

Aridane Timeline

? **B.C.A.:** After several unsuccessful suicide attempts, Dorak the Eternal throws himself into Mount Rogoth, a fiery but dormant volcano. Many years later (the legends differ) Mount Rogoth erupts, spewing ash into the surrounding land. Dorak slowly re-forms over the course of the next three years.

? **B.C.A.:** The Chaos War begins. Huge areas of the continent are devastated, and the great civilizations of Caledar's Elder Age are destroyed.

7 **B.C.A.:** Birth of Balin. His mother dies in childbirth.

4 **B.C.A.:** Birth of Rudrik, half-brother to Balin.

C.Y. 1 (Delaeni 1): The Chaos War ends. Dorak the Eternal survives the conflict and swears that no mortal power shall ever grow strong enough to devastate the world again. Civilization slowly begins to rebuild itself as nature recovers the earth.

The Elder Age is forgotten save for a few myths and legends, and the secrets of its magic are lost. The true Elder Gods are all believed to be destroyed, though a minor war-god known as Abalion survives.

Notable among the few human survivors is the boy Balin, who will one day pursue the dream of reviving the splendor of the Elder Age.

C.Y. 23 (Ponteous 30): King Balin founds the city of D'arialaam.

C.Y. 47-402: The Tallen Empire emerges from the southern lands, conquering all who stand in its path. Unlike the northern lands, the Tallens retain some magical power through the worship of their war-god Abalion. The Tallens gradually become the first great empire of the Common Age.

C.Y. 49 (Aeshandra 12-20): The only son of King Balin is caught in the act of raping a peasant girl. The penalty for rape is death, and much turmoil ensues among the court. At last, with a heavy heart, Balin rules that law and justice must prevail no matter how high the station of the criminal, and the heir is put to death. The tale of this decision becomes legendary, and ultimately finds its way into the holy books of Ponteans and Uriahns alike.

C.Y. 51-123: Pavian princes battle among themselves for supremacy, but never openly. Their official dealings follow polite customs and formalities while they secretly scheme against each other.

C.Y. 53 (Skerta 6): Rudrik slays King Balin with an enchanted dagger that ignores the existence of metal. The blade becomes known as "Rudrik's Fang," and many dark powers seek it in years to come.

C.Y. 54 (Delaeni 14-23): The lawgivers of D'arialaam become divided into two factions over the issue of whether law or justice is more important. What begins as a mere philosophical argument ultimately leads to disaster as the kingdom is weakened by internal strife. The two factions will ultimately become the rival religions of Ponteanism and Uriahnism, each discovering a god willing to accept their worship.

C.Y. 55 (Rhondelain 36): D'arialaam conquered by the Tallen empire.

C.Y. 124: Weary of constant struggle, the princes of Pavia elect their first king, Conrad I. The old intrigues subside, and there is peace in the land...for a time.

C.Y. 167 (Ponteous 29): Death of Conrad I. His son Gottfried claims the right to the throne, and attempts to defend his claim by force. Though the charismatic Gottfried has many supporters, many Pavian princes contest the right of primogeniture, preferring to elect a man of their choosing. Open warfare results.

C.Y. 170 (Rhondelain 8): Gottfried of Pavia is slain in battle, and leaves no children to take up his claim. The surviving Princes elect a compromise candidate as the new king, and hostilities cease.

C.Y. 171-174: Tallen conquest of Tringarde.

C.Y. 176: The first recorded manifestation of Vrrarda occurs in Kesh.

C.Y. 176 (Aeshandra 18): Birth of Dalior.

C.Y. 189: The first recorded manifestation of Delaeni occurs in Versic.

C.Y. 225-227: Tallen conquest of Aridane.

C.Y. 247: The first recorded manifestation of Uriah occurs in Pavia. The first recorded manifestation of Ponteous occurs in Kystfelde. Exact dates are unclear, and scholars will argue for centuries over which occurred first.

C.Y. 250: A political movement known as the *purgatio* ("the purgers") begins to form among certain high-ranking priests of Abalion and other government officials in Tringarde. The movement believes that intermarriage and other fraternization with the inhabitants of the conquered lands is detrimental to the Tallen cause. One of the key members of the *purgatio* is a highly-respected priest known as Marius Merus (Marius the Pure).

The movement gains some support among the Tallen nobility, but is extremely unpopular with those whose wealth and political power derives from the conquered lands (both Tallen and native). Detractors of the movement call its members "*castratium*" (the castrated).

C.Y. 256 (Delaeni 29): Marius Merus begins the construction of a secret temple of Abalion deep within the forest of Aldwood. The temple will be called *Arx Validus* (strong citidel).

C.Y. 258 (Uriah 8): The upper level of *Arx Validus* is completed.

C.Y. 260 (Skerta 4): Birth of Ilnazzer.

C.Y. 261 (Tasman 10): The first sub-level of *Arx Validus* is completed.

C.Y. 263 (Deloco 8): The second sub-level of *Arx Validus* is completed.

C.Y. 281 (Skerta 14): Birth of Drummond Herefast in Kystfelde.

C.Y. 284 (Caidian 25): Birth of Tala Wefan in Pavia.

C.Y. 284 (Tasman 12): Birth of Jordan Blevin, younger son of a wealthy Rillian noble.

C.Y. 285 (Uriah 11): Birth of Nalin in Kystfelde.

C.Y. 285 (Fabian 26): Birth of Thane de Cuelai in Versic.

C.Y. 289 (Aeshandra 14): Birth of Gambel Lenveiset in Versic.

C.Y. 289 (Ponteous 24, the Festival of Lights): At the rise of Mahanga, four-year-old Tala Wefan experiences a vision of Ilnazzer wielding Elder magic. No one believes her at the time. This is the first of a series of prophetic visions which will soon make her locally famous as a seeress.

C.Y. 290 (Ponteous 11): Birth of Roth Gildene in Pavia.

C.Y. 291 (Uriah 7): Birth of Erik and Ulric Moriden in Aridane.

C.Y. 292 (Tasman 36): Ilnazzer, a learned scholar and linguist of Rillia, rediscovers the power of High Lornish. Following this breakthrough, the art of magic is gradually reconstructed. At the opposite end of the continent, in a small Pavian village, eight-year-old Tala Wefan again experiences a vision of Ilnazzer, this time in greater detail. Her reputation has grown by this time, and a few believe her. Nothing happens immediately, and the tale is soon forgotten.

C.Y. 293 (Skerta 8): Marius Merus is framed by political rivals and taken prisoner.

C.Y. 293 (Skerta 20): Marius Merus is publicly executed in Tringarde. His body remains on display for several days.

C.Y. 293 (Skerta 23-26): Followers of Marius Merus steal his body and convey it to *Arx Validus*, where it is respectfully entombed in a secret ceremony befitting one of great rank. Despite the death of their most respected spokesman, the *purgatio* continue to exert some influence on the Tallens in Tringarde.

C.Y. 297 (Aeshandra 4): Jordan Blevin is taken as an initiate by the clergy of Tasman.

C.Y. 303 (Delaeni 1, Day of Rebirth): At dawn, 19-year-old Tala Wefan has a third vision of Ilnazzer. The vision is clear enough to guide her to his exact location, and she begins a long pilgrimage to Rillia on foot.

C.Y. 303 (Rhondelain 11): Ilnazzer is confronted by Dorak the Eternal. After much deliberation, they agree that in order to maintain balance, the Elder Arts will be taught to anyone who wishes to learn them, regardless of their religion or philosophy.

C.Y. 303 (Caidian 5): Jordan Blevin, now a preist of Tasman, obtains permission from his Abbod to abandon his vocation so that he may devote himself to the "new" magic recently discovered by Ilnazzer. The Abbod, who is also Ilnazzer's intercessor, commends the youth for his bravery and foresight, and gives him a great blessing. A few days later, Jordan is taken as Ilnazzer's first apprentice. He will ultimately become known as Jordan Stormfather, the first great magus of the Common Age.

C.Y. 303 (Deloco 11): Ilnazzer interviews Gambel Lenveiset, and determines that he has sufficient aptitude for the study of magic. Gambel becomes the second of his disciples.

C.Y. 303 (Skerta 2): Drummond Herefast, a native of Kystfelde, is taken as Ilnazzer's third apprentice.

C.Y. 304 (Delaeni 35): The Elven scholar Dalior is taken as Ilnazzer's fourth apprentice. Dalior becomes a student of the Elder Way, but is primarily interested in the process by which Ilnazzer rediscovered the secrets of Lornish.

C.Y. 304 (Rhondelain 27): Tala Wefan arrives in Rillia, and recognizes Ilnazzer from her visions. She becomes his fifth apprentice.

C.Y. 304 (Ponteous 7): Gambel Lenveiset makes an unexpected discovery, but causes the first magical accident of the Common Age in the process. The fire is dealt with quickly, but nearly spreads to surrounding buildings. Ilnazzer becomes concerned about teaching in the city. Shortly thereafter he begins construction of an isolated retreat in the Drantil mountains.

C.Y. 305 (Caidian 7): Ilnazzer transfers his students to the newly-completed retreat in the Drantils.

C.Y. 305 (Skerta 34): Thane de Cuelai is accepted as Ilnazzer's sixth apprentice.

C.Y. 306 (Caidian 23-Fabian 24): Erik and Ulric Moriden, twin brothers from Aridane, slip away from their Tallen overlords and flee across the wastelands into Kystfelde. From there they make their way to Ilnazzer's retreat in Rillia and join his disciples.

C.Y. 307 (Delaeni 5): Roth Gildene of Pavia is taken as Ilnazzer's ninth disciple.

C.Y. 307 (Rhondelain 16): Nalin, the last of Ilnazzer's original disciples, arrives at his retreat to learn the Elder Arts. His evil nature is immediately apparent, and the other nine disciples vehemently oppose his acceptance. Ilnazzer, however, keeps faith with Dorak, and begins Nalin's training in the Elder Arts.

C.Y. 318 (Ponteous 21): Jordan Blevin leaves Ilnazzer's enclave to pursue his own research. He maintains contact with his former master for some time thereafter.

C.Y. 319-320 (Skerta 36, Ashendus-Delaeni 1, the Day of Rebirth): On the night of Ashendus, Nalin tests the full strength of his necromantic power by challenging Erik Moriden. Nalin succeeds in draining most of Erik's lifeforce, but is driven off by Ulric and several of Ilnazzer's other disciples before slaying him. On the following day, Ilnazzer and Ulric work together to save the dying twin's life. When it is clear that nothing else will save him, Ulric merges his life force with Erik. The combined entity inhabits both bodies, and is hereafter known as Urlik the Twain.

C.Y. 327: Plague ravages the principality of Tringarde, afflicting conquerors and conquered alike. The first recorded manifestations of Caidian occur during this time, and the god begins to develop a following substantial enough that members of the order are suppressed by the Tallens.

C.Y. 344 (Ponteous 16-Fabian 26): A vicious internal power struggle takes place among the members of the *purgatio*. *Arx Validus* changes hands no less than three times.

C.Y. 347 (Delaeni 33): Ilnazzer meets with Jordan Stormfather and Urlik the Twain. Nothing of great importance transpires at this meeting, but it is the last recorded event at which Ilnazzer's presence can be confirmed. His ultimate fate is unknown. Later attempts to locate the site of his Drantil retreat are unsuccessful.

A boy named Ancel is mentioned as being present at this meeting. Though no direct connection is ever proven, many believe him to be Ancel Windrider, a magus who appears in later Tringardi histories.

C.Y. 363-65: Members of the first generation of new magi, led by Urlik the Twain, at last become powerful enough to resist the magic of Abalion. Though they are few in number, their assistance is sufficient to drive the Tallen conquerors out of Aridane.

C.Y. 375 (Fabian 35): Seven high-ranking members of the *purgatio* are discovered consorting with Tringardi-born priestesses at the temple of Aeshandra. Enraged, other members of the faction burn the temple to the ground, slaying all who attempt to flee the

blaze. This disaster does not wipe out the local Aeshandrans however, as several key priestesses are not within the temple when it is set ablaze. The survivors secretly kindle small sacred fires from the inferno of the old temple, and keep the order alive in concealed shrines scattered throughout the city.

C.Y. 376 (Spring): The gardens of the ruined Temple of Aeshandra spring into bloom, aided partly by the prayers of the remaining priestesses. Within a few weeks it becomes known that servants of Aeshandra can be found within the maze-like gardens, though the area is always deserted whenever soldiers or radical members of the *purgatio* seek to expel them. The maze becomes known as “The Garden of Ease” among those who frequent it.

C.Y. 377 (Fabian 3): After 73 years of research, Dalior rediscovers the secrets of elven magic. Like Ilmazter, he trains many disciples of diverse origin.

C.Y. 384: The tribes of Aridane are united under King Theobald the Grim. War with the remaining Tallen-controlled lands to the south begins in earnest.

C.Y. 385 (Aeshandra 22): Urlik the Twain departs from the court of King Theobald. They spend the next several years wandering the world in search of components for a mystic weapon to combat the magic of Abalion’s priests in the city of Tringarde.

C.Y. 388 (Tasman 21): Ancel Windrider completes the book *Seals and Wardings*.

C.Y. 397 (Caidian 20): Lucius Vulpes (Lucius the Fox), an influential priest of Abalion, becomes the foremost member of the *purgatio*. He leads the faction to new heights of political power, aided partly by his own forceful personality and partly by fear of the unknown magical powers which continue to hold the Tallen legions at bay after more than twenty years of bitter struggle. Lucius assumes control of *Arx Validus*.

C.Y. 401 (Ponteous 35): One of Urlik returns to King Theobald’s court, where he establishes a new laboratory and forge. He begins work on a large gemstone, which he intends to use as a mystic focus.

C.Y. 401 (Tasman 11): Urlik seeks out Jordan Stormfather, and persuades him to assist King Theobald’s upcoming campaign in Tringarde.

C.Y. 401 (Deloco 3): Urlik seeks out Drummond Herefast, and persuades him to assist King Theobald’s upcoming campaign in Tringarde.

C.Y. 402 (Fabian 14): Emperor J’Lacha XI dies, setting off a chain of events which leads to the fall of the Tallen Empire.

C.Y. 403 (Delaeni 29): Nalin gathers his key followers and begins to unveil a long-range plan. Before he can reveal key details, however, priests of Vrrarda attack. Nalin is destroyed in a great fiery explosion, and all others present are slain with the exception of a young boy. He later informs the remainder of Nalin’s followers, who join together to continue his evil aims. Their descendants and apprentices later become known as the Nalinquar.

C.Y. 403 (Rhondelain 20) News of J’Lacha XI’s death reaches the city of Tringarde. Sensing opportunities for power and influence in their native land, Lucius Vulpes and several other key priests of Abalion abandon the city to return home. *Arx Validus* is left virtually unguarded, with only a token staff of servants to maintain it.

C.Y. 403 (Ponteous 8): At nightfall, Jordan Stormfather summons a mighty thunderstorm over the Tallen-controlled city of Tringarde. Lightning called from this storm is directed into a giant enchanted diamond held by Urlik. Urlik uses the gem to transform the lightning into raw magical energy, which is channeled to Drummond Herefast. Drummond, in turn, sends bolts of mystic energy to destroy strategic points in the city. The combined efforts of all three men are required to keep the process under control. Many breaches are made in the wall, through which the armies of King Theobald storm to conquer the city. Tharen, one of Theobald’s favored chieftains, is slain in the battle.

Unknown to the other two magi, Drummond is aware of the departure of Abalion’s priests. Acting against the original battle plan, Drummond spares the temple of Abalion so that he may study it later.

C.Y. 403 (Ponteous 12): Urlik’s gem, which continues to glow with blinding light, is deemed too dangerous for future use in King Theobald’s campaign. Urlik magically erects a tower of stone at the height of Tilby Falls, and ensconces the gem there as a beacon. The inhabitants take to calling it the “Star-Gem,” and it becomes a symbol of Theobald’s liberating forces throughout the region. The conquered land of Tringarde is declared a territory under Aridan rule.

C.Y. 403 (Ponteous 15): Drummond Herefast and Jordan Stormfather begin an in-depth examination of the temple of Abalion in Tringarde. Urlik disapproves, claiming that its secrets should remain unknown.

C.Y. 403 (Ponteous 24, Festival of Lights): Amid the holiday celebrations, several religious orders formerly suppressed by the Tallens are officially recognized by Theobald the Grim and granted permission to establish temples within the city of Tringarde.

Several of the clerical hierarchies have hitherto existed in secret within the city, notably those of Aeshandra and Caidian. The “Garden of Ease” and a long-concealed Caidianite hostel are quickly converted into public houses of worship, and plans begin for their improvement and expansion.

Other religious orders are established or re-established by priests who arrived with the conquering Ariadans, including devotees of Tasman, Ponteous, and Uriah. All three orders begin looking for likely temple sites, taking particular interest in existing Tallen religious sites (the Tasmanites), administrative buildings (Ponteanes), and undeveloped areas outside the existing city walls (Uriahns). Lorellite missionaries also petition Theobald at the festival, and receive permission to convert the local shrine of the Tallen water god Ishnix into a temple of Lorelli.

C.Y. 403 (Ponteous 28): Drummond Herefast discovers a reference to *Arx Validus*. Later that evening, he conducts assorted divinations to locate the stronghold and determine the current strength of its defenses. He keeps this information from Jordan and Urlik.

C.Y. 403 (Caidian 15): Jordan Stormfather and one of Urlik depart from Tringarde with King Theobald.

C.Y. 403 (Caidian 31): Urlik the Twain and Drummond Herefast quarrel over the fate of the Temple of Abalion in Tringarde. Urlik demands that its secrets be destroyed, to which Drummond violently objects. Late that night, Drummond departs from

the city in secret, taking several key texts and artifacts from the temple with him.

Wishing to disappear as quickly as possible, Drummond flees to *Arx Validus*. There he quickly overwhelms the remaining servants and claims the fortress for his own. Using the second sub-level of the temple as a starting point, he carves out living and study quarters deep within the earth where he knows Urlik and Jordan will be unable to scry him. He sets up token magical defenses, then settles in for several months of research.

C.Y. 403 (Caidian 33): Jordan Stormfather learns of Drummond's departure. Enraged at Urlik, Jordan rides a furious storm back to the city of Tringarde. Upon his arrival, he seals the temple with powerful wards to prevent Urlik from destroying it. After this incident, Jordan continues to assist King Theobald, but refuses to meet with Urlik for several months.

C.Y. 403 (Uriah 33, Harvestide): Having regained much of the Tringardi territory, King Theobald the Grim hosts a great celebration for the Harvest festival. A general mood of goodwill and high expectations for the coming year prevails. In the midst of this, Urlik the Twain and Jordan Stormfather finally begin speaking to each other again.

C.Y. 404 (Delaeni 21): After several successes in his research, Drummond Herefast departs *Arx Validus*. Before leaving, he stocks the temple with supplies in case he should ever need to use it as a bolt-hole again.

C.Y. 405 (Rhondelain 27): The last of the Tallen outposts in Tringarde is defeated by King Theobald. His life's work complete, Theobald returns to the city of Aridane, and entrusts the rule of Tringarde to his son Gyffard. The rule of Tringarde by the eldest son of the king of Aridane later becomes traditional.

C.Y. 405 (Tasman 24): *Sedes DuLorn* is founded in Tringarde by Urlik the Twain and Jordan Stormfather. It is established on the grounds of the old Temple of Abalion. The great magi compromise on the temple's fate: The upper temple is destroyed, but the lower temple is preserved for posterity. Jordan seals the entrances to the lower temple, ensuring that they can only be opened by himself or the current Abbod of the new temple.

C.Y. 405 (Uriah 12): Urlik the Twain begins work on an elaborate gearsworks beneath Tilby cliffs.

C.Y. 406 (Delaeni 3): The construction of Tharenhold begins in Tringarde.

C.Y. 409 (Tasman 8): Original construction of Tharenhold is completed.

C.Y. 411 (Fabian 17): Urlik completes the Gearsworks of Tilby cliffs. One of its many functions is to power an elaborate winch system, which for the first time enables river travel from Aridane to the sea. Established trade routes are linked, and commerce flourishes for the next several decades.

C.Y. 412 (Tasman 24): Jordan Stormfather experiences a prophetic vision which predicts a great civil war in Rillia 80 years in the future. Troubled for the well-being of his homeland, he begins to devise a long-term plan to thwart the conflict.

C.Y. 415 (DeLoco 24): Jordan Stormfather is appointed King's Magus in Rillia. He will serve three generations of Rillian kings in this capacity.

C.Y. 423 (Skerta 12): Birth of Clavius Noblin (Clavius the Impotent).

C.Y. 429 (Uriah 6): Birth of Cardell.

C.Y. 436 (Skerta 12): Clavius Noblin begins training as a magus. His teacher is a member of the House of Stormfather.

C.Y. 443 (Caidian 28): Cardell is apprenticed as a magus, training under the House of Gambel Lenviset. He develops strange and complicated theories which frustrate his master.

C.Y. 469 (Fabian 12): Clavius the Impotent becomes king of Rillia.

C.Y. 471 (Rhondelain 31): Cardell reconstructs the basic principles of alchemy and begins brewing the first potions of the Common Age. His work generates much excitement and attracts students from all nine schools of magic (including the Nalinquar).

C.Y. 485 (Rhondelain 36): Clavius the Impotent creates an advisory council known as the Concilium, composed of one representative from each of the eight Houses of magic which are currently recognized: Stormfather, Urlik, Gambel, Herefast, Thane, Dalior, Gildane, and Wefan.

C.Y. 486 (Caidian 23): Cardell begins work on *The Lost Science of Alchemy*.

C.Y. 490 (Rhondelain 36): Clavius defies Rillian tradition by decreeing that the Concilium shall rule the kingdom after his death, choosing one of their number as Primus to rule in place of the king. Much unrest ensues among the nobility of Rillia.

C.Y. 492 (Ponteous 4): Cardell completes *The Lost Science of Alchemy*.

C.Y. 492 (Tasman 24): Death of Clavius the Impotent.

C.Y. 492 (Tasman 25-32): Three Rillian noble factions rise in open revolt of the Concilium. The rebels are unprepared to deal with the vast number of noble and elvish supporters who have been cultivated by Jordan Stormfather for three generations, and the uprising is utterly crushed within seven days.

C.Y. 492 (Tasman 36): The Concilium is formally declared supreme ruling body of Rillia on the 200th anniversary of Ilnazzer's re-discovery of High Lornish. Jordan Stormfather is elected the first Primus of the Concilium. Ancel Windrider takes his place in the Stormfather chair.

C.Y. 493 (Delaeni 20): The Concilium establishes a large subsidiary governing body known as the Curia to handle the day-to-day administration of Rillia. Unlike the Concilium, membership in the Curia is not restricted to magi.

C.Y. 497 (Caidian 34): Foundation of *Ældminster* in Port Regis. In future years it will become the foremost Tasmanite temple school in Rillia, attracting many aspirants to the Concilium and the Curia.

C.Y. 500 (Delaeni 1, Day of Rebirth): Jordan Stormfather retires as Primus of the Concilium.

C.Y. 504 (Rhondelain 32): Disappearance of Cardell.

C.Y. 516 (Caidian 18): A small militant religious order calling itself The Sons of Abalion seizes power in Aerron, the capital of the old Tallen Empire. They begin an ambitious plan to re-unite the empire and restore it to its former glory.

C.Y. 521 (Uriah 27): Guillian Ferar is born into a Pontean household in Versic. He is the fourth son.

C.Y. 522 (Delaeni 22): The Sons of Abalion land in the city of Kystfelde, capture its small keep, and begin

to lay siege to Sternhold. King Rogan Emberlyn is trapped within the castle.

C.Y. 522 (Aeshandra 14-32): Erik Thavian, a young Kystfeldan ranger loyal to King Rogan, mounts a secret expedition to explore the caverns which honeycomb the hill beneath Sternhold. He hopes to find a route close enough to the surface that he can tunnel into the castle itself, providing a route for supplies and possible military assistance. His party is beset by confusion, hostile creatures, and near-starvation, but eventually succeeds after 18 hellish days.

C.Y. 522 (Rhondelain 22-30) Erik Thavian guides a military force out of Sternhold, stages a surprise attack against the Sons of Abalion, and recaptures the city of Kystfelde for King Rogan.

C.Y. 524 (Caidian 10): Petrin Ingel is born in Rillia. Historians will later refer to him as "Petrin the Inscrutable" for his unusual theories of magic.

C.Y. 532 (Delaeni 1-Tasman 6): Five magi calling themselves the "Order of the Silver Pentacle" become politically active in Kystfelde. The original members of the order include Jordan Stormfather, Urlik the Twain, Rollin of the Purple Eye (the king's magus), Lorimar Half-Elven (a disciple of Dalior) and Donovan Wayfarer (a learned Gambellite linguist). Their first act is to forcibly put down a succession dispute. Claiming that their research has been hindered by recent power struggles among the nobility, they actively suppress hostilities and force the nomination of a compromise candidate. This power group survives to the present day, protecting the interests of scholars and magi in Kystfelde.

C.Y. 535 (Ponteous 24, The Festival of Lights): Unable to supply him with a proper inheritance, Guilliam Ferar's family persuades him to enter a Pontean monastery. In the years which follow, he chafes under the monastic environment and is considered troublesome by his tutors.

C.Y. 544 (Rhondelain 8): Guilliam Ferar experiences a vision from the god Fabian, which hints at great wealth and renown if he forsakes Ponteanism. He flees his monastery, mischievously tossing an Aeshandran aphrodisiac into the well as he departs.

C.Y. 544 (Tasman 12): Guilliam Ferar is officially converted to Fabianism. His knowledge of the Pontean bureaucratic structure proves useful to his new tutors, and his faith is deemed worthy of the priesthood.

C.Y. 546 (Fabian 24, the Night of Thieves) Guilliam Ferar is ordained as a priest of Fabian.

C.Y. 547 (Skerta 30): Marbodus Galt, a Magus of Thane, completes *Ars Fallacia* (The Art of Deceit).

C.Y. 551 (Rhondelain 8): Petrin Ingel completes *The Metaphysics of Mathematics*.

C.Y. 553 (Ponteous 11): Guilliam Ferar develops an interest in the history of the Fabianite religion, and begins to search for information relating to its origins and practices.

C.Y. 569 (Tasman 5): Jordan Stormfather begins to expand his role in Kystfeldan politics, gradually gaining a widespread influence among the nobility.

C.Y. 571 (Rhondelain 31): A Cardellian chair is added to the Concilium of Rillia.

C.Y. 577 (Deloco 17): Petrin the Inscrutable completes *Ars Geometrica*.

C.Y. 582 (Delaeni 30): One of Urlik the Twain suddenly collapses in the city of Charbonne in Versic. He dies shortly thereafter.

C.Y. 582 (Delaeni 31-36): Jordan Stormfather travels to the city of Charbonne in Versic and recovers the body of Urlik. His final resting place is unknown.

C.Y. 582 (Ponteous 24): Aldred the Changer, a premiere magus of Urlik's school, is inducted into the Order of the Silver Pentacle to replace Urlik.

C.Y. 582 (Skerta 3): Guilliam Ferar, now a powerful and highly-respected priest of Fabian, is persuaded by his order to set down his knowledge of the order and its history. He begins to write *Ars Salto Maleficus* (Art of the Mischievous Dance), a scholarly work detailing many of the beliefs and practices of the faith. The work stresses the trickster aspects of the god, and ridicules baser motives for theft.

C.Y. 585 (Fabian 32): Guilliam Ferar completes *Ars Salto Maleficus*. The book is greeted with mixed opinions from the Masters. Some claim it is divinely inspired, while others ban it from their territories. A few are outraged enough to hire assassins, but Guilliam manages to elude them all. Once the initial uproar dies down, the work gains general acceptance as one of the few legitimate texts of the faith. In the years which follow, Guilliam's philosophical views slowly begin to spread.

C.Y. 586 (Rhondelain 15): Rollin of the Purple Eye defeats a political rival in a duel and vanishes from Kystfelde.

C.Y. 588 (Deloco 30): Guilliam Ferar dies peacefully in his bed.

C.Y. 591 (Skerta 26): Petrin the Inscrutable completes *Geomancy*.

C.Y. 597 (Deloco 35): Birth of Gyrrh, son of Dorak the Eternal and a Maga of Tala.

C.Y. 601 (Tasman 18): Dorak the Eternal visits Jordan Stormfather in Kystfelde. What transpires between them is unknown, but afterward Jordan is never seen again.

C.Y. 622 (Fabian 28): Corwin Vigilo, Stormfather Magus of the Concilium, completes his book *Fundamental Principles of Lornish and the Elder Way*.

C.Y. 623 (Fabian 30): Donovan Wayfarer vanishes from Kystfelde.

C.Y. 634 (Caidian 5): Birth of Aevaril Soulharper.

C.Y. 655: Candrian Conquest of Aridane and Tringarde. Duke Anton of Candria becomes king.

C.Y. 656 (Skerta 36, Ashendus): Birth of Galiena Morslin. Galiena is raised in a Necrotian temple, and will ultimately become Galiena Doomsayer, a priestess of legendary powers.

C.Y. 675 (Rhondelain 36): Birth of Louis Delvois (Grand-Père Louis).

C.Y. 676 (Rhondelain 10): Death of Anton I. By Candrian custom, his personal lands pass to his eldest son, and his conquered lands go to younger sons. His eldest son, Richard, becomes duke of Candria. His second son, Adrian, becomes king of Aridane.

C.Y. 680 (Rhondelain 25) Birth of Richard, favorite bastard son of Anton, third son of Anton the Conqueror.

C.Y. 689 (Caidian 12): Death of Adrian I. The king leaves no children to succeed him. Anton, the conqueror's third son, becomes king of Aridane.

C.Y. 691 (Ponteous 29): Birth of Randal DuLoi.

C.Y. 697 (Fabian 17): Birth of Louis Delvois II (Père Louis).

C.Y. 698 (Rhondelain 19): Birth of Edward Robinet.

C.Y. 698 (Tasman 22): Dalior proposes that a community of Ælendi scholars be established in the Forest of Aldwood near Tringarde. He envisions a center of learning secluded enough for the comfort of Ælendi outside Rillia, but close enough to the City of Tringarde to promote interaction with *Sedes DuLorn*. The idea meets with mixed reactions, but enough of his followers favor the project to make it possible.

C.Y. 698 (Uriah 33): Dalior dispatches the Ælendi hunter Garik to Aldwood in search of a site for his proposed scholar's community.

C.Y. 699 (Aeshandra 10-17): Garik and a party of Ælendi hunters scout and map a remote forested region where the Russex River plummets from Tilby Cliffs. The area he selects will become the future site of Elaira.

C.Y. 699 (Caidian 18): Birth of Gedes Delvois.

C.Y. 702 (Delaeni 1, Day of Rebirth): Ælendi colonists led by Simisar Baelvarin establish the city of Elaira in the forest of Aldwood. Also in his party are Tialia, a talented maga trained by Dalior; and Shari, a powerful priestess of Delaeni. Simisar and Tialia become lovers shortly after their arrival.

C.Y. 702 (Deloco 32): Birth of Guigemar Delvois.

C.Y. 704 (Caidian 17): Mary, daughter of King Anton II, is married to Emperor Ragnar V of Pavia. It is the emperor's second marriage, but like his first, it is destined to be childless.

C.Y. 706 (Fabian 5): Birth of Thurgis Nod.

C.Y. 709 (Caidian 23): The Baron of Willowby allows a group of K'lith priests to establish a small shrine on the banks of the Ramblerun.

C.Y. 710 (Tasman 24): King Anton II delays the final skirmish of the Battle of the Sable Plain until this day, in order to fight on a High Lawday. The battle is won, but at a great price. In the heat of the battle, Prince Adrian, the king's only son, leads a large group of younger nobles in a daring but ill-calculated charge, and all are slain. In retaliation, Anton slaughters the remaining defenders without mercy.

C.Y. 711 (Skerta 1): Birth of Hubert Ross. His mother dies in childbirth, and his father never returns from the crusade. Young Hubert is sent to live with a distant cousin, a warrior adventurer named Berold.

C.Y. 712 (Tasman 33): Richard, a bastard son of Anton II, is created first earl of Penhurst.

C.Y. 716 (Aeshandra 24): Disciple of Law Gerbod DuLoi becomes Keeper of the monastery of Nordbury.

C.Y. 716 (Caidian 19): Death of Ragnar V.

C.Y. 716 (Tasman 32): King Anton II recalls the Empress Mary to Aridane against her will, and in spite of appeals from several princes of the Pavian Empire.

C.Y. 717 (Delaeni 1, The Day of Rebirth): Anton II summons his vassals and persuades them to swear fealty to his daughter Mary, Empress of Pavia.

C.Y. 717 (Ponteous 5): King Anton II regains an alliance with Rançon by marrying his daughter Mary to Raymond Cortené, the fourteen-year-old son of Count Baldwin. Shortly thereafter, Count Baldwin invests his son with the county title, and departs for the holy land.

C.Y. 717 (Uriah 17): Marriage of Louis Delvois II (Père Louis) to Marie.

C.Y. 717 (Skerta 29): Death of Anton "Fidelis," son of duke Richard of Candria.

C.Y. 718 (Aeshandra 2): Birth of Richard Pickett.

C.Y. 718 (Caidian 23): Birth of Louis Delvois III ("Louis Foucon").

C.Y. 718 (Uriah 19): Lorimar Half-Elven is killed by an explosion in his research laboratory. A few magi (notably Dalior) suspect foul play, but nothing is ever proven.

C.Y. 719 (Rhondelain 6): Birth of Alexander Morwin.

C.Y. 719 (Caidian 12): Gerbod Lawkeeper is appointed prefect of Corchester, and is promoted by his order to the title of Speaker of Law.

C.Y. 719 (Tasman 22): Birth of Bernard Langley.

C.Y. 719 (Uriah 12): Birth of Étienne Delvois.

C.Y. 720 (Fabian 36): Birth of Randal DuLoi the Younger.

C.Y. 721 (Aeshandra 13): Tialia grows distant from Simisar Baelvarin. She continues to claim affection for him, but avoids his company. She is depressed by her inability to bear children with him.

C.Y. 721 (Ponteous 24, The Festival of Lights): At a gathering of his holiday court, King Anton II again compels his Barons to swear oaths to his daughter Mary. Uneasiness grows among the Barons, for Raymond Cortené is unpopular among many of them.

C.Y. 721 (Deloco 25): Baldwin of Rançon is crowned Baldwin V, king of D'arialaam.

C.Y. 721 (Fabian 27): Birth of Honorée Delvois.

C.Y. 722 (Fabian 4): Birth of Hervé Delvois.

C.Y. 722 (Fabian 7): Death of Marie Delvois.

C.Y. 723 (Delaeni 14): Birth of Nigel Hardwyn.

C.Y. 723 (Aeshandra 9, the Grand Loving): Marriage of Louis Delvois II (Père Louis) to Blanche.

C.Y. 723 (Aeshandra 30): Godwin Reade, a human priest of Delaeni, visits the city of Elaira for the first time. He is drawn to the community by a desire to study with Shari, the city's priestess. Upon arrival, however, he becomes smitten with Tialia. Her desire for him is also strong, but she suppresses it for fear of hurting Simisar. Godwin departs a few days later, but arranges to visit again soon.

C.Y. 723 (Caidian 24): Birth of Anton Cortené.

C.Y. 723 (Uriah 9, the Offering of Justice): At his holiday court for the Offering of Justice, King Anton II extracts a third oath from his barons to recognize his daughter Mary as heir to the Aridan throne should he die without a male heir.

C.Y. 723 (Fabian 2): Death of Richard, duke of Candria.

C.Y. 724 (Aeshandra 8): Godwin Reade takes up residence in the acolyte's quarters of Elaira to study full-time with Shari. He makes no overt advance toward Tialia, but his constant presence feeds their mutual desire.

C.Y. 724 (Caidian 8): Birth of Wiscard Delvois.

C.Y. 724 (Ponteous 29): Birth of Raymond Cortené the Younger.

C.Y. 724 (Deloco 19, Ashendawn): Galiena Morslin is granted the death-sight, a supernatural ability to predict the time and manner of a creature's death. She is hereafter known as Galiena Doomsayer.

C.Y. 725 (Aeshandra 35): Birth of Daniel Owen.

C.Y. 725 (Rhondelain 9): A wandering spirit which feeds on strong emotions comes to Elaira. Its presence magnifies the already-strong passions of the city's inhabitants, creating extremes of joy, depression, fear and desire. In particular, it enhances the tension between Simisar Baelvarin, Tialia and Godwin Reade, and ultimately brings the "Dark Brooding" upon many of Elaira's inhabitants.

C.Y. 725 (Ponteous 11): Birth of Edric Hortun.

C.Y. 725 (Fabian 24, The Night of Thieves): Unable to bear her desolation and inability to bear a child any longer, Tialia succumbs to her long-smoldering desire for Godwin Reade. The two become passionate lovers, much to the distress of Simisar Baelvarin.

C.Y. 725 (Skerta 2): Death of Anton II. Randal DuLoi rushes to Aridane, and is crowned king before an assembly of prominent barons. The Empress Mary protests her own claim shortly thereafter, but has no strong male supporters. Numerous explanations are put forward to discredit the oaths sworn in 717, 721, and 723.

C.Y. 725 (Skerta 18): Consumed by jealousy, Simisar Baelvarin flies into a rage and threatens the life of Godwin Reade.

C.Y. 725 (Skerta 24): At Tialia's insistence, Godwin Reade flees Elaira. He takes refuge in a Silvestri enclave in the Forest of Aldwood.

C.Y. 726 (Delaeni 24): Death of Beatrix DuRhos, mother of Randal DuLoi.

C.Y. 726 (Ponteous 24, The Festival of Lights): King Randal DuLoi, at the prompting of his brother Gerbod Lawspeaker, declares Ponteanism the state religion. Gerbod is made prefect of Corchester, and his religious influence spreads rapidly. Under his guidance the Order of Math begins wide-range persecution of Uriahns in Randal's territory, much of which goes unheeded by the king. The Order is resisted by covert priests of Uriah, who are guided from the Empress' territory by Archprefect Ivo Fidelis in Aldbury.

C.Y. 726 (Caidian 6): Suicide of Caliten the Weaver at Elaira.

C.Y. 726 (Tasman 9): Birth of William Cortené.

C.Y. 726 (Tasman 28): Birth of Ryeti Kerithess at Elaira. He is the son of Tialia and Godwin Reade. His father's identity is concealed from him.

C.Y. 726 (Deloco 22): Birth of Gaspard DuMont.

C.Y. 726 (Deloco 36, The Night of Madness): Tialia of Elaira succumbs to the "Dark Brooding" and commits suicide by drinking poison.

C.Y. 726 (Fabian 33): Simisar Baelvarin of Elaira succumbs to the "Dark Brooding" and commits suicide by leaping from his tree dwelling.

C.Y. 726 (Skerta 2): Elaira abandoned.

C.Y. 727 (Rhondelain 23): Birth of Bennet Lawshield.

C.Y. 727 (Rhondelain 35): Suicide of Malsamar by poison. The empathic forest spirit which has plagued Elaira for two years departs.

C.Y. 727 (Ponteous 21): Richard of Penhurst defects to the Empress Mary and takes up her claim to the throne. Civil war begins.

Among the prominent knights who defect to the Empress are Earl Jonas Carvill, Sir Reginald Hardwyn, and Sir Æthelmær Westmorlin.

Among the commoners who enlist under the com-

mand of Sir Reginald Hardwyn are Berold Ross, Gunter Warlin, and Hubert Ross, all of whom serve as medium infantry.

C.Y. 727 (Caidian 3): Birth of Colette DuVivian.

C.Y. 727 (Caidian 32): Birth of Turbert Rennick.

C.Y. 727 (Fabian 11): Bernard Langley's mother is killed as a result of a drunken escapade by soldiers of Randal DuLoi. His father appeals to the king for restitution.

C.Y. 727 (Skerta 5): Birth of Guillardon and Guillaume Delvois.

C.Y. 727 (Skerta 10): Having failed to gain restitution for the death of his wife through his influence at court, Bernard Langley's father defects to the Empress, taking his three sons with him.

C.Y. 727 (Skerta 12): Underworld contacts of Bernard Langley's father brutally murder the soldiers responsible for Lady Langley's death.

C.Y. 727 (Skerta 15): Birth of Dagmar Branden.

C.Y. 728 (Delaeni 21): Construction begins on Castle Willowby, one of many adulterine castles to be raised during Randal's reign. Though the main fortress is constructed primarily of wood, extensive use is also made of natural caverns found below the site. A hidden temple to Uriah is built inside these caverns, which later serves as a center for the god's priests in Harkwood.

C.Y. 728 (Rhondelain 6-Tasman 19): Baron Dafydd Ramsey defects to the Empress, who creates him earl of Suthey. Dafydd's ships choke off access to Highport until he is wooed back to the service of Randal, who grudgingly proclaims him an earl by his own authority. Throughout the war years, Dafydd changes sides often.

C.Y. 728 (Deloco 10): Blanche Delvois is slain by brigands while en route to Charbonne.

C.Y. 728 (Deloco 29): Aevaryl Soulharper becomes Domina of the Hedonite temple of Aeshandra in the City of Aridane.

C.Y. 729 (Delaeni 3): Birth of Lord Robert de Sutton.

C.Y. 730 (Uriah 9, the Offering of Justice): Marriage of Louis Delvois II (Père Louis) to Margo.

C.Y. 730 (Skerta 26): Battle of Peregrine Hill. King Randal underestimates the forces of Earl Malcolm of Stokingham. The king is captured and delivered into the hands of the Empress Mary.

Hubert Ross distinguishes himself at this historic battle, earning a promotion and a decoration for valor. Gunter Warlin, however, is slain at his side during the battle.

C.Y. 731: A deadly plague known as "The Withering" ravages the kingdom of Pavia.

C.Y. 731 (Rhondelain 4-Ponteous 21): The Empress Mary enters the city of Aridane in triumph, and it seems her future as queen is assured. Even the king's brother, Gerbod Lawspeaker, comes to terms with her. Her behavior toward the citizens of the town is so condescending, however, that the people side with Randal's wife and drive Mary out of the city shortly before her coronation. The Empress flees to Levingham.

C.Y. 731 (Tasman 16): Forces of King Randal, acting under the guidance of his wife the Queen, capture Richard of Penhurst. Shortly thereafter he is exchanged for the king. Gerbod Lawspeaker again switches sides.

C.Y. 731 (Uriah 34, Harvestide): Birth of Clarissa Delvois.

C.Y. 732 (Caidian 33): Birth of Ella (elder sister of Lupus Dunne) to Martin Clout and his common-law wife Isa.

C.Y. 732 (Fabian 18): Birth of Teresa Robinet.

C.Y. 732 (Fabian 33): Richard of Penhurst returns to Aridane with nine-year-old Anton Cortené. The hazards of bringing the Rançon heir across the mountains into hostile territory are justified by the need for a new figurehead to replace the discredited Empress.

C.Y. 733 (Delaeni 4): Birth of Carl Deerhurst.

C.Y. 733 (Delaeni 14): Nigel Hardwyn is fostered to Richard of Penhurst. This brings him into occasional contact with the young Anton Cortené, and the two become good friends. Nigel begins military training.

C.Y. 733 (Aeshandra 24): Birth of Henri Delvois.

C.Y. 733 (Rhondelain 17): Birth of Lanelle Hanby. Her mother dies in childbirth.

C.Y. 733 (Rhondelain 24): Birth of Dana, crippled elder sister of Charis Quickhand.

C.Y. 733 (Tasman 8): Death of Baldwin V, king of D'arialaam.

C.Y. 733 (Tasman 30): Birth of Simon Pynchurst.

C.Y. 733 (Fabian 8): Edric Hortun's father dies after a brief illness.

C.Y. 733 (Skerta 3): Marriage of William Hartley to Lady Elena Ramsey.

C.Y. 733 (Skerta 33): Birth of Nethra Half-Elven.

C.Y. 734 (Aeshandra 15): Birth of Prachett Sweet.

C.Y. 734 (Caidian 17): Death of Jonas Carvill, earl of Merrick. He is succeeded by his son Dominic.

C.Y. 734 (Tasman 5): Birth of Lupus Dunne.

C.Y. 734 (Uriah 12): Birth of William Hartley the Younger.

C.Y. 734 (Uriah 15): Birth of Simon Robinet.

C.Y. 734 (Uriah 36): Richard Pickett enters the service of Richard of Penhurst as a heavy cavalryman.

C.Y. 734 (Fabian 29): Birth of Eleanor Mabon.

C.Y. 735 (Rhondelain 18): Birth of Gilamor Deerhurst.

C.Y. 735 (Rhondelain 28): Birth of Gervase Delvois.

C.Y. 735 (Ponteous 2): The family of Robert de Sutton is forced to leave the city of Aridane by political rivals. They retire to their estates in the midlands.

C.Y. 735 (Ponteous 3): Birth of Talbot Bains.

C.Y. 735 (Ponteous 7): Lanelle Hanby's father is killed in the wilds. She is sent to live with her grandfather.

C.Y. 735 (Tasman 22): Birth of Shana Hartley.

C.Y. 735 (Uriah 5): Birth of Anton Robinet.

C.Y. 735 (Fabian 2): Birth of Charis Quickhand. A Fabianite priest named Viktor Silvertongue is present, and prophesies that the child will be blessed should she choose to serve Fabian.

C.Y. 735 (Skerta 2): Lord Bernard Langley enters the service of the empress as a heavy cavalryman, with the initial rank of sergeant. He participates in numerous skirmishes in the coming year.

C.Y. 735 (Skerta 31): Birth of Basilia Suinford.

C.Y. 736 (Delaeni 5): Hubert Ross is transferred to light cavalry.

C.Y. 736 (Delaeni 24): Birth of Mirod DuLorn.

C.Y. 736 (Aeshandra 9, the Grand Loving): Marriage of Louis Delvois III (Louis "Foucon").

C.Y. 736 (Rhondelain 28): Birth of Mytch Albrecht.

C.Y. 736 (Caidian 30): Birth of Adrian Deerhurst.

C.Y. 736 (Caidian 34): Birth of Turstan of Kröen.

C.Y. 736 (Caidian 36): Death of Dafydd, earl of Suthey. His son Charles is invested with his title.

C.Y. 736 (Tasman 6): Birth of Russ Hodges.

C.Y. 736 (Tasman 9): Death of Hawis Kimbel, birth of Angharad Mabon. In later years, the people of Glanville-by-the-Sea will consider these two events linked.

C.Y. 736 (Uriah 7): Dagmar Branden and Sybil begin training as Brandonite priestesses. The two develop a close bond.

C.Y. 736 (Uriah 12): Seven-year-old Robert de Sutton is betrothed to the daughter of a minor baron in a political alliance.

C.Y. 736 (Deloco 24): Birth of Robert Hartley.

C.Y. 736 (Skerta 17): Birth of Thia, younger sister of Charis Quickhand.

C.Y. 737 (Aeshandra 9, the Grand Loving): Marriage of Honorée Delvois.

C.Y. 737 (Rhondelain 16): Birth of Martin, younger brother of Lupus Dunne.

C.Y. 737 (Uriah 4): A minor skirmish takes place between forces of the king and the empress. Hubert Ross is captured by a Pontean baron and imprisoned. The conditions of his prison are extremely foul, and he seeks refuge in prayer to Caidian. He uses the minor skills he learned in the military to aid his fellow prisoners, and gains a reputation among them as a healer.

C.Y. 737 (Uriah 33, Harvestide): Morin Cobbler marries Jath Sijornasdotter.

C.Y. 737 (Deloco 36, The Night of Madness): Death of Richard of Penhurst.

C.Y. 737 (Skerta 19): A bitter schism begins within the Uriahn faith. Rival factions form in Versic and Pavia.

C.Y. 737 (Skerta 24): The Company of the Red Blade is caught up in a peasants' rebellion in Versic. They ultimately side with the rebels, but are forced to flee when heavy reinforcements arrive. Luckily, their participation is not discovered by the enemy.

C.Y. 738 (Delaeni 27): Birth of James Hartley.

C.Y. 738 (Aeshandra 15): Nigel Hardwyn becomes a heavy cavalryman in the Empress' army, and begins to rise quickly through the ranks. Nigel meets Richard Pickett and Bernard Langley.

C.Y. 738 (Caidian 29): Birth of Louis Delvois IV (Louis "Cadet").

C.Y. 738 (Tasman 5): Lady Adela Warren, wife of Baron Edward Robinet, dies shortly after giving birth to their fourth child, Godith.

C.Y. 738 (Tasman 20-32): Forces of the king and empress clash in a major battle. The empress' forces are victorious, but losses are high on both sides. Bernard Langley and Nigel Hardwyn are both present.

C.Y. 738 (Tasman 27): Nigel Hardwyn is promoted in the field when the commander of his unit is slain in a skirmish.

C.Y. 738 (Tasman 30): Birth of Ypres Deerhurst.

C.Y. 738 (Uriah 31): Richard Pickett swears fealty to Nigel Hardwyn.

C.Y. 738 (Fabian 10): Lord Bernard Langley is promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.

C.Y. 738 (Skerta 27): Empress Mary retires to Versic, giving over the struggle for the Aridan throne

to her son Anton Cortené. Baronial support for Anton begins to build early in the following year. Barons loyal to Randal continue to support him, but refuse to act against Anton in any way. Non-aggression pacts are signed between several Barons on opposing sides of the conflict in an attempt to restrain fighting.

C.Y. 739 (Delaeni 5): The Company of the Red Blade enters the employ of a Versi territorial noble.

C.Y. 739 (Delaeni 9): Baron Edward Robinet marries Lady Mahault Grigsby, sealing an alliance between their houses.

C.Y. 739 (Uriah 24): Birth of Cedric "Corténé," bastard son of Anton Cortené. Cedric is officially recognized, and will rise to prominence during Anton's future reign.

C.Y. 739 (Deloco 8): Hubert Ross' continual prayers to the god Caidian are answered at last. He is granted the powers of a priest to assist him in healing his fellow prisoners.

C.Y. 739 (Fabian 5): Birth of Collin Robinet.

C.Y. 739 (Skerta 32): A silver chalice is smuggled to Hubert Ross by a sympathetic guard. Hubert's healing powers begin to grow until all illness is driven from his prison.

C.Y. 740 (Delaeni 1, Day of Rebirth): Raymond Cortené officially gives over the Duchy of Candria to his son Anton and invests him with the ducal title.

C.Y. 740 (Delaeni 23): A flash flood engulfs the encampment of Martin Clout's unit. Lupus Dunne's mother Isa is one of eight victims drowned.

C.Y. 740 (Aeshandra 14): Nigel Hardwyn leaves the heavy cavalry to pursue full-time training as a ranger.

C.Y. 740 (Tasman 29): Lord Bernard Langley's unit is ambushed by a superior force. The attackers are defeated, however, as a result of Bernard's heroism. He is promoted to First Lieutenant as a result of this encounter.

C.Y. 740 (Fabian 5): Lady Elena Ramsey has a miscarriage. Her husband ceases to visit her bedchamber by mutual consent.

C.Y. 741: Pavia endures a second outbreak of the Withering Plague.

C.Y. 741 (Delaeni 4): The Company of the Red Blade enters the service of Anton Cortené. Their contract will ultimately be renewed each year until Anton's rights to the Aridan throne are secured.

C.Y. 741 (Aeshandra 27): Anton Cortené's plans to attack Aridane are delayed by the sudden death of his father Raymond. Anton journeys to Rançon to take possession of his inheritance and assure himself of the fidelity of his vassals.

C.Y. 741 (Rhondelain 2-Caidian 17): Three rangers loyal to Anton Cortené establish a secret route through the mountains (which Anton will later use in 742), and conduct several scouting missions into Aridane while Anton is delayed in Candria. The party consists of Sir Æthelmær Westmorlin, Hervé Delvois and Nigel Hardwyn.

C.Y. 741 (Rhondelain 5): Death of Randal I, count of Rhos and father of king Randal DuLoi. His eldest son Giles, the king's brother, becomes count of Rhos.

C.Y. 741 (Rhondelain 13): Birth of Richard "Broadsword," illegitimate son of Anton Cortené. Like his half-brother Cedric, Richard is officially acknowledged by his father.

C.Y. 741 (Ponteous 24, The Festival of Lights): Birth of Alice Robinet.

C.Y. 741 (Caidian 24): Septimus Stout is elected to the Stormfather chair of the Concilium.

C.Y. 742 (Delaeni 3): Edric Hortun enlists in the military. He is assigned to a unit of peasant archers, part of a larger force under the command of Lord Jevan of Hollingsgate.

C.Y. 742 (Rhondelain 9): Marriage of Duke Anton Cortené to Margaret of Chartraille. The ceremony is a political coup for both parties, but creates hostility between Anton and the king of Versic, Margaret's former husband. Anton's brother Raymond is also enraged, as he had fancied Margaret as a match for himself.

C.Y. 742 (Rhondelain 18): Forces of Duke Anton Cortené clash with Raymond's army. Though outnumbered, they manage to rout the enemy thanks to the cleverness of Lord Nigel Hardwyn.

C.Y. 742 (Deloco 28-Fabian 5): Duke Anton Cortené makes a dangerous winter mountain crossing into Aridane with a mercenary force. He travels by the newly-charted "Duke's Pass," evading the armies deployed to waylay him at more common crossings.

Eight-year-old Lupus Dunne is part of this expedition, carrying supplies for his father's unit. During this time, he meets and regularly interacts with Lord Nigel Hardwyn.

C.Y. 742 (Fabian 23-32): Armies of the king and the duke stand off across the flooded waters of the river Chibern at Stanbridge Ford. In spite of the King's desire for a pitched battle, the barons refuse to fight. A temporary truce is declared, and both forces retire. The duke scores a political victory, however, when Frederic Radnor, the earl of Lichden, openly changes sides. His submission in no way guarantees Anton's victory, but it places thirty castles into the young Duke's hands, and opens the way to control of the midlands. In the weeks that follow, Anton leads his armies through these territories, taking control of a few other castles along the way. Most of these surrender with little or no conflict.

Lord Robert de Sutton's father is among the minor barons who go over to the duke at this time.

C.Y. 742 (Skerta 5-11): Bernard Langley participates in a siege against one of the few castles which resist Anton Cortené.

C.Y. 742 (Skerta 25): Dagmar Branden and Sybil take the Brand and become full members of the Company of the Red Blade.

C.Y. 742 (Aeshandra 5): Daniel Owen surprises a group of Randal DuLoi's scouts. He is outnumbered, but is rescued just in time by the arrival of Dagmar Branden. This event is the beginning of a tumultuous love affair between the two, which will endure until Daniel's death in 747.

C.Y. 743 (Aeshandra 32): Lord Bernard Langley is promoted to Captain.

C.Y. 743 (Rhondelain 31): Wiscard Delvois' unit is routed by a small group of soldiers and an illusionist loyal to Randal DuLoi. Reinforcements decimate the small company of attackers, but Wiscard is humiliated by the incident.

C.Y. 743 (Caidian 9): Mirod develops an interest in his mother's astrology books. While this is a fleeting whim, he learns to read and write before it passes.

C.Y. 743 (Tasman 31): Randal the Younger attempts to goad Anton Cortené into pitched battle by rampaging through Glanshire. He leads the Order of Math through the countryside, burning crops and destroying everything in sight. The destruction continues for the next fifteen days.

C.Y. 743 (Tasman 33): A scouting party of the duke is ambushed by knights of Math. The father of Talbot Bains is among the casualties.

C.Y. 743 (Uriah 2): Gilamor Deerhurst's family is slaughtered by the Order of Math, and his village is destroyed. The eight-year-old boy is adopted by Rowland Slowfoot, a priest of Rhondelain.

C.Y. 743 (Uriah 9, the Offering of Justice): In the midst of his rampage through Glanshire, Randal the Younger suddenly dies, struck down by an unknown cause on the Offering of Justice. Clerics of Uriah claim that the cause is divine retribution for the zealous role the king's son played in the destruction of Uriahn temples. A few suspect assistance from Uriah's mortal agents, but relief at the death of the major rival for succession is so great that no one openly questions this. The king's resolve is broken by the death of his son, and mediators begin to make their first real progress.

C.Y. 743 (Uriah 22): Richard, first child of Anton Cortené and Margaret of Chartraille, is born. The news of Anton's heir boosts the already-high morale of his supporters.

C.Y. 743 (Skerta 5): A peace settlement is finalized between Duke Anton and King Randal. Randal will remain king for the rest of his life, but acknowledges the hereditary claims of the duke and names him his successor.

C.Y. 743 (Skerta 14): Death of Malcolm, earl of Stokingham. It is rumored that he was poisoned by a rival, Lord Gunter de Clipsby. The Earldom of Stokingham is allowed to lapse.

C.Y. 744 (Delaeni 4): The village of Glanville-by-the-Sea is destroyed in a catastrophic fire. Angharad Mabon rescues her sister from a burning house, discovering her psychic powers at a moment of crisis.

Despite widespread destruction and a few deaths, the town is rebuilt with the needs of larger ships in mind, and becomes a profitable harbor. Several families, including Fulk Mabon's, become wealthy as a result of these events.

C.Y. 744 (Aeshandra 8): In Rillia, Nethra Half-Elven's forest is destroyed by goblin raiders. His grandfather He'Tra is mortally wounded by one of four Dark Elves who lead the goblins. Nethra avenges his grandfather with a well-placed arrow, and is given He'Tra's sword as a reward for his courage.

C.Y. 744 (Aeshandra 9, the Grand Loving): Marriage of Guillardon Delvois.

C.Y. 744 (Rhondelain 8-11): A Rhondite Wayfaring priest named Brother Alberic is saved from drowning by villagers of Kröen. He is taken to the house of Lothair, where he heals very quickly with the aid of magic. Alberic praises each member of the family, and invokes Rhondelain's blessing upon them. His visit makes a strong impression on the fisherman's young son Turstan.

C.Y. 744 (Caidian 12): Nethra's tribe arrives at the forest of Harkwood in Tringarde.

C.Y. 744 (Fabian 6): Death of King Randal DuLoi.

C.Y. 744 (Fabian 9): Lord Bernard Langley is promoted to Major.

C.Y. 744 (Skerta 21): Anton Cortené and his wife Margaret of Chartraille are crowned king and queen of Aridane by Ivo Fidelis.

Many new appointments and decrees are made as the King begins to restructure the government of Aridane. Earl Frederic of Lichden and Sir Warren Reade are appointed Co-Justiciars, empowered with authority second only to the king himself. Jacob Corby, the favored clerk of Ivo Fidelis, is appointed Chancellor. Worship of Uriah is reinstated as a legal religion, but not the state religion as its adherents had originally hoped. Sir Reginald Hardwyn is appointed Castellan of Radmouth, and his son Nigel is made sheriff of Haleshire.

In keeping with a long-standing Aridan tradition, Anton declares a general amnesty of all criminals. Hubert Ross is one of many prisoners released as a result of this decree.

One of Anton's first acts is to set a time limit for the destruction of the two most obvious symbols of the still-prevailing insecurity. The first of these is the expulsion of the hated Kystfeldan mercenaries hired by Randal in the latter years of his reign. The second is much more drastic: Anton orders the destruction of all adulterine castles built since the reign of his grandfather, and commands all royal castles relinquished to his custody.

The Stalwart Brigade, a military unit comprised of Ponteans, refuses to accept Anton as king. The company goes rogue and continues to make small, harassing raids on Anton's forces. The incident is a political embarrassment to the Pontean faith, which is quick to denounce the brigade's actions. Secretly, many Ponteans place much hope in this unit. The brigade achieves near-mythical status in the next few years, but ultimately fails to fulfill its perceived potential.

C.Y. 745 (Delaeni 5): Edric Hortun's unit is discharged with honors.

C.Y. 745 (Delaeni 8): Martin Clout is offered an honorable discharge but he declines, preferring to remain in the king's service as a soldier. Lupus Dunne and his brother, Martin Clout the Younger, continue to travel with him, supporting his unit by bearing supplies, caring for equipment, and tending horses.

C.Y. 745 (Delaeni 12): Lord Robert de Sutton is apprenticed to Gamaliel.

C.Y. 745 (Delaeni 15): In response to the open defiance of Earl Charles Ramsey, Anton III blockades Coralis and prepares to lay siege to Ennishold. Anton's demonstration of his determination is sufficient to avert conflict, and the Earl prudently (though reluctantly) relinquishes royal properties which had long been in his custody. Ennishold is subsequently rebuilt by Anton at great expense, and is hereafter a bastion of royal authority on the Isle of Suthey.

C.Y. 745 (Delaeni 20): Having heard many reports of the "prison healer," from former cell-mates of Hubert Ross, priests of Caidian seek him out. They are impressed by his remarkable faith, and encourage him to enter the priesthood formally. Hubert is eager to do so, but wishes to be trained in his homeland of Haleshire. He is given letters of recommendation by the local Patron.

C.Y. 745 (Delaeni 22): Wiscard Delvois takes the crusader's oath and departs for the holy land.

C.Y. 745 (Delaeni 27): Receiving news of Anton's victory at Ennishold, Gunter de Clipsby flees Aridane. His enemies claim that he fears retribution for the poisoning of Earl Malcolm of Stokingham. His lands are forfeited to the crown.

C.Y. 745 (Aeshandra 10): Edric Hortun takes a job as a groom at the Trail's End Inn in Hollingsgate.

C.Y. 745 (Aeshandra 15): Birth of Anton DuRoy, second son of Anton III.

C.Y. 745 (Ponteous 4): Lord Nigel Hardwyn discovers signs of a ratman infestation of Haleshire. With the assistance of Daniel Owen and several other Rangers of the Oaken Brotherhood, he begins a campaign to eradicate them.

C.Y. 745 (Ponteous 11-Caidian 23): Suspicions that only enemies and rivals of the king are being singled out for attack are dispelled by the resistance of his partisans. Two long-standing supporters — Dominic Carvill, earl of Merrick, and Richard Noblin, lord of Cuthbury — are indignant at the king's demand, and prepare to resist by force. The Earl is eventually persuaded to comply after his anger cools, but Richard is more stubborn. Anton defeats his castles one by one, and Richard surrenders. His formal submission is received by the king before a full assembly of the archprefects, prefects, earls and barons, summoned to meet at Javinworth on Caidian 23.

C.Y. 745 (Ponteous 17): Lord Dominick Ramsey is apprenticed to Gamaliel, to the horror of many of the king's *familiars*.

C.Y. 745 (Caidian 29): Hubert Ross returns to Haleshire, and seeks out the Patron of a Refuge near Highport. He is welcomed with open arms, and begins formal training as a Caidianite priest.

C.Y. 745 (Tasman 14): Gerbod Lawspeaker, Prefect of Corchester and princely brother of the late king, retires to a remote Pontean enclave in Kystfelde without seeking Anton's leave. His castles are demolished, and a priest of Uriah is chosen to replace him.

With Gerbod's flight from Aridane, Anton's mastery of the Barons is complete. He has successfully enforced his will against leading representatives of each of the three factions which had disputed control of Aridane in the previous reign: Randal's Earl of Suthey, Mary's Earl of Merrick, and the prince-prefect of Corchester. His ascendancy opens the way for his ministers to fearlessly pursue a policy of restoration.

C.Y. 745 (Tasman 25-28): Ten-year-old Shana Hartley accidentally stows away on her father's flagship, the *Star of Coralis*. She is returned to her furious father three days later.

C.Y. 745 (Tasman 31): Several prominent priests of Uriah use their influence at court to arrange an interview between Gamaliel and a commoner named Mace Graymantle, who becomes Gamaliel's third apprentice.

C.Y. 745 (Uriah 22): Nigel Hardwyn and Daniel Owen destroy a ratman lair in Timbervale. Daniel pursues the last surviving ratman into the city's sewers, eventually killing it in single combat. Unknown to him, the battle is observed by Charis Quickhand and her sister Thia.

C.Y. 745 (Fabian 16): Death of Dana, Charis Quickhand's elder sister.

C.Y. 746 (Aeshandra 6): King Anton III issues a decree requiring all legal, ecclesiastical, and guild records to be maintained in a permanent ink consecrated by the clergy of Tasman. Existing records must be transcribed, with the result that good clerks are in high demand for some time.

C.Y. 746 (Aeshandra 15): Fulk Mabon purchases the *Windfall* from Samson Golberth, and becomes an independent trader.

C.Y. 746 (Rhondelain 11): Lanelle Hanby is apprenticed to Ektor Maijlin.

C.Y. 746 (Rhondelain 14): Death of Earl Dominic Carvill. The earldom of Merrick is allowed to lapse.

C.Y. 746 (Ponteous 30): Turstan of Kröen saves the life of Burchard, his father's employer. His father's share in the profits improves from this day forward.

C.Y. 746 (Caidian 35): Birth of Mary DuRoy.

C.Y. 746 (Tasman 14): Death of Edric Hortun's mother.

C.Y. 746 (Uriah 9, the Offering of Justice): Guillaume Delvois is ordained as a priest of Uriah.

C.Y. 746 (Deloco 6): Lord Robert de Sutton mistakes a poisonous plant for a more beneficial one. He is saved by Nigel Hardwyn, who is able to prepare an antidote in short order.

C.Y. 746 (Deloco 8-11): Lord Nigel Hardwyn, acting on the orders of the king, leads a four-day siege against Castle Willowby. The stronghold resists, but is ultimately burned to the ground. Lord Robert de Sutton summons an earthquake with a scroll prepared by Gamaliel, sealing the catacombs below.

C.Y. 746 (Deloco 15): Lord Robert de Sutton departs for Aridane. Before leaving, he swears a solemn oath to aid Nigel Hardwyn if ever he has need of him.

C.Y. 746 (Fabian 3): Death of Richard, three-year-old son of Anton III.

C.Y. 746 (Fabian 20): Gamaliel discovers a latent talent for magic in Sir Lawrence Reynard, one of the king's *familiars*. The king is informed of this potential, and a hasty conference of the three men is convened in secret. They decide to train Sir Lawrence as a magus despite his age. The decision is not made public at this time, but gradually becomes common knowledge among the court.

C.Y. 747 (Delaeni 3): Lupus Dunne enlists in the army of King Anton III. He is trained as medium infantry.

C.Y. 747 (Delaeni 32): By Royal command, a complete reconstruction of Tharenhold is begun. The fortress, formerly of timber, is to be rebuilt in stone.

C.Y. 747 (Ponteous 8): Having recognized his nephew's skill at writing, Dælin Cobbler places Mirod DuLorn in charge of transcribing old records of the Tringarde cobbler's guild.

Elsewhere, Lord Nigel Hardwyn and Daniel Owen pursue and destroy a major nest of ratmen which have fled deep into the wilderness. During the battle, Daniel is seriously wounded by the leader of the ratmen and is infected with Lycanthropy. The pair attempts to reach civilization, but when Daniel can ride no more he begs Nigel to kill him. Nigel is reluctant, but eventually consents, using Daniel's silver dirk. Nigel carries this weapon with him for the rest of his life. Nigel develops a vocation for Caidian in addition to his worship of Delaeni. He vows to achieve sufficient faith to cure lycanthropy.

Dagmar Branden is shattered by Daniel's death, and enters a long period of grief. Having no other outlet for her anger, she directs much of her rage toward Nigel Hardwyn.

C.Y. 747 (Caidian 12): Lord Robert de Sutton is compelled to fulfill the political marriage arranged for him in 736. He opposes the match, considering it a hindrance to his studies with Gamaliel. To his surprise, however, he quickly comes to love his new wife. His career attains a new vitality as a result.

C.Y. 747 (Caidian 16-32): Margot Delvois is visited by Joan d'Associée, one of her former tutors. Joan tests all three of Margot's children, and is particularly impressed with 12-year-old Gervase. She advises Margot to seek admission for her son to Avénhaille.

C.Y. 747 (Deloco 27): Birth of Raymond DuRoy.

C.Y. 747 (Skerta 18): Lord Robert de Sutton is promoted for valor on the Sapphirrian front.

C.Y. 748 (Delaeni 9): Prachett Sweet enlists as a spearman in the Highport militia.

C.Y. 748 (Delaeni 33): Anton Robinet is apprenticed to the swordmaster Thurgis Nod. His family sends him to the city of Aridane and establishes a permanent house for his use there.

C.Y. 748 (Aeshandra 9, The Grand Loving): Teresa Robinet marries Sir Gilbert Doucet.

C.Y. 748 (Rhondelain 10-11): Brother Gaspard of Avénhaille arrives at Delvois manor and tests Gervase. After two days of testing, he deems the boy acceptable for admission.

C.Y. 748 (Rhondelain 14): Hubert Ross takes his final vows as a priest of Caidian. He chooses the way of the Path as his vocation.

C.Y. 748 (Rhondelain 17): One of the wits in Anton's court refers to Gamaliel's apprentices as the "Four Horsemen," a play on the legendary Horsemen of the Apocalypse. The nickname sticks.

C.Y. 748 (Rhondelain 20-24): Feeling the need to fulfill a duty which was cut short during the civil war, Hubert Ross seeks and is granted admission into the household of Sir Reginald Hardwyn.

C.Y. 748 (Rhondelain 28): Gervase Delvois departs for Avénhaille.

C.Y. 748 (Ponteous 8-23): Nigel Hardwyn leads an extensive sweep of the Highport sewer system, assisted by Richard Pickett, Father Hubert Ross, Lord Robert de Sutton, and the Red Blades. The ratmen leader is slain by Nigel himself, using Daniel's dirk. The last remaining ratmen are slaughtered or driven out of the city. The few that survive flee on boats bound for the Isle of Suthey, where they are slain by Mugabe the Awakened and his followers.

C.Y. 748 (Ponteous 24, The Festival of Lights): Lord Nigel Hardwyn is honored by the city of Highport.

Elsewhere, in the city of Tringarde, Bennet Lawshield takes the Oath of Math and is knighted.

C.Y. 748 (Ponteous 29): Lord Bernard Langley leaves the military to enter the direct service of Anton III. He travels as an itinerant justice for the next five years.

C.Y. 748 (Ponteous 31): Death of Giles DuRhos, count of Rhos and Glècy.

C.Y. 748 (Caidian 1-8): Charis Quickhand's sister Thia falls mortally ill. She is cured just in time by the wandering healer Dathanon, and becomes one of his child followers.

C.Y. 748 (Caidian 13): Death of the king's brother, Raymond Cortené the Younger.

C.Y. 748 (Caidian 16): Lanelle Hanby is initiated into the worship of Tasman by Abbod Torold Felton. She is hereafter known as Lanelle DuLorn.

C.Y. 748 (Tasman 30): Construction of Rathhold is completed. This royalist stronghold, located on the northeastern tip of the Isle of Suthey, greatly strengthens the naval influence of King Anton III at the expense of the Ramsey family.

C.Y. 748 (Uriah 2): Birth of Cedric DuRoy.

C.Y. 748 (Deloco 20): Birth of Lord Robert de Sutton's first daughter.

C.Y. 748 (Fabian 28): Lord Robert de Sutton is promoted to captain.

C.Y. 749 (Aeshandra 20): Mirod's family moves to a larger shop in the Tringarde merchant quarter.

C.Y. 749 (Rhondelain 15): Conflict begins between Anton Robinet and his cousin Elstan.

C.Y. 749 (Rhondelain 18): Galiena Doomsayer retires to a remote hermitage in Harkwood.

C.Y. 749 (Rhondelain 24): Ektor Maijlin approaches Dælin Cobbler with a custom order, and notices Mirod.

C.Y. 749 (Ponteous 24, the Festival of Lights): Gervase Delvois takes the vows of a Tasmanite novice.

C.Y. 749 (Ponteous 29): Forces of the king are sent to put down a border dispute between two rival barons. Lupus Dunne is among them. Multiple skirmishes between the two sides ensue over the next seven weeks.

C.Y. 749 (Caidian 4-28): Nethra's tribe begins hunting in Royal Forest areas. The tribe is eventually found by several of the king's rangers. The two sides nearly come to battle, but Sheriff Nigel Hardwyn and one of his men, the half-elf Brandon Calmrider, manage to diffuse the situation. The tribe withdraws to the wilds of Harkwood. Nethra meets Nigel and Brandon for the first time.

C.Y. 749 (Caidian 12-14): Ektor tests Mirod for magical talent, and is impressed with the results. Two days later he returns and takes him as an apprentice. Mirod meets Lanelle DuLorn.

C.Y. 749 (Caidian 17): Edric Hortun becomes a household servant of William Brademor, a horsebreeder who lives in Camford.

C.Y. 749 (Caidian 34): Turstan of Kröen is taken on as a hand by his father's employer, and begins to learn the fishing trade. At first he is afraid of the sea, but he soon finds solace in prayer to Rhondelain.

C.Y. 749 (Tasman 10): Nethra's uncle Reh'Tan reveals to him the truth about his human father. Shortly thereafter, Nethra drifts away from his tribe to learn more about humans, eventually encountering Brandon and Nigel once more.

C.Y. 749 (Tasman 19-24): Sir Lawrence Reynard negotiates a peace settlement between the warring barons. Lupus Dunne senses his abilities as a magus, and is taken into Sir Lawrence's service.

C.Y. 750 (Aeshandra 3): Peter Foxton founds The Menagerie.

C.Y. 750 (Aeshandra 9, The Grand Loving): Eleanor Mabon marries Balduin Du'or.

C.Y. 750 (Aeshandra 11-Tasman 18): Sir Lawrence Reynard learns of Lupus Dunne's aversion to water,

and sends him to a gorlog settlement to overcome his fear. In the months that follow, Lupus learns the gorlog tongue, their codes of honor, and how to swim and fight underwater.

C.Y. 750 (Rhondelain 21): Death of Sir Reginald Hardwyn. Custody of Radmouth passes to his son Nigel. The retainers of Reginald's household, including Father Hubert Ross, willingly declare their allegiance to Nigel.

C.Y. 750 (Rhondelain 33): Nigel Hardwyn petitions the Silvestri of Harkwood, asking for a priest of Delaeni to be assigned to his household. The Silvestri are favorably inclined toward this request, but no suitable candidate is available in Harkwood. Word is sent to surrounding territories in Tringarde, Aridane, and Versic. In the meantime, Nigel persuades two of the Silvestri to assist him in establishing a consecrated grotto within the grounds of Radmouth.

C.Y. 750 (Ponteous 12): The Versic town of Fédôn is destroyed in a great fire. The town is rebuilt, but the event is an economic disaster for the region. Chief among the losses is the destruction of a Tasmanite monastery, where a world-famous wine is vinted. The remaining quantities of wine become highly-sought after by connoisseurs.

C.Y. 750 (Ponteous 27): Nigel Hardwyn's request for a priest of Delaeni reaches the Silvestri of *la Forêt Fier*. Colette DuVivian's father determines that it is high time his daughter experiences the outside world, and instructs her to answer the summons.

C.Y. 750 (Tasman 11): Talbot Bains joins the military against his mother's protestations.

C.Y. 750 (Tasman 21-25): Angharad Mabon leaves Glanville-by-the-Sea to become a ward of Lord Alexander Morwin.

C.Y. 750 (Tasman 29): Mirod is initiated into the worship of Tasman by Abbot Torold Felton. He is hereafter known as Mirod DuLorn.

C.Y. 750 (Uriah 11): Colette DuVivian arrives in Highport, and takes up residence in the sacred grotto at Radmouth.

C.Y. 750 (Uriah 35): Basilia Suinford enters the Highport temple of Aeshandra as an acolyte. Her respectable middle-class family disowns her.

C.Y. 750 (Uriah 24): Turstan of Kröen has a chance meeting with Brother Alberic in a tavern. They spend the evening drinking together and discussing the Rhondite faith. Alberic believes Turstan's faith may be sufficient for the priesthood, and asks him to return to the same inn when next he is in port.

C.Y. 750 (Deloco 32-33): Turstan returns to Kröen and hastens to the inn in search of Brother Alberic. He finds instead a Rhondite Warden named Brother Frederick. They discuss Turstan's desire to be trained as a priest, and eventually seek out his father to gain permission. Turstan departs with Frederick for Ostwald the following day, and his training begins.

C.Y. 750 (Fabian 5): Birth of Lord Robert de Sutton's second daughter.

C.Y. 751 (Rhondelain 22): Death of Ivo Fidelis, Archprefect of Aldbury. His post remains vacant for the rest of the year.

C.Y. 751 (Ponteous 31): Prachett Sweet is promoted to Nigel Hardwyn's personal company.

C.Y. 751 (Caidian 2): Lupus Dunne is among a group of soldiers sent to patrol Harkwook, assisting

Nigel Hardwyn during increased Fangtooth activity. His unit is attacked by a force nearly twice its size. During the battle, Lupus receives a facial wound from an orc (who he promptly slays), leaving him with an impressive scar. Nearly half of the men in Lupus' company are slain in the attack, the rest escape by river, foiling the Fangtooth trackers.

C.Y. 751 (Caidian 17): Shana, Robert and James Hartley are attacked by ratmen on a caravan run to Thorton's Ferry. They are rescued by Mugabe the Awakened and two other K'nath, who vanish into the woods after dispatching the ratmen.

C.Y. 751 (Tasman 17): Birth of Margaret DuRoy.

C.Y. 751 (Tasman 22): Shana Hartley begins her search for the K'nath.

C.Y. 751 (Fabian 6): One of the king's garrisons in north Aridane is seized by the forces of a local baron. Lord Robert de Sutton is dispatched with a small force to deal with the situation. Robert's reputation in the north is so great by this time that the garrison surrenders to avoid facing him in battle.

C.Y. 751 (Skerta 21): The prayers of Gervase Delvois are answered by Tasman. He gains the power of divine magic.

C.Y. 752 (Delaeni 1, the Day of Rebirth): Gervase Delvois is ordained as a priest of Tasman.

C.Y. 752 (Aeshandra 26): Gilamor Deerhurst parts with Rowland Slowfoot to join a peasant uprising in Coxwood.

C.Y. 752 (Rhondelain 10): Two exotic lions bound for Highport are freed by Mugabe the Awakened in Coralis with the assistance of Shana Hartley. Shortly thereafter he begins to teach her the way of K'nath.

C.Y. 752 (Rhondelain 17): Talbot Bains is promoted to Nigel Hardwyn's personal company.

C.Y. 752 (Ponteous 15): Turstan of Kröen leaves Ostwald to travel with Brother Alberic.

C.Y. 752 (Caidian 4): The peasant uprising in Coxwood is quickly suppressed. Gilamor Deerhurst and a few others escape.

C.Y. 752 (Caidian 9): The stone reconstruction of Tharenhold is completed.

C.Y. 752 (Caidian 10): Lanelle DuLorn completes her apprenticeship with Ektor Maijlin, and joins an adventuring company. One of her new companions is a half-Sidhelien swordswoman named Megiel.

C.Y. 752 (Caidian 21): Brother Gervase takes a vow of poverty, renouncing his family name and inheritance.

C.Y. 752 (Caidian 23): Royal chancellor Jacob Corby, former secretary to Ivo Fidelis and a close friend of the king, becomes Archprefect of Aldbury.

Cedric "Cortené" becomes a Uriahn novitiate.

C.Y. 752 (Tasman 24): The newly-rebuilt Tasmanite monastery at Fédôn is consecrated. The monks eagerly begin work on the first new batch of wine vinted since the fire of 750. The wine requires ten years to ferment, and will not be ready until 762.

C.Y. 752 (Uriah 7): Brother Gervase discovers a copy of Petrin the Inscrutable's *Ars Geometrica* in the library of Avénhaille. Later that night, he attempts one of the procedures described in the book. He succeeds, demonstrating a potential for Elder magic.

C.Y. 752 (Uriah 24): Archprefect Jacob Corby receives confirmation of his office from his religious superiors.

C.Y. 752 (Uriah 29): Russ Hodges enlists in the king's army at Highport.

C.Y. 752 (Uriah 30): Archprefect Jacob Corby resigns his post as chancellor, incurring the wrath of the king. No official chancellor is appointed to replace him.

C.Y. 752 (Deloco-Skerta): Heavy Sapphirian activity this winter. The usual skirmishes between Aridane and Sapphiria escalate into a full-scale war.

C.Y. 752 (Deloco 18): Five monks of *Sedes DuLorn* arrive at Avénhaille to offer instruction to Brother Gervase. Abbot Hilarius counsels him to go with them. The young monk agrees, but asks permission to make a copy of *Ars Geometrica* prior to his departure.

C.Y. 752 (Fabian 12): Brother Gervase departs Avénhaille for *Sedes DuLorn*.

C.Y. 752 (Skerta 17): A decisive battle is fought between Aridane and the invading Sapphirians. Gamaliel and the "Four Horsemen" play key roles in repulsing the assault of the ice-witches. Lupus Dunne participates in the battle.

C.Y. 752 (Skerta 24): After a prolonged illness, the young wife of Sir Edgar DuMadoc dies on a High Lawday. The good knight believes (falsely) that this event is a punishment for his failing piety.

C.Y. 753 (Delaeni 26): Sir Edgar DuMadoc begins the renovation of his manorial chapel at Ponteous.

C.Y. 753 (Delaeni 28): Lanelle DuLorn develops a desire to see Rillia, and parts on friendly terms with most of her companions. Megiliel accompanies her.

C.Y. 753 (Aeshandra 9, The Grand Loving): Basilia Suinford is initiated as a priestess of Aeshandra in Highport.

C.Y. 753 (Aeshandra 11): Morgan Farrimond sends a letter to Sir Edgar DuMadoc, proposing a stained-glass representation of the star of Ponteous for his chapel renovation. His offer is accepted.

C.Y. 753 (Aeshandra 30): Lord Bernard Langley becomes sheriff of Tilbyshire.

C.Y. 753 (Rhondelain 29): Lanelle DuLorn enters the service of Septimus Stout. She begins to travel widely, and gradually becomes well-known as one of his emissaries.

C.Y. 753 (Ponteous 9): Emma, wife of Lord Godric de Coudrai, dies giving birth to a stillborn child.

C.Y. 753 (Caidian 10): Brother Gervase masters basic Gambellite spells using the methodology of Petrin the Inscrutable.

C.Y. 753 (Caidian 29): Morgan Farrimond plays upon Sir Edgar DuMadoc's growing depression, and persuades him to try bliss. The knight quickly becomes addicted, and Morgan secretly assumes control of his holdings.

C.Y. 753 (Uriah 21): Desmond Mendelar is crowned the eighteenth King of Kystfelde before a small gathering of nobles.

C.Y. 753 (Tasman 9): On her seventeenth birthday, Angharad Mabon is initiated into the worship of Tasman by Brother Durant Ormesby.

C.Y. 753 (Fabian 13): Lylas, a Sidhelein ranger, discovers the city of Elaira. He and his animal companions take up residence in the abandoned temple of Delaeni and quarters formerly occupied by Shari.

C.Y. 753 (Fabian 28): Basilia Suinford and two of her sisters leave the Highport temple of Aeshandra to

work in a new section of the Menagerie called the "Aviary." Basilia chooses the working name "Swan."

C.Y. 753 (Skerta 18-19): Turstan of Kröen hears the call of Rhondelain. The following morning, Brother Alberic leads him east toward Ostwald.

C.Y. 753 (Skerta 29): Lord Robert de Sutton's wife succumbs to a virulent illness before priests of Caidian can reach her. Robert is several hundred miles away, and does not receive word of her illness until after her death.

C.Y. 753 (Skerta 36, Ashendusk): Grimbald Rye, an ambitious priest of Vrrarda, performs a potent ceremony and divines that Galiena Doomsayer will die in the month before Ashendawn, 755. He begins making preparations to secure her bones.

C.Y. 754 (Delaeni 12-14): A great council is held at the royal hunting lodge of Chaddingham. Concerned with the problem of ecclesiastical crimes, the king demands that the royal prefects sign a list of 20 "customs and privileges of the realm" in respect of the traditional exercise of royal authority over ecclesiastical affairs. The chief argument is raised over the rights of lay authorities to try ecclesiastics. The resulting document is henceforth known as the Constitutions of Chaddingham. They resist for three days, until Archprefect Jacob Corby suddenly capitulates. Upon departing, however, the Archprefect changes his mind again, and dons the garb of a penitent. The validity of the entire council is thus called into question.

C.Y. 754 (Delaeni 23): Brother Gervase departs for Highport, where he will transcribe a copy of Petrin the Inscrutable's *Geomancy*.

C.Y. 754 (Delaeni 33): Brother Alberic and Turstan arrive in Ostwald. That evening, Turstan is ordained as a priest of Rhondelain by Alberic and Brother Frederick.

C.Y. 754 (Aeshandra 18-26): Lanelle DuLorn meets Dalior. He permits her to spend a week with him, and expands her basic knowledge of Ælendi magic.

C.Y. 754 (Ponteous 5): Shana Hartley meets Niniane and learns of K'lith.

C.Y. 754 (Ponteous 22): Brother Gervase returns to *Sedes DuLorn*.

C.Y. 754 (Tasman 28): Gilamor Deerhurst slays a priest of Ponteous who he encounters on the road. Before he dies, the priest marks Gilamor with a magical brand.

C.Y. 754 (Tasman 31): Brother Alberic and Brother Turstan journey to the north of Pavia to combat a new outbreak of the Withering Plague. Alberic is able to cure the dreaded illness once per day, but many more victims are beyond his aid.

C.Y. 754 (Uriah 28): Minions of Hektor Lazar discover the ruins of *Arx Validus*. Preparations are made to establish a bandit stronghold there.

C.Y. 754 (Uriah 33): Candrian Helm of the Stalwart Brigade, desperately seeking winter quarters, hires Lylas as a guide.

C.Y. 754 (Uriah 36): While battling the undead minions of a necromancer, the commander of Lupus Dunne's company flees in terror and is slain. Lupus rallies his unit and presses on, changing the tide of the battle. He is promoted to the rank of lieutenant, assumes the post of his dead predecessor, and is given a suit of chainmail armor by Sir Lawrence Reynard.

C.Y. 754 (Deloco 16): Lylas lets a reference to Elaira slip. Candrian and his cohorts intimidate the ranger into leading them there.

C.Y. 754 (Deloco 19, Ashendawn): Nigel Hardwyn has a vision of Daniel Owen.

C.Y. 754 (Deloco 23): The Stalwart Brigade takes up residence in Elaira.

C.Y. 754 (Deloco 36, The Night of Madness): Drathis and his false K'hona cult take possession of the ruins of Castle Willowby.

C.Y. 754 (Fabian 1-5): Having been arraigned for trial as a *baron* rather than an ecclesiastic, Archprefect Jacob Corby flees to Versic.

C.Y. 754 (Skerta 10): Morgan Farrimond and a gang of Versi rogues introduce bliss to Highport through The Menagerie, Madame Leonora's Garden, and the House of Ecstasies. The profits of all three establishments rise dramatically in the weeks which follow. The operation is kept secret from the local Fabianites.

C.Y. 754 (Skerta 36, Ashendusk): Nigel Hardwyn spends the night at Daniel Owen's grave. When night falls, the corpse rises up and walks, confirming Nigel's suspicions that Vrrarda has not released his dead friend's soul.

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Delaeni 8: Anton Robinet defeats his cousin Elstan in a formal duel. Elstan is believed slain, and his Aunt demands vengeance. Anton flees Aridane with the aid of his father and grandmother. Shortly thereafter he meets with Lord Nigel Hardwyn, and enters his service under the name Geoffrey Warlin.

Delaeni 35: Drathis and his false K'hona cult attack the K'lith shrine at Willowby. All present are slain except Niniane the Awakened, who is taken prisoner in feline form.

Aeshandra 9, The Grand Loving: Lord Godric de Coudrai cements an alliance by marrying Gytha, the daughter of a minor lord. His brother Waleran disapproves of the match, but does not consider it his place to interfere with his brother's affairs.

Aeshandra 10: Lord Godric informs his brother of his intention to take the crusader's blood oath. Waleran is enraged, and dissuades his brother from doing so by threatening to oppose the oath. Godric consents, but remains firm in his desire to go to the holy land. The brothers part coldly.

Aeshandra 14: Lord Godric de Coudrai begins to put his affairs in order, and begins long-term preparations for the Crusade. He plans to depart soon after the Day of Rebirth in 756.

Rhodelain 20: Michael Stiward, steward of Godric de Coudrai, is waylaid on the road by Mutabilæ. One of the shape-changers assumes his form.

Rhodelain 23: The false Michael Stiward arrives at Coudrai Manor, claiming to have been attacked by brigands on the road. He slowly settles into life at the manor, and improves Lord Godric's financial affairs with his superior management.

Rhodelain 26-27: Brother Alberic and Brother Turstan flee to Mount Tericus, ostensibly in the hope of gaining a brief respite from the victims of the Withering Plague. The following day, however, Turstan discovers that both he and Alberic have the plague. Alberic heals Turstan, and entrusts him with his sacred staff. Alberic dies that night.

Rhodelain 28: Brother Turstan descends Mount Tericus with Alberic's staff. At the foot of the mountain he encounters victims of the plague, who are miraculously healed by touching the staff. Moreover, those who are healed by the staff gain a healing touch which cures other victims of the Withering. The dreaded disease is wiped out within a month. Turstan's fame spreads until he is recognized nearly everywhere in Pavia.

Rhodelain 34: The false Michael Stiward seeks a private meeting with Botulf Norris, captain of the guard. Botulf is slain and replaced by another Mutabilæ.

Rhodelain 35-Caidian 36: Sir Lawrence Reynard's force is sent to Nordshire to put down an outbreak of lycanthropy. Lupus Dunne distinguishes himself against the werewolves in many battles, is promoted to the rank of captain, and permitted to retain a silver dagger issued to him during this time.

Ponteous: King Anton III crosses the mountains into Candria, where he spends several weeks. At the Festival of Lights, he meets with the king of Versic.

Ponteous 2: A bandit stronghold is established at the ruins of *Arx Validus*. Plans to begin raids are interrupted, however, when the leader of the bandits succumbs to one of the traps on the second sub-level. Disrupted in their plans, the bandits send to Hektor Lazar for instructions.

Ponteous 9: Harold Reeve, the bailiff of Coudrai Manor, is slain in the night by the Mutabilæ, who dump his body into the river. The event is witnessed by Elfred Dauintrie, the dairymaid. She rushes to raise the alarm, but is thwarted when one of the Mutabilæ appears in the guise of the dead man. The other villagers laugh of the incident, blaming excessive drink.

Ponteous 16-19: Shana is granted the lesser powers of K'nath. Elated, she informs her family of her vocation, and is promptly confined to her father's estate. She escapes with the assistance of Mugabe. Her father publicly disowns her, placing religious restrictions on her family. William the Younger breaks these restrictions to deliver a bag of gold from her mother.

Ponteous 29-32: Ektor Maijlin presents Mirod DuLorn with a spellbook. Three days later he vanishes under mysterious circumstances, leaving behind a travelling copy of the same book and detailed instructions for the care of his estate.

Ponteous 34: Fleeing his new-found fame, Brother Turstan departs Pavia for Versic.

Caidian 3: Mirod DuLorn departs from Ektor Maijlin's estate to seek knowledge and adventure.

Caidian 15: Shana resolves to pursue the way of K'lith, and departs Mugabe's grove in search of Niniane's shrine. Veronis is sent with her as a guide.

Elsewhere, Godric de Coudrai is overpowered in the night and imprisoned in his own dungeon. The leader of the Mutabilæ takes his place, and begins probing Godric's mind every few nights.

Caidian 20: The false Godric begins to show much affection to the Lord's wife Gytha. The lady is unaccustomed to such attention and is greatly pleased by the sudden change in her "husband."

Caidian 31: Veronis and Shana arrive in Saltmarsh.

Caidian 33: Veronis departs from the inn where he and Shana have been staying, and does not return.

Caidian 35: Mirod DuLorn arrives in Saltmarsh.

Caidian 36: *Tringarde campaign begins.* Charis Quickhand has a brief and unfriendly encounter with Bertram Wyle, Lord Nigel's chief messenger, in the small town of Seaton. Later, she steals his horse. The horse is accustomed to a particular resting place, however, and Charis here encounters Nigel Hardwyn and Nethra Half-Elven. Amused by Charis' boldness, Nigel chooses not to punish her crime and sends her into town with Nethra.

Mirod DuLorn, Charis Quickhand, Nethra Half-Elven, and Shana K'lith meet for the first time. Shana enlists Nethra's aid to find Veronis, one of her fellow novitiates, who is missing. *The Sinister Secret of Saltmarsh* (TSR) adventure sequence begins.

Tasman 1: The new companions are employed by the town council of Saltmarsh to investigate an old house, supposedly haunted. Shana believes such a mystery would attract Veronis.

Tasman 3: Mirod's party makes a preliminary investigation of the old house. Shana is bitten by a giant centipede, and falls victim to a paralyzing poison. The party returns to Saltmarsh.

Tasman 5: Brother Turstan arrives in Versic.

Tasman 6: Mirod's party returns to the old house. The party discovers Ned Shakeshaft, supposedly a prisoner, but he turns on them when they attempt to investigate the basement. After a quick battle, Shana kills Ned by jumping up and down on his head. The dead body of Veronis is found in the basement.

The lower level of the house turns out to be the hideout for a group of smugglers, led by an illusionist. The "hauntings" are the result of cleverly-placed spells in the house. The party slays the smugglers, determines the next likely delivery date, and deciphers a cryptic signaling system.

Tasman 13-16: Brandon Calmrider and a party of foresters destroy a kobold lair in west Harkwood. Brandon personally slays one of the giant weasel guardians, and makes a pair of boots from its pelt.

Tasman 14: Mirod's party ambushes the smuggler vessel *Sea Ghost*. They discover a large quantity of weapons, which are apparently being smuggled to a previously unknown gorlog tribe near Saltmarsh.

Tasman 19: *Danger at Dunwater* (TSR) adventure sequence begins. The party sets out to investigate the gorlog stronghold. After killing several guards, they are taken before Grakis, the tribe's leader. It is discovered that the gorlogs are preparing for war against a sahuagin tribe, which will also threaten Saltmarsh in time. One of Grakis' officers, So'Cha, returns with the party to Saltmarsh to negotiate a human/gorlog alliance. During the journey in the lower marshlands of Haleshire, Shana notices that she is being watched by the "White One."

Elsewhere, in the forest of Aldwood, a new leader arrives and takes control of the bandits at *Arx Validus*. He has instructions from Hektor to avoid the lowest level of the stronghold. Eager for booty but restrained by caution, the bandits begin periodic raids along the high road.

Tasman 21: Lord Sheriff Nigel Hardwyn arrives in Saltmarsh with a large army, and takes charge of the sahuagin problem. The Company of the Red Blade is among the mercenaries hired for the campaign.

Tasman 22: *Eyes of the Awakened* adventure sequence begins. On her twentieth birthday, Shana

encounters the "Grey One" for the first time.

Tasman 23: Lord Nigel Hardwyn asks Mirod's company to investigate the strange behavior of a K'lith cult in Willowby. Anton Robinet is introduced to the party as Geoffrey Warlin.

Tasman 24-28: Mirod's company uncovers a false cult of K'hona, led by a Vis'ra priest named Drathis, living in the caverns beneath the ruins of Castle Willowby. Drathis is slain, and a secret cache of weapons is discovered in a hidden temple of Uriah.

Niniane, Shana's K'lith mentor, is found as a captive of Drathis. Because she has been forced to eat cat flesh for five months, she has lost her powers. She departs for Mugabe's grove in the hope of atonement. Young Mytch Albrecht, a villager of Willowby born with natural K'nath powers, accompanies her in the hope of being accepted as a student of Mugabe.

Fifty miles west of Saltmarsh, Nigel Hardwyn leads an alliance of humans, gorlogs, and other demi-humans in an assault on the sahuagin stronghold. The human contingent includes Richard Pickett, Father Hubert Ross, and the Company of the Red Blade. Russ Hodges serves as go-between with Grakis. Talbot Bains, sent to assist Russ, determines that his companion has the situation well in hand, and joins a vanguard unit of gorlogs responsible for taking the coastline. His unit is fiercely attacked, but his courage inspires the gorlogs. Prachett Sweet is assigned to Nigel's flagship, and assists in its defense against two giant squids and a host of sahuagin boarders. Jock Tulley aids a gorlog scouting party which penetrates the stronghold several days prior to the main attack.

Tasman 31-34: Sheriff Nigel Hardwyn leads a secret expedition to recover the contents of the weapons cache in the Willowby ruins. He is accompanied by thirty men of his company, Charis Quickhand, and Geoffrey Warlin. The expedition is nearly revealed when Baron Gilmore's man Basil stumbles close to the soldier's camp, but Nigel frightens him off by imitating the growls of a tiger. *Ignorance is Bliss* adventure sequence begins.

Uriah 2: Russ Hodges is promoted to Nigel Hardwyn's personal company.

Uriah 7: Morgan Farrimond steals a copy of *Ilnazzer's Secrets of Higher Lornish* from the Temple of Tasman in Highport, using a bliss-releasing glass globe to incapacitate the clerk. He also removes a page from a book on magical dusts and gases, which details the properties and effects of bliss.

The Mutabilæ leader, in the guise of Godric de Coudrai, makes a visit to Waleran in the City of Tringarde. He is accompanied only by Godric's manservant Nicholas, a few men-at-arms, and Godric's young ward Vivian Huet. Waleran has by this time received word of his brother's newfound affection for Gytha. Though she is not present, Waleran notices subtle differences in his brother, and becomes concerned that he is under an enchantment.

Uriah 8: Shana meets Baghra the Awakened, who travels in the form of a black panther.

Uriah 9, The Offering of Justice: Lord Arnead Waldron, a much-hated minor landholder of Highport, is executed at the Offering of Justice. An escape attempt, led by a priestess of Xar'al, is foiled by the companions. More disturbing than this, however, is a large dose of bliss which bursts from his bonfire, caus-

ing him to die in ecstasy. The similarity of his death to the theft of Ilnazzer's book is noticed by Nigel Hardwyn, who suspects both events are connected to recent mysterious deaths in the city. He asks the companions to investigate.

Uriah 10: Having celebrated the Offering of Justice in Aridane, King Anton III departs for Candria.

Uriah 11: Shana encounters a cat under the influence of bliss. The cat leads her and the party to *The Menagerie*, a combination brothel, gambling and drug den beneath an inn called *The Wandering Wench*. Mirod calls on Nigel for reinforcements, which include Russ Hodges, Talbot Bains, Jock Tulley, and Prachett Sweet. After a long night of struggle and battle, *The Menagerie* is cleaned out, and clues to the source of bliss are found. Among these are the *Menagerie's* ledger, which indicates the frequency of deliveries, and an ornate glass bottle. The *Menagerie's* owner, a man called Fox, uses a smoke-releasing glass globe against the party. Russ Hodges gains a chain-mail shirt from one of the *Menagerie's* employees.

Two priestesses of Aeshandra, who work under the pseudonyms "Parrot" and "Peacock," are slain during this raid. The surviving priestess, known as "Swan" (Basilia Suinford) vows to avenge them.

Grimbald Rye arrives at Galiena Doomsayer's hermitage and enters a death-like state while he waits for her to die.

Uriah 13: The companions gain Nigel's permission to investigate three of Highport's prominent glassblowers. Armed with a writ of inspection from guildmaster Jordan Ames, they search the shops of Amis Haldein, Hugo Lamburne, and Stephen Dreu. No sign of the bliss trade is found, but Mirod discovers Sapphirian crystal hidden in Hugo Lamburne's shop.

While the others investigate Stephen Dreu's shop, Shana encounters her brother Richard. Suspicious of his activities, the party returns to observe the ship later that night. Richard attempts to deliver a large barrel to a group of thieves, but is attacked because he has been followed. Shana saves Richard from a fire which breaks out, and sees the White One. The leader of the thieves escapes, using a smoke-releasing glass globe underwater to throw off Nethra's pursuit.

Uriah 16: The companions investigate the manor of Sir Edgar DuMadoc, a retired knight who has been purchasing large amounts of sand. Beneath his estate they discover a glassblowing studio, the barracks of a large group of Versic thieves, and the laboratory of Morgan Farrimond. Most of Morgan's underlings are slain, but the alchemist himself escapes by quaffing a *potion of gaseous form*.

In the aftermath of this battle, Mirod locates the book previously stolen from the temple of Tasman, as well as a copy of Cardell's *The Lost Science of Alchemy*. Geoffrey takes a magic sword from the leader of the thieves.

At Coudrai Manor, the Mutabilæ begin to restructure the house guard, replacing Godric's followers with new recruits loyal to the replacements. While they do not weed out the entire existing garrison, a favored core group of corrupt men is established.

Uriah 18: While passing through Riverside, Gilamor Deerhurst encounters Clement Grailing, a disciple of law. It is too dark for Clement to see Gilamor's face, but the disciple's presence causes the

brand on his chest to glow. Gilamor flees the city.

Uriah 30: Gilamor Deerhurst arrives in Highport.

Deloco 2: Nigel seeks intercession from Colette DuVivian, who grants him a dispensation to have dealings with the priesthood of Vrarra.

Deloco 3: Nigel Hardwyn rides alone from Highport in the early morning. He gives no warning of his departure, and leaves no explanation.

Deloco 6-7: Lord Alexander Morwin is murdered. His ward, Angharad Mabon, awakens over his dead body the following morning with no memory of what happened. Everyone else in the manor has been slain. She flees to Highport with Lord Alexander's signet ring. That night, she has the first of a series of prophetic dreams.

Deloco 7: Brother Turstan arrives in the Kingdom of Aridane via the Low Pass. Drawn by tales of the Star-Gem, Tharenhold, and gearsworks of Urlik, he makes his way toward the city of Tringarde.

Deloco 8: Nigel Hardwyn arrives at the hermitage of Galiena Doomsayer and requests sacred ashes. Galiena makes him wait. Nigel is careful to ensure that Grimbald does not see him.

Lanelle DuLorn arrives in Tringarde, ostensibly to visit old friends and conduct research in her old master's library. In truth, she is on a courier mission for Septimus Stout, using the visit as cover. Megieliel accompanies her, but does not enter the city.

Deloco 10: A band of Fangtooth raiders, allied with a group of gnolls and a troll, invade the city of Camford. All of the town's inhabitants are slain except Edric Hortun, manservant to the local horsebreeder. Most of the buildings are undamaged.

Elsewhere, Angharad spends the night at a Rhondite shrine previously visited by Mirod and his companions. Her dreams that night include symbolic references to them.

Deloco 12: Angharad Mabon arrives in Highport, and is accosted by drunken sailors. Swan uses her *suggestion* power to lure Geoffrey Warlin to a secret rendezvous, but the effect is dispelled when he encounters Angharad and comes to her aid.

Ashendawn adventure sequence begins. Richard Pickett learns of the Fangtooth attack on Camford, and sends Mirod's party to find Nigel. Angharad accompanies the group, and Gilamor Deerhurst is hired as a guide. Halfway through the day, the party stops to rest at a shrine to Rhondelain, where they briefly encounter Clement Grailing and his entourage, who are searching for Gilamor.

In the city of Tringarde, Lanelle DuLorn visits with Abbod Felton and her former Lornish tutor Joseph Pavey. Learning of Mirod's recent adventures, she hires a messenger to carry a letter entreating him to visit her while she is in town.

Elsewhere, in the kingdom of Aridane, Sir Alexander Mitchell dies suddenly under suspicious circumstances.

Deloco 13: Having eaten most of the survivors of the Camford raid, the gnolls quarrel with their Fangtooth allies. The remaining orcs flee or are taken prisoner.

Deloco 14: Galiena Doomsayer gives Nigel Hardwyn the sacred ashes he requests.

Deloco 15-20: Released from her husband's restraining influence, Lucia DuRobinet dispatches

bounty hunters to find Anton Robinet. She offers a reward of 1,000 nobles for his return alive; 500 if he is returned dead. Word quickly spreads south into the Tringarde region. Turbert Rennick, a magician from the north of Tringarde, is among those who begin searching for Anton.

Deloco 16: The gnolls hiding in Camford waylay a patrol sent from Farlowe. The entire unit is devoured.

Mirod and his party discover Galiena's hermitage in the midst of their search for Nigel. Galiena performs a false divination for Gilamor Deerhurst, which "reveals" Sir Bennet Lawshield as the slayer of Gilamor's family. Gilamor swears a blood oath to slay Sir Bennet. Galiena commits suicide on Gilamor's blade, but is prevented from immolating herself by Grimbald Rye. The party hastily leaves the grotto, and Grimbald claims Galiena's skull and bones.

Deloco 17: King Anton III returns to the city of Aridane.

Galiena's bone cottage crumbles into dust at dawn.

Nigel arrives at Daniel's grave late in the evening, and finds a wounded hawk when he goes hunting. Unknown to Nigel, the hawk is Adam Hawklin's mate, who was wounded by a Fangtooth arrow earlier in the day.

Lanelle's messenger arrives in Highport looking for Mirod. Tired of seeking the elusive magus, he entrusts the letter to Richard Pickett.

Deloco 18: The Al'tara begin searching for Adam Hawklin's mate. The White One appears to Shana, and leads her into a Fangtooth ambush. The rest of the party awakens, and the orcs are slain.

Deloco 19: Mirod and his party find Nigel Hardwyn at Daniel Owen's grave, and bring him news of the Fangtooth attack. The Grey One appears to Shana, stating that he will not appear again until she is "proven worthy." Nigel scatters the ashes given to him by Galiena onto Daniel's grave. He later calls to the goddess, but she does not answer.

Deloco 20: Nigel Hardwyn is answered by the god Caidian, and uses his newly-granted power to heal Adam Hawklin's mate. Nethra and Shana begin the return journey to Highport, while the rest of the party sets out with Nigel for Farlowe. Later in the day, Adam Hawklin and numerous hawks approach Nigel to express their gratitude for healing Adam's mate. In return, they offer to watch the movements of the Fangtooth, and to pray to Delaeni on Nigel's behalf.

Deloco 24: Clement Grailing performs a ceremony of divination which can only be cast on High Lawday. He determines that Gilamor has traveled north, and sets out in pursuit of him.

Deloco 26: Nethra and Shana arrive in Highport. They immediately set off for Farlowe with Richard Pickett and Talbot Bains. Aided by Shana's *catnap* spell, the four travel almost continuously for the next four days. Bertram Wyle and thirty men of Nigel's company also depart, following at a normal pace.

Elsewhere, the Baroness Dowager Angharad Robinet writes to warn her nephew Anton of Lucia's actions against him.

Deloco 29: Nigel Hardwyn and members of Mirod's party reach the village of Camford. They exterminate the surviving gnolls, their flind leaders, and the troll. Gilamor Deerhurst carves the symbol of the Order of Math on one of the village buildings, hoping to frame

the order for the atrocities committed at the village, but his ploy is discovered and foiled by Nigel. Edric Hortun is introduced to the party.

Deloco 30: *A Friend In Need* adventure sequence begins. The party is reunited in Farlowe. Richard Pickett gives Mirod Lanelle's letter. Edric Hortun seeks and gains employment from Mirod at the rate of three talents per week. A wandering minstrel named Alan Singlere arrives from the north, bringing news of the queen's latest pregnancy and the king's plans for a spring campaign in Candria. Alan later sings *The Ballad of Dorak*.

Deloco 31: Gilamor Deerhurst consults with Bartholomew Deed, a priest of Uria. He learns, to his horror, of Galiena's hatred for Sir Bennet Lawshield, as well as the date of Bennet's knighting...a mere eight years ago.

Turbert Rennick arrives in the city of Tringarde, and begins his search for Anton Robinet.

Deloco 32: Anton's letter from the Baroness Dowager Angharad Robinet arrives in Tringarde, and is given to his "manservant" Odo.

Deloco 33: Having rested several days, Mirod and his companions set out for Tringarde. That evening, their encampment is attacked by a pack of gnashers. Later, after defeating them, Shana and Geoffrey follow a trail of cat footprints to the cottage of Giles Halfclaw, a K'lith priest.

The same evening, Bertram Wyle and members of Nigel's company arrive in Farlowe.

Deloco 34: Mirod's party stops for the night in Hollingsgate, where Clement Grailing's party is searching for Gilamor. Gilamor is nearly recognized by the local priest of Ponteous, but the encounter passes without incident. During the night, Gilamor finds the priest's house, hoping for an easy opportunity to kill him. He is dissuaded by the presence of Clement Grailing's alert guards, and reluctantly returns to the inn.

Joseph Pavey retrieves the Baroness Dowager's letter for Anton from Odo. He is observed by Turbert Rennick, who follows him to *Sedes DuLorn*.

Deloco 36, The Night of Madness: Turbert Rennick breaks into Joseph Pavey's room in search of leads to the location of Anton Robinet. He has just located the letter from the Baroness Dowager when he is surprised by Joseph, who returns earlier from dinner than usual. He quickly kills Joseph with *magic missiles*, but not before his victim tears half of the letter from his hand. Turbert flees through the window, taking a reliquary intended for Lanelle DuLorn and several of Joseph's personal effects.

Lanelle DuLorn visits *Sedes DuLorn* to retrieve the reliquary from Joseph Pavey, but finds him murdered and his room ransacked. She immediately sends for the Abbod, who in turn summons Lord Sheriff Bernard Langley. Sir Bennet Lawshield, who happens to be dining with Lord Bernard, accompanies the Sheriff to the scene.

The Abbod believes Joseph was slain by magic, a suspicion which is confirmed by Sir Bennet and Mother Yolande Hale. Bennet suspects Lanelle, despite assertions of her innocence by Brother Martin, a Tasmanite monk who possesses the truthsight. The Abbod attempts to have Lanelle released under temple supervision, but Sir Bennet demands that she be

confined in Tharenhold. Having no other leads, Lord Bernard reluctantly agrees.

Lord Bernard takes possession of the torn half of the Baroness Dowager's letter. He does not permit anyone else to read it.

Fabian 1: Sir Bennet Lawshield meets with Lord Sheriff Bernard Langley to discuss Lanelle DuLorn. Bennet insists that Lanelle be tried by one of the king's justices, and urges Lord Bernard to send for Sir Warren Reade, who is on eire in the north of the Principality. Suspecting the innocence of Lanelle and secretly desiring to embarrass Sir Bennet, the Sheriff agrees. Messengers are dispatched to seek Sir Warren Reade.

In the evening, Turbert Rennick attempts to sell distinctive items stolen from Joseph Pavey to a fence named Drago Rohan. He is quickly refused. He then goes to the Garden of Ease, sends in the reliquary as a gift to one of the temple priestesses — a girl named Ismena — and proceeds to spend the night. He is tailed by Aubrey, Drago's apprentice.

Fabian 13: A group of mercenaries eager for Lucia's reward break into Anton's rooms at the Watchful Tower. Finding only the manservant Odo, they lie in wait for the young lord's return.

Fabian 15: The companions arrive in the city of Tringarde. Geoffrey leads them to his rooms at the Watchful Tower, where he reveals his true identity (Anton Robinet) to them. Before he can do so, however, the party is attacked by mercenaries hiding in his room. The mercenaries are quickly defeated, and Sheriff Bernard Langley arrives to question Anton about his activities since spring.

From Sheriff Langley, Mirod learns of Lanelle DuLorn's imprisonment for the suspected murder of Joseph Pavey, Anton's supposed Lornish tutor. Mirod requests a visit with Lanelle, which the Sheriff grants on very strict terms. Langley also shows Anton his half of the torn letter from the Baroness Dowager Angharad Robinet, which warns the young nobleman of Sir Alexander Mitchell's death.

Fabian 16: Mirod and his companions visit Lanelle DuLorn in her cell at Tharenhold. Here they also meet Sir Fulbert Meers, castellan of Tharenhold, and Winton Whitecap, custodian of the Gearsworks. Winton scans the party for concealed magic, causing numerous invisible runes to glow on Mirod's staff. Their presence comes as a surprise to both men.

Lanelle is unconcerned for her own safety. She instructs Mirod to recover a parcel bearing a certain symbol (the reliquary, though she does not know this at the time) and convey it safely to Megiliel before attempting to prove her own innocence.

Charis consults Mauer Scrapmonger, a legless beggar with a knack for finding useful information. From him she learns of Turbert Rennick's attempt to sell stolen goods to Drago Rohan.

After visiting Mirod's family, where new shoes are commissioned for everyone, the party seeks an audience with Abbot Torold Felton of *Sedes DuLorn*. Here they learn the known details of Joseph's murder and investigate his room.

In the evening, Charis leads the female members of the party to the shop of Drago Rohan, where she learns the details of Turbert's visit. Drago recognizes the symbol provided by Lanelle, and describes the item in question as some sort of bottle or reliquary.

The party resolves to visit the Garden of Ease on the following day.

Returning to the Watchful Tower, the party is attacked by a group of street toughs under the influence of rath. Victorious but heavily wounded by this assault, they return to the Watchful Tower. Later that night, Gilamor awakes to find Turbert Rennick breaking into Anton's quarters. A battle ensues, and Turbert is slain (Angharad delivers the killing blow). Sheriff Langley is summoned. Sufficient evidence is found on Turbert's body to convict him of Joseph's murder. Lord Bernard secretly arranges for this information to be concealed from Sir Bennet Lawshield.

A renegade company of Sapphirrians arrives in the city of Tringarde. They make camp in the forest west of the city.

Fabian 17: The companions continue their search for the reliquary. Inquiring for Ismena at the Garden of Ease, they are informed (after bribing a priest named Elias) that she has entered ritual denial. They are told they may speak with Ismena on the condition that they "tempt" her. Ismena's ruling passion proves to be food, and the party enjoys a wide variety of delicacies while they question her. Nethra takes particular delight in this, eating the chunk of plain black bread which is the only food permitted to the priestesses under the conditions of the ritual.

Ismena remembers the reliquary, and agrees to part with it if the party relieves her of a favor which she owes to Goffridus Lang, a wealthy merchant. Charis consults with Mauer Scrapmonger, who happens to be outside the temple with numerous other beggars who are devouring the discarded dishes from the ritual. From him she learns that Goffridus Lang is an unscrupulous, lecherous and ruthless man with many enemies.

Despite this recommendation, the party visits Goffridus at his mansion in Westside. He receives them coldly, but agrees to relieve Ismena of her "favor" in exchange for a small service. He has had no word from the caretaker of his villa, located a few miles southwest of the city, for nearly two months. Concerned that the villa may have been captured by brigands, he asks the party to investigate.

Brother Turstan arrives in the city of Tringarde, and takes up residence at the Wayfarer's Crossing. He spends the next few days exploring the surrounding area and running errands for the Warden.

Fabian 18: The companions travel through a snow-storm to the villa of Goffridus Lang. They find that it has been taken over by cultists of Xar'al, who have been accelerating the development of lesser priests under the direction of a dark elf priestess. Most of the cultists are slain, including a bugbear and a ratman priest, but the dark elf escapes. The villa is ruined as a result of the chaotic energy which has been channeled through it. ("I don't think that house is safe...structurally, I mean...")

Fabian 19: The party returns to Goffridus Lang with news of his villa. Reluctantly, the merchant gives them a locket for Ismena, by which she knows that her "favor" has been fulfilled. She in turn gives the reliquary to the party.

Sir Warren Reade arrives in Tringarde.

Fabian 20: Lanelle DuLorn is tried and found innocent of the murder of Joseph Pavey. Sir Warren Reade

chastises Sir Bennet Lawshield for demanding his presence when the local magistrate could easily have handled the case. As the court disperses, Gilamor Deerhurst provokes Sir Bennet Lawshield into a duel. Gilamor is soundly thrashed and is left hanging from the edge of Tilby cliffs. As Sir Bennet and his entourage depart, Charis Quickhand confronts Gilamor with one of his own swords. Revealing that the sword once belonged to a friend of hers whom Gilamor slew, she smashes the sword down on his hand and sends him hurtling to his death.

Morgan Farrimond discovers the Sapphirrian camp west of the city. Overcoming their initial hostility, he forms a loose alliance with them. This collaboration will lead to the events of *The Mist* early in 756.

Fabian 22: *Changeling* adventure sequence begins. Angharad Mabon and Anton Robinet each receive a letter from Lord Waleran de Coudrai. They are invited to an exclusive gathering of nobles to be held on Fabian 24 in defiance of the Night of Thieves. A similar but more detailed invitation is sent to Mirod DuLorn, containing a hand-written postscript from Lord Waleran. He asks Mirod to bring the rest of the party with him so that they may discuss a business proposition. His messenger, a man named Robert, gives Mirod a gold ring set with a deep blue spinel as a token of his earnestness.

Fabian 24, the Night of Thieves: Mirod and his companions attend Lord Coudrai's party, where they mingle with the upper class of Tringarde. Brother Turstan also attends as a favor to a group of traveling performers hired to provide the evening's entertainment. Charis fulfills her religious duties by switching the signet rings of Goffridus Lang and his rival Magnus FitzWarin. The mischief is initially blamed on the performers, but their innocence is defended by Brother Turstan. Anton Robinet is captivated by the beauty of Lady Avelina Levold, but is unable to get near her.

Ismena is released from denial to engage in a wager with a wealthy patron. Her task is to correctly identify every spice used in each dish she is served. She gorges in ecstasy and wins the wager with ease.

Others present at the gathering include Sir Bennet Lawshield, Lord Cameron Hurley, Cecil Hurley, Drago Rohan, Antony Cogan, Francis Pinnoch, and Laurence Redmantle. Invited but notably absent are Sir Warren Reade, Lord Bernard Langley, and Sir Fulbert Meers.

Brother Turstan joins the party in their meeting with Lord Waleran, who asks them to investigate the strange behavior of his brother Godric. It appears the brother, once eager to take up the Uriahn Crusade, has suddenly lost all interest in his former pursuits in favor of his new wife. Waleran has no objection to this, but suspects that Godric may be under the influence of a magical charm. He asks the party to investigate, and indicates that they may name their reward if they succeed. The party agrees to pose as messengers from Lord Waleran, bringing the first new wine of the season to his brother.

Later that evening, Shana leaps over the walls of the Old Quarter and Eastside to go hunting in the forest outside the city. She finds unexpected prey in the form of three thieves who have ambushed a group of farmers seeking healing for their employer.

Darbin Longarm, a brash young thief, is slain in an unsuccessful attempt to steal the star-gem.

Deep in the Holy Land, agents of Hektor Lazar steal Rudrik's Fang from a Kesh Warlord. The blade begins a long and treacherous journey north to Tringarde.

Fabian 26: Mirod and his companions depart Tringarde for Coudrai manor. At mid-day, they stop to rest at the estate of Ektor Maijlin, Mirod's former master. They speak briefly with Lanelle, who is preparing to depart for Rillia. Nethra is approached by Megieliel, who claims that strange creatures are watching the house.

Fabian 27: Lanelle and Megieliel depart for Tringarde, where they hire a river barge to convey them to Highport.

Mirod and his party spend the night in Baldwood at an inn called *The Ale Tree*. Angharad encounters Piers, who is bound for Tringarde, and informs him of Lord Alexander Morwin's murder. They spend the rest of the evening getting drunk.

Fabian 28: A half-day's ride out from Baldwood, the party is attacked on the road by brigands, who offer to let them go freely in exchange for Angharad's ring. The obstruction to travellers enrages Brother Turstan, and a battle ensues. The party questions the few surviving brigands, and is told they were hired by a tall, dark-haired man with icy blue eyes. They return to Baldwood in the hope of capturing this employer, but no one appears. Late that night, one of the brigands is slain in a manner similar to the killings in Lord Alexander Morwin's estate.

Fabian 29-30: The party lingers in Baldwood in the hope of encountering the brigands' employer, but nothing more is learned.

Fabian 31: The party resumes their journey to Coudrai manor, and arrives in early evening. They are welcomed by the Mutabilæ, and quickly conclude that Gytha is incapable of magical charms. "Godric" expresses great concern over the brigands operating in his territory, and vows to investigate the matter right away. All seems well on the manor. Angharad's suspicions are aroused, however, by the nervous reaction of the manor folk when she toasts the Uriahn Crusade, and by an unsuccessful attempt to scan her mind.

Angharad, Mirod, and Turstan spend the night in the manor house. A note from Pater Samuel, the local priest of Uriah, is slipped under their door. The letter hints at a "great injustice," and requests a secret meeting the following night. Later, Angharad hears a cry of mental anguish from the real Godric, whose mind is being probed by the Mutabilæ leader. Upon searching the house, the trio finds a ledger book which indicates the recent improvement of the manor's prosperity, and a slight change in Michael Steward's handwriting...at about the same time.

Meanwhile, the rest of the party spends the night at a local inn called *The Coxcomb*. They encounter Alfred Dauintrie, who recounts her tale of the bailiff's murder and reappearance.

Fabian 32: The Mutabilæ slay Pater Samuel and frame the party for the murder. The false Godric arrests and imprisons the party. The manor dungeon is no match for Mirod's magic and Angharad's mental powers, however. They quickly escape and locate the real Godric de Coudrai. Two of the shape-changers are

slain in the ensuing confusion, but the remaining Mutabilæ escape. Shana acquires a *ring of jumping*.

Fabian 33-34: Godric de Coudrai resumes control of his estate. He make a public display of the two Mutabilæ bodies and chastises his people for their foolishness. A grand funeral is held for Pater Samuel. Lord Godric rewards the party with large gems, and presents Geoffrey with a silver dagger. Mirod is given messages for Lord Waleran and Abbod Felton. The party rests for two days.

Fabian 35: The companions depart from Coudrai Manor to return to Tringarde. Horses are skittish around Mirod this morning (and in the days which follow), but he manages to mount and ride. Geoffrey Warlin remains behind to assist Lord Godric, who is in need of loyal fighting men until assistance arrives from his brother. The rest of the party spends the night at *The Ale Tree* in Baldwood. The innkeeper begs Brother Turstan to dispel the "evil spirits" who have scared off most of his customers in the past week. Turstan *blesses* the inn.

At Ektor Maijlin's estate, Stephen, the caretaker, begins to find strange tracks in the snow.

Fabian 36: *Unwanted Guests* adventure sequence begins. Shortly after midnight, minions of the Nalinquar led by a grotesque Nalinquar construct (the upper halves of two magicians "fused" together at the waist) attack Ektor's estate. Stephen and Eleanor take refuge in the basement of their house, where they are protected by magical wards set many years earlier by Ektor.

Skerta 1: One of the runes on Mirod's staff begins to glow at about midmorning. A few miles later, the party comes upon one of the horses from Ektor's estate, which is wandering loose. Hastening to the manor, they find the outbuildings burned to the ground and the front doors of the house badly damaged. Stephen and Eleanor are found alive in the basement, and recount what little they know of the previous night.

The party works their way through the ransacked house, overcoming its natural defenses and puzzles. Most items of value have been destroyed, but three valuable books are salvaged from the inner library. The invaders, a grotesque menagerie of Nalinquar creations, are defeated by the party in a pitched battle. Mirod acquires the leader's *Rod of Sundering*.

Afterward, Mirod discovers a programmed illusion of his former master. The message warns him of his true mother, a Nalinquar maga. Mirod is disturbed by the message, which he was not intended to find until much later.

Skerta 2: The companions return to the city of Tringarde. They seek out Waleran de Coudrai, but learn that he is not currently in the city. The party leaves word for him and settles in for a well-deserved rest during the worst of the winter.

Skerta 3: Aluric Downing writes to Waleran de Coudrai in the hope of gaining employment in his household.

Skerta 5: Waleran de Coudrai returns to Tringarde and prepares an elaborate dinner for the companions. Upon hearing of the party's success, he richly rewards them with both gold and personal favors. He introduces Mirod to a master mason who will oversee the reconstruction of Ektor's estate. Shana asks for and

receives a small plot of land outside the city where she may build an animal shelter. Turstan requests a map of the region. Waleran assists Charis in setting up an alternate identity in the city. Angharad and Nethra each request a "favor" to be redeemed at some future date, and the same courtesy is extended to Anton, who is not present.

Charis begins establishing herself under the name "Charissa Beaumahn," a moderately wealthy merchant's widow. Through Lord Waleran, she obtains a credible introduction to the wealthier circles of Tringarde. He also puts her in contact with Aluric Downing, whom she entrusts with the task of finding a suitable house for "Charissa."

Skerta 12: Priests of Vrarrda conclude delicate negotiations with Nya Claricia Rede. They make offerings to Lorelli and Sebillia, and begin trolling the Seabourne. Angharad clairvoyantly observes the final exchange.

In Coralis, William Hartley the Elder and a priest of Wyshhan named Achemar board William's personal sailing vessel *The Lady Ramsey*, ostensibly for a journey to Highport. At sea, however, they stop to confer with a suspicious character named Ian Croome. William Hartley the Younger is a member of the *Lady Ramsey's* crew during this voyage.

Skerta 13: Aluric Downing presents Charis with a number of possible options for "Charissa's" house. She selects a large stone house in Short Street, and contacts the temple of Fabian for several covert alterations. Charis hires Aluric as a full-time scribe and business manager, setting him up with a room and scribal office in the new house.

The Lady Ramsey arrives in Highport.

Skerta 15: In Highport, Rudrik's Fang is delivered to the Temple of Fabian by the last surviving member of the expedition sent to retrieve it. The man, already in ill health, is dead from poison before morning. Acting on instructions from Hektor Lazar, members of the Highport temple create a clever forgery of the dagger. The false dagger will be sent upriver as a decoy, while the true blade travels overland.

Skerta 16: *The Lady Ramsey* returns to Coralis.

Skerta 17: A poor and unknown man seeks out Shana K'lith for religious guidance. They spend the afternoon in earnest discussion. In the days that follow, other lower-class citizens seek her out, to the extent that large crowds of them gather about her for instruction whenever she is in town. Mysterious "gifts" begin to appear in her room, and she often finds bills for food and lodging paid by unseen benefactors.

Skerta 28: *Ashendusk* adventure sequence begins. Nigel Hardwyn gathers companions for another journey to the grave of Daniel Owen. They include Mother Colette DuVivian, Father Hubert Ross, Dagmar Branden, Lord Robert de Sutton, and three men of his company: Russ Hodges, Talbot Bains, and Prachett Sweet.

Skerta 32: Nigel Hardwyn and company arrive at the clearing formerly occupied by Galiena, where they are attacked by Shadewalkers in search of her bones.

Skerta 36 (Ashendusk): Nigel Hardwyn and his companions spend the night in the grotto where Daniel Owen is buried. They battle many of the wan-

dering dead, and are ultimately confronted by the spectral form of Galiena Doomsayer. When all seems lost, the wandering dead are driven back to their graves an hour early by the screeching of the Al'tara. The corpse of Daniel does not stir.

Elsewhere, in the city of Tringarde, the Sapphirrians summon an ice elemental into a glass fortress designed by Morgan Farrimond.

Common Year 756

Delaeni 1 (Day of Rebirth): Shortly before dawn, the goddess Delaeni is awakened from her annual death by the cries of the Al'tara. The hawk-priests and their animal followers beseech the goddess to have mercy on Lord Nigel Hardwyn, and to grant him the favor of her divine power. The goddess relents, and answers Nigel's new call, but exacts a price: Nigel is not able to call upon her children in winter. Using Colette DuVivian as a channel, the goddess restores slain members of Nigel's company to life.

Anton III orders Gamaliel to issue a summons to the barons of Aridane and Tringarde, calling them to a meeting at the hunting lodge of Chaddingham at the end of the month.

Nigel Hardwyn and Lord Robert de Sutton depart for Tringarde, accompanied by Father Hubert Ross, Russ Hodges, and Talbot Bains. Dagmar Branden departs for Highport with Colette DuVivian and Prachett Sweet. Prachett carries instructions for Richard Pickett.

Sir Lawrence Reynard and his company are in Tringarde when the summons arrives, but are instructed to delay their departure in order that they may provide escort duty to several southern barons and prominent citizens of the city.

In the city of Tringarde, a dense fog generated by the captive ice elemental descends upon the city in mid-afternoon. *The Mist* adventure sequence begins.

Delaeni 2: Confused by the early dawn on the Day of Rebirth, Shana speaks to a hawk in the forest east of the city of Tringarde, hoping to contact the Al'tara. She is instructed to return in three days' time.

Delaeni 3: The bandits based at *Arx Validus* begin raiding in earnest along the High Road to Tringarde.

Delaeni 5: Richard Pickett dispatches Bertram Wyle with a company of fifteen men to rendezvous with Nigel Hardwyn in Tringarde. Jock Tulley is among the company.

Meanwhile, in the city of Tringarde, the companions defeat the Sapphirrians and the ice elemental. Morgan Farrimond escapes amid the confusion.

Later that afternoon, Shana meets with Fulcher Kite, a representative of the Al'tara. She questions him on the events of the Day of Rebirth, but gains more questions than answers. The meeting is cut short by the arrival of the now-awakened Reymond, who chases Fulcher away and triggers Shana's first shapechanging experience. Shortly thereafter she is confronted by the White One, and successfully achieves the awakening.

Delaeni 6: Agents of Viktor Silvertongue discover rumors of Rudrik's Fang. Their information points to the decoy which is being shipped via the river Seabourne on board the *Riverwind*.

Concerned that Brother Gervase is spending too much time with books and theoretical knowledge,

Abbot Felton persuades Mirod to take him on as a member of the companions.

Delaeni 9: Priests of Vrrarda recover a body of from the river Seabourne. Gervase observes them as they process through the streets of the Old Quarter with their burden.

Delaeni 12: Two children discover a dead cat which has just given birth to a litter of five kittens. They gather up the kittens and present them to Shana at the Wayfarer's Crossing. Shana adopts the kittens and gives them names inspired by feline virtues: Grace, Prudence, Stealth, Craft and Vigilance.

Near the Isle of Suthey, sahuagin attack and destroy the coastal vessel *Terrapin*, stealing its cargo of swords meant for Bayside.

Delaeni 13: Brother Turstan has an unpleasant encounter with three pilgrims who recognize him as the former companion of Brother Alberic. He resolves to leave the city.

Delaeni 14: Nigel Hardwyn arrives in the City of Tringarde with Lord Robert de Sutton, Hubert Ross, Russ Hodges, Talbot Bains. A falcon, sent by the Al'Tara to keep watch over him, is periodically seen in the sky or roosting on buildings he enters.

That evening, Nigel celebrates his birthday with Mirod and his companions. He meets Brother Gervase and recognizes him as a relative of Hervé Delvois. He also brings the unhappy news that Angharad has been summoned to Harkwood to stand as a witness in the Royal inquiry into the death of Lord Alexander Morwin. Brother Turstan offers to escort her to Harkwood, realizing that the river Seabourne will offer him the fastest route out of Tringarde.

Later that night, Charis Quickhand is roused from her bed by the summons of Viktor Silvertongue, who dispatches her south to steal Rudrik's Fang.

Delaeni 15: Charis sets out on horseback for the city of Edgewood, where she plans to rendezvous with the *Riverwind*. She is assisted by three other Fabianites: a coney-catcher named Garth, a priest of Fabian named Waltheof, and a striker named Cuthbrid. Unknown to the party, Garth is secretly an agent of Hektor Lazar.

Delaeni 18: Bertram Wyle arrives in Tringarde with fifteen of Nigel's men, including Jock Tulley and Prachett Sweet. The Red Blades also arrive.

The bandits of *Arx Validus* attack a well-stocked merchant caravan heading north to Tringarde. One of the guards, a youth named Tuold Cutel, survives the attack with a broken leg. He is found by other travelers later in the day, and taken by cart to a Rhondite hostel in Oakhampton.

Delaeni 20: Shana is sought out by Waleran de Coudrai's manservant Robert, who presents her with the deed to a small plot of land two miles east of the city, where she is free to establish an animal sanctuary.

Rudrik's Fang is delivered to *Arx Validus* several days ahead of schedule.

Delaeni 21: A large company departs the City of Tringarde for Aridane, including Nigel Hardwyn, Bertram Wyle, Robert de Sutton, Bennet Lawshield, Sir Lawrence Reynard, and members of their respective households. The Red Blades also depart, traveling and camping separately from the noblemen but never very far away.

Charis and her party arrive in Edgewood, and conduct a night raid of the *Riverwind*. Waltheof, however, discovers that the dagger is a forgery, and the party begins to make inquiries among the local Fabianites. Garth “learns” that the true dagger has been taken overland to a bandit stronghold, hoping to lure the party into the hands of Hektor’s minions.

Delaeni 23: A tribe of wandering gnolls overpowers the bandits at *Arx Validus* and claims the stronghold as their own.

Delaeni 24: Disturbed by news of recurring raids in Aldwood, the Oaken Brotherhood dispatches Sir George Reany to investigate.

Rudrik’s Fang adventure sequence begins. Aluric Downing approaches the party, concerned that Charis has been missing for more than a week. A search of Charis’ house turns up nothing, but later inquiries lead them to Mauer Scrapmonger, who instructs them to “seek the River Wind.” In late afternoon they locate the boat, and discover Shana’s eldest brother William among the crew. William tells her that the ship is carrying a secret cargo which is to be offloaded later that night.

Watching the boat, the party witnesses the transfer of a small box to a group of hooded men in a rowboat. They follow the boat to a ramshackle house in the wharf district, where they are confronted by the insane Fabianite priest Simpkin Mirth and his men. Recovering the box (which proves to be empty), they are met by Viktor Silvertongue and taken to a seedy gambling den called Lucky Jake’s. Here, in exchange for their promise of cooperation, Viktor gives them some of the details of Charis’ activities in the past week. He introduces them to Eadfrith Tickler, who will accompany them to Edgewood.

Sahuagin attack and destroy Samson Golberth’s vessel *The Siren* near the Isle of Suthey.

Delaeni 25: The party departs for Edgewood aboard the *Riverwind*.

Minions of Hektor Lazar arrive at a secret rendezvous point in Aldwood, expecting the delivery of Rudrik’s Fang. The contact never arrives.

Delaeni 27: Charis and her party arrive at *Arx Validus*, and encounter gnolls in the first sub-level. Waltheof and Cuthbrid are slain by a patrol, but Charis and Garth escape deeper into the temple. When Charis finds the true Rudrik’s Fang, she is attacked by Garth, who attempts to claim it for himself. Tossing blinding powder into his face, Charis flees his attacks. While Garth recovers, Charis opens the door to the lowest level of the Temple to misdirect him, then doubles back to another room. Here she places the real Fang into the magic pouch she shares with Mirod, which she conceals in an ancient drain.

Pursuing Charis deeper into the temple, Garth succumbs to one of the temple traps. Unable to depart the temple because of the Gnolls, Charis follows him into the lowest level, bypasses the trap he triggered, and takes refuge in Drummond Herefast’s bolt hole.

Elsewhere, the companions arrive in Edgewood. Mirod, to his surprise, discovers Rudrik’s Fang in his pouch. Brother Gervase recognizes the blade, and conducts a simple test with three gold coins to determine its authenticity. True to legend, the blade passes through metal without a trace. Gervase returns the blade to Mirod, and refuses to touch it thereafter.

Eadfrith contacts Sebastian, a local informant loyal to Viktor Silvertongue’s faction, and learns of the activities of Charis’ party. The party departs the following morning to seek out the bandit stronghold.

Delaeni 28: The companions meet Sir George Reany at a Rhondite hostel between Edgewood and Oakhampton. Since both are seeking the bandit stronghold, they agree to cooperate.

Delaeni 29: Arriving in Oakhampton, Sir George and the companions meet Turoid Cutel, who agrees to lead them to the site of the Bandit attack despite his broken leg.

Delaeni 30: After a night of prayer, Brother Gervase heals Turoid’s broken leg. About mid-day, the party locates the site of the attack. Nethra and Sir George find clear tracks leading deep into Aldwood.

Delaeni 31: In early evening, the companions arrive at *Arx Validus*, where they are attacked by giant spiders which dwell in the ancient sentry towers. Mirod manifests the True Gift during this battle, an event which is felt by Sir Lawrence Reynard, Lord Robert de Sutton, Abbot Torold Fenton and possibly others. Gamaliel and Septimus Stout are among those who learn of this event. Sir Lawrence Reynard returns to Tringarde with a small company of men, including Lupus Dunne.

Delaeni 32: The companions enter *Arx Validus*, defeat its gnoll inhabitants, and find their way to Charis in Drummond’s bolt hole. Mirod claims a magical horse made of stone which is found there.

Aeshandra 1: The companions return to the City of Tringarde, where they find several parties waiting for them. Sir Lawrence Reynard feasts them sumptuously, offering Mirod a post in the service of Gamaliel. Lupus Dunne joins the companions.

Following the feast, the companions are attacked by minions of Hektor Lazar seeking Rudrik’s Fang. One of them unsuccessfully masquerades as Viktor Silvertongue. Following their defeat, Charis conveys the imposter and Rudrik’s Fang to the real Viktor.

Later, Mirod receives a message from Septimus Stout with a second offer of employment.

Aeshandra 2, 756: Mirod visits *Sedes DuLorn* to confer with Benedictus, a redcap who serves as herald and messenger for Septimus Stout. He accepts the patronage of Septimus. The companions are introduced to Ryeti Kerithess.

During his visit, Mirod informs Abbot Felton that Brother Gervase could not be dislodged from the library at *Arx Validus*. The monks are amused by this news and eager to know more of the area formerly used by Drummond Herefast. The Abbot sends an excited group of monks to investigate the ancient stronghold and ensure that Gervase has sufficient provisions.

Aeshandra 4: *Elaira* adventure sequence begins. Lord Waleran de Coudrai hires the companions to investigate brigand attacks in Aldwood. This will eventually put them on the trail of the Stalwart Brigade at Elaira. Simon “Pinch” Pynchurst joins the companions.

Sahuagin attack and destroy Samson Golberth’s vessel *The Fair Annora* near the Isle of Suthey.

Aeshandra 5: The companions spend the night at the site of Shana’s future shrine. They find much unexpected clearing and construction, and defeat a pair of displacer beasts.

Aeshandra 6: The companions arrive at Upcliff Manor, where Lupus and Pinch participate in a log-throwing contest (Pinch wins). The company again encounters Ryeti Kerithess, who is searching for Elaira. Ryeti and the companions deduce (correctly) that the brigands are using Elaira as a base, and resolve to seek it together.

Aeshandra 8: The Tasmanite monks arrive at *Arx Validus*, where they clash with a group of at least ten Nalinquar minions, including beastmen and a “fused” magician. Two of the monks are slain, the rest flee back to Tringarde with Brother Gervase.

Aeshandra 9: Ryeti and the companions foil an attack on Michèl Pinçon, a Versi courier. They take two prisoners, who later lead them to Elaira.

Aeshandra 10-11: The companions locate Elaira and defeat the remnants of the Stalwart Brigade. Lavinia “the Whip” escapes.

Aeshandra 11: Lord Robert de Sutton manifests the True Gift. His manifestation is felt by Mirod DuLorn and others.

Aeshandra 12: Brother Gervase and the surviving monks return to *Sedes DuLorn*. Gervase makes detailed drawings of several of the attackers for Brother Hector, a monk who specializes in bestiaries. Hector confirms that the creatures are Nalinquar constructs similar to those that attacked the companions at Ektor Maijlin’s house in Skerta of the previous year.

Abbod Felton takes charge of the crisis calmly but with much dread. He dispatches Gervase to seek the companions, instructing him to leave concealed warnings for Mirod at likely stopping points between Tringarde and Corrin. The messages instruct Mirod to journey to Fosgil. Felton sends Brothers Martin and Caspian there to wait for him. The Abbod also sends an urgent message to Rillia requesting further guidance from Septimus Stout.

Aeshandra 13: Sahuagin attack and destroy Samson Golberth’s vessel *Levania’s Promise* near the Isle of Suthey.

Aeshandra 14: Brothers Martin and Caspian arrive in Fosgil. They attempt to disguise themselves as simple peasants, but the naturally-suspicious inhabitants of the village are not fooled and watch their every move.

In Tringarde, Abbod Felton receives a reply from Benedictus, who instructs him to direct the companions to Oakhampton. A ship will be waiting there to take them to Highport, where they are to wait for further instructions. Benedictus also warns that Mirod should take great care when using magic of the second magnitude or higher, because his pursuers may be able to track him by his sigil. The Abbod sends this message on to the monks in Fosgil.

Aeshandra 15: While resting at Elaira, the companions are attacked by seven fiery floating skulls. Ryeti becomes alarmed by the possibility that the party’s pursuers could trace them to Elaira, and the companions depart immediately, traveling down the Russex River by night.

Aeshandra 16: The companions arrive at the Rhondite hostel beside the Russex on the Corrin road. Gervase’s message appears when Mirod enters the hostel, but Mirod cannot read it (Gervase wrote it in ancient Dethek, assuming incorrectly that Mirod was familiar with it). Lupus deciphers the message using a newly-acquired magic helm. The companions rest and depart for Fosgil.

In Fosgil, Brother Martin receives Benedictus’ instructions.

Aeshandra 17: The companions arrive in Fosgil, are met by the monks from *Sedes DuLorn*, and learn of the Nalinquar attack at *Arx Validus*. They consider the possibility that newly-manifesting magi (not just Mirod) may be targeted by the pursuers, and the monks agree to send a warning to Lord Robert de Sutton. Mirod arranges to leave his stone horse in Fosgil, entrusting the horseshoes to Brother Martin. Later, after dark, the companions slip out of the city in small boats, evading the Fosgil militia and confronting a small Fangtooth band in the process.

Ryeti Kerithess returns to Tringarde with Brothers Martin and Caspian.

Aeshandra 18: The companions arrive in Oakhampton, travel down the Seabourne aboard the *Night’s Mistress*.

Aeshandra 20: A sahuagin war party attacks the independent trader *Lady Fortune*, but is repulsed by the crew with heavy losses.

Aeshandra 22: Richard Pickett receives a message, arranged for by Benedictus, alerting him that the companions will seek shelter at Radmouth in the coming week.

Aeshandra 28: Sahuagin war party attacks the independent trader *Bagatelle*. Achemon disappears from Coralis.

Aeshandra 29: Companions arrive in Highport, spend the night at Radmouth.

Aeshandra 30: Companions depart for Coralis aboard the *Windfall*.

Achemon is found floating off the coast of Suthey by the *Star of Coralis*, and is taken aboard. The ship is bound for Highport. After nightfall the ship is attacked by sahuagin.

Aeshandra 31: Companions discover the wreck of the *Star of Coralis*. Later they arrive in Coralis, where they meet Brother Adeus (a priest of Wyshhan who has been hired to accompany them to Kesh), the moneychanger Vergé Orlou, and his loyal servant Guichard.