



Soar Into Battle in Galakrond's Awakening™, Hearthstone®'s Upcoming Solo Adventure

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New story-driven experience arrives on January 21 and includes 24 challenging encounters and 35 new collectible cards

Players can pre-purchase now and receive the entire Galakrond's Awakening Solo Adventure along with a Golden Classic Pack of Hearthstone cards

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 9, 2020-- *Descent of Dragons*™, the latest expansion for Blizzard Entertainment's smash-hit free-to-play digital card game *Hearthstone*®, has set the stage for the final battle between Azeroth's mightiest heroes and wickedest villains. On January 21, players will take flight in **Galakrond's Awakening**™, the highly-anticipated Solo Adventure that brings the Year of the Dragon to a close. The story takes place across two campaigns: one where players fight as the **League of E.V.I.L.** to carry out the nefarious Archvillain Rafaam's plot to resurrect Galakrond, the progenitor dragon; and another where they'll lead the intrepid **League of Explorers** into battle against the bad guys to foil their plans and save the world.

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Galakrond's Awakening will be the culmination of the year-long narrative that took place throughout *Hearthstone* in 2019—the **Year of the Dragon**.

Galakrond's Awakening also marks a return to the game's original Solo Adventure format, where players tackle a series of unique boss encounters with pre-built decks to earn 35 new collectible cards. Once earned, these cards can be added to Standard and Wild decks, adding fun new options to further shake up the meta game. Upon completing Story mode as the League of E.V.I.L. and League of Explorers, players will unlock Heroic mode, where they can take on harder versions of the encounters armed with their own decks, which can include any of the cards in their Collections.

"The Year of the Dragon has been a dynamic and exciting one for *Hearthstone*, with a series of meta-shifting expansions, an ambitious year-long story, and a rapid cadence of new features and updates that have fundamentally evolved the game," said J. Allen Brack, president of Blizzard

Galakrond's Awakening's story-driven experience includes 24 challenging encounters and 35 new collectible cards. (Graphic: Business Wire)

Entertainment. "*Galakrond's Awakening* will bring the story we've been telling in the game all year to an epic and fitting conclusion, and we can't wait to share it with everyone."

Galakrond's Awakening consists of four installments that will roll out weekly starting January 21. Each installment includes two chapters—one covering the League of E.V.I.L., and another covering the League of Explorers—for a grand total of eight chapters in this Adventure. Individual Installments will be available for \$6.99 or 700 in-game gold, or as a complete bundle for \$19.99 USD. The first installment, Battle of the Frozen Coast, will be available on January 21, and all players can experience the League of E.V.I.L.'s chapter **completely free**, along with the ability to earn four new cards for completing it. For a limited time, players who pre-purchase the bundle will receive a Golden Classic Pack in addition to the full Adventure.

Galakrond's Awakening will be playable in *Hearthstone* on Windows® and Mac® PCs; Windows, iOS, and Android™ tablets; and mobile phones. To learn more about *Galakrond's Awakening*, visit www.descentofdragons.com.

About *Hearthstone*

With more than 100 million players worldwide, *Hearthstone* is Blizzard Entertainment's internationally acclaimed, free-to-play digital card game designed for novice and veteran card-slingers alike. Players can choose from nine powerful hero classes and customize their decks with minions, spells, and weapons based on the unique fantasy of the *Warcraft*® universe. Featuring a variety of game modes ranging from epic head-to-head duels to story-driven Solo Adventures, *Hearthstone* offers a vibrant and rewarding experience stacked with strategy, personality, and fun. *Hearthstone* is available globally for Windows and Mac PCs; Windows, iOS, and Android tablets; and iOS, and Android mobile phones.

About Blizzard Entertainment, Inc.

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*Sales and/or downloads, based on internal company records and reports from key distributors.

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