

The Rules of Engagement Rumors

DC 5

- Castle Seh blew up!
- The slavers stopped using yellow sails on their ships, because it's too recognizable.
- With the signing of the treaty between the Nyronid Imperium and the County of Urnst, the borders between the two countries have been relatively peaceful and quiet.
- A garrison of Pholtan Knights Valorous, Order of Luna, has been posted in Midmeadow to maintain a kinder presence after the Valorous League of Blindness was recalled into the Pale.
- The new members of the honorable chamber have been doing lots of good works in Leukish.
- Things cost way too much now - I can't believe I had to pay an additional 500 gold to get my party dress done in time.
- Meissel and Szabo are still going at it – you can't even get a beer in this town without running into someone spouting off about it. When is someone going to do something?
- Watch out for those Nellix College guys – they're out to talk to any adventurer they see.

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DC 10

- Something is destroying all our keeps in the Abbor-Alz.
- There's an evil dragon living in the Cairn Hills.
- An officer in the Ducal Guard is trying to get a position in the Honorable Chamber.
- Ellis Lorinar is under heavy pressure to find a wife.
- Boaters on the lake here in town whisper of seeing a strange fish-like creature, similar to the one the Ducal Guard fought not too long ago.
- There have been many Dark Elf sightings around the County, though the garrisons at the Ventnor ruins and New Dosseldorf, closest to the known entrances to Underoerth, have been unable as yet to verify this.
- The Duchy's concern for the Traitor continues to grow with each passing day. Terrible accidents have been happening to the Ducal Guard's southern keeps. Some say it is the Traitor preparing to strike and wipe the Duchy out
- The Honorable Chamber is debating about how to respond to events in Nyrond. A decision on action could come at any time.
- Lumber is scarce this year. Prices have doubled in the last three months.
- I hear the new members of the honorable chamber were selected because they support Duke Karll's wish to attack the Nyrond Imperium.
- The trade blockade on the Nesser is slowly driving prices up on everything and I heard that some of the noble houses are beginning to feel the pinch.
- Meissel and Szabo have been even more at each other's throats lately – there have been at least 2 or three scuffles a day for the past few weeks.
- The wizards at Nellix seem to be keeping a sharp eye out for any adventurers lately – they're looking for information or something I'd bet.

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- I heard that Lady Ellinka Reede got herself pregnant.
- Alaric Provaine has found himself a new wife.
- House Burlondin is divided over whether or not to continue trading with Nyronnd since the Usurper took power.
- Three Rhenee wisewomen have been murdered in the past month.
- A Rhenee had to be thrown off the grounds earlier tonight; he was hired as temporary help to prepare for this party and was caught stealing the silver.
- Undead numbers are on the rise. Scores of undead have been found throughout County. Many blame the Cult of Kyuss, but officials scoff at such an assumption claiming the cult is of little consequence.
- House Urlirel, one of the original signers of the Maure Compact has returned as liches to claim one-third of the lands of Urnst. They speak through the honeyed lips of Lady Juma Urlirel, no one knows where she came from or how she escaped the undeath of her kin.
- The weather has been too dry this year and the price of grain and cattle will be high this fall.
- The Meissel/Szabo feud is getting out of hand. Teamsters are refusing to work for either of them because it's just too dangerous.
- Piracy is picking up on the Nyr Dyv. Where is the Navy?
- The new members of the honorable chamber - Kenna U'Moreal, Estra Corinor, and Airik Sallavarian - are pressuring the other members of the honorable chamber for a resolution on the Nyronnd Imperium.
- Seems like Duke Karll's been gone a lot lately – off in the woods no doubt.
- The trade blockade on the Nesser is slowly driving prices up on everything and I heard that Pontirun is having problems selling all of their grain now.
- I heard that the feud is causing both the Szabo and the Meissel houses to go deeply into debt. After all, some of Meissel's warehouses have been destroyed and Szabo has lost some valuable contracts with people wanting to stay out of the mess.
- The College of Sages and Sorcery is looking for information on a temple found down in the Abbor-Alz – I heard it has powerful magic artifacts in it.

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- Not only was Lady Reede pregnant, but she isn't anymore, if you take my meaning.
- Lord Ellis has located a slaver hideout and is planning to attack them in force.
- An officer in the Ducal Guard, whose family lost their noble charter in the Temple Coalition Revolt, is petitioning to have it reinstated.
- Duke Karll is considering abdicating in favor of Jolen as soon as Jolen gets married.
- Rumors that Rhenee wisewomen are being murdered are almost certainly false, for if they were true, the Rhenee would all be up in arms.
- Dumadan has been returned to its rightful owners, the dwarves. The combined forces of the Ducal Guard and the Ankrif Loem succeeded in defeating the Orcish and Derro army, but at a steep price. An elite team even descended into Underoerth to defeat the Derro General at his unholy temple of Dispater.
- Some groups from the Pale but not affiliated with the official Church, such as the pagan Council of Faith, are rumored to be sending aid to Nyrondeese rebels loyal to Lynwerd.
- The betting in Seltaren is that Aldan's Watch will suffer an "accident" like Castle Seh did before the end of the summer.
- The Rheenee barges are gathering again near Leukish. Perhaps there will be more trouble with the Rhennee?
- The new members of the honorable chamber - Kenna U'Moreal, Estra Corinor, and Airik Sallavarian - are members of the influential churches. They've been using their church influence to gain support for their measures in the honorable chamber.
- I've heard there's good money waiting to be had for whoever gets the Pelorite relics out of the Pontyrel temple. Seems like someone is interested in what they found
- There have been some rumors passing amongst the members of the nobility lately... That Karll is too distracted by his pastimes and that others have been acting more to further the Duchy and have an equally laudable pedigree.
- The trade blockade on the Nesser is slowly driving prices up on everything. Karll seems to be particularly impatient with the honorable chamber since they haven't done anything about the Nyronde situation – maybe this will actually force them to act.
- I heard that the Szabo and Meissels are really feuding because Tylvic and Sanrani are in loooove with each other, but they're so jealous about that silly river race that they can't give it up.
- The College of Sages and Sorcery is looking for information on a temple found down in the Abbor-Alz. Some sort of strange anomaly is in there that they're trying to research.

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- Rumors have reached Muddich, Dominion and the Radigast Merchants' Guild that Zeech Redhand is refurbishing his fleet in Alhaster where he has cut off all civilian traffic to the port there. In response and upon the Contessa's orders, Admiral Maerhist has begun refitting the older ships in the fleet and has commissioned an unknown number of ships (cruisers, frigates or sloops) from the Muddich and Bampton shipyards.
- Rumors of unrest plague Tarth Moorda. This concerns Duke KarlI greatly as the fortress is the last line of defense in the southern Abbor-Alz. Should it fall as the other keeps have, nothing stands between the Bright Lands and the Duchy.
- The Celadon elves are preparing for war with Nyronnd. Rumors of a "blight" are just a story to keep visitors away from the place where they gather their army.
- The new members of the honorable chamber - Kenna U'Moreal, Estra Corinor, and Airik Sallavarian have been sponsoring bills with subclauses that would offer incentives for those who worship Suel gods.
- The Rogues seem to be recruiting for people who break into one of the temples and take some relics that were found there – some are whispering that they're being sponsored by the Suloise churches.
- Duke KarlI's been spending a lot of time near the Nyronnd border – I think he's planning on trying something over there with the Nyronndese troops. But he can't attack them with the Ducal Guard because that'd mean war and I don't think he'd go that far.
- Really the feud isn't anything to do with Tylvic or Sanrani – it's their cousins that fell in love and their parents are way too manipulating. But those two are just troublemakers and won't set aside their differences to let the cousins get married.

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- On dark nights, bees can be heard buzzing around Nellix.
- The new members of the honorable chamber - Kenna U'Moreal, Estra Corinor, and Airik Sallavarian have been altering clauses of bills to enforce regulations against churches that are not of the Suel pantheon.
- The Tears of the Laughing Rogue band is planning on some mischief in the Temple of Pelor – something about all Temple Raiders being duty bound to get their relics. As long as it's not a Suel temple, it doesn't matter to me.
- Duke Karl's recruiting people to meet him at Alden's Watch soon – I think he has plans to do something about the blockade of the Nesser. If that'll make the prices go down to normal, I'm all for it.