff to keep you occupied for weeks, months, hell maybe for a lifetime. Ever expanding, the WoW system is made for gaming fun, so don't wait, have an adventure and enter Worlds of Wonder.

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