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***Triumvirate* card game announced, based on Kingdom of Florida**

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, September 1, 2020 - Until now, the world of *Kingdom of Florida* has existed primarily in book form. This fall, fans of the ongoing Florida-fantasy series will get to experience the Kingdom in a whole new way — as a multiplayer card game called *Triumvirate*.

Triumvirate has a fairly simple concept, says Taylor Thomas Smythe, the creator of both the series and the game. “The goal of the game is to be the first player to collect one heir from each of the three royal family lines.” In the books, these three thrones are known collectively as the Triumvirate. The family names — Coronado, Mangonia, and Palafox — are represented by uniquely-colored cards, which feature vibrant illustrations by Smythe.

While the goal of the game is simple, the full deck includes numerous surprises and obstacles — many of which will be familiar to readers of the four books released so far. “There are some nods, hints, and easter eggs from both the current and forthcoming books,” says Smythe, “so I think fans will love the experience of turning over each new card as they explore the deck.” Gameplay is a well-balanced mix of both chance and strategy that maximizes replayability. “When some of my friends and I were testing it, we couldn’t stop. Rounds can go quickly. You get *so* close to winning that you just *have* to play another.”

Though *Triumvirate* is rife with *Kingdom* lore, players need no knowledge of the novels to enjoy play. Its sparse rules are printed on a pair of cards included in the deck, and individual cards provide additional guidance on how one can play.

For some time, Smythe has been known as a deviser of games. “Every time we visit our relatives over holidays, I invent a new game using whatever we have on hand — usually decks of normal playing cards, dice, that sort of thing. I recall one game involved a Rubik’s cube and another entailed shouting the names of cheeses.” This love of game-making led Smythe to imbue one of *Kingdom of Florida*’s main characters with this same spirit. “In the first chapter of the first book,” he noted, “we learn that Oliver has a reputation for making up rules for games with his neighbors. But the friends are unaware that they’re homegrown rules.”

Smythe worked with print-on-demand game publishing company The Game Crafter, whose business model allows designers to create and sell new games without the need for an inventory, to distribute *Triumvirate*. “I’ve been thoroughly impressed with the folks at The Game Crafter,” Smythe gushed. “Even when they had to shut down temporarily at the beginning of the recent pandemic, they managed to produce and ship me a test deck. The quality of the cards, the box, the colors — everything is absolutely professional.”

Triumvirate: Card Game is available now via www.kingdomofflorida.com/games, or on the shop at The Game Crafter website. The deck includes 90 full-color, illustrated cards. Ideal for 2 to 4 players. Recommended for ages 8 and up.