



The Game is Afoot in the Newest Hearthstone® Expansion, Murder at Castle Nathria™

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135 all-new cards to embroil players in the motive, means, and drama of a mystery from the shadowed Castle Nathria

IRVINE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 2, 2022-- *Murder at Castle Nathria™*, the latest expansion for Blizzard Entertainment's sensational digital card game *Hearthstone®*, is now live. Sire Denathrius—former leader of Revendreth—has invited his enemies as guests to his Castle for an elegant dinner soirée. The evening is going smoothly...until suddenly...the Sire himself is murdered! Now, with the castle turned into a crime scene, it's up to players—and the brainy Murloc Holmes—to figure out whodunit.

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“Castle Nathria is one of the most beloved *World of Warcraft®* raids from the past couple of years and we had a lot of fun bringing the style and energy of that experience to the whimsical world of *Hearthstone*,” said Mike Ybarra, president of Blizzard Entertainment. “We’re excited to see players throw on their deerstalker hats, check fingerprints on all new cards and legendary suspects, and immerse themselves in the murky mystery of this expansion.”

To help with the demanding detective work, the *Hearthstone* team is adding a new card type to the game! **Location cards** are a feisty addition to your board, playable for an initial mana cost and then activated for free on your turn. Drop them onto the board and wisely set the effects in motion, keeping careful watch on the one-turn cooldown and diminishing durability to execute your strategy.

Also shaking up gameplay is the **new keyword, Infuse**. Cards with Infuse will

Hearthstone Murder at Castle Nathria logo

transform into mightier versions of themselves by drinking the intoxicating anima surrendered whenever a friendly minion dies. Hold these cards in your hand until they're fully infused—the transformation will metamorphose the artwork. Plus, no mystery would be complete without suspects! All ten classes will have their own **Legendary suspect** minion who was present at the party, giving players plenty of potential motives to unearth.

Murder at Castle Nathria™ is the second expansion for the [Year of the Hydra](#). For more card info, game mechanics details, and fun extras, visit www.playhearthstone.com. For screenshots and other assets, visit <http://blizzard.gamespress.com>.

About *Hearthstone*

With more than 130 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 10 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.

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