

## WEATHERGUARD GOLD ~2013 SPELL SAGA 5.0 DECK



Dear Weatherguard, this letter is to acknowledge the debt you paid to own a piece of gaming history--An original 2013 Spell Saga 5.0 Prototype Deck.

This is almost assuredly the very same deck I used when playtesting the game for its eventual release. There are/were several copies in existence, as I remember a very particular long night spent at a dining room table, Photoshopping cards until 4 in the morning for the next day's playtest (with Joshua, Sakroka, & Paxson of Ashgarden).

The look of this deck comes from a few different places. The first is this: the original desires I had for the illuminated manuscript look for the game, ideas I had tried to piece together in 2011, but after more practice with Photoshop was able to pull together. The other thing was this: I was young (Well, 29, but still...) and inexperienced. I was still trying to direct the game into doing what I wanted, instead of letting the design process grow organically. I started paying attention to Lauren's colors, and watching a lot of anime. The result was the final 6.0 version now printed and sent out across the world. But you can see what I mean: information on the cards is spotty at best, and the colors look drab as hell.

I still have some very good memories of playing with these decks, my first time destroying the world with misuse of The Green Song, and the first time a Castle-Crasher messed everything up for my heroes.

This deck was carted everywhere from Sakroka's house, to mine, to Joshua's living room floor. And it was the first version of something that worked. It served as a living proof to me and everyone else that I could do this, and that Spell Saga could be a thing.

*This Box is the 2013 Spell Saga 5.0 Prototype, crafted at 2106 W. Linden Avenue, in Nashville Tennessee, USA.*