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INTRODUCTION

Giving life to the world of Nightfell was not easy for me. As with all creative works, our job is to dig with our bare hands into that black abyss of ideas where the formless tools we need lie. With those, you have to model something unsubstantial, feeble and powerful at the same time, something scary because it is uncontrollable. This means roughing up ideas, giving them consistency and life, shaping them to make them clear and, later, observable and appreciable by all the others. Iùrmen, the world where I chose to set Nightfell, was all this, a blurred creature waiting to be focused, with patience and dedication, and this process I started employed other brilliant minds and pens, who shared my same desire to give rise to something that previously existed only in the deep chaos of creation: the starting idea. This idea that was Iùrmen took shape gradually, thanks to the vision of each individual artist who contributed with their sensitivity. That theater that I wanted to share with all of you has been set up with every single pencil stroke that, intertwining with the others, has given birth to a world that shows through the immersiveness of our images.

Iùrmen is a dreadful place. It draws from restlessness. It is a landscape that wants to chill those who wander it to their bones. This world has built much of its symbolism from a

simple but powerful starting point: fear. Try to imagine that dark story that was told to you as a child to keep you away from a cellar or an unstable well. Find yourself in the black fairy tales told by those who feared the fog in the woods and warned the reckless who risked getting lost in that labyrinth of shadows. Try to remember those old, abandoned houses that you once looked at with the unconscious feeling of terror and wonder stirred by places inhabited only by times of old. Well, these are the feelings that we put in place when the images describing the atmosphere of Nightfell were to be born.

An obsessive care was put on the kind of sensation that the environments had to transmit. I longed for a silent world, suspended in time. A world the Primes who were immanent to it, and now dying, were drawing their last breath. Glacial, motionless expanses taking turns with immense gloomy forests, where one would feel as if crossing another dimension. Likewise, colors recur as if following a rhythm, to transmit a mixture of desolation, sadness, magic, and loneliness. Unbelievably tall trees convey the idea of a once vital and blooming Iùrmen, a testimony to the existence of beings who gave life to everything. These titans of nature, the ancient ruins, the impenetrable strongholds all transmit a sense of abandonment. The dark sky looms over it all, and

frost embraces it. The moon interleaves in this scenario, radiating her bright and yet impassive light. The moon watches over this world you are going to explore. She watches with sadness, and pities those who must live in such a desperate place.

The last piece of this creative handbook consists in the contrast between characters and creatures. The characters we have portrayed must inspire the courage you will need if you intend to face the endless night of Iùrmen. At the same time, they will often look wretched and poorly equipped. These characters live as survivors and as champions of the few, and with this spirit they arm themselves with almost nothing, since their only real asset inside them. The mettle of those who live in perennial darkness transpires in a subtle way, while our characters strive to assume poses and expressions of courage, while they try to rise above the common people, knowing how small they are compared to so much horror.

Then, there are their opponents: fierce, vile, and often stoic in design. The nocturnal horrors are designed to convey uneasiness and to appear as unsurpassable obstacles for the adventurers who must deal with them. Playing with the design to portray disturbing scenes or horrendous creatures is a challenge for the artists themselves, who must focus and master that which upsets them.

Welcome to Iùrmen. Angelo Peluso, Nightfell's Author and Art Director



THE WORLD OF LURNEN



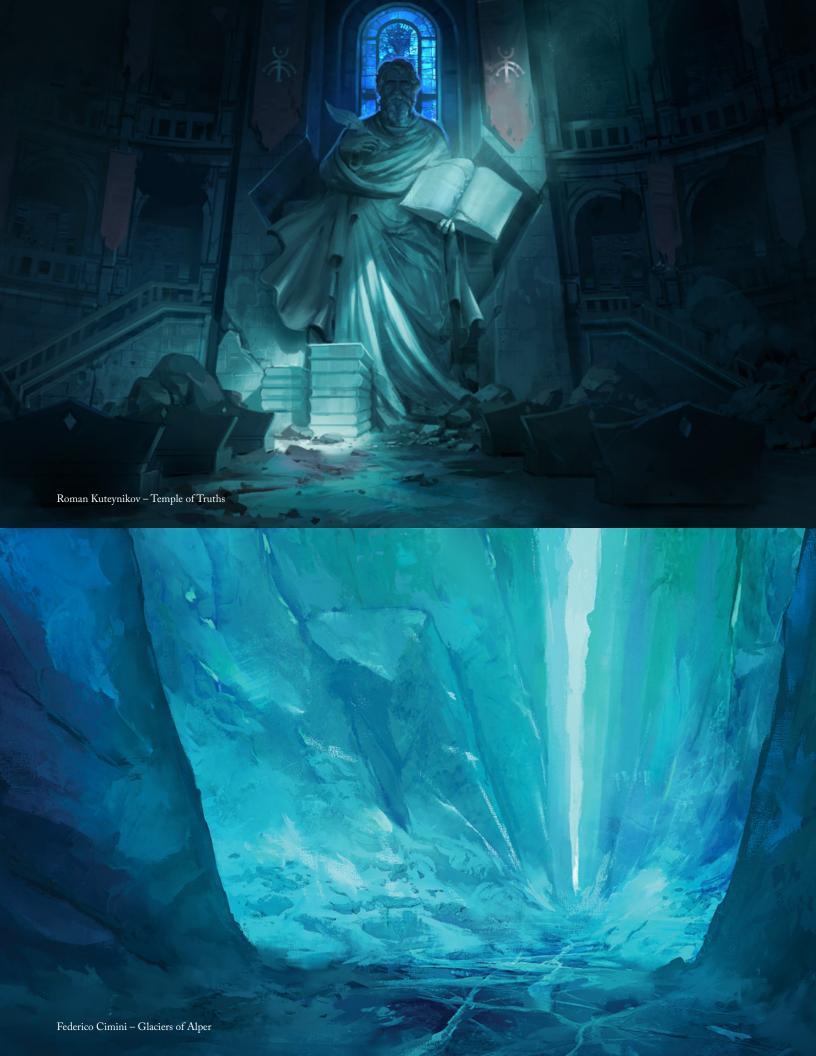










































































PEOPLE OF URREN





















Davide De Bellis (up), Michele Esposito (down) – Night Faelings



















Michele Esposito (left), Vincenzo Pratticò (right) - Moon Satyrs



Michele Esposito (left), Angelo Peluso (right) – Krampus & Krampa



















Jacopo Schiavo – Outcast Anireth





Domenico Cava – Monk of the Four Truths

















Angelo Peluso – Ishdrim Wizard













Lunar Warrior









Angelo Peluso – Ejre

















CREATURES OF URNEN



































Michele Esposito - Strego









Domenico Cava – Grim Giant





Jacopo Schiavo (up left), Vincenzo Pratticcò (up right & down left), Helge C. Balzer (down right) – ghouls & Horrors

































Mauro Alocci – Wild Om (left), Michele Esposito – Erchitu (up right)













Michele Esposito – Types of Taranta's Progeny













Roman Kuteynikov - Dark Behemoth

















Helge C. Balzer – Kusago Beast (up), Michele Esposito – Lincuettus (down)

















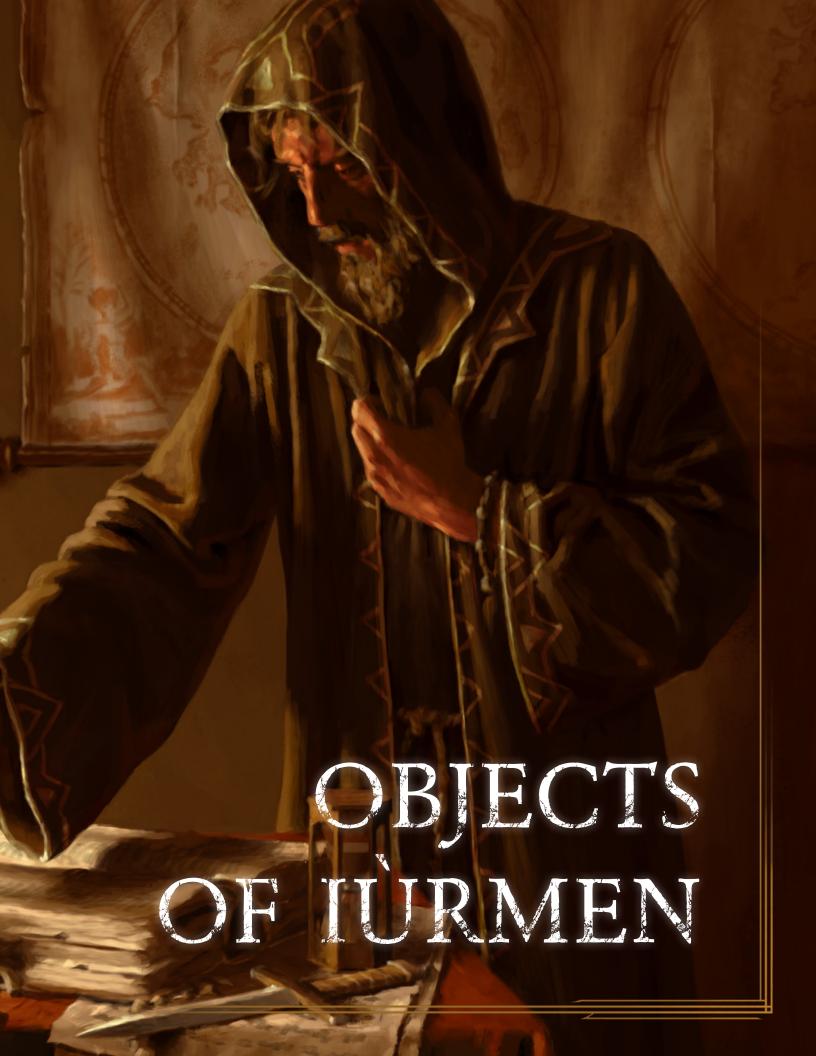
















 $Lapo\ Roccella\ (up\ \&\ middle), Angelo\ Peluso\ (down\ left), Daniele\ Di\ Parma\ (down\ right) - Prop\ Design$













Lapo Roccella – Prop Design





Daniele Di Parma – Grim Swords













