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Foreword by Samuel Moreno

I'm happy to announce that the second attempt to bring over a legacy army to **Confrontation: Age of Ragnarök** is now completel What you see before you is the herculean attempt of translating an incomplete *Confrontation/ Ragnarök* army, in this case the 'Stag Army', into a useable system for **Confrontation: Age of Ragnarök** (*AOR*).

Once again, Rackham's 'LA Paper' or 'Other Armies' documents (as they are referred to on the Esoteric Order of Gamers), were used to complete this task. As you no doubt know by now, the 'Other Armies' documents are Rackham's first, albeit incomplete, drafts at bringing over the remaining established armies that populate the world of Aarklash. As I mentioned in my Cynwall/Dragon foreword, these PDFs provide a very strong basis point that is, unfortunately, incomplete in some areas.

In many ways, this army was more challenging to port over to *AoR* then the Cynwall/Dragon army due to its mix matching of various troops and creatures from two separate armies (Devourers and Drunes). Whereas the Cynwall/Dragon came together to form a nice coherent army, the Stag, on the other hand, came together in a wild, untamed way. And that's what makes them exciting to play!

Once again, no banners were present in the 'Stag Other Armies' document which is a real shame. Unlike the Cynwall who can easily use one of the other Light banners from the Lion and Griffin army, for the Stag, using the other Dark banners from either the Ram or Scorpion armies wouldn't suffice since they are very unique to their own armies (as they should be). I decided to make a spirited attempt to create my own banner for this army that I named 'The Witch' which was taken from the Drune's Ragnarök profile. In the original Ragnarök, the Drune's banners are referred to as 'Scourges' so in this case, this banner was referred to as 'Scourge: The Witch'.

I have yet to fully playtest this banner so I cannot say for sure how balanced it is at this stage. I can say that this banner will definitely bring some excitement to your games in that fielding of two Incarnates in one unit is something not fully explored in Age of Ragnarök. Indeed, only one other army attempts to do something similar and that is the Eagle which has a gift that allows you to combine units and Incarnates if they are in close proximity to each other. On that precedent, using something similar for the Stag seems to match the spirit of an army where both human and creature intertwine together to take on their enemies. Its disadvantage is equally as exciting because should the player carelessly lose their first Incarnate and the unit goes in Rout, it could mean the loss of many valuable troops and possibly the second Incarnate. I'm excited to hear how this banner plays out in your home games so please, as always, send your feedback to me at Samuel. Confrontation@gmail.com

The 'Stag Other Armies' document also once again did not provide any guidance on which Incarnates should be allowed to join which units and what powers the Musicians should have. In regards to Incarnates, you can certainly play without restricting them to certain units but this could potentially unbalance the Stag giving them versatility that the other armies do not enjoy.

While it is tempting to base the assignment of Incarnates solely on units that best match their species and 'look,' I chose to show some restraint in doing so for some of the Incarnates since it will once again go against the spirit of the Stag army which is all about mix and matching units and characters, err Incarnates.

For that reason, all Rank 3 Incarnates were allowed to join any Stag unit. If you collected the old *Cry Havoc* magazines, you will no doubt appreciate the ability to recreate some of the photographs that we saw of Balkron leading Formor and human alike! From a gameplay perspective, it also made sense that such expensive characters would be allowed as much versatility as possible when bringing them to the table. This seems to be the pattern with the other Rank 3 Incarnates in the original armies.

Morgwen and Feylhin were obvious leaders for the Lanyfh both from a lore perspective and a gameplay perspective giving that they both can utilize their Scout ability with the Lanyfh. They were also the impetus for creating the Witch banner because in Confrontation, they would always work together in close proximity of each other.

Gwahyr and Wandyr were paired to their units for aesthetic and gameplay reasons as both of them easily match their respective unit's skillset. They both will certainly be a force to be reckon with on the battlefield! Brenthyr, who is included in the box set that the Warriors come in, also was a no brainer to be added to the Warrior unit due to similar stats and given that he is a lowly Rank 1 Incarnate with a very limited power set.

Corwyn and **Damralh** were more challenging to pair. Being Rank 2 Incarnates, I didn't want to give them too much power by allowing them to join creature units that were Rank 1 or Rank 2. At the same time, limiting them to only human allies would leave Devourers, or Dun Scaith, units without a much-needed pairing option. For that reason, I allowed them to join any infantry unit helping diversify their options while at the same time limiting their ability somewhat by not allowing them to join Creature units. They will no doubt be a great secondary Incarnate should you play The Witch banner.

Gwernydd was by far the most challenging Incarnate to place. As a Rank 1 Incarnate, it is tempting to limit her abilities by allowing her to only join the weakest available unit. However, given that she is a Faith user and needs a competent unit to help her call miracles, I decided to reconsider her placement. Rank 1 Incarnates can be difficult for balance purposes since they are cheap to field. To help compensate for that, they are usually limited on which units they are allowed to join. Making matters even more challenging is that Gwernydd is one of two Faith users in the ENTIRE Stag army! I had toyed with the idea of letting her join a Rank 2 unit but the *Aura of Profanation* litany caused me great concern as this will no doubt help the one other Faith user, Ardokath, call on the more powerful and game altering value 3 Litanies. Nestling Gwernydd behind a very stout Rank 2 unit could make for a powerful combo that would almost require her to be fielded in every game. Therefore, I decided to allow her to join any Rank 1 unit which will allow her to join Creature units and will help the other Rank 1 units see more action. She is a great character that has access to some fun Litanies and will certainly make the other Rank 1 units shee.

Finally there is **Ychor** who is a Rank 1 Creature Incarnate. I had thought about allowing him to only lead 'Devourer' units since he is the only 'Devourer-Like' Incarnate in the army. However, given his abilities, his Creature status, and his overall design, it seemed that he was destined to actually just lead Creature units to battle. Nevertheless, due to the 'rule of cool', I felt an exception had to be made to my Rank 1 limitation rule and allowed him to lead Creature units and also lead any of the 'Devourers' including some that are Rank 2 giving him plenty of options to choose from. If the day ever comes and Age of Ragnarök tournaments return, it would be interesting to see how these pairings would affect certain builds.

On to the Musicians. There are two musicians in the Stag army, one for the Lanyfh and one for the Warriors. The omission of the Musician's abilities by Rackham are especially challenging to solve as their only value comes from whatever ability they bring to the unit. Give them an ability too strong and you now have a broken unit. Too weak, and you now have an underwhelming figure that hurts the creativity of the unit as a whole. As usual, I reviewed their original *Confrontation/Ragnarök* cards to see what ability would suit their playstyle.

In Ragnarök, the Lanyfh had the Rage of the Sorceresses ability which was described as being similar to War Fury. My first draft for the Lanyfh Musician had her simply granting her unit the War Fury ability. After some reconsideration. I decided instead to remove that and give her the specific Rage of the Sorceresses ability as described on her old Ragnarök card since it will help provide variety, add to the unit's strategy and make the decision to include a Musician or not a more interesting one since gaining War Fury for just an extra 25AP for a unit that has Scout was too obvious a choice. Admittedly, the Musician's power is quite similar to the Witch's power (with the Witch's power most likely being Rackham's translation of the Rage of the Sorceresses power to AoR) but when the two powers work together, they really help the unit as a whole complete their primary design goal of striking first and hard. With the Lanyfh's Scout ability and the Gift of the Stag, they will no doubt be an absolutely terrifying assassin force guaranteeing the elimination of their targets.

The Warriors were a bit more challenging. Rank 1 units are meant to be somewhat disposable so any ability that could potentially cause them to compete on even terms with Rank 2 and Rank 3 units was out of the question. Thankfully, their original Confrontation profiles showed them with the *Fierce* ability. With their very low stats and lack of survivability, *Fierce* will allow them to more effectively do their job and lock a unit down till the end of the round while stronger troops move into position. This will allow them to see more play as they effectively become a strong screening force.

The undertaking to bring the Stag army to *AoR* was challenging indeed. There are a lot of units and many interesting Incarnate/unit combinations to be had especially with the new Witch banner I've created. It was a lot of work but ultimately quite rewarding in the end as this army will look very attractive on the table and no doubt will be one of the most exciting armies to play!

Once again, I want to thank Peter for designing and creating the templates to these amazing cards and for patiently supporting this particular rabid fan's passion. He was also kind enough to create the Spellbook and Litany cards which saved me a lot of time. I can tell you that after creating the character cards, having to also create the Spellbook and Litany cards would make my head explode! Finally, he also went through the cards to help make sure they looked right and to assist my tired eyes with some much-needed Q and A. Thank you Peter!

On that note, this project lives on as very much a fan made project. The release of each new army will continue to take some time and I for sure can say that it is unlikely that all the armies will be translated. Nevertheless, if you are passionate about this project and would like to see it completed, I highly recommend that you consider donating to Peter's Patreon and let him know you are here for *Confrontation* goodness. You can find his Patreon here: https://www.patreon.com/ esotericorder

As always, thank you for your notes and kind words! Please continue to email me at Samuel.Confrontation@ gmail.com and share with me your battle reports, thoughts, suggestions or just drop me a line to let me know that you are using these cards. Knowing that this game is still alive and that this resource is helping keep it alive keeps me going.

Finally, if you are on Facebook, join the **Confrontation: Age of Ragnarök** Facebook group to hangout with other *AoR* gamers. https://www.facebook.com/ groups/281970276373101

Happy gaming and long live Confrontation!

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Order of the Banners STAG: THE WITCH

THE GIFT OF THE STAG

This gift can be used each time a Stag fighter assaults an enemy. After the assault movement, any Stag fighter in his unit that is not in contact with the enemy is allowed a free movement of Movement 🖓 cm to engage enemies.

ADVANTAGE

A Rank 1 or Rank 2 unit may have up to two Incarnates in it. The Incarnates in the unit can be any combination of Rank 1 or Rank 2 Incarnates but cannot contain any Rank 3 Incarnates. Designate one of the Incarnates as the leader who will receive shots last.

DISADVANTAGE

If 2 Incarnates are in the same unit and one of them is eliminated, the unit is immediately in rout. This unit may not spend an elixir point to automatically pass its Courage ./Fear 😮 test when attempting to rally.

ORDER OF THE BANNERS

Infantry unit ()(*)! Infantry unit ()(* / **) Infantry or Creature unit () ((* / ** / ***) Infantry or Cavalry unit () / () (** / ***) Creature or Titan unit ()/ () (** / ***)



Can be added to any Karnagh or Red Karnagh unit.

Resurrect/Duel: 4 Elixir pts	Artifacts: 1
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ABILITIES

Savage Each 🛃 or 🚺 obtained on a 🛶 📥 Strength 💿 test generates a bonus die.

Born Killer When performing a - Attack 🗴 test, roll an additional die. This is not a bonus die, so it can be re-rolled.



THE GIFT OF THE STAG

This gift can be used each time a Stag fighter assaults an enemy. After the assault movement, any Stag fighter in his unit that is not in contact with the enemy is allowed a free movement of Movement 🕥 cm to engage enemies.

ORDER OF THE BANNERS





INCARNATE FAITHFUL 335 AP

ARDOKATH

Can be added to any Stag unit.

Resurrect/Duel: 7 Elixir pts Artifacts/Communions: 3 pt Aspects: Cult of Cernunnos / Alteration, Creation and Destruction

ABILITIES

Iconoclast Enemy fighters in contact with members of the mystic's unit are counted in the calculation of the faith pool.

Illumination Each time a faithful with Illumination performs a Fervor 🙆 test he rolls an additional number of dice equal to his Fervor 🕜 value. These are not bonus dice, so they can be re-rolled.



Artifacts: 3 pts

Can be added to any Stag unit.

INCARNATE 320 AP

TANATH

Resurrect/Duel: 6 Elixir pts

Reach A fighter with a weapon that has reach can attack enemies he is in contact with and those within 3 cm of him.

ABILITIES

EQUIPMENT

Ferocity On - Strength () tests, Strength () results are read as

Strategist Roll 1 extra die when rolling Authority (1) oppositions, keeping the best result.



tests are re-rolled once more.

ABILITIES

War Fury Failures on - Attack X tests are re-rolled.

Regeneration Roll as many dice as there are damage points inflicted on the fighters capable of regenerating, just before removing the losses. Each 🜄 or 🧱 cancels a damage point.

Can be added to any Persecutor unit.

Artifacts: 2 pts

Resurrect/Duel: 3 Elixir pts

ABILITIES

Fierce When the fighter loses his last health point, he is not eliminated immediately. He is only removed from the battlefield at the end of the phase.

Regeneration Roll as many dice as there are damage points

inflicted on the fighters capable of regenerating, just before removing the losses. Each 🌄 or 🧱 cancels a damage point.

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Black Weapon Failures on tests are re-rolled once more.

FEAT

War Fury Failures on - Attack X tests are re-rolled.





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5 mana points.

The witch can cast a Rage of the Lanyfhs spell.

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The Rage of the Lanyfhs spell can be cast just before her unit rolls a - Strength () test. Failures on this test are are re-rolled once more.

Hard Boiled An opponent never gets any bonus dice on his Strength 🕟 tests taken against a Horned raider. results are read as

Leap Can jump over or on top of obstacles shorter than itself without any penalties.



ABILITIES

test the fighter rolls an additional Strength 💿 test for which the result required is always 🔀. Successes obtained in this way are added to the initial ones.

ABILITIES Born Killer When performing a - Attack 🗙 test, roll an additional die. This is not a bonus die, so it can be re-rolled.

ABILITIES

Savage Each 🚼 or 🚼 obtained on a 🛏 Strength 🛞 test generates a bonus die.

Born Killer When performing a - Attack 🗴 test, roll an additional die. This is not a bonus die, so it can be re-rolled.

ABILITIES

Ethereal On Attack 🗴 tests taken against an Ethereal fighter, 🐂 +, 🎆 + and 🍛 results are read as 🚼 +.



The unit gains the *Bravery* ability as long as the weapon master is in the unit. Failures on Courage **()** tests are re-rolled once more.



spell when a fighter in his unit has just been eliminated. The fighter remains in the game with one life point.

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The result required on Courage 💽 tests is read one column to the right on the resolution table.



The holder's Fervor value is counted twice when the faith pool is calculated during the control phase.



The Incarnate gains 1 extra health point.



The card of the holder's unit can always be reserved. even if it was handed over by an opponent. This reserve is added to the one the player is already allowed.

ARTIFACT MASK OF THE OWL

The holder's unit gains the Scout ability: when the company begins the game in a deployment zone, units composed entirely of fighters with the Scout ability can be deployed anywhere on the battlefield as long as they are not in contact with the enemy.



The holder gains the Counter-attack ability: the fighter gets 1 combat die for each failure obtained by his enemy in the Attack 🕅 test against him.

If he is not eliminated, he uses these dice once the enemy's attacks have been resolved, as if the unit had been activated.

ARTIFACT FORMOR WEAPON

No enemy game effect can affect the holder's Strength 💿 tests.



The magician holding this artifact gains one value 3 ritual.



The faithful holding this artifact gains one value 1 communion, one value 2 communion and one value 3 communion.

ARTIFACT SWORD OF DESPAIR

The holder recovers 1 health point for each damage point he inflicts.







Path: Torments Element: Darkness Target: Enemy unit Duration: Round

Successes on the targeted unit's Attack 🗙 tests are re-rolled once more.



Mana 5 Difficulty 5

Path: Torments Element: Darkness Target: Unit Duration: Round

The targeted unit gains the Master strike ability: if at least one member of the unit does not move during its activation, the fighter adds his Attack 🗙 to his Strength 😡 on 🛏 Strength tests.



Mana 7 Difficulty 5

Path: Torments Element: Darkness Target: Unit **Duration:** Special

This ritual brings one of the targeted unit's fighters, who is not an Incarnate. back into the game and in formation. If he cannot be brought back into formation this ritual has no effect.



Difficulty 5

Mana 5

Path: Torments

Target: Fighter

Element: Darkness

Duration: Instantaneous

The targeted fighter

recovers 1 damage point.



RITUAL





Difficulty 5

Path: Torments Element: Darkness Target: Unit

Duration: Round

The targeted unit gains the Regeneration ability: the player rolls as many dice as there are damage points inflicted on the fighters capable of regenerating, just before removing the losses. Each 🚼 or **H** cancels a damage point.

RITUAL FURY OF THE SKINNED



Mana 10 Difficulty 7

Path: Torments Element: Darkness Target: Unit **Duration:** Special

The result required on targeted unit's Strength 😡 tests is read in the 🕥 column to the right on the resolution table.

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(?) is higher than 8.





Cult: Cernunnos **Element**: Destruction Target: Unit Duration: Round

During the control phase. the targeted unit gains 2 faith points per enemy fighter it is in contact with.



Difficulty 7 Faith 10

Cult: Cernunnos Element: Alteration Target: Unit Duration: Round

The fighters in the targeted unit gain one combat die and one combat die.



Faith 8 Difficulty 5

Cult: Cernunnos **Element:** Destruction Target: Friendly unit Duration · Round

Strength 💿 tests taken against the targeted unit cannot inflict more than 3 damage points each. Any additional damage points are ignored.



Faith 5 Difficulty 5

Cult: Cernunnos **Element**: Destruction Target: Unit Duration · Round

The targeted unit's fighters gain the *Fierce* ability: when a fighter loses his last health point, he is not eliminated immediately. He is only removed from the battlefield at the end of the phase.



Faith 10 Difficulty 5

Cult: Cernunnos Element: Destruction Target: Enemy unit **Duration**: Instantaneous

Roll as many dice as there are fighters in the targeted unit. Each 🔀 or 🚼 inflicts 1 damage point.







Cult: Cernunnos Element: Destruction Target: Unit Duration: Round

The targeted unit's Courage \Lambda becomes Fear (?).



Faith 10

Difficulty

Cult: Cernunnos **Element:** Alteration Target: Battlefield Duration: Round

No line of sight can be traced beyond 20 cm.

Difficulty 5

VENGEANCE

COMMUNION

Faith 15 Difficulty 7

Cult: Cernunnos **Element**: Alteration Target: Unit Duration: Round

Vengeance takes effect each time the targeted unit suffers damage points inflicted by the enemy. Roll as many dice as there were damage points inflicted: each 👪 🖬 or 📕 inflicts 1 damage point to the unit that originally caused the damage.



Faith 20 Difficulty 9



Cult: Cernunnos Element: Alteration Target: Special **Duration:** Instantaneous

The magician summons a unit of 2 necropolis guardians.



Cult: Cernunnos Element: Alteration Target: One incarnate Duration: Round

The Incarnate becomes the avatar of Cernunnos. He recovers all his health points and gains 1 more combat die and 1 -> combat die. more -These are not bonus dice and can be re-rolled. Also, the mystic pool of his unit immediately recovers 15 faith points and 15 mana points. This can only be performed once per Incarnate per game. This ritual has no effect on a fighter who is already the avatar of a god.





