



THE SEAGATE MYRROR



What the Duke and the Seagate Times don't want you to know!!

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WAR AT SEAGATE'S WALLS!

Duke Leto is trying to get members of the old Seagate Guard to sign up again. With the Plains Barbarians overrunning Brastor in the last two weeks members of the powerful guilds are saying the Duke is doing too little too late.

If the Duke will not protect Seagate then the people and the Guilds need a new Duke. Some say that his questionable alliance with the Bishop of Mordeaux is not going to help any of the Guilds. It seems as if he is under the Church's influence if not direct control and is forcing changes at the Seagate Adventurers Guild.

GUILD BETRAYED!!

Guild Security is currently investigating the following Guild Members for their involvement with recent events:

Ughbash!
Dillenger
Sin Fein
Damien the Black
Black Thorn

GUILD IN DANGER!!

The attack on the Guild and kidnapping of the Guild Council was the first step in a master plan by Rashak the Destroyer. Rashak, also known as The Necromancer of Massada, an outcast Drow priestess with numerous, powerful evil allies and minions. The Guild has had numerous run-ins with her and her minions over the past decade and believes she plots its destruction.

The Guild warns that any attempt to scry Rashak the Destroyer or powerful allies may lead to a heart attack, after the deaths of a number of Guild and local astrologers.

The Dark Circle, which was first encountered nearly two decades ago, has begun rapidly expanding again. It now encompasses Brastor Holdings and at the time of print is expected to reach Seagate. The Dark Circle is centered on the fortress of Massada hundreds of miles east of Seagate and is approximately 600 miles across.

The Guild is still weak from the attack that left much of it in ruins and its command structure in tatters, despite the valiant rescue of Wegen, the acting Guild Chairman. The Magic Cauldron that produces Healing Potions is still damaged and many Guild Services are still interrupted.

The War on the Frontiers is thought to be the second part of The Necromancer's evil plan to destroy the Guild. Her dark minions are thought to be responsible for recent events in Brastor Holdings and Novadom.

DISASTER IN BRASTOR!

A dark curse has fallen on Brastor Holdings in the last three days with the death of Baron Aestus in battle at Chapel Crossing. Most of the Brastor Regiments have been destroyed by an unholy alliance of Undead and Plains Barbarians.

A large number of refugees is fleeing northwest to Seagate as the last Brastor Regiment fights a brave rear-guard action. It is hoped that the regiment will make it to Seagate by the 6th.

All Guild members that are part of the Brastor Regiments are to report to Duke Leto by the 3rd of Meadow if not on Adventure.

DEATH OF A PRINCE!!!

Prince Rainer of Novadom was assassinated last season. The short, bloody civil war in the Principality of Novadom came to an end with the intervention of Duke Leto of Cazala. Both sides held large sections of the walled riverside city until the arrival by sea of the Cazalan Ducal Guard. Duke Leto had intervened on the side of Maro Lector who had appealed for assistance. Maro leads the larger faction that held the Citadel. Duke Leto has recalled all forces from Novadom given the new danger to Seagate. Some are saying that helping Maro in Novadom has left Seagate defenseless.

TAX INCREASE AGAIN!?!

The Duke has announced that taxes will be raised throughout Cazala and the City of Seagate. The new tax rate varies depending on the activities of the effected group but in general it is 40%. The amount that Seagate Adventurer Guild members have to pay is now set at 20%.

MERCHANT HOUSE IN RUIN!!

The well-respected merchant house of Mac-evil has been ruined by the treachery of its leadership. The once powerful family that held trade between Seagate, Brastor and Novadom in an iron grip for over a decade has had all its assets seized by Duke Leto with the



blessing of the Merchants Guild and the Church. Two of the family leaders are in jail and warrants for seven other members have been posted. The Duke has ordered the famous Golden Arches to be dismantled.

RASHAK THE DESTROYER: THE OFFER THAT SHOCKED SEAGATE!!!

A letter to the Guild Council and its members from Rashak the Destroyer. See page 2 for details.

AMULETS FOR PARTY LEADERS A MUST!

The Guild has announced that all party leaders must carry an Amulet of Jade or Chalcedony on upcoming adventures. Because of this new requirement, the Guild will lease party leaders one of the 4 Jade Amulets at 500sp per season.

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GUILD IN DANGER!!*Continued from page 1.*

Guild Security has concluded that for the Dark Circle to continue growing the assassination of the following members is expected. Therefore all members on the danger list are required to travel in the company of fellow Guild Members and carry an Amulet of Jade or Chalcedony on upcoming adventures. This list is incomplete.

Blitzkrieg
Sabrina
Lysander
Borgoth
Phaeton
Father Rowan
Christopher
Ithilmor
Mortimer
Gengis
Axis

CHURCH JUMPS IN!

Duke Leto has requested assistance from the Western Unified Church and the Archbishop of Mordeaux has arrived in Seagate with an advance guard of Urialites. The Archbishop is seeking to increase the Church's presence in Cazala and seeks ownership of Slippery Rock in return for its assistance.

In response to the Duke's request to the Church, Destiny has offered Duke Leto full military assistance in his hour of need. Rumours abound over the depth of the Duke's feeling on this matter.

**SECRET NEWS FROM
EL-FISH COURT TO
GUILD MEMBER!**

All loyal subjects have been requested to return with great haste to Elfheim to consult the Sun Oracle. The Court sent a Herald to Princess Isilith with dispatches. The contents are unknown but the rumour is that The Elf Slayer has returned.

TITANS IN SEAGATE!

Erstwhile reporter and investigator Sebastion Silvertongue (yes I'm back) has managed to scoop an exclusive interview with the Titan brothers who recently made such a big hit in Seagate.

Sebastion: What are your impressions of our fine town here in Seagate?

Titan: There is a surprising lack of facilities for guests. In these enlightened times, we were shocked to find so few Taverns that would accept our 'kind'.

Sebastion: Some are saying you are here to help with the current problems that the Duke has dropped us all into.

Titan: Um... It's hard for me to take a little guy like you seriously – but since you ask I didn't think your Duke has dropped you into anything.

Sebastion: But in my local, the ugly guy that has bad breath says you are under a powerful spell of the Duke's.

Titan: We are just here trying to help. The Duke doesn't have us under any spell.

Sebastion: So you are saying the Duke can't control you then.

Titan: Your Duke, control us – I don't think so.

Sebastion: So no one around here can control you?

Titan: That's right.

Sebastion: So what does the Duke feed you with?

Titan: What makes you think the Duke feeds us at all?

Sebastion: Well somebody has to feed you don't they?

Titan: We are perfectly capable of looking after ourselves thank you very much.

Sebastion: Just as well really...So what does a Titan eat?

Titan: Anything it feels like. Would you care to join me for dinner?

Sebastion: So when are you leaving?

Titan: When the time comes we will leave.

Sebastion: What about your personal life... is there anything on the horizon?

Titan: It's hard to have a serious relationship. Whenever you meet a nice girl, you are always thinking to yourself "Does she like me for who I am, or is it just my size". It is just really hard to meet people in this new "Age of Man".

**PRODUCTIVITY IN
GLISSOM DROPS!**

Stocks of unclaimed beer and wine are cropping up throughout the Kingdom of Glissom. As peasants and townsfolk rejoice, productivity continues to drop. Tavern owners are concerned at the sudden and tragic loss of income, forcing at least one family out of business. Drunken brawls are causing trouble for the city guard, which is already reduced due to recent resignations.

**EREWHON HANDING
OUT GOLD!!!**

Erewhon offers high pay to experienced city guards. A number of experienced officers have flocked to Erewhon in the expectation of high pay.

**A LETTER TO GUILD
MEMBERS FROM
RASHAK THE
DESTROYER**

Dear Adventurers Guild Members,

If you are reading this letter you are no doubt aware that you are doomed to soon join my Undead minions. But don't despair, if you join me now I promise that you will never pay more than 10% of your future pillaging on my behalf as Death Duty.

I know that your leadership has depicted me as that evil Drow Necromancer plotting the destruction of the Adventurers Guild, but it's just not true. I am a very good Necromancer who happens to be Drow who's just had a difference of opinion with your leadership. And I have just come up with an equal opportunity solution to our little difference of opinion. Go on, just admit it, you rather enjoy all that killing and looting that you Seagate Guild members get up to don't you? Well under my expert leadership you will be free to loot and kill to your hearts' content. I will even see to it that you are equipped with the very latest weapons of mass destruction to make the job even more enjoyable. We have an excellent Healthcare plan, childcare and many other membership benefits.

So beat the rush and join me now to receive the complete package membership deal.

Love and Kiss of the Undead,
Rashak

NEW ASSASSIN ABILITY

A special new ability for assassins to be able to forget things has been reported. The person that will remain nameless, otherwise he will visit us in the middle of the night, says "its great to be able to forget things for a period of time. I did this job and the locals had some special way of telling if anyone was lying and so I just forgot that I did the job, and I was safe."

If you have the skill and want training then meet me outside St Andrews in Seagate at 12 noon on the 2nd of Meadow.

SILKEN'S BACK!!

After a well earned rest, Silken has returned and taken her vamping ways to a new level. During a too brief period as a barrow-wight, she set out to prove that she could drain a man of all his money and lifeforce in less than a minute.

Here for your delectation are a few of the lovely Silken's own personal insights...

THE SILKEN WEB

Darlings, I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the people who made this column possible, to name a few, the 'sad elf', the 'bad elf', the 'dead elf' and of course, the noble Kern...

Lucius the 'sad elf' has recently been brought back from yet another episode of death (taking the slings and arrows on behalf of the party on or through his shoulders). A party member responsible for preserving his body until resurrected was quoted as saying, "Well we had to pickle him anyway as the ice kept on melting. And we were travelling a long way so we put some nice fish in to eat on the way". We are reliably informed that walking upwind of him is advised.

Axis Dragonmage has been voted the best E&E mage by his peers. His ability to adapt well in all manner of positions has ensured him the title of Lord High Ensorceller. Of course his innate ability to curse those who take his name in vain didn't influence proceedings.

Kern is rapidly earning a name for himself after defending two party members who were Wiccans and accused of murder by Michaeline Knights. "We've all killed people" he claimed. "You can't hold that against them".

A 'bad elf' has reported that the little known hobbit with the pink pig has returned from a long sojourn off plane. Pym has continued to cause all sorts of problems with the party that had the (mis)fortune to come across her in her slightly befuddled state. She was armed with an ugly stick that she soundly beat Amber with. She claims to have had all her skills and abilities stolen by the Evil Hando of Drakenburg and can no longer even spell her name. Just for you Pym your name is Epaminondas.

Callis has been lingering in the seedy side of Seagate recently in what was reported as an attempt at continuing her family line. With the demise of many suitable sailors, she has decided to take a new approach. Unsuspecting suitors should beware of a large dark hulking shape leaping out of walls when walking down around the docks or your mojo may be taken.

Speaking of Mojo there are vague rumours of children for a number of couples but there's a growing sense that some people just shouldn't be allowed to breed. An informed source stated that they're just like little water creatures after all and we don't have enough dark caves to put them all in.

Kilroy has been noticed visiting a herbalist specialising in potions for the purpose of extending certain areas of activity. No doubt Kilroy is also joining the race for offspring. Or maybe he's just got a social disease!

Sir Ty, the paragon of virtue and honour was seen in a local inn with a very young woman, and appeared to be on very close terms with her. Does this signify a change in his perceptions of the world, or a new beginning for some?

Kern has been noted in the recent dispatches from the Duke of Drakenburg, apparently his name has been cited on a number of paternity cases. The Duke will investigate at a later time. We attempted to get his opinion but he yelled from behind the closed door that he was otherwise engaged at the time and a woman's voice added "Yes, yes yes!"

Kern must have been completely exhausted as a result of his numerous 'engagements' (but don't worry girls, none of them has led to a lasting commitment - yet!) because rumour has it that he was recently outwitted by a talking squirrel. Kern has claimed that he and the squirrel are "...just good friends".

A certain Broc Kiltary has been noticed wandering Seagate asking to see his father who he only knows as an adventurer from Seagate. When asked to be more specific, he said he thinks that his father might be involved with fire or some such thing as his mother before passing away spoke of him as always blowing things up.

Amber the wench has been living it up again in some of Seagate's lower class taverns but as yet we haven't had any complaints from her many 'intimate acquaintances'.

Max of Max's Axe in Drakenburg has expressed his happiness at having his mother freed from the evil necromancer and all drinks for adventurers are free there from now on - no hobbits, dwarfs or Necromancers.

There have been reports of a crucified Deadwood in the Eltrandorian woods. We have no proof, just a number of eyewitnesses who reported loud clapping noises.

A little bird told me that Dalran the 'mad elf' has been seen talking to The Winds of Madness. It can't possibly be true of course, because, to use his own words, Dalran is "...not a loony..."...hmmm...

I hear that Nendril is thinking of opening a Sushi Bar. Ever since she returned from Arabia with the Leviathan Dagger she has had this craving for raw fish. "If it's going to take over my life I may as well make some money at it." the water mage said.

Dobin Beardsucker a Dwarf from the Superstitious Mountain reported that it was "Business as usual amongst my good cousins. All dis talk of doom and gloom, why tis unnatural. Tis a law of nature dat de undead only wander about by night. And even if dey did visit during de day dey would get de 'same toasty welcome dey would get any night." This reporter couldn't help but wonder which bottle neck he had been sucking from.

Some enchanters inform me that Engelton and Lady Liessa have been spicing up their sex lives by including Goblins in their marital bed. Engelton denied rumours that one of the little buggers was the father of Liessa's expected twins. Engelton claimed "his green skin, pointy ears and nose were just the result of one of those diseases that you pick up while protecting Seagate from the Unholy." Needless to say we will be keeping a Wizard's Eye on these two.

Speaking of Goblins I bet the Lady Alexander was wishing that she had married one. I hear that the King of Gtissom is a big softie in the bedroom. And as everyone knows the only good Goblin is a stiff Goblin.

A recent vision of a reputable seer saw the return of Blackthorn to Seagate. He was seen dressed all in black with a large cowl and red glowing eyes, laying about the place

with a large scythe. We advise people to avoid him until guild security has had a chance to discuss some outstanding issues with him such as taxes, pacts etc.

Damien the Black appears to have disappeared again but guild security advises that he has done this before and then emerged from the largish rock under which he lurks. Beware of the dark side!!!

Speaking of the dark side, Ugbash seems to have finally come out of the closet and declared for the dark side after all, merely making formal that which those in the know have suspected for some time. Why now Ugbash?

Has Flamis been playing with fire again? Too many possible fathers (or rather male entities) could spoil the broth.

Rothgar has been rumoured to have deserted yet another party but we are awaiting the recovery of the bodies to confirm or deny this.

Shopping expeditions have had Guild Security up in arms, especially dress shopping. Apparently it's hard for them to lurk inconspicuously in gaping gowns and flimsy silk numbers. But that's what the woman of the guild seem to wear all the time - well the classy ones anyway we are informed.

ZeroC has turned an entire party into undead, as he wanted more people to play with apparently.

A number of guild members have expressed concern about some nearby undead in the region, and some want all necromancers hung up by their important bits - their noses. The undead are beginning to cause a loss of business and so the local council has decided to have an undeath tax of 10Sp per corpse.

See Ivor Lotov Pericumbobulations for details on this new tax.

Silverfoam appears to have taken a liking to wearing women's clothing. We aren't sure if it is a recent thing, but he looked very comfortable in a mini skirt, fishnet stockings and high heels (and yes, well shaved legs...). A vertically challenged source said, "He cut a lovely figure with his blond hair and rouge."

An anonymous passerby reported to moi that Mary-m threw a huge tantrum when her party kept ignoring her.

Unfortunately none of her colleagues noticed.

Speaking of Mary-m's colleagues, yours truly was only doing my civic duty, providing a small township with some much needed drainwork when the aforementioned tanty apparently occurred. Some people have no sense of humour!

Everin, that scion of wit and intelligence, recently had the bright notion of calling up Avatar of Death and engaging it in a battle of wits. The Avatar failed to notice Everin's devastating repartee.

WORD ON THE STREET...

There has been lots of talk about the cataclysmic events forecast for the turn of the century, particularly as it coincides so closely with 2 millennia after the fall of Penjare. So we thought we'd find out what the average person on the street thinks about the turn of the century and millennium:

- "Dire portents and cataclysmic events are always good for business, and that's good for me." - Anonymous - Adventurer.
- "Penjarefell? That can't be, I was there just a short while ago." - Entarreon Lisponnel - Retired Elven Merchant.
- "The end of mankind, the end of civilisation, the end of THE WORLD!!!" - Arthur - Apprentice Baker.
- "It's just another day, nothing special. Except for the Ducal parade of course." - Heraldo - Courtier.
- "How did you get in here, take him away and beat him!" - Duke's Guard.
- "Man you look like crap, what you need is a nice juicy steak for that eye, I've got some going real cheap..." - Teron - Butcher.

NOTICE OF CLOSURE.

Engelton's fitness centre has been closed suddenly after an unfortunate incident where Engelton was called away unexpectedly in the middle of the morning exercise class. There were some serious complaints, but Engelton promised to provide suitable healing for all involved. Not all were unhappy however.

"I never knew I could do so many press-ups!" said one elderly man after he regained consciousness at a local hospice.

PROPHECY OF DOOM!

A very frightened old woman turned up at the guild gates recently to report a prophecy of doom. In her dream she saw violence and horror beyond her wildest nightmares. Fire, death and destruction fell upon the guild like rain, light battled dark and all were destroyed.

Guild officials tried to cover this up by claiming she'd just seen a vision of our training grounds, but we heard it and we won't let the truth be hidden.

ASTROLOGICAL FORECAST FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Icy darkness and chilling despair appear to be strongly represented in the reading. The Hanged Man lies at the heart of the new year. A perilous time awaits all.

Summer

As the dawn rises, darkness hides in the souls of the innocent and the 13th Age of Darkness begins. Hatred burns eternal, turning light to dark, summer to winter. Fear feeds the furnace as fire renders fat and famine.

Autumn

The breath of life lies still in the storms that spring from the north. Water and Air thunder as rain and fog bring new life to forgotten peaks. Water ascends above Air. The mists of ages lost herald a new beginning

Winter

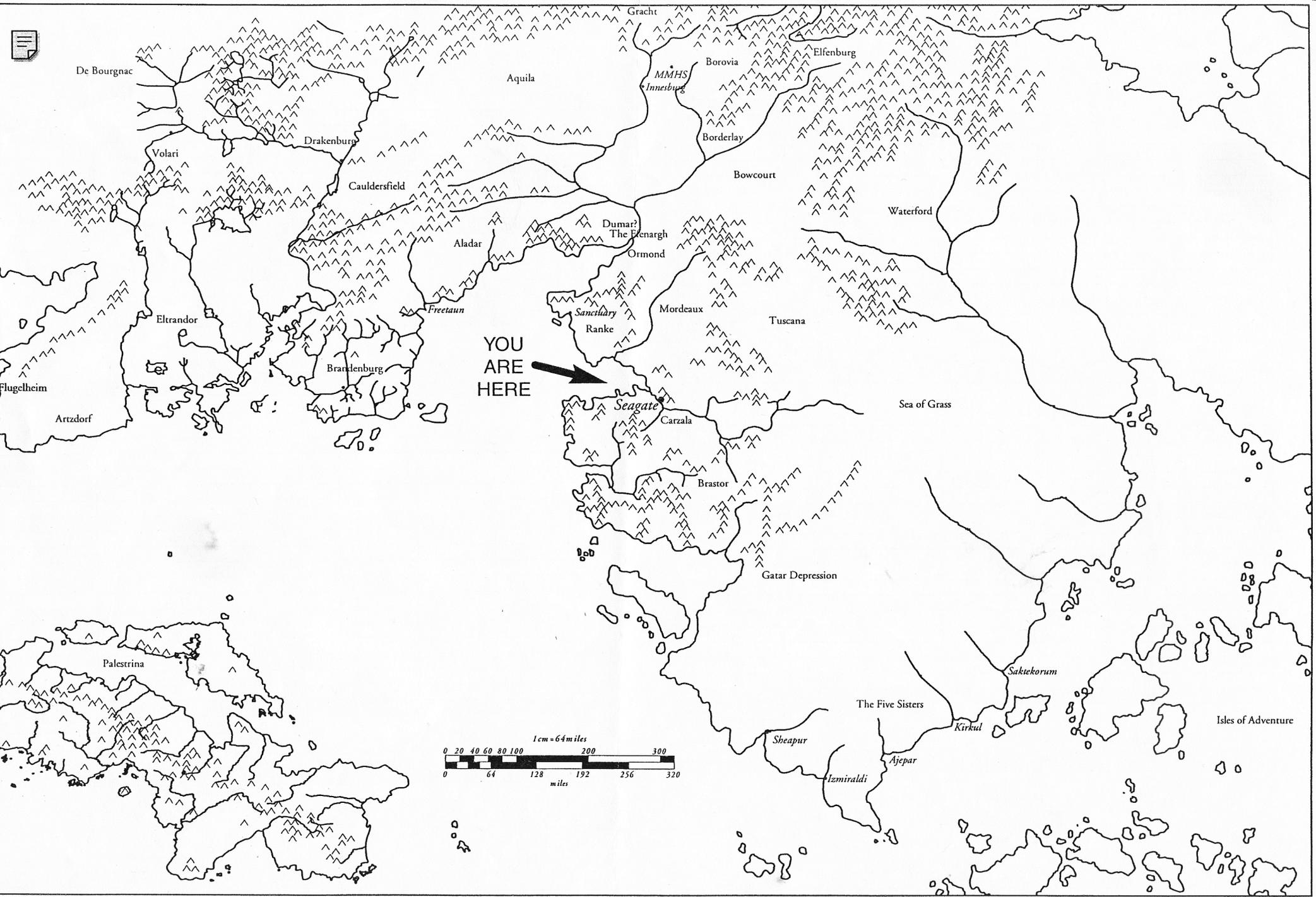
Rivers run deep and fast. The lesser races rise and old magic returns to power. Coins are crossed with despair. In the Days of Chaos a gathering of light and dark will shape the world to come.

Spring

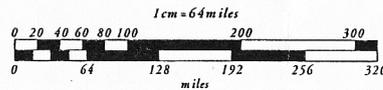
Fire burns without heat. Mothers weep for the stillborn land. An icy death lies waiting in the North.

CHALLENGE ISSUED!

That worm Ghengis has gone too far, for threatening Pegasi, insulting Michael, and breaking his given oath, Lysander issues challenge. Should he prove himself a worthy opponent and not, as many suspect, secretly dark-aligned, she has offered to resurrect him afterwards.



YOU
ARE
HERE



ALUSIAN CALENDAR

SUMMER						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Beltane ☉ (Full Moon)						
Meadow						
	Guild Meeting 1	2	3	4	White Lotus 5	6
7 ☉	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 ☉	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 ☉	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 ☉	29	30				
Heat						
			1	2 Day of Death	3	4
5 ☉	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 ☉	13	14 Solstice	15	16	17	18
19 ☉	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 ☉	27	28	29	30		
Breeze						
					1	2
3 ☉	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 ☉	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ☉	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 ☉	25	26	27	28	29	30

AUTUMN						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Lughnasad ☉ (Waning Half)						
Fruit						
	Guild Meeting 1	2	3	4	5	6
7 ☉	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 ☉	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 ☉	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 ☉	29	30				
Harvest						
			1	2	3	4
5 ☉	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 ☉	13	14 Equinox	15	16	17	18
19 ☉	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 ☉	27	28 Michaelmas	29	30		
Vintage						
					1	2
3 ☉	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 ☉	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ☉	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 ☉	25	26	27	28	29 Beerfest	30

ALUSIAN CALENDAR

WINTER						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Samhain ☉ (New Moon)						
Frost						
	Guild Meeting 1	2	3	4	5	6
7 ☉	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 ☉	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 ☉	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 ☉	29	30				
Snow						
			1	2	3	4
5 ☉	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 ☉	13	14 Solstice	15	16	17 Yule-tide	18
Days of Chaos 19 ☉	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 ☉	27	28	29 Twelfth Night	30		
Ice						
					1	2
3 ☉	4	5 First Plough	6	7	8	9
10 ☉	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ☉	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 ☉	25	26	27	28	29	30

SPRING						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Candlemas ☉ (Waxing Half)						
Thaw						
	Guild Meeting 1	2	3	4	5	6
7 ☉	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 ☉	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 ☉	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 ☉	29	30				
Seedtime						
			1	2	3	4
5 ☉	6	7 Rites of Thunor	8	9	10	11
12 ☉	13	14 Equinox	15	16 Eostre	17	18
19 ☉	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 ☉	27	28	29	30		
Blossom						
					1	2
3 ☉	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 ☉	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ☉	18	19	20 Floralia	21	22	23
24 ☉	25	26	27	28	29 Walpurgsnacht	30