

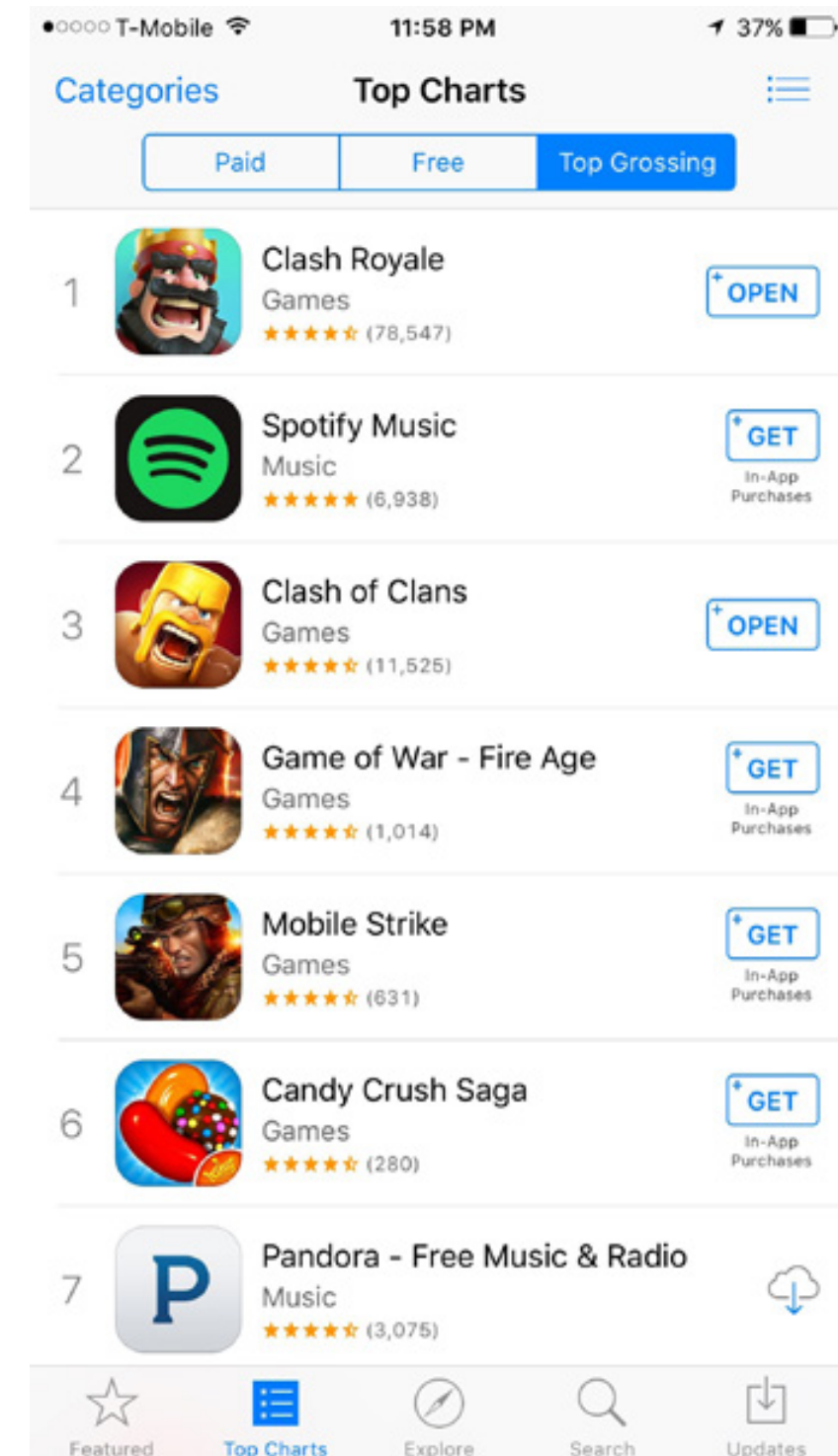
Clash Royale review

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Game

This is one of the fun games that I played recently. The game has good UI design, UX (easy to follow), cute graphics and the gameplay is fun.

When you first launch the game, other games have so many pop-ups(buy this for 4.99 stuff) that I just want to turn everything off without reading it. This game has no pop-ups, goes straight to home screen where the battle button is.



Tutorial

Those pointing hands makes users easy to follow what they have to do for the first time. It doesn't explain every detail of the page. For example, some of the games give tour of every page like achievement page, top ranks.. Some of them are not important to players so after a few minutes of seeing tutorials, players get tired of too many tutorial pages. (I just want to play game!) I downloaded lots of games and I like how "supercell" company did. It taught me basics of how the gameplay works, it was not hard to understand. Also it guided me to see how many different cards I have, which was essential. After that, players have to find their own way to be good at the game.



Home screen

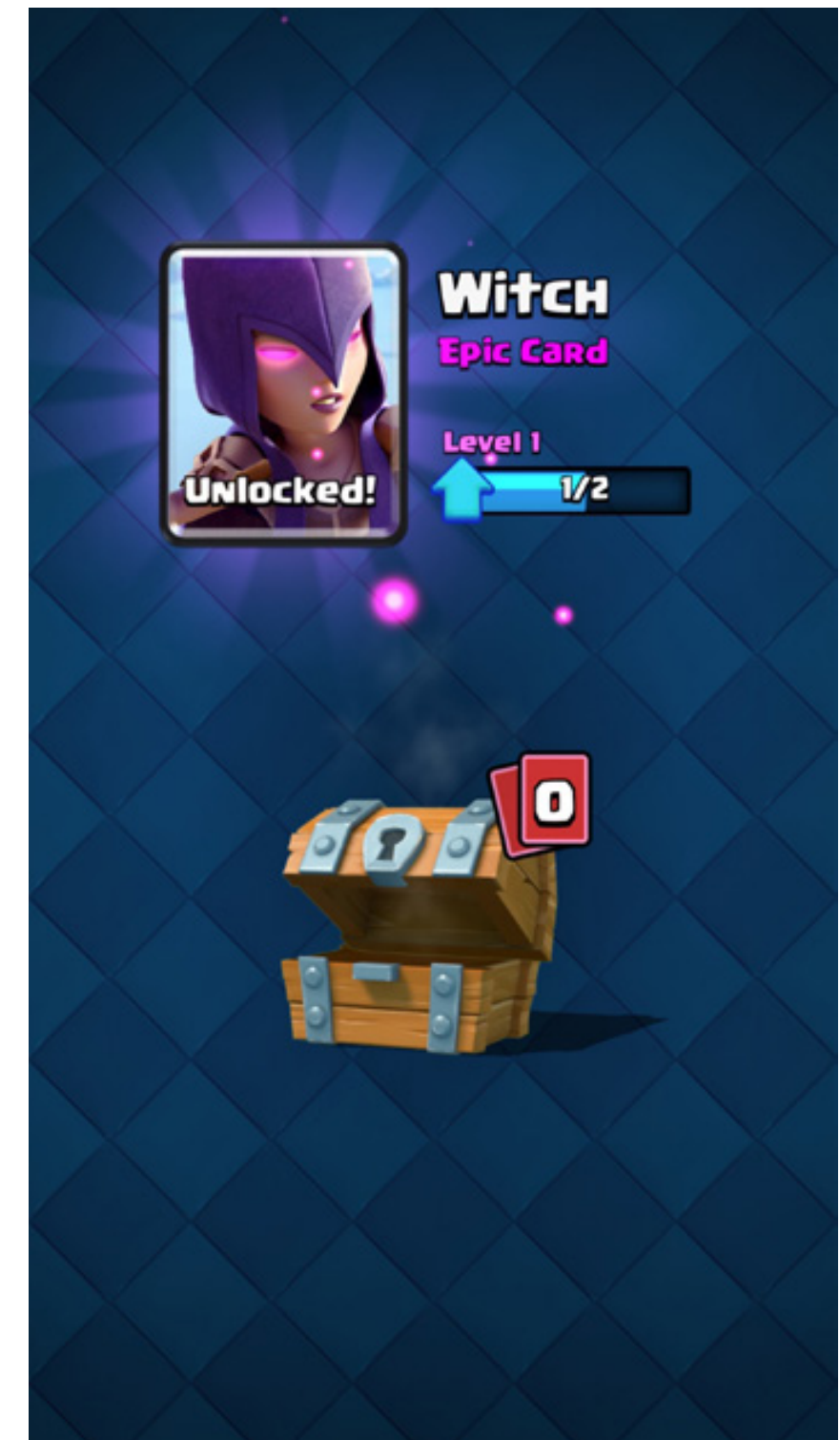
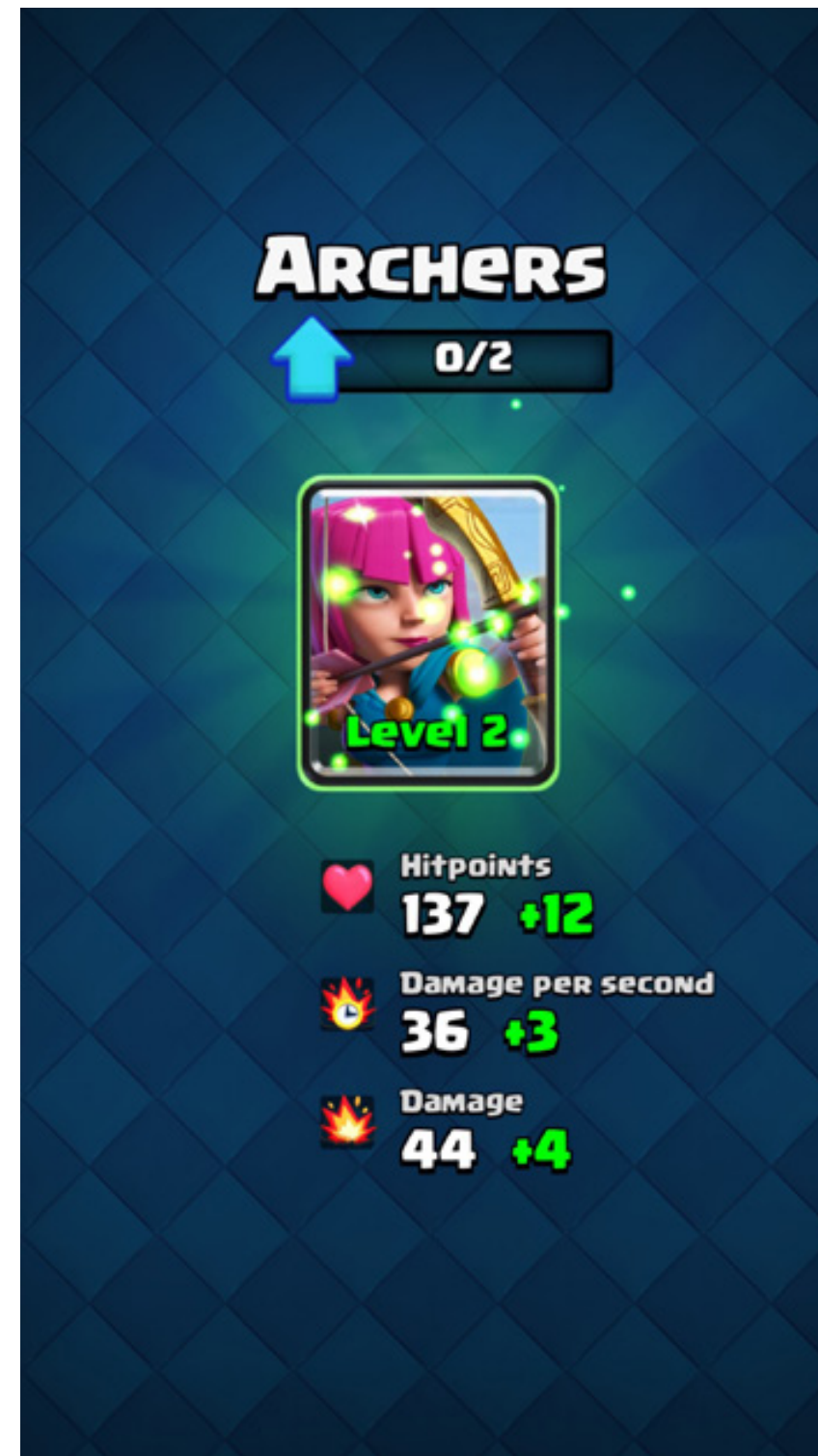


This is the screen when you are done with the tutorial and you can clearly see the button that goes to fight with opponents. It has a system of giving you a chest box that unlocks new cards, and levels up current cards so it makes players get interested and make them keep coming back to the game to find out if the chest is ready to be received. The buttons have a clear design that it is a button, having a contrast with a dark blue background makes it better.

It is all about the Chest

It seems like (after reading the review of other great game players of this game) having a very rare treasure chests are the key of winning the game. It unlocks powerful cards(units) that can make you win the game. Also, it gives current cards stronger. The game matches opponents that are similar to your level so it won't match you with level 10 if you are level 1. Once you get use to the strategy of choosing cards, you need a stronger unit to fight, which goes back to the treasure chest.

Like the every game company does, they suggest you to put money into the game so that you can unlock it faster, eventually end up getting a powerful card, win the game.

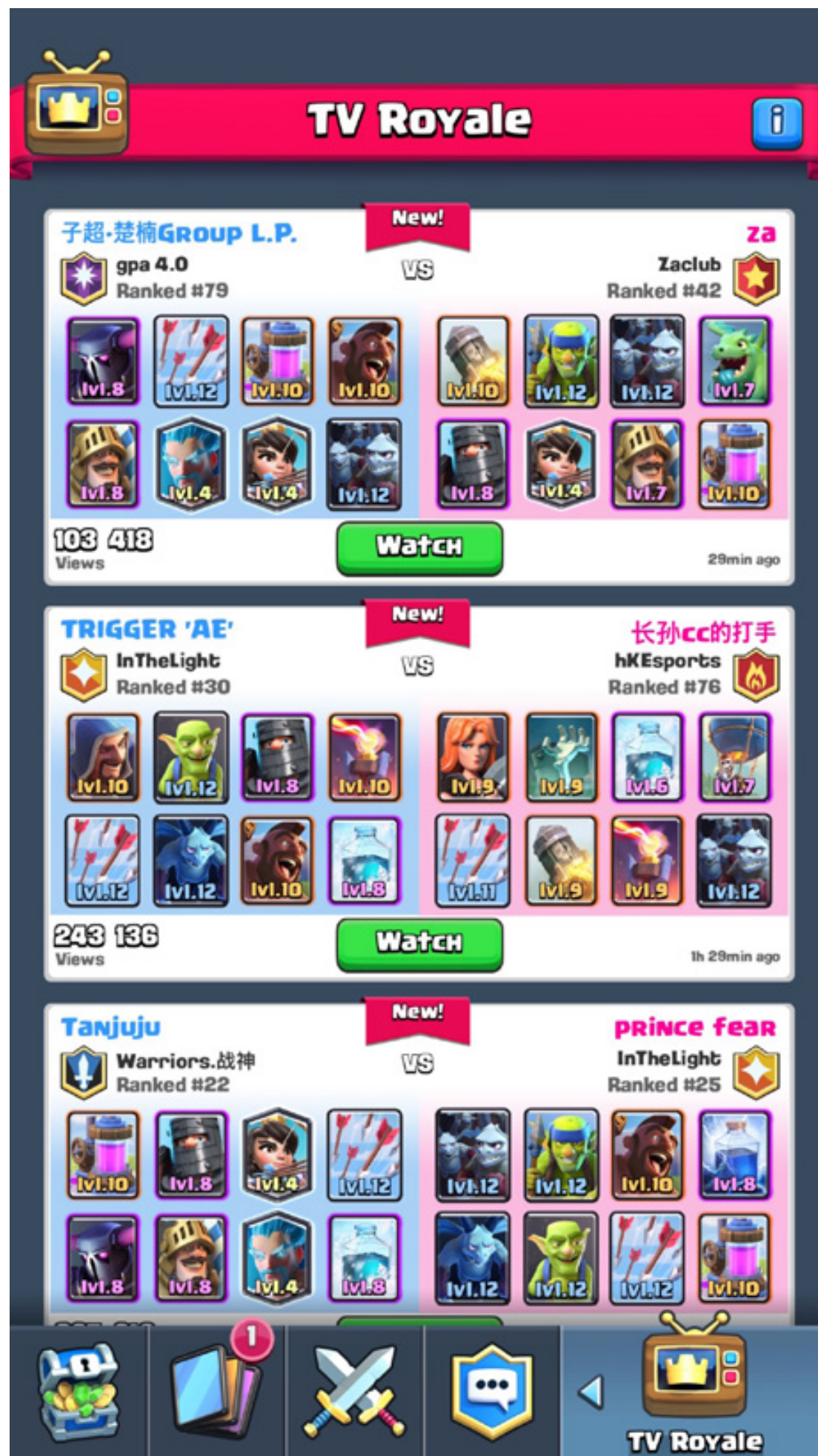


Gameplay

The gameplay makes your palm sweat. Because you and your opponent has a similar level, both have similar cards level and some cards are strong than others, some don't. Some units are strong but slow, some units are fast but die quickly. So the game has to play with good strategy and good hands. It is not just placing your card(unit) on the ground, it is about where you place it, and which card you place it. It is a real time strategy game so your fingers have to move quickly.

Also, you can communicate with icons without typing bunch of words. It is easy and fast.





Community

One of the unique things about this game is that you can watch how other people use their deck and play. It does not take a lot of loading time, which makes me go see a video frequently. The game's website looks clean and it only shows essentials like what they updated recently.

This is not the first time they added the video content, the game named "Vainglory" has this feature where you can watch other great players play and learn from them. Vainglory is a similar game as LOL but optimized on mobile device.



Overall

The game is really fun to do and watch, has clean visuals, has cute and unique design characters. When it first came out, I thought this game was one of the similar games that are currently in the top charts, so I didn't download it.

However, since I played it, it feels different than regular real time strategy games, also the game ends quickly so it does not require a lot of time to play.